



# City of Pompano Beach

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Pompano Beach, FL 33060

## Detailed Minutes - Final

### City Commission

*Rex Hardin, Mayor*  
*Alison Fournier, Vice Mayor*  
*Audrey Fesik, Commissioner*  
*Beverly Perkins, Commissioner*  
*Rhonda Sigerson-Eaton, Commissioner*  
*Darlene Smith, Commissioner*

*Gregory P. Harrison, City Manager*  
*Mark Berman, City Attorney*  
*Kervin Alfred, City Clerk*

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

6:00 PM

Commission Chamber

### City Commission Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Rex Hardin, Mayor called the Regular City Commission meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Commissioner Audrey Fesik  
Commissioner Beverly Perkins  
Commissioner Rhonda Sigerson-Eaton  
Commissioner Darlene Smith  
Vice Mayor Alison Fournier  
Mayor Rex Hardin

#### INVOCATION

Apostle John L. Mohorn of Word of the Living God offered the invocation.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[26-259](#) Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2026

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Minutes be APPROVED. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Hardin announced that a staff presentation would be added immediately following the proclamations. When asked by the Vice Mayor for details on the presentation, Mayor Hardin revealed that Ty Tabing, the Cultural Arts Director, would present information on the upcoming Jazz Fest. City Manager Harrison confirmed that there were no other changes to the agenda.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Agenda be APPROVED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION**

The Commission may pull items from the Consent Agenda. During Audience to be Heard, a person may speak on any item on the Consent Agenda, which has not been pulled.

Mayor Hardin announced that Items 1, 2, and 3 would be pulled for City Commission discussion.

### **A. PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **[26-231](#) World Landscape Architecture Month Proclamation**

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation declaring April 2026, as World Landscape Architecture Month in the City of Pompano Beach. Following the reading of the proclamation, he presented it to Jordan Chiang, Broward Chair of the American Society of Landscape Architects, Florida Chapter. He then invited Ms. Chiang to address the audience.

Ms. Chiang expressed gratitude on behalf of the American Society of Landscape Architects for the proclamation and expressed a desire to continue working in Broward County and Pompano Beach.

**The Proclamation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.**

#### **[26-263](#) Financial Literacy Month Proclamation**

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation declaring April 2026 as Financial Literacy Month in the City of Pompano Beach. Following the reading of the proclamation, he presented it to Allison Feurtado, the City's Finance Director. He then invited Ms. Feurtado to address the audience.

Ms. Feurtado expressed gratitude for receiving the proclamation and emphasized the City's commitment to promoting financial literacy, empowering the community, and enhancing long-term economic well-being for all residents.

**The Proclamation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.**

### **B. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**26-305 Jazz Fest Presentation**

Mayor Hardin invited Ty Tabing, the Cultural Arts Director, to come forward to present an upcoming event.

Mr. Tabing began the presentation by introducing himself and explaining that he was there to raise awareness and generate enthusiasm for the 5th anniversary of the City's Jazz Fest, scheduled for April 18-19 at the beach. He emphasized that this would be their third year at the beach location and highlighted that the festival was free, with 99.9% of attendees paying nothing, though some VIP tickets were sold. Mr. Tabing mentioned the event was sponsored by the City and Champion Porsche, and had received a grant from the County Cultural Division. He explained that this was the first year the festival would be held in April instead of January due to cold-weather issues in previous years, and that they had moved from a Friday-Saturday to a Saturday-Sunday schedule to attract larger audiences. Mr. Tabing detailed the event schedule, noting that while headline performances started at 5:00 PM, local stages would begin earlier (1:00 PM Saturday, Noon Sunday), and food and bars would open at 3:00 PM. He encouraged attendees to bring chairs, coolers, and blankets, and strongly recommended using ride-share services due to expected parking challenges. He outlined the performer lineup and noted that the festival ends at 11:00 PM Saturday and 10:00 PM Sunday. Mr. Tabing also promoted merchandise available on their website and encouraged following "Pompano Beach Arts" for real-time updates.

Mayor Hardin thanked Mr. Tabing for the presentation, praising the event

**The Special Presentation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.**

**C. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Hardin announced that it was time for "Audience To Be Heard". The following speakers were called to speak before the Commission:

**Christine Viergutz**, a resident of 1108 West Cypress Drive, Pompano Beach, Florida, expressed her dissatisfaction with the pavement condition in her neighborhood following a hydro fluid leak from a garbage truck in December. The leak, reported with case number 2512-0117, has caused unpleasant odors and negatively affected the aesthetic quality and property values in the area. Ms. Viergutz urged a personal inspection of the site and requested a plan to restore the street to its original state. She is looking for a prompt response and a solution to the issue.

**Ed Phillips** commented on the Tiger Trail Festival, highlighting the festival's sponsorship and fundraising success of \$92,000. He expressed gratitude to the City for their support during Black History Month and thanked the volunteers and commissioners for their involvement. Mayor Hardin and the Commissioners attended the gala, and Mr. Phillips emphasized the importance of inclusion. Comr. Fesik congratulated the organization on its efforts.

**Mary Phillips**, 384 NW 19th Street, Pompano Beach, Florida, requested to notify the community of a

Grant Writing Workshop for 2026 in Pompano Beach. The two individuals hosting the event are Marie Emmanuel and Gregory Mitchell. The workshop is for non-profits, for-profits, and churches featuring the non-industry experts. She encouraged attendance while sharing information on grant opportunities. Ms. Phillips requested that the Board pass the word along about the workshop. The community can visit her website at [www.smallbizinfo.net](http://www.smallbizinfo.net) <<http://bizinfo.net>> or on Facebook for more information.

**Pamela Simmons**, 1130 NW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, Florida, stated a march will be held on March 28, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM to recognize Women's History Month. She invited the Commission to join her in encouraging and motivating each other. She urged the public to join the march with empowerment, unity, and a purposeful walk.

Comr. Perkins confirmed that this is a good event. There are many inspiring speakers, and she is looking forward to the event and will be attending.

**Rodrick Phillips**, 2620 NW 10th Street, Pompano Beach, Florida, stated he is here on behalf of the homeless, mentally ill, and disfranchised individuals. Last week, he mentioned to the Board that these people are in his community in the northwest section. Comr. Perkins confirmed that she also sees these individuals. Mr. Phillips stated it seems that nothing is going to be done about it. These people are still homeless and still walking around. Our country can send money to other countries, but not to help the homeless people or to house them. The atmosphere in this country has lost sight of the pursuit of happiness. Homeless advocates seem to help a little bit, but the City of Pompano Beach is not doing anything about it, or just not caring.

**Tamara Taylor**, 16 NW 35th Street, Pompano Beach, Florida, reported that her son was kicked by a member of the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) on January 13th, and she feels the City needs to take accountability, as no officers have been held responsible. Since the incident, Sheriff Tony contacted the family on February 28th, but they are still awaiting justice as the investigation continues. On January 18th, a 6-year-old was also harmed, and another incident involved Christopher Newkirk being beaten on March 3rd. Ms. Taylor expressed concerns about her son facing charges that prevented him from attending his aunt's funeral while the involved officers remain active. Mayor Hardin confirmed with Major Ellwood that the investigation is ongoing and has moved to the Professional Standards Committee for a decision.

**Mary Joseph** stated she is present to speak on the police brutality concerns in these communities. The brutal beating of Christopher Newkirk, who was stopped in his vehicle for a dark window tint.

