

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 11, 2025

1:00 PM

Commission Chamber

City Commission Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Rex Hardin, Mayor called the City Commission meeting to order at 1:02 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

Pastor Sharon Stone-Walker of Dove Ministries International offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[25-220](#) City Commission Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2025

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 Items 13 and 14 under the Regular Agenda will be postponed until the April 8, 2025 City Commission meeting.

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 Item 1 would be pulled for City Commission discussion.

A. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**[25-221](#) Special Commendation**

Mayor Hardin recognized Cesar Guardia for his outstanding performance in carrying out his duties and going above and beyond by performing life-saving measures. He said that on February 22, 2025, Mr. Guardia, a full-time lifeguard with the Pompano Beach Parks & Recreation Department, rescued a fellow lifeguard who suffered a medical episode while swimming during training. Observing the incident, Mr. Guardia quickly recognized the emergency, jumped into the pool, and retrieved his coworker from the bottom of the pool. With the help of other guards, they followed the facility's Emergency Action Plan, clearing the pool of patrons, summoning EMS, and administering first aid and oxygen. Mr. Guardia's swift response and calm demeanor under pressure exemplify his 30 years of lifeguarding experience.

The Special Presentation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

B. 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:

Dennis Burnham, 2500 NE 9th Terrace, Pompano Beach, FL, spoke regarding the noise ordinance. He stated he was not speaking of the occasional barbecue, but frequent offenders playing music loud enough for others to hear in their homes. He provided copies of a sworn affidavit documenting his experience and asked that something be done to address the issue.

Ed Phillips, 384 NW 19th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, commented on the future of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). He highlighted past projects addressing slum and blight and stated he was appointed to the first CRA Board. He stated should the City move forward with the E. Pat Larkins Community

Center, he would like to see an African American contractor and at least 18 percent of jobs going to people who live in Pompano Beach. He asserted there should be public discussion of a location as the rumor mill is running amok.

Rodrick Phillips, 2620 NW 10th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, stated he noticed there was a lot of money being spent. He noted there are community activists who had done a lot of good and helped a lot of people before members of the Commission were on the dais. He asked that Commissioners sit down and talk with the Black women of Pompano Beach instead of listening to one (1) person. He stated the community had been waiting for development in District 4 and those who don't live in the community said no to a \$2 billion development that is wanted by the residents.

Jackie Moreland, 1526 NW 7th Lane, Pompano Beach, FL, referenced scripture and expressed her commitment to endure to the end regarding the Braggs-Cristwell Substation and its location. She requested weekly updates and noted that there is money allocated in the budget for this project. She, along with others she has spoken to, prefers that the E. Pat Larkins Community Center not be relocated. She indicated that the City has a poor track record for fulfilling promises and stated that both the District 4 Commissioner and the community should be included in the decision-making process. If Mrs. Larkins and the community do not want the center moved, she believes it should remain in its current location.

Mary Phillips, 384 NW 19th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, shared details of Small Biz Community and Economic Development Corp (CEDC), a nonprofit job search and career center funded by the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) and the Island Casino and available to anyone in the City looking to find a job. She thanked Mario and the Building and Permit Department for being courteous, respectful, and cooperative with her client in trying to resolve issues related to an open permit. She stated the Education Crime and Employment Forum would be coming back to Pompano Beach. She asserted that as a stakeholder, she believes the E. Pat Larkins Community Center should be torn down in favor of a brand-new, state-of-the-art building everyone can be proud of. She highlighted her husband's advocacy and stated his name should be added to the building.

Mike Skversky, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, stated fixing the McNabb house was a debacle. He shared ideas, noting this would be a perfect spot to relocate the Post Office so the City could sell or rent the space. He asserted that miniature golf would be the best idea for the location, and the City would make millions of dollars. He stated the house could be kept and there could be a bar and game room for children to play. He added that a restaurant and flower garden would never pay for itself.

Don Salomone, 3221 NE 8th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, thanked the Mayor and Commission for their work. He stated he is president of his condo association, and they have issues with fire boxes with hoses that need to be inspected or tested every five (5) years. He commented that the Fire Department does not use the hoses and they should be removed to save people money.

Ula Foster, 2856 NW 13th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL, stated she was a product of Pompano Beach. She commented on her history in the community and quoted, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." She stated the residents look to the Commission to get things done properly in the City and asserted the northwest section had not been well funded, with neighborhoods neglected. She commented that Westview Community Cemetery was purchased by the Black churches in the neighborhood and given to the people so they would

have a resting place for their loved ones, but it currently does not look good. She asked the Commission to help do something about the situation at the cemetery.

Mayor Hardin responded that Westview Cemetery is governed by a private board of directors and is privately owned, but he agrees with the comments.

Sonya Finney, 173 NW 15th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, responded to comments made at the last Commission meeting. She stated there was a discussion of Atlantic Boulevard, and she wanted to share her personal concerns and ask that traffic be reassessed given recent developments. She commented on the Commission agenda and stated the description provided does not always mirror the discussion on the dais. She asked if there was a way to give a clear explanation or background on the agenda.

Mayor Hardin acknowledged Atlantic Boulevard is an issue, and noted he had spoken with BSO and asked them to ensure people do not block the intersection.

Vice Mayor Fournier stated she gets a lot of calls, emails, and texts about Atlantic Boulevard and Dixie Highway as well as Atlantic Boulevard and Cypress Road, referencing people blocking the intersection. She stated at a certain point, they have to realize there is a fundamental underlying problem that was created by taking a lane out of the road. She asserted it is time to start planning for the growth that the City is experiencing and looking at how to make these intersections function.

