

**City of Clewiston
Special Magistrate
Regular Hearing
February 11, 2015**

The City of Clewiston Special Magistrate held its regular meeting in the city hall commission chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, on Wednesday, February 11, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Magistrate Watt.

Attendance

Magistrate present: James L. Watt

Personnel present: Don Gutshall, Debbie McNeil, Chad Pelham and Debbi Towner

Visitor(s) present: Emilio Rodriguez

Special Magistrate Watt briefly summarized the purpose of the hearing.

Approval of the minutes from October 15, 2014: Let the record show an accurate reflection of the proceedings as presented.

Swearing in of all parties intending to present testimony.

Additions/deletions to agenda: None

Case No. 14-0092:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number #14-0092, for the property located at 543 East Sugarland Hwy., owner of record, Hendry County Motors, Inc.

Mr. Pelham stated that the violation is a property maintenance issue. The owner called to say the property is now in compliance. Ms. McNeil verified that it is in compliance.

The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt ruled that case #14-0092 is dismissed.

Case No. 14-0093:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number #14-0093, for the property located at 411 West Sugarland Hwy., owner of record, WAFH Corp. of Clewiston.

Ms. McNeil stated that the violation is an illegal sign (100-236) issue. The owner, WAFH Corp. of Clewiston, was not present. Ms. Lisa Barton, representative for WAFH Corp. of Clewiston, stated she wanted to keep the sign and that there was a conflict between her corporation and the City of Clewiston's regulations.

It is the Order of the Special Magistrate that an Administrative Fee of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) is hereby assessed and a Fine of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for the violation which has existed on the property from August 19, 2014 through February 11, 2015 and a fine will continue to accrue at Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per day until compliance is achieved.

The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt ruled that case #14-0093 is still in violation and granted the owner until the next meeting (approximately ninety (90) days) to comply.

Case Nos. 14-0158 & 14-0159:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case numbers #14-0158 & #14-0159, for the property located at 516 West Haiti Avenue, owner of record, Emilio Rodriguez.

Ms. McNeil stated that the violations are overgrowth (18-313) and property maintenance (34-55) issues and that Mr. Rodriguez is a repeat offender. The owner, Emilio Rodriguez, was present and stated that he mowed the grass and that he saves the scrap metal to sell.

It is the Order of the Special Magistrate that Respondent is in compliance with Sections 18-313 & 34-55 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Clewiston; furthermore, if Respondent has another violation within ninety (90) days, a review of the property will be held at the next Special Magistrate meeting.

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Case Nos. 14-0143 & 14-0156:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case numbers #14-0143 & #14-0156, for the property located at 523 - 529 West Haiti Avenue, owner of record, HSBC Bank USA National, c/o Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC.

Ms. McNeil stated that the violations are property maintenance (18-245) and overgrowth (18-313) issues. The owner, HSBC Bank USA National, c/o Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC, was not present.

It is the Order of the Special Magistrate that Respondent shall comply with Sections 18-245 & 18-313 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Clewiston immediately **AND** an Administrative Fee of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) is hereby assessed and a Fine of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for the violation which has existed on the property from December 8, 2014 through February 11, 2015 and a fine will continue to accrue at Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per day until compliance is achieved.

Case No. 14-0155:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number #14-0155, for the property located at 421 East Ventura Avenue, owner of record, Kathleen Beaver.

Ms. McNeil stated that the violation is an overgrowth (18-313) issue. The owner, Kathleen Beaver, was not present.

It is the Order of the Special Magistrate that Respondent shall comply with Section 18-313 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Clewiston immediately **AND** an Administrative Fee of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) is hereby assessed and a Fine of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for the violation which has existed on the property from December 23, 2014 through February 11, 2015 and a fine will continue to accrue at Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per day until compliance is achieved.

Case No. 14-0139:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number #14-0139, for the property located at 345 West Alverdez Avenue, owner of record, Richard and Emily Arthur.

Ms. McNeil stated that the violation is a property maintenance (18-245) issue. The owners, Richard & Emily Arthur, were not present.

It is the Order of the Special Magistrate that Respondent shall comply with Section 18-245 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Clewiston within fourteen (14) days; furthermore, if Respondent does not comply within the time specified, a fine of \$50 per day will be assessed for each day the violation continues starting from the day of the meeting, February 11, 2015.

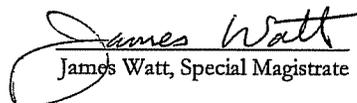
Red light camera cases

Mr. Pelham stated that there are no red light camera cases on the docket.

Magistrate Watt closed the public hearing after receiving no further comments, written or oral, from the audience or the board.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.


James Watt, Special Magistrate