**Rachelle Newkirk** stated her dad, Christopher Newkirk, was kicked and beaten, with his teeth knocked out, broken bones, no medicine, and his eye socket was injured as well. The officers of the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department told the family that the situation occurred because of the victim's size. Officers should not be beating anyone. Her dad was not resisting the officers, and now she is in fear of police officers. The same officer who beat Mr. Taylor also beat her dad.

Ms. Taylor requested that the community put their hands over their hearts until justice is served.

Comr. Perkins asked whether the same officer was involved in the other beating as well. Major Ellwood responded that the information is not accurate. That officer has been on administrative leave and was not working in the North Lauderdale community during the second beating at all; he was in Pompano Beach working when the second beating occurred.

**Michael Skversky**, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, Florida, raised concerns about the accessibility of the Senior Center's walkways, suggesting modifications to improve access for the elderly and individuals with disabilities. He questioned the financial compensation of three companies (Lotus Mindset - \$150,000 a year, Roca Point - \$9,617.82 a day, and RMA - \$1,333.90 or \$666.51 a week) contracted by the City, totaling nearly \$3 million, and requested transparency on their contributions to the community.

Vice Mayor Fournier supported the call for additional walkways and mentioned an upcoming update, while Comr. Perkins emphasized the need for improved maintenance of the Senior Center, including regular pressure cleaning and attention to the facility as a whole. Also, she noted funding is planned for an extension of the building.

**Brandi Zabadal**, President of Pompano Highlands Civic Association invited the Commission to the first neighborhood cleanup. The Elks Lodge will be hosting the event, with attendance from the Pompano Eagles and the BSO, to help beautify the neighborhood. She thanked the Environmental Services Department, which will be providing pickers, a trash location, and buckets for the event. She wished Russell Ketchem a Happy early birthday.

**Delvin King**, 2601 NW 12th Street, Pompano Beach, Florida, expressed concerns about the division between the City and the community, criticizing City Manager Harrison's leadership and calling out Sarahca Peterson for allegedly selling out the black community for \$150,000. He questioned how she could teach personal finance despite having multiple evictions. Mayor Hardin asked Mr. King to refrain from personal attacks against Ms. Peterson, but Comr. Fesik and others defended Mr. King's right to express his opinion. They cited City Code 30.07, which recognizes citizens' rights to criticize city policies and participate in government discussions.

Vice Mayor Fournier emphasized that people should not be silenced, questioning the way the matter was handled. City Attorney Berman acknowledged the Mayor's authority to control the meeting but agreed to look into the issues raised regarding citizens' rights.

#### **D. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Hardin requested a motion to Approve/Adopt Item 4 under the Consent Agenda.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

1. [26-219](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO

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BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE FDOT DISTRICT FOUR (4) AMENDMENT NUMBER THIRTY-SIX (36) TO INCLUDE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD A1A (NORTH OCEAN BLVD.) FROM MILE POST 11.280 AND MILE POST 11.345; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

**POSTPONED FROM MARCH 10, 2026**

**(Staff Contact: Rob McCaughan)**

Comr. Fesik mentioned that she had requested the agenda item be postponed at the last meeting until she received further clarification. She expressed gratitude to City staff for providing the site plans and noted her own research. She highlighted that the phrasing of the item in the agenda lacked clarity and was connected to a parcel designated for redevelopment, which had been a sensitive issue since before her election in 2017. With 1,395 notarized documents and 232 petitions opposing the resolution, she pointed out that the Commission had previously approved the project's progression and zoning changes. Comr. Fesik sought clarification on several questions, confirming that the project covered the A1A frontage corridor and involved an FDOT Right-of-Way dedication of about 1,500 square feet, for which landscaping would be planted pending an amendment.

Robert McCaughan, Public Works Director, mentioned that the project required various FDOT permits for work on the A1A Right-of-Way, and that the developer would need to obtain them.

Additionally, the applicant proposed a Right-of-Way easement for public parking and sidewalks on private property along the same corridor, and an identified water feature or art piece would be submitted to FDOT for review. Comr. Fesik noted that the plans were preliminary and not fully permitted, emphasizing residents' right to inquire about the corridor under discussion. She received an email from community resident Karen Manzone requesting that it be entered into the record. The commissioner felt that her single vote carried significant weight with the residents she represented and ultimately opposed the item.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Karen Manzone, 3232 NE 16th Street #4, Pompano Beach, Florida, thanked Mr. McCaughan for addressing her concerns regarding the Duet Ocean residences, specifically landscaping, stormwater services, and sanitary sewer connections. She noted existing flooding issues and requested assurance that the sewer and storm drain plans consider the needs of neighboring residents. Ms. Manzone emphasized the need to avoid planting trees over sewer mains, to protect the corner of northeast 16th Street, and to implement drainage plans to handle extra runoff. She highlighted the importance of

distinguishing public parks from private developments and expressed concern about the proposed sidewalk's impact on dune scape and access to the beach. Ms. Manzone requested confirmation that the property will remain public, to which Mayor Hardin affirmed that the city park will remain open to the public.

Rane Honablu expressed gratitude to the Commission for addressing citizens' concerns regarding the project. She noted that the architects have integrated an existing large tree into the building's roof design, which she believes enhances the project. Ms. Honablu emphasized the need for more clarity and transparency to gain community support. Mayor Hardin inquired about the tree's location, and Mr. McCaughan confirmed that the tree will remain on park property. Comr. Fesik mentioned the tree is central to the new park design, referred to as the "heart of the park." Overall, the developers aim to preserve the existing tree.

Dominic Copozo, 3246 & 3248 NE 16th Street, Pompano Beach, Florida, sought more information on properties near him. He noted that NPL Construction Company installed underground wire and tall poles with power boxes in front of his home in July 2020. He expressed concerns about contractors parking on his property and highlighted that the poles were installed in the middle of the sidewalk, which he believed was an improper completion of the project. He appreciated Comr. Fesik's interest in the matter, but wants the work finished promptly.

Michael Skversky, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, Florida, suggested that the trees next to the bathrooms on the property remain as they are. Mayor Hardin confirmed that the Parks and Recreation Department is currently working on that park. Mr. Skversky stated that if you give the City an inch, they will take a mile. The pavilions and bathrooms were just painted, and he suggested leaving the park as it is and leaving the people alone.

Burney Manzone, 3232 NE 16th Street #4, Pompano Beach, Florida, Florida, stated the problem stems from the advertisement as oceanfront property. From a legal perspective, shouldn't the City advise them to change the language in their advertisement? Once the units are sold and the new owners find out the property is not oceanfront, they will try to make it oceanfront. The City should consider telling the developer this information instead.

There being no further speakers, Mayor Hardin concluded public input and moved on to Commission discussion.

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed concerns about oceanfront property signage causing community distress and a clogged storm drain that needs City attention. She noted that development properties often lack maintenance during construction, unlike homeowners', and emphasized the necessity of maintaining these properties, as they are part of the City. The main issue is the lack of agreement on maintenance responsibilities among the City, FDOT, and developers. Mr. McCaughan acknowledged the need for these agreements, including one from 2008 outlining developer responsibilities for property maintenance. The Vice Mayor requested this agreement to ensure costs do not fall on the City. Mr. McCaughan confirmed that property owners must maintain Right-of-Way areas and that the City will step in if they fail to do so.

