



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD  
CITY HALL, CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE  
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023, 7:00 P.M.**

**Cumulative**

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>January-December 2023</b>		
	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Joel Slotnick, Vice Chair	P	2	0
Glen Lindsay	P	1	0
Robert Phaneuf	A	1	1
Avigdor Pemper	P	2	0

**Staff Present**

Detective Jameson Jones  
Joyce Hair, Board Clerk  
Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

**Communication to the City Commission**

None.

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**Purpose:** Promote, protect, and improve the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens by imposing administrative fines and other non-criminal penalties in order to provide an equitable, expeditious, effective, and inexpensive method of enforcing ordinances under circumstances when a pending, or repeated violation continues to exist.

**1. Call meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Roll call; witnesses sign log; swearing in**

Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present. Any individuals planning to speak at tonight’s meeting were sworn in.

### **3. Approval of minutes for February 9, 2023**

**Motion** made by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Pemper, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

### **Cases**

#### **4. Case Number 22-11-03 5100 N State Road 7 Plaza Hotel**

- **Status Hearing**

Detective Jameson Jones advised that notice of tonight's meeting was sent by mail. There have been 60 calls for service at the subject property, for which 14 reports were written. None of the calls were nuisance-related. He briefly reviewed a number of these calls for the Board members.

Detective Jones recalled that two Police Officers are on-site from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and two more Officers work from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. This provides 20 hours of Police-related services per day. After reviewing the calls for service and meeting with the hotel manager, Detective Jones recommended that only one detail Officer work from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m., with private armed security on the property from 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. This would provide a 24-hour security presence at the site.

Mr. Pemper requested additional information regarding the times when calls for service are made. Detective Jones replied that the calls are sporadic and specific information is not always available, but noted that there tends to be higher call volume at night.

Mr. Pemper suggested that another option could be to step back service to a lesser degree at this time. Detective Jones explained that when there is a Police presence at the property, there is significantly greater effectiveness, whether there are two Officers present or only one. The proposed schedule would also coincide with the Officers' availability and the Police Department's shift schedule.

Danny Santiago, manager of the Plaza Hotel, agreed with Detective Jones regarding the proposed schedule change. It was also pointed out that the change would ensure Police coverage during most check-in times as well as during the hours when most service calls are made.

Mr. Santiago continued that the Police presence has a positive effect on the business, and there is a difference in the hotel's clientele since they no longer accept cash.

Detective Jones further clarified that he had not made any recommendations regarding armed security on the site other than to ensure there is no gap in coverage when the

Police detail is stepped back. He concluded that burglaries have decreased significantly on the property since locks were changed, and hotel renovations will begin next week.

**Motion** made by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Pemper, to adopt the recommendation of Detective [Jones].

Detective Jones clarified that the language of the change his recommendation would make to the Police detail: "Hotel management will provide a Police detail from the hours of 8 p.m. until 4 a.m., seven days a week, and armed security from 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week."

In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**5. Case Number 23-02-01**  
**18 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.**  
**One Stop Shop**  
• **Status Hearing**

Detective Jones advised that he has been in constant communication with the owner of the business at the subject property, and the owner has complied with all recommendations. There were six calls for service and two reports written in the past month, none of which were nuisance-related. Of the two incidents for which reports were written, one did not occur at the property.

Detective Jones continued that the owner has installed 18 cameras on the property, which exceeds the Board's recommendation. He also addressed the issue of multiple establishments providing food to homeless individuals in the area, stating that he will work with Code Enforcement to determine whether an area further from the store can be designated for this purpose.

Mr. Pemper asked if the number of people loitering in the area has decreased. It was clarified that in addition to the cameras, signage stating the property is under the jurisdiction of the Nuisance Abatement Board has been placed on the property, and there are extra Police patrols in the area.

**6. Board Discussion**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.