Comr. Fesik mentioned that she had seen online that the Brightline was having issues with the railroad arms not going down and expressed concern this malfunctioning equipment combined with vehicles having nowhere to go could potentially lead to disaster. She asked that this be looked at again to ensure resident safety comes first.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. [25-219](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND OR CITY COMMISSIONERS TO FILL THE POSITIONS ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP TERMS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

Comr. Fesik addressed the issue of her appointment on the Economic Development Council (Council). She attended a Chamber of Commerce breakfast and noted the importance of having representation from elected officials on this Council. Currently, she is the only city commissioner without this representation, despite having suggested a candidate for the position. She requested that steps be taken to amend the bylaws to include her appointment on the Council, emphasizing the significance of having elected officials involved in such discussions and initiatives. She sought clarification on any progress regarding this amendment to ensure her proposed candidate could participate.

City Clerk Alfred stated he is currently working with the Council to propose a change to their bylaws. This change would allow Comr. Fesik to make an appointment to the Council. The process is ongoing, and a decision regarding the request is expected in the coming weeks.

Comr. Fesik inquired about the recording of minutes for all committees and subcommittees, expressing the need for access to these minutes if she cannot attend a meeting. Mr. Alfred responded that he is unsure of the governance of the Council regarding the Sunshine Law and will follow up with Mr. Berman to determine the laws that govern it. He also offered to look into the minutes and if they can be provided.

Comr. Fesik emphasized the importance of making meeting minutes and agenda items accessible to the public across all committees. She advocated for better transparency, suggesting that if residents cannot attend meetings, they should still have access to records of city activities on the website to answer any questions they may have.

Vice Mayor Fournier mentioned that they directly appoint people to some boards and the Commission makes nominations. She noted that Council is somewhat different, but each individual had a direct nomination to the Council. Mr. Alfred confirmed this information.

Alison Fournier raised a question about Comr. Fesik's option to appoint someone to the Council. Mr. Alfred explained that the Council's bylaws allow each commissioner and the mayor to make appointments, with each appointment serving a three-year term. The current appointee from the prior commissioner is still active, which is why Comr. Fesik cannot make a nomination. Amending the bylaws could provide an opportunity for her to appoint someone.

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed concerns about the logic behind the current arrangement, given that the terms for the commission members are set for two years. She highlighted that the intention was for each commission member to have the opportunity to make a nomination. Additionally, she mentioned that she would follow up with the relevant parties to address this issue.

Comr. Fesik emphasized the importance of representation and collaboration within the Council, referencing Comr. Smith's membership on the Council and the opportunity she has to appoint a replacement when she left her seat. Comr. Fesik stressed that working together is crucial, particularly in sharing information, which she identified as a significant challenge. She advocated for ongoing conversations with the Council and ensuring that all parties have a seat at the table.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Mike Skversky, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concern about the disproportionate representation on boards, where District 3 consistently fills 55-65% of positions, while other districts (1, 2, 4, and 5) have fewer members. He pointed out that this trend occurs because candidates from District 3 often win appointments. Mr. Skversky suggested that other districts should receive extra picks to balance representation and that if a suitable candidate is not available in one district, selections could be made from another district. He believed the current situation was unfair and needed to be addressed.

Ed Phillips, address not provided, reflected on an experience from his time as a commissioner, where he appointed someone to the Planning and Zoning board. After losing in an election, he received a letter from E. Pat Larkins requesting the resignation of that appointee.

Mayor Hardin closed public input and invited Commission discussion on the item.

Comr. Perkins inquired about the Council's relationship with the City and the appointment process for commissioners. Mr. Alfred clarified that the EDC is not a city board and that each commissioner can appoint someone for a three-year term, but current appointments may conflict due to overlapping terms.

Comr. Perkins suggested sending a letter to the Council to request an amendment of their bylaws to address the issue. Mr. Alfred agreed to put this request in writing.

Vice Mayor Fournier agreed with Comr. Perkins on the need to follow up with the Council regarding concurrent terms. She noted that the Commission only directly nominates to seven or eight boards out of approximately 26, indicating that most applicants for these positions are from District 3 due to high engagement in that area.

Comr. Fesik encouraged viewers and the audience to visit the city website if they have a passion for local initiatives. She pointed out that at the bottom of the site, there is a list of advisory boards and committees available for application, and the application process is now online.

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. 2025-88

D. REGULAR AGENDA

2. [25-216](#) 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 ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS GROUP, INC. FOR SEWER VACUUM, HYDRO-EXCAVATION, AND MUNICIPAL PUMPING EQUIPMENT WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES AND SUPPLIES; PROVIDING AN

EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$1,044,674)

(Staff Contact: A. Randolph Brown)

Randolph Brown, Utilities Director, introduced a piggyback agreement for replacing a stormwater truck and adding equipment for water services.

Mayor Hardin sought input from the public and the Commission but received none; he requested a roll call on the motion.

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

Yes: Fesik

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-89

3. [25-65](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND H.A. CONTRACTING CORP. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MCNAB ROAD STREETScape IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND RELATED ADDITIONAL WORK (PROJECT); AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS WITH PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPERTY CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A PARKING LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND ALS POMPANO BEACH II, LLC TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY PARKING FOR AFFECTED RESIDENTS AND CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL DURING THE PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: \$22,936,498.77)

(Staff Contact: Fernand Thony)

Fernand Thony, GO Bond Director, requested approval of the contract with H.A. Contracting Corp. for construction of the McNab Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$22,936,498.07. He stated that this

was the last of the GO Bond transportation projects and reviewed the scope of work. Mayor Hardin invited public input on the item.

