

Russian airstrikes destroy power plant close to Kyiv

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REUTERS

KYIV, Ukraine – Russian missiles and drones destroyed a large electricity plant near Kyiv and hit power facilities in several regions of Ukraine on Thursday, officials said, ramping up pressure on the embattled energy system as Kyiv runs low on air defenses.

The major attack more than two years since Russia's full-scale invasion completely destroyed the Trypilska coal-powered thermal power plant near the capital, a senior official at the company that runs the facility told Reuters.

Footage shared on social media showed a fire raging at the large Soviet-era facility and black smoke belching from it. Reuters was able to confirm the location of the video as the Trypilska station.

"We need air defense and other defense support,

not eye-closing and long discussions," President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Telegram, condemning the attacks as "terror."

The Russian defense ministry said it hit fuel and energy facilities in Ukraine in what it described as a massive retaliatory strike using drones and high-precision, long-range weapons from air and sea. The strikes were a response to Ukrainian drone attacks on Russia's oil, gas and energy facilities, it said.

Kyiv's appeals for urgent air defense supplies from the West have grown increasingly desperate since Russia renewed its long-range aerial assaults on the Ukrainian energy system last month. The attacks, which hammered thermal and hydroelectric power plants, have caused fears about the resilience of an energy system that was hobbled by a Russian air campaign in the war's first winter.

Ukraine's air force commander said air defenses

took down 18 of the incoming missiles and 39 drones. The attack used 82 missiles and drones in total, the military said.

The destroyed power plant outside Kyiv, a major power supplier for the capital and Cherkasy and Zhytomyr regions, is the third and last facility owned by state-owned energy company Centrenergy.

"Everything is destroyed," Andriy Gota, head of the supervisory board of the company, said when asked about the situation at Centrenergy.

The Trypilska plant was the biggest energy facility near Kyiv and was built to have a capacity of 1,800 megawatt hours, more than the pre-war needs of Ukraine's biggest city.

The Ukrenergo grid operator said its substations and power generating facilities had been damaged in attacks on the regions of Odesa, Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, Lviv and Kyiv.

Storms bring tornado, flood fears to eastern US

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Most of the eastern U.S. faced severe weather threats Thursday as a deadly storm system that inflicted heavy damage across the Gulf Coast headed north, bringing heavy rain, strong winds and possible tornadoes to the Southeast, mid-Atlantic and Great Lakes regions.

The prestigious Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Georgia, delayed its first round of play. Meteorologists and tournament officials warned of thunderstorms and strong wind gusts.

More than 155,000 utility customers were without power from Louisiana to North Carolina, according to USA TODAY database. Airports spanning much of the eastern U.S. reported significant delays.

The most holdups occurred in Orlando, where more than 140 flights were delayed and a dozen were canceled, according to the flight tracking website FlightAware.

Tornadoes and damaging winds were among forecasters' top concerns after at least three twisters were confirmed in southern Louisiana on Wednesday. Gulf Coast residents and authorities alike were still assessing the damage after a series of powerful storms destroyed homes, uprooted trees, knocked out power to tens of thousands of homes and businesses and caused flooding, particularly in New Orleans.

Ten inches of rainfall was recorded in southeastern Texas and Louisiana, the weather service said. In Mississippi, more than 8 inches fell in the central town of Europa. Parts of Georgia, Florida and Alabama had 3-5 inches of rain.

Two confirmed tornadoes ripped through Slidell outside New Orleans, and the southwestern city of Lake Charles, where the twister had top wind speeds of 115 mph.

Another tornado was confirmed in Saint Francisville, a town northwest of Baton Rouge, according to weather service survey crews.

Damage in Saint Francisville and Slidell was consistent with at least an EF-1 tornado, which can fuel winds of 86-110 mph, the weather service said.

One person died in Mississippi due to the storms, according to state's emergency management agency. The 64-year-old woman's oxygen machine stopped working after losing power in Scott County, Weather.com reported.

In Pensacola, Florida, strong winds uprooted a massive tree and toppled it onto Robert Havens' mobile home. Just before the tree crushed the center of the trailer, Havens was able to lead his roommate, Robert Johnson, into the bathroom where they both sheltered.

Simpson

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gripped America and divided the country largely among racial lines. But the jury in a civil trial found Simpson liable for the double murder, and he later served nine years in prison for his role in a botched armed robbery. He was granted parole in 2017.

It completed a stunning fall from grace for the once-celebrated running back who won the Heisman Trophy in 1968 while starring at the University of Southern California. At times he looked unstoppable in the NFL, too, as a member of the Buffalo Bills who was inducted into both the College Football Hall of Fame and the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

He capitalized on his athletic success in Hollywood, developing a career as a successful actor and TV pitchman. But it all came crashing down after the murder charges that riveted America.

There was the televised low-speed car chase in 1994, with Simpson in his white Ford Bronco and police in pursuit as Los Angeles residents cheered from freeway overpasses.

There was the so-called "Trial of the Century" in 1995, when a host of high-powered figures emerged, including Johnnie Cochran, one of Simpson's defense attorneys. He turned a bloody glove found at the scene of the crime into one of the most memorable moments of the trial, saying, as Simpson struggled to put his hand in the glove, "If it doesn't fit, you must acquit."

His acquittal set off celebrations from those who pointed to historically unjust treatment of Black people by the U.S. justice system but dismay from those who argued that, regardless of race, the system favored those who could afford high-priced lawyers.

The son of Eunice Simpson and Jimmy Lee Simpson, Orenthal James Simpson was born July 9, 1947, in San Francisco and was known as "O.J." from birth.

Saddled with poor grades, the Galileo High School football star enrolled at City College of San Francisco, where he was named to the Junior College All-America team. After transferring to the University of Southern California, he led the nation in rushing during the 1967 and 1968 seasons.

