

# City of Pompano Beach

100 West Atlantic Blvd. Pompano Beach, FL 33060

#### **Detailed Minutes - Final**

### **City Commission**

Rex Hardin, Mayor
Andrea McGee, Vice Mayor
Alison Fournier, Commissioner
Barry Moss, Commissioner
Beverly Perkins, Commissioner
Rhonda Sigerson-Eaton, Commissioner

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

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

1:00 PM

**Commission Chamber** 

#### **City Commission Meeting**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Honorable Rex Hardin, Mayor called the City Commission meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. **Note**: The meeting began later than planned because a Special Joint meeting of the City and the Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency ran over its scheduled time.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioner Alison Fournier

Commissioner Barry Moss

**Commissioner Beverly Perkins** 

Commissioner Rhonda Sigerson-Eaton

Vice Mayor Andrea McGee

Mayor Rex Hardin

#### **INVOCATION**

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

25-51 Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2024

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

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Hardin inquired with the City Manager about any changes to the Agenda, to which the City Manager responded that there were none.

A motion made Vice Mayor McGee. was by seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Agenda be APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. The motion carried unanimously by 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 all items would be pulled under the Consent Agenda for City Commission discussion.

#### **A. PROCLAMATIONS**

#### 25-24 Proclamation for "Small Business Saturday"

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation declaring November 30th as "Small Business Saturday" in the City of Pompano Beach. He urged Pompano Beach residents and communities across the country to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

The Proclamation 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:

Mary Phillips, 384 NW 19th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, distributed materials to the dais. She announced the Health and Wellness Fest and Turkey Giveaway would be held on November 23rd, at the Pompano Beach City Center, co-sponsored by Oasis of Love, Sheriff Tony, Live Resorts, Children's Services Council, and Feeding South Florida. She mentioned that it was their 10th year hosting the event and appreciated everyone who participated. Ms. Phillips also described the Teen Chasing Dreams after-school program for high school students. She noted that the new Job Lab, sponsored by BSO, offered help with job searches and resume building by appointment, with additional information available on <a href="http://www.SmallBizInfo.net">http://www.SmallBizInfo.net</a>.

Cynthia Corbett-Elder, 2361 NE 15th Terrace, Pompano Beach, FL, shared her frustration over the City's decision to install 14 globe lights on her cul-de-sac, despite her January 24, 2023, petition and continued objections. She explained how the lights, installed by Florida Power & Light, transformed the street into an "airport runway," exceeding right-of-way limits and severely impacting her home's lighting. Despite assurances that the project was on hold, the installation proceeded, and communication from her Commissioner remained

lacking. She committed to returning to future meetings until the City resolved the issue, emphasizing the health concerns associated with LED lights and the lack of communication from city officials.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton stated that efforts were underway to find a solution to lower the lights. She noted that she could not engage in a detailed conversation at that moment but reassured that the situation was being addressed.

Vicente Thrower, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concern over the lack of diversity in city contracts, pointing out that the current agenda included many high-value items but still showed no progress on minority contractor inclusion. He referenced Comr. Moss' stance on maintaining balance in decision-making and emphasized the need for policies that ensure diversity in contracting. Mr. Thrower urged the Mayor to request that the City Manager and staff propose ordinances to address and guarantee diversity in the contract process.

Mayor Hardin acknowledged the importance of the issue, emphasizing that the entire Commission is sensitive to it. He stated that he wasn't sure which specific items Mr. Thrower referred to on the agenda, but committed to setting up a meeting. He offered to arrange a discussion with Mr. Harrison, his staff, and Mr. Thrower to address the concerns thoroughly with the right people present.

Octavia Glover, 400 North Flagler Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, stated that she lives in the 55 and older Heritage Apartments behind Pick and Pay and expressed concerns about the poor living conditions and lack of security. She described the area as dirty and overrun with illegal activities, including drug use and prostitution, particularly in the garage. Ms. Glover asked whom she could contact to address these issues, noting that her car is frequently tampered with and that she feels unsafe.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton acknowledged the security issues at the Heritage Apartments, noting that Pete McGinnis and Fire Code Enforcement had been involved. She explained that the open parking garage allows easy access, creating safety concerns. Efforts to retrofit gates have faced challenges due to existing codes, but staff is working on a solution. Despite ongoing efforts and promises from building management to improve security, little progress has been made over several years.

Mayor Hardin directed Mr. Harrison to engage with staff to address the security and code issues raised, requesting to update the entire Commission. He emphasized the need to review code flaws and understand where the situation stands. Mayor Hardin also urged residents to report all incidents, even minor ones, to BSO, stressing that consistent reporting is important. He assured that Mr. Harrison would work with staff to move things forward.

Comr. Perkins acknowledged receiving multiple complaints about Heritage Apartments, particularly during early voting. She mentioned referring these concerns to the Commissioner and shared a similar past issue with City Vista, which was resolved through collaboration with BSO and the CRA. Comr. Perkins explained that holding a meeting with stakeholders, including CRA, management, and property owners, had previously improved conditions and suggested that a similar approach might help at Heritage Apartments.

City Manager Harrison directed Ms. Glover to connect with Assistant City Manager Brian Donovan, who would be available in the aisle to provide his contact information. He assured that Mr. Donovan would coordinate various departments to address the issue.

Lauren McGee Weiss, 2401 SE 7th Drive, Pompano Beach, FL, celebrated the journey and dedication of her sister [Vice Mayor McGee] over the past six years, emphasizing that while the election results may not reflect her immense efforts, they do not diminish the significant impact she made on the community. She highlighted her sister's unwavering advocacy for first responders, her visionary beach protection projects, and the restoration of the historic dune line. Ms. McGee-Weiss praised the work done for Wahoo Bay and the foresight in preserving the coastal ecosystem, noting that these initiatives will benefit future generations. She expressed deep pride and love, acknowledging that her sister's legacy of service will continue to inspire and guide Pompano Beach forward, regardless of the election outcome.

#### C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. 25-50 Consideration of a request by Yaqueline Perez to transfer ownership of Block 6, Lot 57, Plot 1 in the Central Lawn back to the City of Pompano Beach.

(Fiscal Impact: \$1,813.01)

#### (Staff Contact: Robert McCaughan)

Comr. Fournier highlighted residents' frustrations about city closures on Fridays and certain holidays, which leave long weekends for unresolved issues. She stressed the need for pre-Commission meetings to address concerns but noted she couldn't meet with the City this week, possibly leading to more questions in the upcoming agenda items. Additionally, she received a late response from the City Manager's Office regarding her meeting request at 11:52 a.m.

