

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL MAGISTRATE



**321 WALNUT STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 – 10:00 AM**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Commander Hines, acting as Bailiff, called the meeting to order at 10:00am and led the attendants in the Pledge of Allegiance. Judge Hurt explained the procedures and swore in all attendants who would testify during the proceedings.

Roll Call

Judge Garfield Hurt
Bailiff, Commander Hines
Code Enforcement Officer, Ben Plourd
Code Enforcement Clerk, Heather Glisson

Approval of Minutes - 7/21/2021 Code Enforcement Special Magistrate

The minutes of the July 21, 2021 meeting were approved.

LIEN

1. **Case# 202000071**

**Maldonado Raul
1124 Houston St.
Green Cove Springs FL**

Imposition of Lien

The property owner was not present for this case.

Code Enforcement Officer, Ben Plourd, presented the case. He recommended a lien in the amount of \$7,200 and continuing the daily fine accrual.

Upon testimony and based upon staff's recommendation, Judge Hurt granted the order as recommended.

2. **Case# 202000045**

**M & R UNITED INC
1383 N ORANGE Ave
Green Cove Springs 32043**

Imposition of Lien

A representative for M&R United, Mr. Buta, was present for this case.

Code Enforcement Officer, Ben Plourd, presented the case. He recommended a lien of \$8,800 be granted, which is the sum of fines accrued during the period of noncompliance.

Mr. Buta explained the contractor disappeared, and the company did not know the he had disappeared and not followed proper protocol. M&R United expected the contractor to get the permit and did not know he did not get the permit.

Upon testimony and based upon staff's recommendation, Judge Hurt granted the order as recommended. He informed Mr. Buta he could request a reduction from City Council if desired. City Attorney Arnold also indicated he could go after the contractor for the amount of the lien.

The Building Official, Mr. Golberg, indicated the property is currently being repaved and a permit is required for that. A permit is required for that as well. Mr. Buta will follow up on that. This is in violation of 101-281, section 5.

3. Case# 201900053

**Jocon Et Al Hilario Barrera
302 Florida Ct
Green Cove Springs FL 32043**

Imposition of Lien

The property owner, Hilario Barrera, and his son were present for this case. The property owner's son is acting as translator for the owner.

Code Enforcement Officer, Ben Plourd, presented the case. He recommended a lien of \$20,300 be granted as well as continuing the daily fine of \$25 per day.

Translating for Mr. Barrera, his son explained there was an older structure in the back of the property when purchased and he rebuilt it. Judge Hurt asked if he knew he needed a permit. Mr. Barrera explained he is new to home ownership and he had not spoken with the city. Mr. Plourd explained he had provided the original notice, and he had been in contact with the property owner. Judge Hurt asked what Mr. Barrera's intention is, to which he asked whether he should pay or take it down, as it houses his equipment - machines, generators, wood, et cetera. Mr. Barrera asked what we recommend to do - he does not have money to pay the whole lien.

Upon testimony and based upon staff's recommendation, Judge Hurt granted the order as recommended. Judge Hurt informed Mr. Barrera he could request a reduction of the lien once he comes into compliance. He recommended he discuss his options with the City.

City Attorney Arnold informed Judge Hurt about lien reductions going to City Council and suggested he set a date for recording of the lien, and if good faith is shown before that date,

the judge may reduce the lien before it is recorded. Upon this recommendation, Judge Hurt continued the case to the next hearing instead of granting the lien at this time.

Mr. Plourd and Mr. Arnold explained to Mr. Barrera the next steps.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22am.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Magistrate

Attest:

Heather Glisson, Code Enforcement Clerk