Ed Phillips, 384 NW 19th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, asked about the reference to a redevelopment agreement with the private property owners affected by the project and what this included. City Attorney Berman advised that great efforts were taken in advance to identify potential claims that could be costly against the City and its residents, and that these agreements are legal agreements with the property owners identified as most affected to satisfy those claims with settlements. He discussed examples briefly and noted that if the bridge is ever moved or raised in future years, this provides the groundwork for that, as well.

Mr. Phillips asked if there was any money being transferred to private entities through these settlements. City Attorney Berman stated that there was no money being transferred, it was work being absorbed as part of the cost of the project and was long planned as part of the budget due to the effects on property owners and a desire to ensure they were treated properly while protecting the City.

Mr. Phillips stated he loved that work was being done on the street, and he hoped that street paving went further, as there are other areas that need paving.

Rene Zaldivar, President, Cypress Club Condominium Association, 200 SE 12th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, thanked everyone for their hard work. He stated this particular project is about way more than just the bridge, but a holistic project. He said his community would be required to move their entrance under the agreement, but they understood the need to compromise for the huge improvements to safety and beautification.

Rodrick Phillips, 2620 NW 10th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, stated that no one wanted to hear the truth, but during this recession, costs are going up. He asked about safeguards against the contract price doubling or tripling. Mr. Thony advised that the contracts were bid and the costs were negotiated with the proposer. He stated the contractor was obligated to perform under the terms of the contract and noted there are also liquidated damages included for at-fault delays. He explained that unless there are changes or items outside of the contract, this is the final price.

Dominique Lewis, 400 NE 2nd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, commented on the vast amount of knowledge that goes into building a bridge and stated that this was an opportunity to bring students and educators out there on the site so they can have a knowledge exchange. He noted there was a missed opportunity in projects throughout the City to educate people on technology and construction.

Jocelyn Jackson, no address given, stated that this bridge was very much needed. She noted that the City is looking good and everything is coming together. She stated she was excited about it even though it is in District 3, because all of the districts need the work and deserve it.

Mike Skversky, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, asked whether there would be one (1) lane open all the time during bridge construction. Mr. Thony stated the bridge would be fully closed during construction.

Mr. Skversky stated that this was the emergency route to Imperial Point Hospital. He asked if this had been considered. Mr. Thony advised that it was considered, but it would take over a year in sequence, and after

reviewing all of the options with the staff, Fire Department, and BSO, this was the best option.

Mr. Skversky stated that the street is used constantly due to traffic issues at Atlantic and Dixie. He asserted that this was not well thought out and could be the difference in saving a life in an emergency.

Mayor Hardin stated that the plans were created with extensive input.

Mr. Zaldivar commented that there will be hardships, but bridges go up and down all the time and emergency responders will know the appropriate alternative routes. He stated he liked that staff had spoken with the appropriate emergency officials to understand how they would be impacted. He added that his community would all be impacted by the bridge closure, but they are looking forward to the end.

Mayor Hardin closed public input and invited Commission discussion on the item.

Vice Mayor Fournier stated that this was an important GO Bond project that had been promised to the residents. She noted that it had evolved over time from a bridge that was only slightly higher to a bridge that was four (4) feet higher, and pointed out that it connects District 3 and District 1 while also benefiting waterfront homes in Fort Lauderdale. She shared that her concern was the timing of this project relative to the 6th Terrace/11th Avenue bridge, which impacts 300 Pompano Beach homeowners and was promised well over a decade ago. She stated that there was no way both bridges could be done at the same time from a traffic perspective.

Mr. Thony stated that if it was the will of the Commission, both bridges could be done at the same time, though it would not be ideal as there would be an impact. He advised that each bridge has a separate route that can be implemented to divert traffic, so it is conceivable, though it was not anticipated in the design.

Vice Mayor Fournier commented that the 6th Terrace bridge was the alternate route for the planned closure of the McNab bridge. Mr. Thony confirmed this was the current plan.

Vice Mayor Fournier stated that there is a short timeframe to complete the 6th Terrace bridge, but it remains stuck with the Army Corps of Engineers. She stated her support of this item was linked to what happens with that bridge. She noted that residents are vocal on this issue and asked that the City be optimistic and bid on the project to get ahead of the game.

Dr. Tammy Good, CIP Manager, stated that her team is working with the Procurement Department to put the bid package together. She noted that there is a risk that the Army Corps of Engineers will come back with issues or not approve, but if that happens before the bid closes, changes can be made. Discussion continued regarding the bid process and timing.

Vice Mayor Fournier asked for confirmation that the final plans did not include a connection between McNab Road and SE 14th Street through Cypress Landing Condos. Mr. Thony confirmed.

Vice Mayor Fournier stated that this project had taken so long since it was first conceived that she was concerned that traffic had outgrown these roads and that this project was not addressing underlying concerns. Mr. Thony stated there was nothing beyond McNab Road itself, but they had looked at traffic patterns, and he

could provide the Commission with information on the projected impact.

Comr. Fesik stated that this was a needed project and was very positive. She acknowledged the frustration with construction projects in the city. She referenced the contract and asked for clarification on whether additional contractors or consultants would be approved and funded separately. Mr. Thony stated this contract was all-in for the project as designed, including the streetscape and bridge.