Comr. Fournier inquired about the process when a city-owned plot is sold and later resold.

Robert McCaughan, Public Works Director confirmed that the plot returns to the City's inventory for resale. Comr. Fournier also asked if there was a pricing difference compared to its sale in 2016, to which Mr. McCaughan affirmed that there was a difference and implied it would be sold at a new market price.

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

Comr. Perkins inquired about the number of available plots at the cemetery, to which Mr. McCaughan responded that approximately 3,000 plots remain. Based on current sales, he estimated that there are about 10 years of plots left.

Mr. McCaughan mentioned efforts to create more space, including purchasing columbariums for cremations and potentially converting full burial plots to accommodate more cremated remains, which would provide a future option for increased availability.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Approval Request / Consent

# Agenda be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fournier

Moss

**Perkins** 

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee Hardin

2. 25-28 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR AMENDMENT OF NOTATION ON PLAT BETWEEN BROWARD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH RELATING TO THE PALM AIRE RECREATION CENTER PLAT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Christopher Schlageter)

Comr. Fournier asked if this Plat Note is associated with an expansion of the Palm Aire Recreation Center.

Christopher Schlageter from the Engineering Department, confirmed that the project involves a 2000 square foot addition to the club room, which will be located on the southwest corner of the building. This new space will seamlessly connect to the existing structure.

Comr. Fournier inquired whether it is part of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Mr. Schlageter confirmed it is included in the CIP. Comr. Fournier expressed that she didn't recall seeing it in the past and asked when the work is expected to be completed, noting that the development agreement was established in 2023.

Mr. Schlageter stated that the project is currently at approximately 90 percent completion of the construction documents. The replat has already received approval from the County and is now being finalized with the necessary agreement. It is important for the County to confirm that the City is also part of this agreement. Once the project moves into procurement, processing, and bidding, Mr. Schlageter anticipates that construction could begin as early as spring, if not sooner.

Comr. Fournier inquired about Comr. Moss' awareness of this addition and expressed concern over its adequacy. She referenced previous instances, such as the Senior Center project, where there was a retrospective feeling that more could have been done.

Comr. Moss noted that the available space is quite limited, stating that the current dimensions represent the maximum size feasible. He emphasized that once this limit is reached, there will be no further opportunities for open space in that area.

Comr. Fournier asked if they are doing everything possible to make the most of what they can do out there. Mr. Schlageter responded yes.

Comr. Perkins inquired about the reasons for the need for additional space, asking whether it was driven by a commissioner, staff, or residents. Mr. Schlageter responded that the need resulted from a combination of input from staff and residents in that area, which was included in the Capital Improvement Master Plan.

Comr. Moss noted that a request was made several years ago, which was subsequently included in the CIP. However, due to the extensive work associated with the General Obligation Bond and the prioritization of other pressing issues, the proposal was delayed. This request, originally brought forth by residents through him, dates back five years.

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

Comr. Fournier indicated that the discussion revolves around understanding how to expand a facility within their districts. She emphasized the need for clarity on the appropriate steps to pursue such an expansion.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO 3. 25-37 **APPROVING** BEACH. FLORIDA, AND **AUTHORIZING** THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 11 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$487,648.00 PURSUANT ТО THE CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND HDR ENGINEERING, INC. FOR AIR PARK CONSULTING SERVICES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$487,648.00, Air Park cost share is \$24,382.40)

(Staff Contact: Dr. Tammy Good)

Comr. Fournier inquired about the selected firm for this project, asking if they are local, if there is minority

ownership or participation, and whether multiple bids were received.

Dr. Tammy Good, CIP Manager, responded that there were only two firms interested in the solicitation from 2021 - 2022: HDR and Kimley Horn. She noted that local businesses participate in the project, but the exact participation percentage was unclear, and suggested that the Purchasing Department could provide those numbers. Comr. Fournier also asked if the work required special expertise due to its location in the Air Park and runways, to which Dr. Good confirmed that this was indeed the case.

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

Comr. Perkins inquired about the City's payment of \$24,000 for this project. Dr. Good confirmed that the City's contribution is 5%, while FDOT and FAA are covering 95%. The project is part of the Capital Improvement Plan, and efforts have been made to apply for grants and design it.

Mayor Hardin clarified that the funding is not from the City General Fund but rather from the Airpark Enterprise Fund. Dr. Good confirmed that the funds are indeed coming from the Airpark budget.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-14

4. 25-33 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY FOR A PAINTED MURAL AT BLANCHE ELY HIGH SCHOOL PURSUANT TO THE COMMISSIONED ARTIST; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)



(Staff Contact: Ty Tabing)

Mayor Hardin explained that he had pulled the item to highlight it, emphasizing the importance of collaboration between the City and the Broward County School System. He noted that this partnership serves as a strong example of working together to improve schools in Pompano Beach.

Comr. Fournier asked about the selection process and whether there was a vision for the mural design.

Ty Tabing, Cultural Affairs Director, clarified that the artwork had not been created yet and that the current request was for a license agreement to start the community engagement process. He explained that design concepts would be developed through community input, reviewed by the Public Art Committee, and that Principal Williams of Blanche Ely High School was actively involved. Comr. Fournier suggested involving students in the project and offered to follow up on that.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Lauren McGee Weiss, 2401 SE 7th Drive, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concern about the limited and poorly rated school options in District 1 for her young child. She asked Comr. Fournier if school ratings influenced her decision to send her children to Pine Crest, and wondered whether she would also need to look outside the city for better education.

Comr. Fournier acknowledged Ms. McGee-Weiss's concerns and offered to discuss her decision as a parent privately. She noted that, while Broward County is now an A-rated school district, Pompano Beach schools lag behind, with several local schools rated C. Comr. Fournier mentioned ongoing communication with school board members to address the situation, emphasizing the challenges residents face despite the District's overall rating.

Comr. Fournier added that she convened a meeting with Pompano Beach school principals, including Principal Williams, to explore city partnerships. She highlighted initiatives like Hospitality Day and Student Government Day and stressed the importance of advocating for local schools at the school board meetings. She praised Pompano Middle's magnet program and emphasized the need for more community partnerships to support and promote the schools.