Comr. Fesik stated that development is not a bad thing. The City gave up a lot when the zoning was approved, since the agreement was only signed by the City Manager. Within Amendment 36 for A1A, on pages seven through fifteen, the drawing is a plan prepared by the architect for the company. According to the Development Review process, it is the developer's responsibility, not the City's. The Right-of-Way for the landscaping might have to be modified if this item is not approved. Comr. Fesik recommended inviting the developers to meet with the neighbors to address the concerns.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton confirmed that the area is a city park and that the City Charter prohibits the City from selling public park land without going to the voters for their approval or denial. Comr. Sigerson-Eaton asked City Attorney Berman if that would be correct. City Attorney Berman stated that it is correct.

Comr. Smith explained that it's standard procedure for the City to make amendments for property changes. Mr. McCaughan confirmed that landscaping is located behind the sidewalk within the FDOT Right-of-Way, and single-family homes typically maintain that area.

Mayor Hardin inquired about the consequences of denying the development agreement. Mr. McCaughan noted that it could result in dead grass and allow FDOT to introduce landscaping in the Right-of-Way.

Mayor Hardin confirmed it would not impact the development but would only detract from the City's beautification.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton asked whether other factors play a role. Mr. McCaughan stated that FDOT performs inspections on a regular basis, and if the property does not meet the standard, the City would take action or speak with the property owner to fix the issue. FDOT has eight districts across the State of Florida and is only aware that the property is within the City, and the City would be responsible for ensuring compliance.

Vice Mayor Fournier added that FDOT must meet the City's code standards for landscaping; therefore, this impacts the development.

Mayor Hardin asked what impact the developer would have if the City denied this amendment. City Attorney Berman stated that the developer would need to meet with the Development Services Department to develop a different landscaping plan that meets the City's code and approval requirements. The department would need to go back to the drawing board and decide on a different landscaping plan.

Comr. Fesik asked if the separate permits were all for the same entrance corridor. In the demand response letter, about 10.6 feet would be dedicated along Ocean Boulevard, and a Right-of-Way is proposed to allow a public easement and public sidewalk on private property, with approval and permits from FDOT obtained prior to agreements with the City. The site plan shows the FDOT Right-of-Way dedication, the FDOT permit requirements, the public sidewalk, and easement language

to have the same A1A frontage corridor. If the Commission does not approve the agenda item at this time, then FDOT would need to go back to ensure requirements are met and rework the plan. Mr. McCaughan stated yes.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Resolution / Consent Agenda be ADOPTED.. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:**

**Yes:** Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Hardin

**No:** Fesik

Perkins

Fournier

2. [26-253](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, ENDORSING THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT FOR NW 15TH STREET AND SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (“MPO”) TO DESIGN AND RECOMMEND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

**(Staff Contact: John Sfiropoulos)**

Comr. Perkins requested an update on this agenda item.

John Sfiropoulos, City Engineer, stated in July 2024, the City Commission approved a resolution in support of the Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (MPO) 2050 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) that identified seven projects in the City for improvements. The two highest-ranked projects were the NW 27th Avenue and NW 15th Street projects. The MPO hosted several meetings in March and June of last year to review the projects for both these corridors. The concepts designed in the Commission’s backup documents are the result of those meetings. To secure federal funding for both the design and construction phases, the MPO is requesting the Commission's support for these concepts. The intent is still to continue with public participation as the projects progress.

Comr. Perkins stated the meetings were not very well attended by the community. She requested more input and involvement within the community before the projects proceed.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Fesik, to postpone the item to the April 28, 2026 City Commission Meeting.**

Mayor Hardin asked if the project was time-sensitive. Mr. Sfiropoulos stated he was unsure and requested Andrew Riddle from the MPO to respond.

Mr. Riddle stated that a process is in place for the public outreach meetings, with forty individuals in attendance at the last meeting. The project is lined up for federal funding, and the MPO recommended keeping the project location on the list due to its time sensitivity. The MPO can wait until the April 28th meeting to get a definite yes or no to move forward.

Vice Mayor Fournier requested to see the sign-in sheets for the meetings. She received very late notice of the meetings and also heard that they are poorly attended. The main problem in the City is mistrust, which negatively impacts residents. One more meeting should be scheduled in the interim.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton requested the project's estimated cost and the source of funding. Mr. Riddle confirmed that the money is all federally funded, and only a rough cost estimate is available before the design phase.

Stewart Robertson with Kimley-Horn presented the two cost estimates for the projects at a planning level, separately detailing the amounts for design through permitting and construction. The NW 27th Avenue project cost is estimated at about \$5,000,000.00, and the NW 15th Street project cost is estimated at about \$10,000,000.00. In future design stages, better cost estimates with more specific details would be provided.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton stated that Dixie west on 15th Avenue currently has residential sidewalks all the way further west, and asked if those sidewalks would remain. Mr. Robertson confirmed that, west of 6th Avenue and west of I-95, there are sidewalks that will be expanded to shared-use paths. Landscaping is also part of the project to enhance beautification efforts.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton stated that the site plans do not denote what will be added for the landscaping. The federal funding would be in jeopardy without the Commission's approval today.

Comr. Fesik confirmed she is fine making a decision at the April 28th meeting. She requested support in ensuring the City had strong outreach and that the community provided input. It is good to have control over certain aspects, but it is very important to take the time to get a solid understanding of their requests.

Mayor Hardin requested clarification and if the projects could be split.

Comr. Smith confirmed during the first meeting that both projects were together, which sparked significant concerns. The projects were then decided to be split, and it is proper to split them since one project is of a higher magnitude.

Comr. Perkins requested to meet prior to the April 28th meeting.

Comr. Fesik agreed with Comr. Perkins, with the projects being a collaborative effort, and to allow online feedback with a window of time to submit responses. Mr. Robertson confirmed that three meetings were held as a hybrid option (in-person and online), and that a feedback option was also provided.

Vice Mayor Fournier asked how tied the City is to this plan if federal funding is approved. Mr. Robertson stated that there is still significant flexibility available in the design and planning phase. Mr. Riddle added that there are plenty of opportunities for flexibility. The projects will address residents' current concerns in bicycle and pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and truck parking. The MPO used the City's methods for the outreach efforts and aligned with the existing City process.

Comr. Perkins stated she was never informed that she needed to reach out to residents to help attend the meetings. Mr. Riddle confirmed that Mayor Hardin serves on the Policy Board for all of the MPO projects.

Kayla Orazi, Project Manager with the MPO for the City of Pompano Beach projects, passed out flyers to the schools and many residents within the project area, but not door-to-door. The project for NW 15th Street prepared the plan with future improvements in mind, including bike lanes.

Comr. Fesik thanked Ms. Orazi for the extra work she performed. She requested a meeting or workshop in Commission Chambers to increase community attendance.

City Manager Harrison stated he will work with the MPO on this request.

**The motion to postpone carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Yes:** Fesik  
Perkins  
Sigerson-Eaton  
Smith  
Fournier  
Hardin

3. [26-254](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, ENDORSING THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT FOR NW 27TH AVENUE AND SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ("MPO") TO DESIGN AND RECOMMEND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

**(Staff Contact: John Sfiropoulos)**

Comr. Fesik stated that the feedback was lacking regarding the same process as the prior resolution. If the City is thinking about the area's future, there needs to be more input beyond just 70 people. The City of Pompano Beach is only one City; all the dots need to be connected, and it's important to take the time to get it right in all aspects.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Fesik, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, to postpone the item to the April 28, 2026 City Commission Meeting.**

Comr. Smith stated that the meeting held for the NW 27th Avenue project was well attended and the main focus for the project is traffic calming. She requested to see this project continue and not be postponed.