Comr. Fesik noted a breakdown of prices missing on Page 23 of the contract. Dr. Good stated this was general language in the base contract that did not apply to this project, as it was not a “cost plus” project. She noted that because the scope was clearly detailed, there should not be a need for this type of agreement. She stated that those terms would be negotiated if needed.

Comr. Fesik noted the list of contractors and subcontractors listed on Page 1 of the contract and asked that it be clarified which business was responsible for which piece. Mr. Thony explained the contractor was H. A. Contracting Corp., and others on the list were subcontractors. He stated the project consultant was Kimley-Horn and Associates under a separate agreement.

Comr. Fesik stated that the commissioners had received a packet of concerns anonymously in the mail, which raised concerns related to some of the subcontractors listed. She asked if the City had done its due diligence on the matter. Mr. Thony stated that vetting was done through the procurement process, and the pricing was based on the plan according to market conditions and the best offer, which was negotiated. He advised that nothing would be paid out unless the work was complete and according to the contract.

Comr. Fesik asked if the City would be absorbing the \$100,000 in owner permit fees referenced in the contract. Mr. Thony confirmed this was a pass-through cost.

Mayor Hardin asked how it would be defined that the connection to SE 14th Street through Cypress Landing Condos was not to be accessed. Mr. Thony stated the entire design was through McNab. He noted there was a secondary gate as required by the Fire Department, and it would be equipped with a control box to limit access. Mayor Hardin asked whether it was indicated on the plans that the gate would remain locked except for emergency access. Mr. Thony confirmed it was clearly specified in the plans.

Mayor Hardin asked if care had been taken to ensure it would not be an unattractive bridge. Mr. Thony stated staff prides themselves on offering the best to the community.

Mayor Hardin noted an alley south of Brewfish Bar & Grill on the plans and asked for what purpose the City maintains that alley. Mr. Thony noted the alley provides access to the canal and to utilities, but he was not sure if there were City assets running beneath the alley. Mayor Hardin asked that staff investigate the issue. He agreed 6th Terrace Bridge needed to be done as soon as possible.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton stated that this was a GO Bond project approved in 2018 and noted that she wanted to see it completed. She commented that it is currently a challenging thoroughfare, and the project would improve the entire neighborhood with sidewalks, road paving, and a bridge. She stated that she fully supports the project.

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

Yes: Fesik

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-90

4. [25-212](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AWARD OF ITB25-009 - KIP JACOBY PICKLEBALL COURTS TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER ALEXANDER & JOHNSON PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT NO. 12789; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
(Fiscal Impact: \$1,009,010.10)

(Staff Contact: Dr. Tammy Good)

Dr. Tammy Good, CIP Manager, stated that the project was competitively solicited as an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for the improvement of Kip Jacoby Park and would include construction of eight (8) new pickleball courts and all associated ancillary features.

Mayor Hardin invited public input on the item.

Mike Skversky, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, asked what other places this company had built pickleball courts. He stated that in some areas the courts wear faster than in others, and noted he was recently in Boca Raton and the courts were falling apart, but the ones in Palm Aire were very nice.

Dr. Good advised that Procurement and Contracts Director Mary Rivero checked references on the ITB and the courts would be built in accordance with the design to provide long-term durability.

Mr. Skversky asked about the timeline for the project. Dr. Good stated as soon as a contract was in hand, the contractor would apply for applicable permits and the City would issue a notice to proceed.

Dominique Lewis, 400 NE 2nd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, stated that this was another wonderful project and very exciting. He asked about the process for selecting a vendor, including the criteria used.

City Manager Harrison provided Mr. Lewis with a business card and invited him to his office to discuss his inquiry further.

Lisa Dryer, 310 SE 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, commented that the community would like to see more pickleball courts, but would like to see other things like shaded areas, water fountains, and emergency equipment closer to the courts, in addition to ongoing maintenance of the courts and surrounding area. She asked that this be taken into consideration.

Mayor Hardin closed public input and invited Commission discussion on the item.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton stated that the original CIP was \$750,000, but it had increased by more than 25 percent. She asked staff to surmise what may have happened. Dr. Good stated she was equally surprised to see these numbers, but all three (3) bids were close in amount. She discussed volatility in the market and stated she did not know the reasons specifically. Comr. Sigerson-Eaton questioned whether there was merit to reexamining whether this project was cost-beneficial for the City at this time, since it exceeds the budget.

Vice Mayor Fournier noted that the previous agenda item ran over by more than \$6 million. She stated that this project was budgeted previously and asked if there had been an escalation built into the CIP. Dr. Good commented that there was none. Vice Mayor Fournier stated that this was a great facility and people want the Commission to be focused on providing a safe, clean, fun place to live with beautiful amenities. She added that she had concerns with parking, and if the corner parcel should ever decide to sell, it would make a great addition to complete the facility.

Further discussion addressed the eight (8) foot fences around the courts and the entrance to Kip Jacoby Park off 5th Court. Dr. Good stated she would investigate options for both areas.

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-91

5. [25-213](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AWARD OF ITB25-008 NW 22ND STREET STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER DBF CONSTRUCTION, LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE

PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT NO. 12791; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
(Fiscal Impact: \$779,762.02)

(**Staff Contact:** Dr. Tammy Good)

Dr. Tammy Good, CIP manager, introduced the item, stating this is a stormwater management project located at Northwest 22nd Street, near Copans Road and Powerline. The project involves an exfiltration trench without any outfall, allowing water to percolate back into the ground. The lowest responsive bidder, DBF Construction, is recommended for the project with a bid of \$779,762.02.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Mike Skversky, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concerns about the proposed construction project. He compared it to a previous disaster on his block caused by a six-foot-wide opening that led to flooding. Dr. Good stated that the new project is similar to a storm drain construction project and that they would manage traffic and safety.