Comr. Perkins asked to be kept updated on the community engagement aspect of the Blanche Ely painting. Mr. Tabing agreed to provide updates.

Vice Mayor McGee asked if art students could be involved in creating the mural to gain experience and make the project more meaningful, especially for alumni. Mr. Tabing agreed, noting that they have worked closely with the art teachers at Blanche Ely High School and highlighted the school's end-of-year art exhibit at the cultural center. He mentioned that the new art teacher is interested in exploring opportunities for student involvement in the mural project.

Laura Atria, Public Art Program Manager, stated that the artist will work with a teacher and selected students to develop the mural concept and assist with the installation.

There being no further speakers, Mayor Hardin concluded public input and moved on to Commission discussion; however, no one commented further on the item.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-15

5. 24-599 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO **APPROVING** THE **CITY** BEACH, FLORIDA, **AND AUTHORIZING PROPER OFFICIALS** TO **EXECUTE COMMUNITY** DEVELOPMENT **BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC** SERVICE PROGRAM **SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS** BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO AND VARIOUS **NON-PROFIT** BEACH CORPORATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$138,048.00 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 CDBG Allocation)

(Staff Contact: Alexander Goldstein)

Comr. Fournier asked about the source of the funding for this item.

Alex Goldstein, Program Compliance Manager, explained it was all grant funding.

Mayor Hardin clarified that the funding involved is still taxpayer dollars, even though it does not come directly from the City of Pompano Beach.

Comr. Perkins emphasized that funding for some organizations, like Women in Distress, comes from multiple sources across Broward County. She suggested allocating at least 20% of funds to local organizations to better serve the community and address needs, such as youth outreach to prevent crime. Comr. Perkins noted that many Pompano organizations have stopped applying for funds due to repeated rejections and urged reconsideration to support a broader range of local groups.

Mr. Goldstein provided clarification, noting that while it may seem like the same organizations receive funding repeatedly, smaller community-based groups are encouraged to apply. He explained that annual workshops are held to guide applicants through CDBG funding requirements and that no one is discouraged from applying. Mr. Goldstein also emphasized that while HUD guidelines require extensive documentation, they are willing to assist any local organizations with the application process and encourage them to participate.

Comr. Fournier expressed support for prioritizing local organizations for funding, echoing Comr. Perkins'

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concern that many groups receiving funds are also funded by multiple cities across the county. She emphasized the importance of directing support to Pompano-based nonprofits and mentioned the City's own nonprofit funding program. Comr. Fournier suggested compiling an aggregate report to better understand how funds are distributed between larger recurring recipients and smaller local groups.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item and invited further Commission discussion. However, no one commented further on the item.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO 6. 25-49 **APPROVING** BEACH, FLORIDA, AND **AUTHORIZING** THE **PROPER CITY** OFFICIALS TO PIGGYBACK OFF SOURCEWELL'S CONTRACT TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS SERVICES, CONTRACT NO. 042221-CPI, OR EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND OPTIMUS SOLAR, LLC TO INSTALL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SIX (6) DUAL CHARGING STATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Fiscal Impact: \$55,454)



(Staff Contact: Carpelo Jeoboam/Mary Rivero)

Comr. Fournier inquired about the installation of new charging stations, to which Brian Donovan, Assistant City Manager, clarified that these would be the first charging stations in the City Hall area. He noted that there will be five (5) stations for staff use only, with one (1) station available for public use.

Comr. Fournier inquired whether the charging stations were for employees or fleet vehicles. Mr. Donovan confirmed that the 5 charging stations will be for the building department's employee fleet vehicles.

Comr. Fournier inquired whether the planned charging stations would facilitate the transition to an electric fleet. Mr. Donovan confirmed this, explaining that the charging stations will be situated near the employee parking area by the train tracks at City Hall. He said the initiative is part of a wider sustainability strategy aimed at embracing electric and alternative fuel vehicles. Additionally, employees will not be permitted to use the 5

charging stations for personal use; however, one station will be accessible to the public.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item and invited further Commission discussion. However, no one commented further on the item.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-17

7. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO 25-41 FLORIDA, **APPROVING AND PROPER** BEACH, **AUTHORIZING** THE **CITY** OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A GRANT PARTICIPATION AND REIMBURSEMENT **CROSSING** AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RAILROAD ELIMINATION PROGRAM **GRANT** BROWARD COUNTY SEALED **CORRIDOR** PROJECT ALONG THE FLORIDA **EASTCOAST RAILWAY** AND BRIGHTLINE **CORRIDOR** WITHIN **BROWARD** COUNTY, FLORIDA; **PROVIDING** EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$542,478.00, funds allocated in FY 2022)

#### (Staff Contact: Brian Donovan/Robert McCaughan)

Comr. Fournier raised concerns about ongoing safety issues at railroad crossings, particularly at intersections where Brightline commuter trains pass through. She highlighted that the funding for improvements is derived from federal grants. She indicated that there is a need to clarify what specific measures will be implemented to enhance safety at these intersections and whether certain locations in the city are prioritized for these enhancements. She cited the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (MLK) and Dixie Highway as an example, describing it as particularly problematic and unsafe due to the confusing operation of stop signs and stoplights. Comr. Fournier inquired about the allocation of funds for each intersection and whether this allocation is determined by a safety scoring system.

Brian Donovan, Assistant City Manager, discussed the analysis conducted by Brightline and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) regarding safety improvements at various railroad crossings. He highlighted that three crossings within the city need attention, though it is unclear if they have a specific priority order. He mentioned the possibility of communicating the Commission's preferences regarding which crossings-Northeast

6th, Northeast 3rd, and MLK-should be addressed first to both the MPO and Brightline if the Commission wishes to do so.

Comr. Fournier inquired about the interactive process of identifying key intersections. Mr. Donovan confirmed that while Brightline and the MPO identify the intersections, city staff can communicate priorities for specific areas.

Comr. Fournier expressed concern about the safety of the intersection at MLK, suggesting it may be particularly dangerous. She proposed analyzing data from the Broward Sheriff's Office to inform their understanding of the situation and provide guidance on how to address the issue. She would appreciate their assistance with this effort.

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

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton inquired about who would be carrying out the work, and in response, both the Mayor and Mr. Donovan stated that it would be Brightline.

Vice Mayor McGee noted that she believes the MPO has a ranking system regarding safety concerns and suggested that they may want to contact them for that information.

