

City of Clewiston  
Special Magistrate  
Regular Hearing  
July 31, 2013

The City of Clewiston Special Magistrate held its regular meeting in the city hall commission chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, on Wednesday, July 31, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Magistrate Watt. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance

**Magistrate present:** James L. Watt

**Personnel present:** Adam Marquith, Travis Reese, Debra Towner

**Visitor(s) present:** James Evans, Mary Jackson, Yasir Khan, Francisco Leon, Anabel Miranda

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Special Magistrate Watt briefly summarized the purpose of the hearing.

Approval of the minutes from March 27, 2013: 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: Mr. Reese stated that there were none.

Consent agenda: none

New Business:

Case No. 12-0283:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 12-0283, for the property located at 839 East Trinidad Avenue, owner of record, Francisco O. Leon.

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is property maintenance per code section 18-590 and proper notice was given.

Code Officer Marquith verified pictures of the property and the owner was present at the meeting. The owner stated that he has started to fix the violation

The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt ruled that the owner has until our next meeting, scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>, to comply with city code.

Case No. 13-0049:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 13-0049, for the property located at 550 South Lopez Street, owner of record, Lake Shore Villas LLC.

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is property maintenance per code section 18-590 and proper notice was given.

Code Officer Marquith verified pictures of the property and the owner was present at the meeting. Mr. Khan stated that their goal is total redevelopment, including stucco, windows and doors which will take time and money.

The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt ruled that the owner must repair any electrical issues immediately and has until our next meeting, scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>, to comply with city code for the rest of the building.

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Old Business:

Case No. 13-0011:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 13-0011, for the property located at 309 South Deane Duff Avenue, owners of record, James M. Evans.

Mr. Reese stated that the carport has been moved from the city right-of-way and that the property is now in compliance.

The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt ruled that Mr. Evans has complied with the violation and case #13-0011 is now closed.

Case No. 13-0012:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 13-0012, for the property located at 343 East Obispo Avenue, owners of record, Rogelio & Sarah Pompa.

Mr. Reese stated that the carport has been removed and that the property is now in compliance.

The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt ruled that Mr. & Mrs. Pompa have complied with the violation and case #13-0011 is now closed.

Case No. 13-0029:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 13-0029, for the property located at 704 Commercio Street, owner of record, Clinton Smith.

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is an illegal accessory structure per code section 110-313 and proper notice was given.

Mr. Reese stated that the carport has been removed and that the property is now in compliance.

The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt ruled that Mr. Smith has complied with the violation and case #13-0029 is now closed.

Lien Reduction:

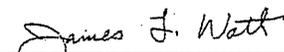
Case #10-0120 request of lien reduction – 215-217 Margaret Street, Mary Jackson

Mr. Reese there was an order for non-compliance for a total of 738 days running from June 22, 2011 until July 1, 2013 when the case was found in compliance and closed. The total amount due by the owner, Mary Jackson, is \$18,750.00. Ms. Jackson stated that she has a potential buyer and would like a reduction so that she can make the sale. Mr. Reese recommends reducing the lien by 50% to \$9,375 and that the city can still foreclose if the sale falls through. Mr. Watt listened to all testimony and ruled to reduce the total lien to \$5,000 and retains jurisdiction if not paid on or before October 15, 2013 before the next meeting.

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 2:52 p.m.

  
James Watt, Special Magistrate