John Sfiropoulos, City Engineer, read some highlights of the proposed projects to include:

1. Pedestrian lighting
2. Enhanced bus stop locations
3. Raised intersections
4. High-visibility crosswalks
5. Landscaping, etc.

Mr. Sfiropoulos stated that the project is intended to enhance safety and that the NW 27th Avenue project is time-sensitive.

Mayor Hardin asked whether delaying the decision until the April 28th meeting would affect it.

Andrew Riddle from MPO confirmed that the TIP funding is presented for 2029 for engineering and design. If the project is not approved, it would then be removed from the TIP list immediately if the Commission does not want to move forward.

Comr. Fesik requested that if the City were to approve the project at the April 28th meeting, whether that would be an acceptable timeline. Mr. Riddle confirmed that we are entering 2027 shortly and that a two-year design phase for this project is already in place. The MPO schedules with FDOT while developing the TIP, and a Commission meeting was requested for February to approve the projects.

Comr. Fesik added that this is a recurring problem, and the Commission does not want to be forced into an "approval-or-we-will-lose-it" scenario.

Mr. Riddle confirmed that the Commission is requesting a workshop to be held, which could involve changes. He expressed concerns that any changes might affect funding, especially since he had already missed the deadline to submit for incorporation into their TIP. He indicated that if the dollar amounts or the scope of work changed, it would create problems.

Comr. Fesik requested how many individuals attended the meeting for this project. Mr. Riddle confirmed that 20 individuals attended in person, and others attended virtually. Mr. Sfiropoulos stated that at the June 25, 2025, meeting that 27 people were in attendance, including 7 staff members and 1 elected official. Comr. Fesik requested more time to have further conversations with residents.

Comr. Perkins agreed that more resident input should be a priority, as residents need to be informed and involved.

Comr. Smith clarified that, with a project cost of about \$5,000,000.00, the City could lose this opportunity if we decide to wait. She stated that she fully supports District 5, specifically regarding pedestrian crossings and traffic calming for safety.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton welcomed the project as well. The City competes with the other 37 counties in Broward County, and NW 27th Avenue is a race track and is not safe. She stated that she is definitely in full support of moving forward with this project.

Comr. Fesik agreed that the money is great, especially since it is federally funded, but the City needs to get it right for the people who live there and give the community a chance to provide input.

Comr. Perkins confirmed that while sitting on this Commission, she had never heard anything about this project. There is a possibility that the funding will come back to the City, but we need to start following the City's process. Mr. Riddle confirmed that the decision on whether to provide funding to the City again is up to the MPO Board. The project has been in the City's TIP for 6 years.

Comr. Perkins asked what the bigger plan is after this project has been completed. Mr. Riddle stated that the City needs to follow the FDOT-approved list of future projects, which is a 5-year plan. There will be a chance for more community input if the project is approved today. Once approved, the project will request additional community feedback, and then the design will enter the 30% phase with the designers to incorporate that input. At that time, the design moves to a 60% phase, then to the final design, bids, and final construction. Many projects have been underfunded, and the City would then have to cover the remaining costs if a proper estimate is not prepared.

Comr. Perkins asked about the NW 27th Avenue and NW 15th Street projects after they are completed, and whether there are additional projects in those areas on the TIP list? Mr. Riddle stated no.

Vice Mayor Fournier requested information from City Manager Harrison on why this project was not brought to the Board within the last six years and how we are now at risk of losing the project if a decision is not made today. City Manager Harrison confirmed that it is the first time he has heard the request to present the projects earlier. He was under the impression that the Commission would not be against the projects. Vice Mayor Fournier stated that she is frustrated with the process and would expect better.

Comr. Smith requested that these improvements not be allowed to go away.

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**The motion to postpone the item failed with Commissioners Fesik, Perkins, and Vice Mayor Fournier voting yes and Commissioners Sigerson-Eaton, Smith, and Mayor Hardin voting no.**

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Michael Skversky, 1630 NW 15th Avenue, Pompano Beach, Florida, requested whether the speed bumps would remain on the street. Mr. Sfiropoulos confirmed that removing the speed bumps is not within the project, and they will remain on the street. Mr. Skversky stated that \$5,000,000.00 is a large sum for the proposed work. He is not opposed to fixing the street, but stated that the only speeding on this street is from police officers with an access route from Atlantic to Martin Luther King Boulevard. There are many children in this area, and everyone else drives slowly.

Tundra King, 124 NW 15th Street, Pompano Beach, Florida, stated that she is not opposed to this project, since her business is in that part of the city. She confirmed that she also found out about the meeting on the day it was scheduled. Community awareness would be great, since everything is thrown together right now, and the community is always an afterthought. The City should post the information on its website or find another way to communicate it to the community. The community is always in the dark, but this is a good project, and it would be great to further enhance the street.

Jackie Moreland, 1526 NW 7th Lane, Pompano Beach, Florida, stated that she is baffled that Mayor Hardin sits on the Policy Board with the MPO and has never brought up either of these projects. She confirmed that she did attend the meetings, and there were very few people in attendance. Ms. Moreland agreed that the community is always an afterthought. She has lived in the Pompano Beach area for a long time, and she knows the neighborhood well. Ms. Moreland requested to hear the community when it speaks.

Delvin King, 2601 NW 12th Street,, Pompano Beach, Florida, Florida, stated that the project is in the district where he lives and that he is not opposed to the project; he is only opposed to the process. Mr. King confirmed that Comr. Smith is not in the area and does not know what is best for the residents or within Collier City. Communication is key to ensuring residents are aware of anything happening in the area where they live. If Mayor Hardin knows something, please let everyone know and do not leave the residents in the dark.

Elizabeth DeBolt, 2560 NE 22nd Street, Pompano Beach, Florida, shared her compassion for the Commission with the miscommunication concerns. About six months ago, the City started a new project in her area. The work left her with no driveway and a holding tank in her front yard. From basin to basin, the water will not flow, causing flooding. There was no communication during these projects, and there still isn't. For the projects being proposed, only twenty-seven people providing input for a combined total amount of \$15,000,000.00 does not seem right. Patience is a virtue, but the City should address the problem and find a solution, not by creating another one. Comr. Fesik requested to meet with Ms. DeBolt after the meeting.

There being no further speakers, Mayor Hardin concluded public input and moved on to Commission

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discussion.

Comr. Fesik confirmed that the lack of communication in the City is not sufficient to warrant that only one individual provides input for the public meeting. Comr. Fesik stated that Mayor Hardin had been aware of the projects for 6 years. It is the City staff's job to notify the Commission of upcoming information or projects.

Comr. Fesik requested information from Major Ellwood regarding traffic infractions or speeding on 27th Avenue. Major Ellwood confirmed that there are always traffic issues on 27th Avenue and in many areas of Pompano Beach. Comr. Fesik asked whether raised intersections or speed bumps would prevent an ambulance or a fire truck from using that road. Mr. Robertson confirmed that the raised intersections are more gradual climbs and that they would have no problem with a route on this road.