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

**Ves:** Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-18

8. <u>25-45</u> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING <u>LARRY ERD</u> TO THE AIR PARK ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF FRANK SELLERS AS ALTERNATE 1; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JULY 6, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

Comr. Fournier highlighted the current situation regarding the Air Park Advisory Board, noting there is only one applicant at this time. She mentioned the ongoing discussions about noise concerns and upcoming construction related to renovations on the runway and taxiways at the Air Park. She encouraged the public, particularly those who have voiced their opinions, to take this opportunity to get involved by filling out an application for the advisory board, emphasizing the need for more applicants.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item and invited further Commission discussion. However, no one commented further on the item.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-19

#### D. REGULAR AGENDA

#### **QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDING**

Mark E. Berman, City Attorney, advised that Item 9 is listed under Quasi-Judicial Proceeding and is quasi-judicial in nature; therefore, anyone who wishes to testify must be sworn in and may be subject to cross-examination by the City Commission or any other interested party. The individuals addressing the City Commission must state his or her name, whether he or she has been sworn, and understands the rules which governs these proceedings. Thereafter, Mr. Berman outlined the order in which they would follow: City staff would make its presentation for each item, followed by the applicant or any other person(s) wishing to speak, closing argument, and the Commission's discussion.

Kervin Alfred, City Clerk, placed under oath all individuals, including staff, addressing the City Commission in the following matters.

#### 9. 25-03 P.H. 2025-06: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, ABANDONING AN 18 FOOT BY THREE-FOOT WIDE PORTION OF A UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF NORTH RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND SUNSET DRIVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

FIRST READING: OCTOBER 22, 2024

(Staff Contact: Jean Dolan/David Recor)

Jean Dolan from the Development Services Department stated that this is the second reading of the abandonment request for an 18 by 3-foot utility easement located under the existing building at 420 North Riverside Drive. There have been no changes since the first reading.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item and invited further Commission discussion. However, no one commented further on the item.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

**Perkins** 

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2025-07

#### END OF QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDING

10. <u>25-05</u> Approval of budget adjustment to align the budgets and eliminate negative variances in Fiscal Year 2024.

(Fiscal Impact: \$3,007,427)

(Staff Contact: Erjeta Diamanti/Allison Feurtado)

Erjeta Diamanti, Budget Director, presented the item and stated it addresses a housekeeping matter concerning the alignment of the budget for the fiscal year 2024. This involves coordinating the financial plans for the general fund and the EMS fund, which together amount to approximately \$3 million.

Comr. Fournier noted that there seems to be an excess of around \$2.6 million in revenue. She suggested that this surplus is being used to cover nearly \$2 million in additional costs for fire operations, emergency medical services, and several other minor expenditures. Therefore, she asked if this interpretation aligns with the situation at hand.

Ms. Diamanti discussed the funding sources for the EMS budget adjustments, stating that the EMS portion is

supported by the general fund balance, while the general fund adjustment is financed through additional revenues projected for fiscal year 2024. This funding is specifically aimed at supporting fire operations and utility services.

Comr. Fournier inquired if the City's higher revenue also correlated with higher expenses. Ms. Diamanti confirmed that was correct. The Commissioner mentioned that she would send a follow-up email on the matter. Ms. Diamanti stated she would respond and provide the analysis when available.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item and invited further Commission discussion. However, no one commented further on the item.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

11. 24-590 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMENDED FY 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES AND RECEIPTS/REVENUES OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH TO ACCEPT THE PREMIUM TAX RETIREMENT DISTRIBUTION FOR FIRE AND POLICE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Fiscal Impact: \$3,574,754.81)

(Staff Contact: Erjeta Diamanti)

Erjeta Diamanti, Budget Director, presented the agenda item, explaining that it pertains to a housekeeping matter related to aligning the budgets for the premium tax distribution. Essentially, this is a pass-through allocation to the City and the Board for police and fire pension, amounting to \$3.6 million.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item and invited further Commission discussion. However, no one commented further on the item.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-20

12. 25-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO APPROVING BEACH, FLORIDA, AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE Α CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL **CONSULTING** SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND MCCAFFERTY BRINSON CONSULTING, LLC FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S WATER **TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT** PROJECT; **PROVIDING** AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$9,259,700.00)



(Staff Contact: A. Randolph Brown)

Randolph Brown, Utilities Director, explained that this resolution relates to a matter that was previously approved on May 30th of this year. At that meeting, the Commission endorsed the ranking of proposals, and now the highest-ranked contract with McCafferty Brinson is being brought forward for approval. This contract will encompass the design expansion of the reuse plant, the planning of a second deep well, and the necessary permitting as mandated by the South Florida Water Management District. Mr. Brown confirmed that all costs associated with this project will be fully covered by a grant secured earlier.

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

Comr. Fournier expressed her approval of the project being funded through a grant, but she raised concerns about a specific point in the staff report. She noted that the strategic plan initiative focuses on making Pompano Beach a great destination, which she feels misaligns with the project's primary goal. Instead of prioritizing tourism, the Commissioner emphasized that the real issue at hand is about enhancing safety and hardening infrastructure for the local residents. She found the focus on tourism somewhat distracting, and she felt bothered by this mischaracterization.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-21

#### 13. 25-07 P.H. 2025-09: (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 MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND WOLTERS KLUWER FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. FOR **TEAMMATE AUDIT FUNCTION MANAGEMENT** SOFTWARE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$42,920.00)

FIRST READING: OCTOBER 22, 2024

(Staff Contact: DC Kiyemba)

DC Kiyemba, Internal Auditor, presented the item, explaining that this is a request to purchase and subscribe to Teammate Plus, an end-to-end solution for audit management workflows. He noted that this is the second reading of the proposal, and there have been no changes since the first reading.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item and invited further Commission discussion. However, no one commented further on the item.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

**Perkins** 

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2025-08

14. 25-614 P.H. 2025-07: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF **POMPANO** BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 152, "BUILDINGS," BY SECTION 152.09, "BUILDING PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES," TO PROVIDE THE LOCATION OF A BUILDING PERMIT AND INSPECTION SCHEDULE AND FOR THE LOCATION OF THE CITY'S BUILDING PERMIT AND INSPECTION UTILIZATION REPORT; BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 152.10, "DOUBLE FEES; REINSPECTION FEES; CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY," SECTION 152.11, "E-PLAN FEES," AND SECTION 152.12, "BUILDING PERMIT FEES,"; BY AMENDING SECTION 152.13, "BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM," TO MODIFY THE REFERENCE FOR FEES; BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 152.16, "DOCUMENT PRODUCTION FEES," AND SECTION 152.17. "SPECIALTY AND MAINTENANCE INSPECTION FEES.": PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

FIRST READING: OCTOBER 22, 2024

(Staff Contact: Brian Donovan/Michael Rada)

Brian Donovan, Assistant City Manager, stated that this is the second reading of the proposal to remove the fees from the City's Code of Ordinances, and there have been no changes since the first reading.