Mr. Skversky also highlighted issues with tire damage from the previous project, but he was assured that the project would not be as problematic.

Mayor Hardin concluded public input and welcomed further Commission discussion; however, no one further commented on the item.

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-92

6. [25-207](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE CITY OF TERRASINI, ITALY TO ESTABLISH A FRIENDSHIP CITY AFFILIATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(**Staff Contact:** Ty Tabing)

The Mayor distributed a report from Mr. Tony Phillips regarding the Sister City's project over the past year to the commissioners for informational reading.

Ty Tabing, Cultural Affairs Director, presented a resolution to establish a Friendship City affiliation with Terrasini, Italy, making it Pompano Beach's fifth Sister City. The Sister Cities program promotes cultural, educational, and trade exchanges. Tony Phillips, who leads the local chapter, has implemented initiatives like a pen pal program for students and awarded a scholarship to a student from FAU for a semester in Italy. He is also working to connect local businesses with potential manufacturing and warehouse opportunities.

Mayor Hardin sought input from the public and the Commission but received none; he requested a roll call on the motion.

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-93

7. [25-215](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AWARD OF ITB25-007 SENIOR ACTIVITIES CENTER PARKING LOT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER DBF CONSTRUCTION, LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT NO. 12790; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
(Fiscal Impact: \$433,868.39)

(**Staff Contact:** Dr. Tammy Good)

Dr. Tammy Good, CIP Manager, stated the project was competitively solicited as an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for the construction of 33 new parking stalls and accompanying features, to include landscaping, lighting, storm drain, curbing, and pavement.

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

Comr. Perkins asked for clarification on the pre-construction phase requirements listed in the contract. Dr. Good advised this was general language in the contract and there was no pre-construction applicable to this project as the City designed the project. Discussion continued regarding the design and timeline.

Comr. Perkins highlighted that DBF Construction had been getting a lot of work from the City. Dr. Good stated they were winning competitive bids. Comr. Perkins stated this parking was needed as soon as possible, as it should have been done correctly in the first place.

Vice Mayor Fournier asked if there were other responsive bidders. Dr. Good stated there was a list of bidders, but she would have to defer to the Procurement Department for specific details. Vice Mayor Fournier asked if DBF Construction was the lowest qualified bidder for the project, to which Dr. Good confirmed this was correct.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton stated that this was a brand-new GO Bond-funded Senior Center with state-of-the-art amenities. However, it was a victim of its own success in not having enough parking spaces, so the City corrected this by purchasing adjacent property to construct a parking lot.

Comr. Perkins stated this was not a state-of-the-art senior activity center, but she wished that it would get there somewhere along the line. She asserted there were a lot of issues and she would be working with the City Manager to address them.

Vice Mayor Fournier stated the GO Bond had given the City a number of amazing assets, but with that there had been some growing pains and lessons learned. She acknowledged that Comr. Perkins must continue striving to secure the facility that seniors deserve.

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-94

8. [25-125](#) **P.H. 2025-28: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)**

AN ORDINANCE 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 ALAN JAY AUTOMOTIVE MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR PURCHASES OF NEW MUNICIPAL VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Cost will be the approved Adopted Capital Outlay)

(Staff Contact: Robert McCaughan)

FIRST READING: FEBRUARY 25, 2025

Robert McCaughan, Public Works Director provided a brief overview of the agreement with Allen J Automotive Management. There were no changes between first and second reading.

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

Comr. Fesik stated she had asked at the last meeting why someone local was not being used, and she had subsequently reached out to Allen J Automotive Management to ask her questions. She advised that she had learned that the City gets the best price through agreements such as this because they work directly with the manufacturer. She asked how many standard vehicles are in the fleet and how many are approaching the end of life. Mr. McCaughan stated he would follow up with an accurate number. He reviewed the Capital Replacement Plan and the system used to determine how long to keep a vehicle. Discussion continued regarding lease versus purchase and anticipated expenditure through this contract.

Vice Mayor Fournier stated she would vote to support the contract to allow the City to replenish its fleet as necessary, but she also had many questions. She advised that she had concerns with the leasing strategy and the fleet and would be following up with staff.

Comr. Fesik asked if leasing vehicles would come before the Commission for approval. Mr. McCaughan stated he did not know the procurement rules associated with a lease, as this was a purchase contract.

Meeting went into Recess at 3:30 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened at 3:45 P.M.

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

Yes: Fesik

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2025-299. [25-177](#) **P.H. 2025-37: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND 20 NORTH OCEANSIDE OWNERS, LLC; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: 45% net revenue split to owners, 55% to the City)

FIRST READING: FEBRUARY 25, 2025

(Staff Contact: Jeff Lantz)

Jeff Lantz, Parking Manager, presented Item 9 on second reading. He indicated that no changes have been made since the first reading.

Mayor Hardin sought input from the public and the Commission but received none; he requested a roll call on the motion.

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

Yes: Fesik

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2025-3010. [25-198](#) **P.H. 2025-38: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF LICENSOR'S INTEREST IN PARKING LICENSE AGREEMENT AMONG THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, LEASE FLORIDA POMPANO LLC, AS ASSIGNOR, AND WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS ASSIGNEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

FIRST READING: FEBRUARY 25, 2025

(Staff Contact: Jeff Lantz)

Jeff Lantz, Parking Manager, presented Item 10 on second reading. He indicated that no changes have been made since the first reading.