Comr. Perkins stated that on 27th Avenue, two speed humps were installed to slow down traffic, but she has not heard of any complaints. With the approval of this project, she asked whether the speed bumps would be removed. Mr. Sfiropoulos confirmed that he did not see the speed humps in the preliminary design, and they would remain.

Comr. Smith responded that she received an email with a flyer attached about the upcoming MPO project. She printed the flyers and distributed them in Collier City, and the Collier City Civic Association communicated that information through their contacts.

Comr. Perkins stated that she is as passionate about Collier City as Comr. Smith is. The Collier City Homeowners Association does not speak for the entire community. She wished the City had been on top of this project from the start and had communicated more.

Mr. Sfiropoulos confirmed that flexibility could be provided during the design phase and that more public outreach would be provided as well. The high-level concepts are currently only to be submitted. Comr. Fesik asked City Manager Harrison if a discussion item could be added to the workshop to provide additional feedback for the projects at that time, since a meeting will be held anyway. City Manager Harrison asked if Comr. Fesik requested a discussion item at the workshop meeting for both projects. The MPO staff requested that the projects remain separate. Mr. Riddle confirmed that the design phase is scheduled in fiscal year 2029.

Comr. Fesik added that it will be very helpful for additional community feedback. Mr. Riddle stated that the past year was that exercise. City Manager Harrison stated that Mr. Sfiropoulos confirmed there will be additional meetings. Mr. Sfiropoulos stated that the meetings could be advertised on the City's website, in neighborhood flyers, in person, via Zoom, and that two meetings per corridor could be held to receive additional feedback, Comr. Fesik requested feedback from the community for the April 28th meeting, provided it would not be additional work.

Mayor Hardin stated that he supports the item and wants to see the projects move forward.

Comr. Perkins expressed her concern to Mayor Hardin about his serving on the MPO Policy Board, as

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she believes there is a reason these projects were not brought to the Commission from the beginning, and asked him why. Mayor Hardin did not respond to that question.

Vice Mayor Fournier stated that either Mayor Hardin doesn't know about the projects, doesn't understand the projects, or likes to know more than the Commission does. She suggested that the latter option is probably the answer. She said the reports section is there for each Commission member to share such information.

Comr. Fesik asked Mayor Hardin whether an MPO update would be included in the State of the City presentation. Mayor Hardin stated he does not know at this time.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Resolution / Consent Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Yes:** Sigerson-Eaton  
Smith  
Fournier  
Hardin

**No:** Fesik  
Perkins

**Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-91**

4. [26-255](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING RODERICK GILLIS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF CARMEN JONES, AS APPOINTEE OF COMMISSIONER BEVERLY PERKINS; SAID TERM TO BE CONCURRENT WITH THE TERM OF THE APPOINTING OFFICIAL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

**Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-92**

#### **E. REGULAR AGENDA**

5. [26-184](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. TO PURCHASE PUBLIC UTILITY EQUIPMENT WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES AND SUPPLIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$288,738.00 AS IDENTIFIED AND APPROVED IN THE FY2025 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
(Fiscal Impact: \$288,738.00)

**(Staff Contact: George Buenaventura)**

Mayor Hardin noted a discrepancy in the agenda, stating that the item referenced the 2025 budget while Mr. Berman had read it as the 2026 budget.

City Attorney Berman responded that the document on his computer showed 2026 and assumed that it was current, suggesting that the agenda may contain a misprint.

Allison Feurtado, Finance Director, clarified that it was not a misprint and explained that the item was listed under the FY 2025 capital outlay.

Mr. Berman acknowledged the clarification and confirmed that the item was approved in the FY 2025 budget, with an effective date to be provided.

George Buenaventura, Facilities Operations Director, presented the item, explaining that it was a resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a piggyback agreement between the City and Altec Industries, Inc., for the purchase of an Altec Model TA60 boom truck, including related accessories, for the Facilities Department. He stated that the total cost would not exceed \$288,733.08 and had been identified and approved in the FY 2025 budget.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item and, receiving none, he moved on to Commission discussion.

Vice Mayor Fournier asked about the capital outlay allocation, noting that \$350,000 had been budgeted for the item.

Mr. Buenaventura confirmed that the amount was correct.

Vice Mayor Fournier asked whether the purchase was coming in under budget and what would happen to the remaining approximately \$62,000.

Ms. Feurtado explained that any remaining funds could be reallocated to other capital outlay items that exceed the budget, and that any excess funds at the end of the term would be applied toward principal and interest payments on the loan.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Resolution / Consent Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Yes:** Fesik

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

**Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-93**

6. [25-586](#) **P.H. 2026-01: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE II, SECTION 6 TO CHAPTER 57-174, LAWS OF FLORIDA SPECIAL ACTS OF 1957 AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, IMPOSING LIMITATIONS ON THE LENGTH OF TERMS OF THE OFFICES OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS, WHILE EXPANDING FUTURE TERMS OF OFFICE OF CITY COMMISSIONERS AND STAGGERING SAID TERMS; PROVIDING THAT IF THE AMENDMENT IS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS AT THE GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER, 2026, THEN SUCH AMENDMENT SHALL BECOME A PART OF THE CITY'S CHARTER UPON CERTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE ELECTION RESULTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

**POSTPONED FROM DECEMBER 9, 2025 & FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

**FIRST READING: NOVEMBER 13, 2025**

**(Staff Contact: Mark E. Berman)**

City Attorney Berman summarized that there were no changes since the first reading and explained that three changes had been consolidated into a single clear question for voters, as requested by the Commission in October 2025. He noted that the City Clerk would need to notify the Supervisor of Elections soon, with approximately a month remaining for decision-making.

Comr. Perkins asked about the location of the ballot language and expressed concern that the wording could be confusing when printed in all capital letters.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton stated her opposition to putting the item on the November ballot, explaining that she believed two-year terms worked well, like state and congressional representatives, gave voters adequate time to evaluate performance, and that term limits took power away from people to choose their representatives. She noted that similar proposals had failed multiple times before.

Comr. Fesik agreed with running every two years but argued that if the charter was being opened to changes, they should address the most frustrating issue for residents: tie votes that result in motions failing. She suggested considering having commissioners select a presiding mayor from within the elected body rather than a separately elected at-large mayor, which would eliminate tie-fail outcomes and allow better teamwork. She expressed concerns about bundling all changes into one amendment and provided voter turnout statistics showing 73.5% in 2020, 47.28% in 2022, and 74.98% in 2024, arguing against staggered elections due to lower midterm turnout.

Mayor Hardin asked Mr. Berman for clarification on whether they could change the number of commissioners by ordinance rather than by a charter amendment to address tie votes.

Mr. Berman confirmed they could add up to seven districts (currently five) by ordinance, meeting legal requirements for geographical compactness and voting rights, but removing the at-large mayor position would require a charter amendment, since it was established by charter amendment.

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed her belief in term limits due to incumbent advantages in name recognition and campaign funding, stating that if an entire board gets replaced, they deserved it. She supported four-year terms with term limits but opposed staggered terms, finding them confusing, and argued that two-year terms contributed to gridlock because officials could delay decisions until after elections.

Comr. Smith supported four-year terms and suggested adding a sixth district to eliminate tie votes, while keeping the mayor position, a move Mr. Berman confirmed could be done by ordinance.