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

Comr. Perkins asked if residents could pay in person, but Mr. Donovan clarified that payments will be easier online. The fees will be posted online, allowing residents to look them up by product and contact staff if they have questions.

Comr. Perkins inquired about distribution options other than online. Mr. Donovan confirmed that hard copies would be available in the department and the City Clerk's Office.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

**Perkins** 

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2025-09

#### 15. 24-605 P.H. 2025-02: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND 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 DELETING "APPENDIX C: FEE SCHEDULE," IN ITS ENTIRETY AND BY CREATING A NEW "APPENDIX C: FEE SCHEDULE," PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

FIRST READING: OCTOBER 22, 2024

(Staff Contact: Brian Donovan/David Recor)

Brian Donovan, Assistant City Manager, stated that this is the second reading of the proposal to remove the fees from the City's Code of Ordinances for the Planning and Zoning Department, and put them online.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item and invited further Commission discussion. However, no one commented further on the item.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

**Perkins** 

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

Enactment No: ORD, No. 2025-10

16. <u>25-26</u> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$4.1M revenue reduction)

(Staff Contact: Brian Donovan/Michael Rada)

Brian Donovan, Assistant City Manager, explained that with the transition of fees online, Staff is eager to proceed with adjustments to both the building department and planning and zoning fees, starting with the building department. During the budget adoption process, Staff conducted a thorough analysis of the fees

related to that department and recommended a reduction. This reduction is necessary to comply with state statutes and to achieve a fund balance equivalent to that of the last four years of the operating budget. The estimated impact of this change is around \$4.1 million, which has already been factored into the budget.

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

Comr. Fournier inquired about the City's legal obligations regarding project mix and fees. Mr. Donovan explained that the tiered fee structure was developed by staff a couple of years ago based on a consultant's recommendations. He clarified that larger projects are charged a smaller percentage compared to smaller projects, and the current item discussed involves a reduction across all tiers.

Comr. Fournier noted that the trend appeared linear, with a decrease of about 1%. Mr. Donovan confirmed that it was slightly more than 1%.

Comr. Fournier asked if the City could charge lower percentages for smaller projects, suggesting 1.2% for projects up to \$250,000 and 1.1% for projects over \$10 million. Mr. Donovan responded that he is unsure about this flexibility due to state statutes dictating equitable charges and stated that he would need to consult with staff for clarification.

Comr. Fournier addressed the changes to the fee schedule, emphasizing that these adjustments are not necessarily made in order. Mr. Donovan confirmed that the Commissioner's assertion was indeed accurate. In closing, Comr. Fournier expressed the desire to understand the flexibility offered by the law concerning this matter.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-22

17. 25-27 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$3.8M in revenues)

(Staff Contact: Brian Donovan/David Recor)

Brian Donovan, Assistant City Manager, presented the item, explaining that much like the review of the Building Department fees, the Planning and Zoning Department fees are also under consideration. However, instead of reducing these fees, the proposal intends to increase charges in the relevant areas. This adjustment aims to ensure that the City can adequately cover the cost of services. Additionally, these changes have already been included in the budget.

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

Comr. Fournier asked if the new fees align with those in other cities. Mr. Donovan confirmed that they do.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-23

#### 18. 25-10 P.H. 2025-10: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER BEACH, CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND WATER TAXI OF FORT LAUDERDALE, LLC FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, AND TO **AUTHORIZE** THE **PROPER** CITY OFFICIALS TO MAKE NONSUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS WITHOUT **FURTHER COMMISSION APPROVAL** AS MAY BE **REQUIRED** BY THE **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT** FOR AMERICAN RESCUE **PLAN ACT** FUNDING, AND TO PROVIDE COPIES OF SUCH AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY COMMISSION AND CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$2,628,000 over three years - ARPA Grant - \$876,000; FDOT Grant - \$1,275,000; General Fund \$477,000)

FIRST READING: OCTOBER 22, 2024

(**Staff Contact:** Earl Bosworth)

Earl Bosworth, Assistant City Manager, outlined three key updates to the agreement on the second reading.

First, there was a minor scrivener's error in Section 3.1 that has been corrected. Second, at the request of the Purchasing Department, the third Whereas Clause in the agreement was revised to include additional language referencing the competitive solicitation process. Although the original language was present, the Purchasing Department requested further elaboration for clarity. Finally, staff specified "per occurrence" in Section 3.6, which details the penalties in the contract. This adjustment aims to clarify that the penalties are assessed per occurrence. There were no other substantive changes made.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item and invited further Commission discussion. However, no one commented further on the item.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2025-11

#### 19. 25-31 P.H. 2025-13: (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 LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FEDERATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$6.18M over 3 years)

#### (Staff Contact: Brian Donovan/Lisa Sonego)

Brian Donovan, Assistant City Manager, announced that the City and the Federation of Public Employees had reached a new three-year collective bargaining agreement, effective retroactively from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027. The agreement's estimated cost impact is \$6.18 million over three years, with 90% allocated to cost adjustments: 3% in the current fiscal year and 3.5% for the next two years. The revised merit system will allow for up to 4% merit-based increases, up from the current 3%. Additional changes include recognizing Columbus Day as a holiday, incentive pay increases for certain licenses and classifications, grade adjustments, and reducing the probationary period for new employees from 12 months to 6 months.

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

Comr. Fournier raised concerns about the cost impact of additional vacation days and holidays, noting that even if it does not directly affect the budget, it could impact productivity. She highlighted resident frustrations with the current four-day work schedule, particularly the delay in services like inspections. She questioned whether there had been discussions about expanding hours for public-facing services.

Mr. Donovan clarified that the agreement does not mandate a four-day workweek, as it falls under management's rights. He explained that since the schedule change in 2017, the City has accommodated early and late visits and can arrange inspections on weekends if needed, though overtime may be required. He also confirmed that there are no pension changes in the contract.

