

City of Clearwater

*Main Library - Council Chambers
100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

1:00 PM

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Civil Citation Appeal Hearings

Roll Call

Present - Special Magistrate Nancy Mag

Also Present – Melissa Isabel – Senior Assistant City Attorney, James Perz – Police Officer, Stephanie Beruvides – Paralegal, and Nicole Sprague – Deputy City Clerk

1. Call To Order

The Special Magistrate called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

- 2.1 Accept the minutes of the November 13, 2024 Special Civil Citation Appeal Hearings as submitted in written summation.

The Special Magistrate accepted the minutes of the November 13, 2024 Civil Citation Appeal Hearings as submitted in written summation.

3. New Business Items

- 3.1 Case CW24-1532870 - Violation of Code for Prohibitive Mooring: Respondent Lion Hason.

Officer Perz said on October 22, 2024 a derelict vessel was found in the mangroves south of 1 Windward Island and was identified as a 2001 27' white Sea Ray cabin cruiser with registration FL5954LL. He made contact with the registered owner, Meir Swisa, who said he sold the vessel to Lion Hanson a couple years ago. He contacted Mr. Hason who said he had not yet registered the vessel in his name, and that the boat broke loose from the lift during Hurricane Milton and drifted to the mangroves. Officer Perz said Mr. Hason was aware that the five-day removal sticker had been placed on the vessel.

In response to a question, Officer Perz said the vessel is in a derelict wrecked condition, stuck in the mangroves, and would not be able to extricate itself without mechanical assistance.

It was clarified that Mr. Hason admitted to owning the boat even though the registration is not updated with his name.

In response to a question, the Deputy City Clerk said the Notice of Hearing was mailed certified and first-class mail on November 5, 2024. The certified green card was signed and returned on November 12, 2025.

Photos of the vessel were submitted as composite exhibits.

Based on the evidence and testimony given, the Magistrate declared the

vessel derelict under City of Clearwater code Article VII Sec 33.055 and awarded the City fees and costs of \$5,400.00 for the vessel removal, \$93.00 for civil penalty, \$116.56 for investigative costs, and \$150.00 for administrative fees totaling \$5,759.56.

- 3.2** WITHDRAWN - Case CW24-157168 - Violation of Code for Prohibitive Mooring:
Respondent Mathew Shepard.

Case CW24-157168 was withdrawn.

4. Old Business Items

- 4.1** Case CW24-143876 - Respondent Brian McIntyre - Amend order dated November 13, 2024 to reflect the vessel was removed by vessel owner.

The Deputy City Clerk said that the vessel was removed prior to the execution of the signed order and that the order should be amended to subtract the removal cost. Officer Perz said the City's Marine and Aviation Department were the ones to have the vessel removed.

Assistant City Attorney Melissa Isabel said an amended order will be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Attest:

Special Magistrate

Deputy City Clerk