**Comr. Fesik made a motion to postpone the item and direct staff to return with separate ballot questions: one to eliminate the separately elected at-large mayor position and have commissioners select a presiding mayor, and another for four-year terms with three-term limits, removing the staggering provision.**

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton questioned the motion's structure and recalled being present when the at-large mayor position was created to represent the entire city, expressing concern about the complexity and suggesting that residents had already voted on these issues, preferring to keep two-year terms and voter accountability.

Mr. Berman sought clarification on the motion and explained that eliminating the at-large mayor would affect many code provisions regarding mayoral appointments to boards, requiring extensive changes.

Vice Mayor Fournier emphasized that charter amendments should give people reasonable options to decide upon, viewing elections as expensive and wasteful, and supporting the choice between current two-year terms with no limits or four-year terms with three-term limits.

Comr. Smith stated that she supported four-year terms but opposed eliminating the at-large mayor position, and, therefore, could not support the bundled motion.

Comr. Perkins supported four-year terms with term limits, opposed staggering as confusing, and supported returning to commission-selected mayors as was done historically, noting that duties remained largely ceremonial since the city manager runs operations.

Mayor Hardin stated his preference for four-year terms as less disruptive and more effective for governance, and that he would accept term limits as a compromise to achieve four-year terms, but opposed eliminating the at-large mayor position, arguing it was endorsed by voters and widely used by other cities, with tie votes better solved by adding or removing a commission district.

Comr. Fesik emphasized that all commissioners take the same oath to represent both their districts and the City as a whole, advocated for commission-selected mayors to foster camaraderie and teamwork, and requested specific benefits of having an at-large mayor position.

Comr. Smith clarified that she preferred an at-large mayor and couldn't support the motion because it combined the two questions.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton reiterated her opposition to eliminating the at-large mayor, viewing the mayor as the City's figurehead.

Comr. Perkins asked the City Attorney when the item needed to be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections to appear on the November ballot.

City Attorney Berman deferred to the City Clerk for the deadline.

City Clerk Alfred explained that a final decision would be needed before May in order to coordinate with the Supervisor of Elections and complete the required procedures. He stated that having a decision by April 28 would be very helpful.

Mr. Berman noted that the item would require two readings, and since it would be amended, both readings would need to occur in April.

City Clerk Alfred confirmed that two readings would be required as amended.

Mr. Berman added that the item would need to be ready for both the first and second meetings in April.

Mayor Hardin asked whether removing staggered terms from the proposal would allow them to meet the timeline.

Mr. Berman confirmed that doing so would allow the item to proceed and that it could be scheduled for the second reading on April 28, with the first reading earlier in April. He added that simplifying the proposal to four-year terms with term limits and removing staggering would make the process easier.

City Clerk Alfred noted that removing the staggered terms would impact the title of the ordinance. Mr. Berman asked whether the title had already been advertised. City Clerk Alfred confirmed that it had, noting that the item was already at second reading.

Mr. Berman acknowledged this and reiterated that completing two readings in April would be necessary to meet the deadline.

Mayor Hardin clarified that the schedule would require the first meeting in April for the first reading and the second meeting for final adoption.

Comr. Perkins mentioned that a motion was already on the floor and suggested that the Commission proceed, as the discussion could continue indefinitely. She suggested a workshop, but expressed concern about time constraints.

Mr. Berman responded that scheduling would be tight, but stated that he was available to attend a workshop if desired.

Comr. Perkins asked the Commission whether an emergency workshop was needed.

Vice Mayor Fournier stated that she did not believe a workshop would yield additional consensus, noting that the commissioners had already clearly expressed their positions. She stated that, in her view, the only proposal likely to pass that evening would be a single question establishing three consecutive four-year terms, which she described as a compromise approach.

Comr. Perkins cautioned that the Commission should be mindful when discussing adding or removing commission seats, noting concerns about the use of consultants and potential bias in how such processes are handled.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Jackie Moreland, 1526 NW 7th Lane, Pompano Beach, FL, criticized the Commission's division and lack of unity.

Anne Bosworth, 4015 W. Palm Aire Drive, Pompano Beach, FL, asked how many commissioners had consulted their constituents on the issue.

Elizabeth DeBolt, 2560 NE 22nd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, requested the opportunity to decide on the matter.

Delvin King, 2601 NW 12th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, supported putting it on the ballot and returning to commission-selected mayors, and urged the Commission to consider long-term thinking in decision-making.

There being no further speakers, Mayor Hardin concluded public input and moved on to Commission

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discussion.

Comr. Fesik stated that while she appreciated the discussion and understood that there was likely a sense of how the vote would go, she emphasized the importance of allowing residents the opportunity to decide for themselves. She argued that failing to provide that opportunity would not serve the residents, noting that while officials may have their own opinions, decisions should reflect what residents want rather than the Commission's views alone.

Comr. Smith added that residents had already been given this option in the past and asked for clarification on when the at-large mayor issue had previously been on the ballot.

Mayor Hardin responded that the at-large mayor structure was established around 2000, possibly 2005.

Comr. Smith reiterated that residents had already voted on the matter.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton confirmed the year as 2005 and stated that she was not hearing concerns from residents about extending terms to four years, indicating it was not a major issue among her constituents.

Vice Mayor Fournier stated that while she did not hear as much about term lengths, she frequently heard concerns about eliminating the at-large mayor position.

Comr. Perkins agreed, noting that this issue was also commonly discussed within her district.

**The motion failed with a 3-3 vote (Fesik, Perkins, and Fournier voting yes; Sigerson-Eaton, Smith, and Hardin voting no).**

**Vice Mayor Fournier then made a motion to modify the proposal by removing the staggered districts provision and simplifying it to a single question: whether the mayor and commissioners should serve three consecutive four-year terms. The motion was seconded by Comr. Smith.**

Comr. Fesik asked City Attorney Berman for clarification on whether the proposed term limits would be retroactive. Mr. Berman clarified that the term limits would not be retroactive and would begin with a future term, likely starting in 2028, depending on election cycle adjustments.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Comr. Smith, to modify the proposal by removing the staggered districts provision and simplifying it to a single question: whether the mayor and commissioners should serve three consecutive four-year terms.**

**The motion passed 5-1 (Fesik, Perkins, Smith, Fournier, and Hardin voting yes; only Comr. Sigerson-Eaton voting no).**

Mayor Hardin announced that the motion had passed and directed Mr. Berman to bring the revised ordinance back at a future meeting.

Mr. Berman confirmed it would be placed on the next agenda.

#### **F. ADDITIONAL AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Hardin asked if there were any additional speakers signed-up to speak under Audience to be Heard, to which City Clerk Alfred replied there were none.

#### **G. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Mayor Hardin announced that the next scheduled meetings are as follows:

April 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. - Budget Workshop

April 14, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

April 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

#### **H. REPORTS**

##### **City Manager's Report:**

City Manager Harrison provided two main items in his report. He first shared information from Budget Director Joshua Waters about the Community Partnership Program for 501(c)(3) organizations, noting that the application period would run from April 6 to May 1, with a virtual information session scheduled for April 15 via Zoom, and all details would be posted on the City's website. He then announced that Recreation Director Scott Moore had informed him that the City has been chosen by the Sun Sentinel as a South Florida winner in tourism recognition for being a beautiful destination and valued community asset that attracts both residents and visitors.

Mayor Hardin responded positively to the tourism recognition announcement and thanked Mr. Harrison on the achievement.