Comr. Fournier emphasized the need to further discuss service availability to address resident concerns.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

**Perkins** 

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

#### 20. 25-19 P.H. 2025-11: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO FLORIDA. APPROVING AND **AUTHORIZING** THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-AT-RISK AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH THE WHITING-TURNER CONTRACTING **COMPANY FOR** 3 OF CONSTRUCTION OF SEGMENT THE DIXIE HIGHWAY **STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS FROM** NE 10TH STREET TO **COPANS ROAD** ΑT GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE OF \$12,984,223.34, AND TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY UNDER THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF WORK, EXTEND THE TERM AND INCREASE MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO MAKE NONSUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS WITHOUT FURTHER COMMISSION APPROVAL AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY BROWARD COUNTY FOR PROGRAM FUNDING, NOT INCLUDING THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE. TO PROVIDE COPIES OF SUCH **AMENDMENTS** TO COMMISSION AND CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING

AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$12,984,223.34 - transportation surtax and tree canopy funds)

(Staff Contact: Fernand Thony/Horacio Danovich)

Horacio Danovich, Consultant, stated that this is the first reading of the agenda item for a request to approve a six-year Contract with Whiting-Turner Contracting Company for \$12,984,223. The project, funded by the Penny for Transportation Surtax and additional city funds, includes improvements to Dixie Highway (Segment 3) from NE 10th Street to Copans Road. The work will enhance streetscapes, install new sidewalks and ADA-compliant ramps, improve street lighting, adjust turn lanes, upgrade drainage, and resurface the road. Landscaping and a traffic management plan coordinated with the Broward Sheriff's Office will ensure safety. Local and minority firms are heavily involved, with a 20% Pompano Beach participation rate and 35% county-wide target. The project is set to start in February 2025 and finish by the end of 2026.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Vicente Thrower from Pompano Beach, FL, expressed appreciation for the clear and direct response, emphasizing that he was requesting only straightforward information, as promised to the public when the GO bond was supported.

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

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton inquired about the inclusion of sidewalks on both sides of the project and expressed enthusiasm for the improvements. Mr. Danovich stated right-of-way space on the east side is very limited until the situation with FEC is resolved. Comr. Sigerson-Eaton was pleased to see sidewalks included and excited about the use of surtax funds to advance the project.

Vice Mayor McGee congratulated the team on securing the funding, and Mr. Danovich credited the success to a collaborative effort. He praised the City Attorney's Office, Assistant City Manager Suzette Sibble, and Broward County staff for their exceptional support and responsiveness. He highlighted the additional 11.9% escalation funds awarded to the project and emphasized the strong and beneficial partnership with Broward County, expressing a desire to continue leveraging this collaboration.

City Attorney Berman clarified that Assistant City Attorney James Saunders is owed gratitude for his work on the project.

Comr. Fournier asked for clarification about the "New Roadway Configuration" mentioned in the project details. Mr. Danovich explained that it involves realigning curves to install a median with proper turn lanes, requiring minor shifts of a few feet. He noted that the outer lanes will remain 11 feet wide as required for buses, while the inner lanes will be narrowed slightly to accommodate the median, aiming to reduce speeds and improve safety.

Comr. Fournier also inquired about the detailed plans, and Mr. Danovich offered to share the full set, which is

too large to include in the backup. When asked about issues with the FEC on Segment 2, Mr. Danovich explained that the City is actively working with FEC, with ongoing dialogue to finalize contract agreements. He reassured that the process is moving forward in coordination with multiple cities and should be resolved soon.

Mayor Hardin asked about the timeline for completing the missing segment between Copans and Sample. Mr. Danovich explained that they are actively seeking federal grants and have strong support from representatives and senators in Washington, D.C. If funding is secured, the project will be scheduled immediately after the current one.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

**Perkins** 

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

#### 21. 25-13 P.H. 2025-16: (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** Α **PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT FOR** INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF **POMPANO** BEACH AND ADVANCED ROOFING. INC.; **PROVIDING FOR** SEVERABILITY: PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Cost will be determined on a project-by-project basis, not to exceed \$150,000)

#### (**Staff Contact:** George Buenaventura)

George Buenaventura, Facilities Maintenance Director, indicated that this item pertains to an Ordinance concerning a Piggyback Agreement for Roofing Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair Services, with a fiscal impact not to exceed \$150,000.00.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Vicente Thrower from Pompano Beach, FL, asked if this item needed to be resolved by tonight. He noted that due to the extension of the earlier meeting, vendor Tommy Bucks, representing an African American business in Pompano Beach, was unable to discuss his company. Thrower expressed concern about the urgency of the current item and questioned the possibility of issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) or exploring alternative

options instead of committing \$190,000 annually to a Fort Lauderdale company.

Mayor Hardin indicated that if this item is not time-sensitive, there exists an opportunity to postpone it until the next meeting, allowing for the presence of all interested parties. Therefore, he proposed a motion to table the item until the first meeting in December.

A motion was made by Mayor Hardin, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, that the Ordinance / Regular Agenda be POSTPONED to the December 10, 2024 City Commission Meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

#### 22. **25-44** P.H. **2025-17**: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 131, "OFFENSES AGAINST PERSON AND PROPERTY," OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 131.24, "UNLAWFUL LODGING AND STORAGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY," TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT OPTIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR VIOLATION COMPLAINTS AND NOTICE OF SAME; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

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

Mark Berman, City Attorney, explained that the City has had an Ordinance against public camping since 2019, but with new state legislation, Broward County has developed an Ordinance for enforcement. The City will use the County's Ordinance to ensure consistency, as it allows the Sheriff to handle county violations. The aim is to offer services to those in need rather than incarcerate them. To align with the County, the City is adding a provision allowing juveniles in violation to be referred to the Juvenile Services civil citation program. Additionally, to prevent civil liability starting January 1st, the City is establishing a complaint notice procedure. This will involve creating an electronic submission method for residents to report homeless issues, allowing the City to address concerns promptly and avoid unexpected litigation.