"O.J. Simpson was the first player to reach a rushing mark many thought could not be attained in a 14-game season when he topped 2,000 yards," said Pro Football Hall of Fame President Jim Porter in a statement Thursday. "His on-field contributions will be preserved in the Hall's archives in Canton, Ohio."

The end of Simpson's football career marked the start of his celebrity as a broadcaster and actor.

Contributing: Reuters.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Board of County commissioners of Martin County will conduct public hearings on April 30, 2024 beginning at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the items may be heard, to review the following for adoption of the following ordinances:

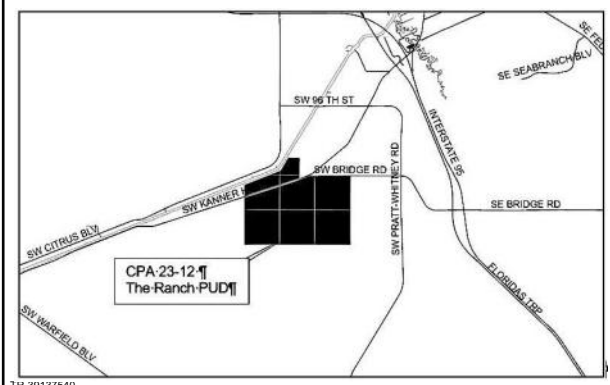
1. **AN ORDINANCE OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT 22-06, CALUSA CREEK RANCH TEXT, AMENDING THE TEXT OF CHAPTER 4, FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE MARTIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
2. **AN ORDINANCE OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT 23-12, THE RANCH PUD FLUM, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE MARTIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

JWA Ranch, LLC (formerly known as Calusa Creek or St. Lucie Partners) has requested an amendment to the Martin County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan to change the text of the Rural Lifestyle future land use designation and to change the Future Land Use Map on Agricultural (allowing one unit per 20 acres) to Rural Lifestyle (allowing one unit per 20 acres), on ±3,902.64 acres located at 4505 S.W. Kanner Highway, generally located in central Martin County south of the St. Lucie Canal and spanning both sides of S.W. Kanner Highway, south and west of the intersection with S.W. Bridge Road.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. The meeting will be held in the Commission Chambers on the first floor of the Martin County Administrative Center, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida. Written comments may be mailed to: Paul Schilling, Director, Martin County Growth Management Department, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996. For further information, including copies of the original application documents or agenda items, contact Daphne Schaub, Senior Planner, Growth Management Department at (772) 288-5495.

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding are entitled, at no cost, to the provision of certain assistance. This does not include transportation to and from the meeting. Please contact the Office of the ADA Coordinator at (772) 320-3131, or the Office of the County Administrator at (772) 288-5400, or in writing to 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, FL, 34996, no later than three days before the hearing date. Persons using a TTY device, please call 711 Florida Relay Services.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the meetings or hearings of any board, committee, agency, council, or advisory group, that person will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record should include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FORT PIERCE CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SUNRISE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

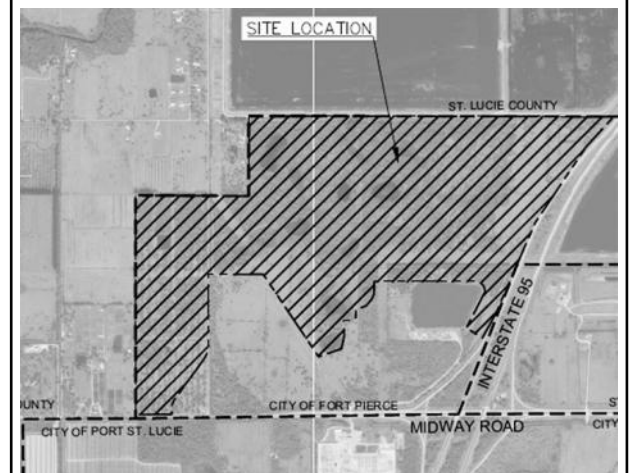
The City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce will hold public hearings on Monday, April 1, 2024 and Monday, April 15, 2024 on the enactment of the proposed ordinance on first and second readings, respectively, in the City Hall Commission Chambers, 100 North U.S. Hwy 1, Fort Pierce, Florida, at their meetings which begin at 5:05 p.m. to consider review and approval of the following:

ORDINANCE 24-003 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE SUNRISE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 190, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR THE NAME, POWERS, AND DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR DESCRIPTION AND BOUNDARIES; DESIGNATING FIVE PERSONS TO SERVE AS THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; PROVIDING NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The ordinance will create the Sunrise Community Development District (CDD). The proposed CDD is generally located north of W. Midway Road and west of Interstate 95, and contains approximately 475.61 +/- acres, as shown on the map below.

The proposed CDD is designed to provide a financing mechanism, as well as a long-term operation and maintenance entity, for community infrastructure and services, including but not limited to, the funding and construction of parks and facilities for indoor and outdoor recreational, cultural and educational uses, and security for the site, including but not limited to guardhouses, fences, gates, etc. as authorized and described by Section 190.012(2), Florida Statutes.

Display Map of Subject Property



All interested parties may appear at the meetings and be heard with respect to the ordinance. All interested parties may provide written comments to be considered at the meetings with respect to the ordinance to the City Clerk at lcox@cityoffortpiere.com. Said ordinance will be available for inspection in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 100 North U.S. Hwy 1, Fort Pierce, Florida.

ANY PERSON SEEKING TO APPEAL THE DECISION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AS TO THE FOREGOING IS ADVISED THAT A RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED IN ANY SUCH APPEAL AND THAT SUCH PERSON MAY NEED TO INSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS IS MADE INCLUDING THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (772) 467-3065 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

/s/ Linda W. Cox, City Clerk
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