##### **City Attorney's Report:**

City Attorney Berman presented several items in his report. He first updated the Commission on the opioid settlement for the six remaining defendants, stating that it was being finalized with agreed-upon percentages, though he did not yet have dollar amounts to share. He then discussed Senate Bill 180 litigation, explaining that Judge Dempsey had dismissed the majority of counts several weeks prior, but that the unfunded mandate count (count four) remained open and was still being litigated, with no appeal possible since the order was not final. He hoped for legislative correction through Senate Bill 840 (the "glitch bill"), but it was dashed when it died in the House. Mr. Berman then announced his desire to hold an executive session regarding the City's professional firefighters' union contract (Local 1549), proposing two possible dates: Wednesday, April 22, at 1:00 PM or Thursday, April 30, at 2:30 PM. He specified that the session would be held in the City Commission conference room and listed all attendees who would be present, including the mayor, commissioners, city manager, deputy city attorney, assistant city manager, human resources director, fire chief, budget director, and City's labor counsel.

City Manager Harrison responded to questions about the availability of rooms for the proposed executive

session dates.

The mayor and the commissioners then discussed the proposed executive session dates, ultimately settling on Wednesday, April 22, at 1:00 PM, despite some initial concerns about room availability that were resolved.

**City Clerk's Report:**

No report.

**Comr. Fesik's Report:**

Comr. Fesik delivered an extensive report covering multiple concerns and requests. She began by asking City Manager Harrison to provide advance notice when he would miss future meetings, then raised several specific issues, including questions about grass removal and replacement at Pompano Beach cemetery on 23rd Avenue, requesting access to ESL land at the air park for wildlife experts to assess and potentially relocate wildlife before development. She pressed for updates on A1A crosswalks, citing safety concerns after a recent dog fatality, and requested temporary solutions costing approximately \$3,500 per unit while awaiting FDOT approvals. She also inquired about McNab Park CRA reserve funds, asking for specific beginning and current balances to ensure transparency.

Comr. Fesik then transitioned to what she described as "serious issues" regarding a city contract with Lotus Mindset, expressing concerns about procurement processes, contract oversight, and potential conflicts between city-paid work and private activities. She questioned whether the contract increase from \$85,000 to \$150,000 followed proper procurement procedures and asked about approval processes for outreach materials. She raised concerns about financial literacy programs offered through the contract, questioning the qualifications and background checks of instructors, particularly regarding a company called Legacy Financial Firm, which she could not find registered in state business records.

Comr. Fesik detailed her research into the instructor's background, citing concerns about eviction history and unpaid debts, and questioned the Office of Housing and Urban Development process related to Sarahca Peterson. She expressed frustration with what she perceived as management oversight failures and concluded with concerns about the CRA attorney contract that she believed violated charter requirements for Commission approval of multi-year contracts.

Mr. Harrison responded to several of Comr. Fesik's questions, acknowledging that he could not answer every detailed question off the top of his head and suggesting that she meet with him privately to discuss the issues professionally, with relevant staff present.

Mr. Berman provided legal clarifications regarding contract authority limits, procurement requirements, and charter provisions, noting that contracts over one year must be approved by the Commission and that various exemptions exist for redacting information from public records requests.

Mayor Hardin noted that the meeting had reached 11:00 PM and asked whether anyone wanted to make a motion to extend the meeting, which would require a supermajority vote.

**Comr. Fesik made a motion to extend the meeting to allow other commissioners to speak, which was seconded by the Vice Mayor, but the motion failed with a 3-3 vote (Fesik, Perkins, and Fournier voting yes; Sigerson-Eaton, Smith, and Hardin voting no).**

### **RECESS**

Mayor Hardin concluded the meeting by recessing it and stated they would reconvene the following day at 10:00 AM.

### **RECONVENE**

On Wednesday, March 25, 2026, the Mayor reconvened the meeting after yesterday's recess. He called the meeting back to order and confirmed all members were present without needing a formal roll call. He called on Comr. Perkins for her commission reports.

#### **Comr. Perkins' Report:**

Comr. Perkins asked staff about how representatives are chosen for the MPO Board and whether appointed representatives should provide periodic updates to the Commission. She requested regular updates from the MPO representative and announced the "Women Walking with a Vision" event on March 28th, starting at Mitchell Moore Community Park and ending at Apollo Park, with inspirational speakers and Easter basket giveaways.

City Manager Harrison explained that the City Commission appoints members to the MPO board and stated he will provide periodic updates to the Commission.

Comr. Perkins requested that staff investigate street lights that were out on Dixie Highway between 15th and 16th streets.

#### **Comr. Sigerson-Eaton's Report:**

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton reported that North Pompano Park's dog run would be closed Thursday and Friday for county repairs to sanitary access points. She provided an update on streetlight issues, noting that while there were initial electrical grid problems, staff were working with FPL to resolve individual light outages. She mentioned that complaints had shifted from criticism of the lights to requests to fix outages, indicating the lights were helping reduce crime and improve safety. She then questioned the validity of the signatures presented during the duet development approval process, specifically asking about Sandy Von Staden's claimed 1300 signatures, which were blank pages.

Comr. Fesik corrected the name mentioned and offered to retrieve the signatures.

#### **Comr. Smith's Report:**

Comr. Smith praised the Tiger Trail organization for raising \$92,000 during Black History Month, highlighting their strong volunteer base and family-like atmosphere. She announced the soft opening of Big Daddy Conch Restaurant at 361 NW 27th Avenue and promoted the Pompano Community Charitable Grant program, noting that in 2025 all 48 applicants were funded for a total of \$180,000, with \$469,000 distributed over five years. She shared a quote from John Lennon about peace.

**Vice Mayor Fournier's Report:**

Vice Mayor Fournier provided an update on the Audit Committee, noting her recent appointment and the first meeting, during which members reviewed the upcoming Request for Proposals (RFP) to select City auditors for a five-year contract. She emphasized the committee's diverse financial expertise and was committed to keeping the Commission informed for transparency. The Vice Mayor also discussed the recent workshop on whether the City should establish its own Police Department or continue with the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO). She expressed concern about the lack of a clear plan and highlighted the urgency of deciding on the contract renewal by the end of September. To address this, she proposed forming a negotiating committee that would include city staff, at least one commissioner, and possibly a representative from the consulting firm to evaluate the contract and ensure a favorable one-year renewal agreement.

**Vice Mayor Fournier made a motion, seconded by the Mayor, directing the City Manager to assemble a negotiating committee that includes city staff, at least one commissioner, and possibly a representative from the consulting firm. to work toward securing the best possible one-year contract with BSO.**

Mr. Harrison noted that contract negotiations are typically handled by professional staff, including the City Attorney and relevant departments, without a formal committee.

Vice Mayor Fournier reiterated her request, emphasizing that the consultant's report indicated the City may not have maximized prior negotiations and that additional oversight and participation could improve outcomes.

Mayor Hardin clarified that the motion had been made, seconded, and opened the item for discussion.

Comr. Perkins asked for clarification on the proposed committee's composition and whether it would include community members.

Vice Mayor Fournier responded that the committee should primarily consist of city staff and individuals with relevant expertise, suggesting inclusion of a commissioner and possibly a consultant, but not general community members due to the technical nature of the work.

After clarification, the Mayor withdrew his motion, but Comr. Fesik seconded the motion to direct the City Manager to establish a negotiating committee in accordance with the Vice Mayor's recommendations.