Mayor Hardin sought input from the public and the Commission but received none; he requested a roll call on the motion.

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

Yes: Fesik

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2025-31

11. [25-169](#) **P.H. 2025-39: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$195,000.00 FOR ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING THE OPERATION OF A COMMUNITY TRANSIT CIRCULAR SERVICE, AND CONFIRMING THE CITY'S MATCHING CONTRIBUTION IN AN AMOUNT OF \$195,000.00; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$195,000.00 Grant Revenue with \$195,000 City match for up to 3 years)

(Staff Contact: Jeff Lantz)

Jeff Lantz, Parking Manager, presented a \$195,000 public transportation grant agreement, originally for one year, with the potential for two additional years. The City received initial funding from the Florida Department of Transportation in July 2020, which will continue until December 2025. The current provider, Circuit, has had their agreement extended for one year while the City prepares a request for proposals for a long-term provider. The grant will be used to expand the micro-transit service into neighborhoods west of the Intercoastal

Waterway by adding two electric vehicles in the Harbor Village area. This expansion aims to reduce roadway traffic and parking issues on the barrier island. The City will match the grant funding dollar for dollar and will seek additional grants for future expansions.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Dominique Lewis 400 NE 2nd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, inquired about the City's grant management system to better understand grant sources, renewal timelines, and upcoming opportunities. He emphasized the need for clarity on the procurement process for projects, such as pickleball courts, and differentiates between operational expenditures and capital expenditures. Mr. Lewis suggested that leveraging technology with ride-sharing services, could improve efficiency in city operations and urged for the implementation of a campaign management system to enhance overall functionality and benefit the community.

Mayor Hardin concluded public input and welcomed further Commission discussion; however, no one further commented on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Ordinance / Regular Agenda be APPROVED FIRST READING. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2025-32

12. [25-214](#) **P.H. 2025-40: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 32, "DEPARTMENTS," OF THE POMPANO BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 32.39, "COMPETITIVE BIDDING," TO PROVIDE FOR REVISION TO THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Mark E. Berman)

City Attorney Berman stated at the last meeting he had been tasked by a member of the Commission with bringing back modifications for the process of competitive bidding. He advised that he had gathered feedback

from the Director of Procurement and Contracts and drafted an ordinance to address the concerns brought forward, including additional fiscal control and legal review, as well as changes to titles. He reviewed the changes and suggested the matter could also be discussed at an upcoming Procurement Workshop.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Jackie Moreland, 1526 NW 7th Lane, Pompano Beach, FL, stated Mr. Berman had done a lot of work. She asked for clarification on the ordinance amendment in layman's terms. City Attorney Berman explained the proposed process amendments.

Ms. Moreland asked if the amended policy was comparable with other cities. City Attorney Berman stated he had not done a comparison. He said that Pompano Beach aims to lead by example, allowing others to follow the City's model, while also complying with the law. Discussion continued regarding contract authority and communication.

Mayor Hardin closed public input and moved on to Commission discussion.

Vice Mayor Fournier stated there was an opportunity to do much better and thanked City Attorney Berman for taking the lead in making changes to the ordinance. She noted purchasing authority of \$150,000 for the City Manager remained an opportunity for discussion, as the next highest cities in the County set this amount at \$100,000. She stated the changes did address concerns with controls and compliance, reporting, and legal review. She commented that other changes she may have could be discussed at the upcoming Procurement Workshop. Discussion continued regarding the procurement process when items come in over budget and budget adjustments.

Comr. Fesik thanked City Attorney Berman for his dedication to finding common ground. She stated she was excited about the Procurement Workshop and thought this was a great start for that conversation.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton stated there is a misconception about transparency, noting everything the City does is a public record. She asserted it was distasteful to question the City Manager from the dais, and asserted it was creating the illusion of a problem that does not exist. She pointed out the City had stellar audits 10 years in a row.

Comr. Smith stated she did not disagree with some of the changes, but she also did not feel the \$200,000 purchasing authority of the City Manager should be changed. She added that 25 percent over budget was an appropriate marker for overages. She advised she could not support the ordinance as-is and suggested the ordinance was premature.

City Attorney Berman stated following the workshop, he would take any recommendations from the Commission as a whole and bring back a revised ordinance.

Comr. Fesik stated she was not trying to suggest anything nefarious or call anyone's character into question, but looking at dollars and cents, she was looking forward to the Procurement Workshop as an opportunity to do better.

Mayor Hardin commented that he liked some of the amendments and additional transparency is always good. He asked for clarification on expenditures coming to the Commission and potential for change after-the-fact. City Attorney Berman explained that in the event the Commission disagrees with a decision, there would be a clause in the contract that would allow for its cancellation. He pointed out that legally, there was nothing wrong with the procedure being followed or with the actions of the City Manager.

Mayor Hardin stated the Commission tasks the City Manager with accomplishing things, and questioned how far into that process the Commission should engage. Discussion continued regarding the discretion of the Commission and City Manager.

Comr. Perkins discussed an example of the City Commission getting involved in hiring and firing from the dais and stated this issue comes back to whether the Commission trusts the City Manager to do the right thing and are doing enough to monitor this.

Comr. Fesik suggested there was an opportunity to start transparency earlier in the process. City Attorney Berman clarified the Commission could not get involved in the day-to-day operations of the City, and direction would need to come from the Commission as a whole.

