

M I N U T E S

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025
COMMISSION CHAMBERS 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR PENNY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY MAYOR PENNY. ALL PARTICIPATED IN THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONERS BEN THOMAS, LYNDA THOMPSON, THOMAS REID AND MAYOR ARTHUR PENNY. ABSENT: VICE MAYOR GAIL NEIDINGER. ALSO PRESENT: CITY CLERK CARLEY LEWIS, CITY ATTORNEY KRISTEN GRAY, FINANCE DIRECTOR JAMES GRAHAM, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR DAVID MIXSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SHAWN SHIMKO, COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DIRECTOR TERESA SULLIVAN, AND DEPUTY CITY CLERK MARY JO BOWMAN.

REPORTS

Commissioner Thomas spoke regarding Finance Department activities including Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reports, citywide flood damage amounts and reimbursements, and City financial reports.

Commissioner Thompson reported on Community Improvement Department activities including adjusted office hours, FEMA meetings, and permitting and inspection figures.

Commissioner Reid reported on Public Works Department activities including the Bay View Park pavilion project, post-storm cleanup of City parks, removal of sunken boats, stormwater inspections, and repairs to City facilities.

Mayor Penny reported on Public Safety activities in Vice Mayor Neidinger's absence. He spoke regarding the grand opening event for the new Fire Station 20 planned for March 29th, 2025.

Mayor Penny reported on Administration Department activities including the hiring of a Marketing Coordinator, the polling place location for the March 11, 2025 election, and the closure of City offices in observance of Presidents' Day. He proclaimed March 3rd through March 9th as Flood Awareness Week.

PEOPLE'S FORUM

Resident Jack Dougherty, 7020 S. Shore Drive, informed the Commission that his house has to be rebuilt due to storm damage and requested that the Commission consider waiving 50 percent of

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the cost of a new construction permit for those required to elevate their homes.

Mayor Penny stated that the Commission could discuss the request at an upcoming meeting.

Michael Novak, Clearwater, spoke regarding storm damage to Lutheran Residences. He requested City assistance in making the building accessible to residents to retrieve their belongings.

Commissioner Thompson informed Mr. Novak that she is in contact with the property manager. She noted that there may be available housing at their location in St. Petersburg.

Mayor Penny spoke regarding the damage to Lutheran Residences. He suggested that Mr. Novak speak with the Community Improvement Department.

AGENDA COMMENT

NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025 ON FILE IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

AGENDA MEETING, JANUARY 7, 2025; ADMINISTRATIVE WORKSHOP, JANUARY 7, 2025; REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING, JANUARY 14, 2025; AND ADMINISTRATIVE WORKSHOP, JANUARY 21, 2025.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER REID, TO PASS THE ENTIRE CONSENT AGENDA.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

NEW BUSINESS

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, APPOINTING TWO MEMBERS TO THE FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

City Attorney Gray read Resolution No. 2025-02 by title and approved it as to form and content.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER REID, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS TO PASS AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02.

City Clerk Lewis suggested that Commissioner Thompson recuse herself from voting on the item due to a personal relationship with one of the proposed appointees.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE
	COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
	MAYOR PENNY	AYE

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION FOR MUNICIPAL CLERKS AND EMPLOYEES WHO PERFORM MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WORK OR HAVE ANY PART IN CODE ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS OF A CITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Gray read Resolution No. 2025-03 by title and approved it as to form and content.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS TO PASS AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE
	COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE
	MAYOR PENNY	AYE

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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Arthur Penny

Arthur Penny, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carley Lewis

Carley Lewis, City Clerk
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