

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### **Veterans Advisory Board Meeting August 18, 2022 – 5:30 P.M. Flamingo Park Meeting Hall**

**A. CALL TO ORDER BY: Thaddeus Hamilton, Chair, at 5:30 P.M.**

**B. ROLL CALL**

Thaddeus Hamilton, Chair

Ana Barbosa

Stanley Bostic

Lisa Dunkley

Kenton Isackson

Robert Latimer

Stanley Leibowitz – **Excused Absent**

Eshia McLymont – **Excused Absent**

Norman Rothfeld

Lance Dickman

Loretta Young

Emilie Smith – Deputy City Manager

Stephanie Joseph – Administrative Support IV

Ezechiel Dezine – Human Resources Manager

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**D. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Miguel Ascarrunz (Emergency Management Coordinator) introduced himself to the Board. Miguel provided information for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Advanced CERT training is offered every month. The City does collaborate regionally with other cities that offer the CERT program to ensure that training is robust.

**E. APPROVAL OF JULY 21, 2022 MINUTES**

Chair Hamilton asked for a motion to approve the July 21, 2022 minutes, a motion was made by Member Isackson and was seconded by Member Dickman, and the Board approved unanimously.

**F. OLD BUSINESS**

Veterans Day Event - Member Isackson will email Emilie the contact information for the static helicopter display presenter.

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Veterans Recruitment Plan Presentation by Ezechiel Dezine (Human Resources Manager)**

The City of Sunrise is committed to successfully recruiting and onboarding talented and skilled Veterans into the City's workforce. The City recognizes the extensive training, experience, and transferrable skills gained through military service.

The City of Sunrise Veterans Recruitment Plan is to encourage individuals eligible for veterans' preference in accordance with section 295.07, Florida Statutes, to seek employment opportunities with the City. This plan is designed to increase awareness among Veterans of employment opportunities with the City.

Outreach Efforts to Military Veterans:

Human Resources team participates in numerous Job Fairs geared for Veterans and Military families. The largest job fair is Paychecks for Patriots, which attracts thousands of job seeking Veterans. Social Media posts notify Veterans of upcoming events.

Collaborate with local organizations including Career Source Broward and United Way Mission United to share job opportunities with job-seeking Veterans. Housing support, Employment services, Education, Legal assistance, Health and financial stability.

Assist Veterans with tips on translating Military Resume to Civilian Role. One on One coaching, resume assistance, and tips on reading job descriptions to identify transferable skills.

### **b. Discuss other ways to assist Veterans**

## **H. BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSION**

Member Dickman provided information regarding burn pits. Veterans may file a claim for disability compensation for health problems they believe are related to exposure to burn pits during military service. VA decides these claims on

a case-by-case basis. File a claim online at [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov).

Emilie encouraged the Board to share the information by posting on Veteran organization websites for Veterans to review.

Member Latimer will be taking part in Honor Flight on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Member Latimer explained the Navy christened the USS Fort Lauderdale and he was asked to play for the arrival of the ship.

**I. NEXT BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

Location: City Commission Chamber  
Address: 10770 West Oakland Park Boulevard

**J. ADJOURNMENT AT 6:22 P.M.**

Member Bostic made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Member Barbosa seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned by Chair Hamilton.

Transcribed by: Stephanie Joseph, Board Secretary/ *Stephanie Joseph*

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. F.S.S. 286.0105.