Vice Mayor Fournier asserted the issue was not trust, but whether the Commission was abdicating its responsibility for oversight and deciding the values of the City.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Ordinance / Regular Agenda be APPROVED FIRST READING.. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fournier

No: Fesik

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Hardin

13. [25-209](#) **P.H. 2025-41: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 155, "ZONING CODE," OF THE POMPANO BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING SECTION 155.2411., "TREE PERMIT," SECTION 155.2421., "ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENT," SECTION 155.5203., "LANDSCAPING," AND SECTION 155.5204., "TREE PRESERVATION," TO CLARIFY AND INTRODUCE LANDSCAPING INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES AND INCORPORATE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 155.5204., "TREE

PRESERVATION,” TO CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION REGULATING COASTAL DUNE MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: n/a)

(Staff Contact: Max Wemyss)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Ordinance / Regular Agenda be POSTPONED to April 8, 2025. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

14. [25-208](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A PARKING LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND HANSA AND GIRISH PATEL ON VACANT LAND LOCATED AT SE 2ND STREET ON THE EAST SIDE OF BRINY AVENUE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: 50%-50% revenue split)

(Staff Contact: Jeff Lantz)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Resolution / Regular Agenda be POSTPONED to April 8, 2025. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

15. [25-211](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING_____TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, AS THE AT-LARGE MEMBER, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 13, 2028; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

Applicants

Rafael Katz - District 1
Shanon Jean Claude - District 2
Jonah Violante - District 3
Kenneth Arnold - District 3
Phillip Schulte - District 3
Albert Hill - District 4
David Swain - District 5

Other Board Memberships

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(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Resolution / Regular Agenda be ADOPTED. Commissioner Fesik nominated Rafael Katz, Commissioner Smith nominated Albert Hill, and Vice Mayor Fournier nominated Jonah Violante. The motion carried by the following roll call vote to appoint Rafael Katz:

Yes: Fesik

Perkins

Fournier

Hardin

No: Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-95

16. [25-217](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING _____ TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, AS ALTERNATE 1, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 13, 2028; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

PLEASE REFER TO FILE ID 25-211 FOR APPLICANTS

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Resolution / Regular Agenda be ADOPTED. Vice Mayor Fournier nominated Jonah Violante and Commissioner Perkins nominated Albert Hill. The motion carried by the following roll call vote to appoint Albert Hill.

Yes: Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Hardin

No: Fesik
Fournier

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-96

17. [25-218](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING_____TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, AS ALTERNATE 2, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 13, 2028; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

PLEASE REFER TO FILE ID 25-211 FOR APPLICANTS

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Resolution / Regular Agenda be ADOPTED. Vice Mayor Fournier nominated Jonah Violante. The motion to appoint Jonah Violante carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-97

E. 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.

F. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

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

March 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

April 8, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

G. REPORTS

City Manager's Report:

City Manager Harrison followed up on a previous request to come up with costs for a police study. He stated

he had a wide range, with costs from \$150,000 to \$300,000. He sought direction as to whether to pursue obtaining proposals.

Comr. Perkins clarified the cost would provide for a consultant to look at options for going back to Pompano Beach Police Department. She asked how many consultants were contacted. City Manager Harrison stated staff had narrowed the options to three (3) consultants.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton stated it would be astronomically expensive and a liability. She asserted a study should not move forward.

Vice Mayor Fournier stated she did not believe action needed to be taken at this time.

Mayor Hardin asked if the study would include an evaluation of the current policing to provide a comparison or benchmark. He stated BSO does a great job for the City, but he would be in favor of hearing proposals.

Comr. Fesik stated the conversation could be tabled for another time.

Comr. Perkins stated she would be more comfortable knowing exactly what would be expected of the consultant and what they would do.

A motion was made by Mayor Hardin, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, to direct the City Manager to request proposals from the consulting firms identified to determine what would be included in a study of establishing a Pompano Beach Police Department.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the motion.

Vice Mayor Fournier left the meeting during the discussion.

Dominique Lewis, 400 NE 2nd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, stated that without knowing the community sentiment, it is hard to know how to proceed. He commented that compared to the BSO budget, the cost of the study was minor, and they would not know the cost savings without the details.

Sonya Finney, 173 NW 15th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, commented that she finds it difficult for the Commission to make an informed decision based on the information presented by City Manager Harrison.

City Manager Harrison stated he was requested to provide a specific number in response to requests from the Commission. He acknowledged that while the initial response is a number, more detailed information will be provided later. The situation is still evolving, and further details are expected in the future.

Mayor Hardin clarified that they were not currently making a decision regarding spending money. He mentioned that Mr. Harrison had been tasked with providing pricing information, which he did by presenting a range of options. At this point, it is up to the Commission to decide whether they want to pursue the matter further.

Ms. Finney expressed the need for better and more informed information regarding spending decisions. Mayor Hardin stated it is up to the Commission to want Mr. Harrison to provide this improved information to potentially make a different decision.

Ms. Finney expressed her frustration with the lack of detail provided by the City Manager. She compared the City Manager's responses to those of a high school student, emphasizing that he should be held to a higher standard due to his position and salary. She believed that the City Manager should provide more specific information and demonstrate initiative in gathering data.

Jackie Moreland, 1526 NW 7th Lane, Pompano Beach, FL, commented on the disrespectful tone from the dais when disagreeing with public comment. She agreed there was not enough information to make a decision.

Don Salomone, 3221 NE 8th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, discussed Sunshine Law and advised the Commission to rethink questioning the authority of the City Manager.