Comr. Fesik expressed support for the motion, noting that BSO had indicated willingness to negotiate and that a committee including a commissioner could help provide updates, gather community feedback, and ensure stronger negotiation outcomes. She also referenced prior contract changes, including the loss of a 5% cap, as

justification for increased oversight.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton opposed forming a committee, stating that prior discussions about creating a standalone police department were based on potential cost savings that have not materialized. She indicated that constituents have expressed concern about increased costs and stated confidence in professional staff to handle negotiations without additional committees or consultants.

Mr. Harrison explained that contract negotiations are conducted by City staff using procurement processes and collaboration with BSO representatives over several months, with final agreements presented to the Commission.

Vice Mayor Fournier reiterated that the consultant's report identified missed opportunities in past negotiations and emphasized the need to proactively leverage that information to achieve a better agreement before the September deadline.

Mayor Hardin stated that he was confident in the staff's ability to negotiate the contract and supported moving forward with negotiations without forming a committee, noting the urgency of the public safety issue.

Comr. Smith stated that she had taken notes from the consultant's report and was willing to share them with staff, but preferred not to serve on a committee.

Comr. Fesik clarified that the motion focused solely on negotiating the BSO contract, not on creating a standalone Police Department. She suggested alternative approaches, such as involving the consultant in discussions or holding additional meetings to gather input, while still ensuring Commission representation in negotiations.

Mr. Berman clarified that shade meetings would not apply to this type of contract negotiation.

Comr. Perkins asked for clarification on the purpose of extending the contract for one year, and Mr. Harrison explained that the extension would ensure continuity of public safety services while additional evaluation and planning take place.

Vice Mayor Fournier reiterated her concern about ensuring confidence in the negotiation process and avoiding a divided vote in September due to a lack of trust in the outcome.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the motion. There being no speakers, public input was closed.

**The motion failed with a 3-3 vote (Fesik, Perkins, and Fournier voting yes; Sigerson-Eaton, Smith, and Hardin voting no).**

Vice Mayor Fournier then raised concerns about the Lotus Mindset contract, citing potential breaches of the contractor cooperation clauses stemming from podcast content in which contractors made threatening statements and accusations against commissioners.

**Vice Mayor Fournier made a motion to terminate the contract, seconded by Comr. Fesik.**

Mr. Berman stated he would need to review the materials to make a legal determination about contract breach.

Comr. Fesik supported the motion and provided additional examples of inappropriate contractor behavior, including personal attacks and disruptions during city meetings. She requested a timeline for submitting documentation and noted the contract's audit provisions.

Mr. Harrison defended the contractor's First Amendment rights and distinguished between private podcast content and city contract work.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton opposed terminating the contract based on opinions alone, without legal evidence, and compared it to the commissioners' own social media posts critical of the City.

Comr. Perkins suggested that commissioners hire their own attorneys, since the city attorney wouldn't provide favorable opinions, revealing that she had already done so after being targeted in the past.

Mayor Hardin apologized to the City Attorney for harsh comments and praised his representation of the City's interests.

Comr. Fesik raised additional concerns about the contractor's brother's criminal background and questioned the level of city involvement in supporting the vendor despite red flags.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the motion.

Delvin King argued that the podcast appeared city-sponsored due to the participation of city officials and called for immediate termination of the contract.

There being no further speakers, public input was closed.

**The motion failed with a 3-3 vote (Fesik, Perkins, and Fournier voting yes; Sigerson-Eaton, Smith, and Hardin voting no).**

Vice Mayor Fournier announced the fourth annual Kester Park event on Monday, April 11th, themed "Strikeout Head and Neck Cancer" with health screenings, competitive games, and family activities.

**Mayor Hardin's Report:**

**Mayor Hardin made a motion, seconded by Comr. Smith, to direct the City Manager to begin negotiations with BSO for another one-year contract to ensure continuity of police services.**

Vice Mayor Fournier opposed proceeding without formal oversight, citing a lack of trust in previous negotiation processes.

Comr. Fesik agreed that oversight was necessary based on past performance and consultant recommendations.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton defended the existing BSO contract as satisfactory and criticized the premise that previous negotiations were inadequate.

Mr. Berman suggested that while having a commissioner on the negotiating committee might be inappropriate, bringing in outside consultants to assist could provide the confidence the Commission's members are seeking.

Comr. Smith attempted to find a compromise by asking if adding a consultant to the negotiating team would gain support to avoid another tie vote.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the motion. There being no speakers, public input was closed.

Comr. Fesik questioned whether recent communications and media reports indicated that the City Manager intended to proceed with negotiations independently, expressing concern about whether Commission approval was being bypassed.

Mayor Hardin asked the City Manager to clarify whether such communication had been sent.

Mr. Harrison confirmed that he had sent an email stating that he would advocate for entering negotiations with BSO for an additional one-year contract.

Mayor Hardin clarified that the referenced communication aligned with prior discussions and noted that media reports were not official actions.

Vice Mayor Fournier stated that she was not comfortable proceeding with negotiations without additional structure and oversight. She emphasized the need for a more organized and transparent process, similar to the City's budget process, including pre-meetings, periodic updates, and opportunities for Commission feedback throughout negotiations. She suggested that the City Manager provide a timeline and framework for updates, such as workshops or recurring agenda discussions, to ensure ongoing communication and involvement.

Mayor Hardin opened the item for public input. There being no speakers, public input was closed.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton raised concerns about the potential consequences of not having a contract with BSO and emphasized the importance of continuing negotiations to ensure the continuity of public safety services. She noted that past budget negotiations had resulted in adjustments to requested increases and expressed confidence that updates could be provided during the negotiation process. She stressed that the issue is critical for residents and public safety and urged moving forward.

Comr. Fesik strongly supported additional oversight of the negotiation process, agreeing with the Vice Mayor that Commission involvement is necessary. She emphasized that the goal is to secure the best possible contract for residents and stated that increased oversight represents a reasonable compromise. She noted concerns about prior management of negotiations and indicated that she would support moving forward if mechanisms such as workshops or structured updates were included.

Comr. Perkins requested clarification of the motion.

Mayor Hardin restated the motion, directing the City Manager to begin negotiations with the Broward Sheriff’s Office for a one-year contract extension, with the final agreement to be returned to the Commission for approval.

Comr. Perkins confirmed her understanding that the Commission was authorizing negotiations only and asked whether any cost estimates had been provided for the contract extension.

Mr. Harrison stated that no cost figures were available yet, as those would be determined during negotiations, and that updates would be provided to the Commission as discussions progressed.

Comr. Perkins requested periodic updates to the Commission regarding negotiation progress.

Mr. Harrison indicated that updates could be provided as meaningful developments occur, though not necessarily at every meeting.

Mayor Hardin noted that while general updates could be shared, detailed negotiation information-particularly financial aspects-may need to remain confidential during the process to preserve an effective negotiation strategy.

Mr. Harrison agreed that certain information should not be publicly disclosed until negotiations have progressed sufficiently.

Comr. Perkins commented that the matter ultimately comes down to trust.

**The motion failed with a 3-3 vote (Fesik, Perkins, and Fournier voting no; Sigerson-Eaton, Smith, and Hardin voting yes).**

Mayor Hardin requested that the City Manager prepare a memo outlining the consequences of failing to negotiate a new BSO contract.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 11:25 AM.

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