Comr. Perkins asked if BSO would change its approach with the new ordinance regarding people sleeping on sidewalks, streets, or park benches. Major Elwood responded that there would be no changes, as the Ordinance aligns with current practices. He explained that BSO focuses on connecting individuals with needed services and only makes arrests if a crime is committed. He added that all BSO officers, including the Homeless Outreach Team and regular patrol deputies, are trained to handle situations involving homelessness and mental health with sensitivity, emphasizing their preparation through critical incident training.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Jocelyn Jackson from Pompano Beach, FL, suggested exploring a strategy used in another city, where

homeless individuals are given warnings and bus tickets to return to relatives, as many are not local and have been dropped off in Pompano Beach. She emphasized that not all are dealing with mental illness, noting issues like prostitution on MLK Jr. Boulevard. She stressed the need for beautification efforts and increased police involvement to improve the area, starting with addressing problem convenience stores.

City Attorney Berman clarified that the City already offers services like family relocation, assistance with identification, and housing support. He noted that the homeless outreach team, BSO, and community court work together to coordinate these efforts, addressing common issues such as lack of identification.

Comr. Fournier discussed BSO's efforts to reunite homeless individuals with families, noting that many ends up on Pompano Beach's streets after leaving out-of-state sober homes when their insurance runs out. She has been speaking with state legislators on ways to require sober homes to assist with returning these individuals to their home states. She also asked if the new email reporting system, which includes photo submissions, was implemented to address liability concerns from House Bill 1365, ensuring the City could show it had been notified of issues.

City Attorney Berman explained that the new email reporting system is designed to protect the City by ensuring they are aware of problems and can address them before issues escalate. He emphasized that the system should be used to solve actual problems, not for financial gain. The City is still finalizing details, including who will monitor the email. He assured that they are working with City Manager Harrison, IT, and Public Information staff to have everything in place by January 1st, as required.

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

Vice Mayor McGee acknowledged that the approach aligns with what the County and other cities are doing. She understood the protection it offers under the new law but emphasized that the challenge lies in the execution. She then expressed the need to develop a thoughtful plan to address these concerns.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

#### 23. 25-58 P.H. 2025-18: (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 MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND MCCI, LLC AND ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO THE MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND JUSTFOIA, INC., A SUBSIDIARY OF MCCI, LLC, FOR SOFTWARE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Cost for 1st year \$12,897.12 with annual fee of \$12,300.00)

#### (Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

Kervin Alfred, City Clerk, presented the item, explaining that it is a Master Service Agreement with MCCI, LLC and JustFOIA, Inc. for the continued use of their software to process public records and lien search requests. The agreement includes provisions for upgrades aimed at enhancing efficiency in tracking and managing record requests, as well as incorporating redaction tools to remove information that is exempt under various statutes. Additionally, the public will be able to track the status of their request online and make payments using credit cards at any time.

The duration of this agreement is set for three years. The cost for the first year of service is \$12,897, followed by an annual fee of \$12,300 for the remaining years. This initiative represents a collaboration between the City Clerk's Office and the Building Department, and staff recommends approval of the agreement.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item and invited further Commission discussion. However, no one commented further on the item.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

**Perkins** 

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

24. <u>25-47</u> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING \_\_\_\_\_\_\_TO THE AIR PARK ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF LARRY ERD AS ALTERNATE 2; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2025; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

**Applicants** 

Jason L. Smith - District 3

**Other Board Memberships** 

0

#### (Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

Comr. Moss expressed concern about an applicant's felony conviction noted on their application. He suggested that the City Attorney's Office investigate the nature of the felony to determine its seriousness before moving forward with the application. He proposed postponing the decision until after the investigation, stating that he would not vote in favor of the applicant without understanding the full context of the felony.

Further discussion ensued about board appointments, City Attorney Berman mentioned that there is no specific code preventing individuals with felony convictions from serving on boards, though certain serious felonies might be relevant to specific positions. Mayor Hardin questioned whether a felony conviction is a valid reason to exclude someone. Comr. Fournier emphasized the importance of not making assumptions about applicants, noting that application forms often contain glitches, which can lead to incorrect information being submitted. She mentioned that the individual in question is a captain with JetBlue Airways and suggested that more information is needed before making decisions.

City Clerk Alfred acknowledged Commissioner Fournier's comments regarding technical issues with the application form and stated he would investigate the matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Vice Mayor McGee, that the Resolution / Regular Agenda be POSTPONED to the December 10, 2024 City Commission Meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF **POMPANO** 25. 25-23 APPOINTING TO THE FLORIDA, **MARINE** ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 26, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

<b>Applicants</b>	Other Board Memberships
Frank Pelly, Incumbent - District 1	0
Gwendolyn Leys, Incumbent - District 3	1
Alexa Fitch - District 3	0
Lynne Mitchem - District 3	1

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor McGee, seconded by

Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Resolution / Regular Agenda be ADOPTED. Mayor Hardin nominated to appoint Frank Pelly. The motion to appoint Frank Pelly carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-24

26. 25-42 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING\_\_\_\_\_\_\_TO THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 26, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

#### PLEASE REFER TO FILE ID 25-23 FOR APPLICANTS

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-25

27. <u>25-43</u> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING\_\_\_\_\_\_TO THE GOLF ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 18, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

<b>Applicants</b>	Other Board Memberships
Roger Gingerich, Incumbent - District 5	0
Scott Schoen, Alternate 1 - District 3	0
Robert Hendren, Alternate 2 - District 3	0
Francis D. Santos - District 3	0
Roy A. Wilhoite - District 3	0

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

motion Vice A was made by Mayor McGee, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Resolution / Regular Agenda ADOPTED. Commissioner Moss nominated appoint Roger Gingerich. The motion to appoint Roger Gingerich carried by unanimous voice vote.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-26

28. 25-48 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING\_\_\_\_\_\_TO THE RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF DURWARD WOMACK; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2025; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

# Applicants Tashawna Thomas, Alternate 1 - District 3 Melissa Banner, Alternate 2 - District 4 Other Board Memberships 0

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

Mayor A motion was made by Vice McGee. seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Resolution / Regular ADOPTED. Commissioner **Fournier** nominated appoint Tashawna Thomas. The motion to appoint Tashawna Thomas carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-27

29. 25-57 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING\_\_\_\_\_\_\_TO THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR THE TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 7, 2024; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

<b>Applicants</b>	Other Board Memberships
Michael Miller, Incumbent - District 1	1
Karrie C. Prehm - District 1	0
Phillip Smith - District 1	0

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-28

#### 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:

December 10, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting January 14, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

#### G. REPORTS

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

City Manager Harrison announced a new holiday lights contest this year, inviting residents to decorate the exterior of their homes and enter. Voting will take place on social media from December 12th to 22nd, with winners announced on December 23rd. More details can be found on the City's website.