Comr. Fesik clarified that she did not want the intention to be that the Commission was questioning the City Manager's behavior. She stated she does have a standing meeting ahead of the meeting to go over the agenda, and this issue was not brought up at that time.

Tundra King, 124 NW 15th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, agreed with past speakers that there had not been enough information given on the task at hand and the City Manager could go back to fill in the details. She noted she had been part of a team that got its own police department and felt this led to improved relationships in the community. She commented that she hoped the money would be spent.

Mayor Hardin closed public input and moved on to Commission discussion.

Comr. Fesik stated she would like to know more about the process used to select the consultants who would receive a phone call and what questions were posed to the consultants. She suggested that if bids were sought, the process could be opened to allow the Commission to evaluate the bids.

Comr. Smith stated she believed a range was what had been asked for. She noted the cost associated with requesting proposals and stated she believed the result would show the cost would far exceed that of BSO. She asserted the City is in good hands with BSO and suggested the issue be revisited later.

Comr. Fesik suggested the door be left open to revisit this issue at a later time.

The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Perkins
Hardin

No: Fesik
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith

Absent: Fournier

City Attorney's Report:

No report.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Alfred encouraged members of the public who wanted to learn more about understanding the City Commission agenda to contact his office.

Comr. Fesik's Report:

Comr. Fesik thanked City Clerk Alfred for his suggestion. She noted that the CRA Board agendas have a synopsis of the item and suggested that the City Commission might also explore this.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fesik, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, to include a summary of agenda items on the agenda.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton asked whether it was possible to shrink the fonts on the agenda and add the legislation text and make it more clear how to find this information online. City Clerk Alfred stated this varied depending on the item and the department, but staff would explore options with the vendor that provides the software.

Comr. Fesik withdrew her motion. Comr. Sigerson-Eaton withdrew her second to the motion.

Comr. Fesik commented on a recent tragedy on Atlantic Boulevard and offered her condolences to the family. She stated she would like to see real changes that will make pedestrian safety a top priority and shared that in a 2023 study, Pompano Beach was number one (1) in pedestrian fatalities of 287 cities with populations of at least 100,000. She asserted this needed to be addressed now and into the future.

Comr. Fesik stated the power of a community lies in its diversity and thanked City Attorney Berman for taking the initiative to bring forward an ordinance following the procurement discussion. She commented on the need for a detailed pedestrian plan to block traffic for events at the beach.

Mayor Hardin asked about the source of the study referenced. Comr. Fesik stated it was data from the National Highway Traffic Administration shared in a blog post by a local attorney.

Comr. Perkins' Report:

Comr. Perkins thanked BSO for assisting the Braggs family, associated with the Braggs-Cristwell Substation, following the loss of Bernice Braggs. She highlighted the Clean Streets initiative on Thursday, March 13. She shared that somewhere around 2018, there had been a young man attending the CRA meetings who had expressed frustration with understanding the agenda, and from that point on, the agenda included a summary and background for each item.

Comr. Perkins recognized Blanche Ely High School for winning State Championship 5A, and stated there would be a parade on Saturday. She asked that the City be part of the purchase of rings, plaques, and trophies for the team. She commented that the CRA meetings in February and March were canceled, and stated the Commissioners should have more say in cancelations due to the number of upcoming projects to be discussed. She asked City Manager Harrison to look into the traffic light at NW 16th Avenue and MLK, as she was told it had been approved by Broward County and she would like to see that proceed. She noted recent scams targeting senior citizens related to Sun Pass and stated information should not come via text.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton's Report:

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton stated a resident had brought up an interesting thought on how to make the City's construction project more educational. She suggested setting up a camera and noted there was always a need for the trades. Continuing, she announced that the Cresthaven Civic Association meeting would be postponed from March 13 to March 24 and combined with a presentation on the new downtown. She reminded residents that the free chlorine would go into effect on March 17 and last until April 7, and the next hazardous waste drop-off would be on April 5th at 1660 NW 10th Avenue from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton highlighted legislation related to eliminating property taxes and stated that cities would have to make cuts. She thanked the Pompano Beach Elks Lodge #1898 for sharing their appreciation of the street lights.

Comr. Smith's Report:

Comr. Smith welcomed the new Fire Chief and stated it had been a great ceremony. She shared that the mural and the McNair Center had started two (2) weeks ago recognizing sports legends of Pompano Beach, FL, and the detail is phenomenal. She noted great turnout at recent events and stated on February 27 on Powerline Road, a vehicle went through a local barbershop called Mistress of the Blade. She stated the City would be helping to expedite the permits to get the business back up and a Go Fund Me page was in place to assist. She shared a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt.

Vice Mayor Fournier's Report:

No report.

Mayor Hardin's Report:

Mayor Hardin gave a shout-out to Blanche Ely High School and recognized the fifth time bringing home the trophy. He highlighted upcoming meetings for Downtown Pompano Beach:

- March 17th - 6 PM at the E. Pat Larkins Community Center
- March 18th - 6 PM at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center
- March 19th - 11 AM at the Herb Skolnick Community Center
- March 19th - 6 PM at the Pompano Beach Cultural Center

- March 24th - 6 PM at the Charlotte J. Burrie Civic Center

Mayor Hardin stated there would be City Commission meetings on April 7th and May 14th, and a Meet the Architects meeting on April 15th at E. Pat Larkins Community Center and May 7th at Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, both at 6 PM.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Rex Hardin, Mayor

Kervin Alfred, City Clerk