Randolph Brown, Utilities Director, displayed the Utility of the Future Award, recognizing efforts to advance resource efficiency, recovery, and sustainability within the water sector. The City was commended for its energy-efficient initiatives. Additionally, the City received the 2024 Water Community Champion Award from the Water Reuse Association for the Oasis Water Program. This program has been instrumental in preserving regional water supplies for over 30 years, using reusable water for irrigation and conserving over 25 billion gallons of water.

City Manager Harrison announced that Pompano Beach Fire Rescue received accredited agency status from the Center for Public Safety Excellence and the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. Pompano Beach is one of only 312 accredited agencies worldwide, with accreditation valid for five years.

City Manager Harrison expressed his appreciation with working with Vice Mayor McGee and Comr. Moss on the dais and wished them well.

#### City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Berman expressed his honor and privilege in working with the departing Vice Mayor and Commissioner Moss, wishing them both the best.

#### City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Alfred announced the launch of an online platform for advisory board applications, eliminating the need for in-person submissions or postal service. He introduced Alexander Colo, the project lead, who would provide an overview of the new system, which simplifies the application process for residents.

Mr. Colo from the City Clerk's Office, provided an overview of the new system and steps to apply.

Mr. Alfred explained that applicants will now be limited to selecting four boards of interest, addressing previous issues where applicants chose multiple boards. The upgrade will also include CRA committees, allowing applicants to apply through the same system, with applications forwarded to CRA staff for consideration. Additionally, the new system will prevent blank PDFs and ensure smooth operation on iPads, avoiding past issues with missing information. The enhanced board application is expected to launch by December 1 or shortly thereafter.

Comr. Fournier asked if existing applications would be loaded into the new system. Mr. Alfred confirmed that they would, but once a term expires, applicants would be asked to complete a new application through the upgraded system. He clarified that individuals with current applications would still be considered until their term is about 45 days from expiration. Comr. Fournier expressed appreciation for the improvement.

City Clerk Alfred reported that this summer, the Sunshine Law and State Ethics webinar was rebroadcast as an online training session to ensure all board members had access to vital information. Around 52 board members completed the course and moving forward; the online version will be used to onboard new appointees to ensure they understand the essential rules. He also announced a special City Commission meeting on November 19th, at 12 PM to accept the results of the November 5th Municipal Election, swear-in newly elected commissioners, elect a new vice mayor, and adopt the newly revised 12th edition of Robert's Rules of Order. He concluded by expressing his pleasure in working with the departing Vice Mayor and Comr. Moss.

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

Comr. Fournier announced that her regular community meetings, typically held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, will be rescheduled in November and December due to the holidays, and she will send out details once available. She also reflected on the temporary nature of the commissioner role, emphasizing that it is an opportunity to serve the community. Comr. Fournier expressed her appreciation for working alongside Comr. Moss and Vice Mayor McGee, wishing them the best and acknowledging their service to the City.

#### Comr. Moss' Report:

Comr. Moss reflected on his 10 years of service and the City's accomplishments, especially the transformation of the beach. He thanked the Commission, City Manager, and staff for their support and described his time as an honor. Comr. Moss jokingly said he would now relax at home but might occasionally return to "annoy"

them. He praised the City's staff as the best in the county and wished everyone the best of luck moving forward.

#### Comr. Perkins' Report:

Comr. Perkins reminded everyone of the upcoming Smooth Sound Soiree on November 16th, from 6 PM to 10 PM at Hunters Manor Park, a free, family-friendly event. She also mentioned the Light Up MLK event on December 7th at 5:30 PM at Annie Allen Gillis Park. Comr. Perkins expressed sadness over the demolition of the Freeman Funeral Home, acknowledging its place in Pompano's history. She concluded by wishing Vice Mayor McGee and Comr. Moss the best, encouraging them to stay involved and offering her support.

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

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and expressed her appreciation for Vice Mayor McGee and Commissioner Moss, praising their diligence, intelligence, and perseverance, particularly in their work on the MPO. She acknowledged their significant impact on the City and stated she would miss them both. Looking ahead, she suggested opening West McNab Road to provide additional evacuation options and ease congestion, particularly during emergencies. She proposed postponing the planned raising of the 6th Terrace Bridge, which would cost over \$6 million for just 300 residents, and reallocating those funds to open West McNab Road to improve traffic flow and options for residents.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sigerson-Easton, seconded by Commissioner Moss, to open West McNab Road and use the funding for the 6th Terrace Bridge project to pay for it.

Comr. Perkins suggested that before deciding about opening West McNab Road, it would be important to survey and engage with the residents in the area to gather their input.

Comr. Moss acknowledged opposition from residents east of the railroad tracks but supported Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton's suggestion, citing the need for better evacuation options due to the growing population, especially with the Isle Casino development. He emphasized the importance of considering the needs of tens of thousands of residents and suggested that the City begin a conversation about the issue, even though he would not be there to vote.

Comr. Fournier expressed that the issues of the bridge and McNab Road are separate and should be debated individually. She emphasized that the bridge has been promised to the community for decades, and the costs associated with opening McNabb Road are significant. She acknowledged the ongoing discussions and community concerns about McNab but stressed the importance of thoughtful debate. Comr. Fournier suggested that if the proposal passes, there should be a public dialogue in the next meeting with full community participation.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton responded by emphasizing that the discussion should focus on the issue at hand rather than personal attacks. She agreed that opening McNab Road would help alleviate traffic and provide more evacuation options for the City, noting that the need for additional pathways is a matter of common sense, not requiring further study. She concluded by acknowledging the motion on the table.

Comr. Fournier acknowledged the motion on the floor but stressed that there is a proper process for addressing these issues. Based on feedback from the community, she argued that trying to resolve the problems at Atlantic and Dixie by opening McNab is not the right solution. She expressed willingness to discuss solutions for Atlantic but emphasized that the issues of McNab and Atlantic are separate and should be handled individually.

Mayor Hardin acknowledged the motion linking the bridge and McNab Road but suggested McNab should be considered separately. He highlighted that the bridge has been promised for over a decade and is a worthy project. However, he warned that the railroad might oppose opening McNab over the tracks and could require the removal of other crossings, making it a complex issue.

#### The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Moss

Sigerson-Eaton

No:Fournier

Perkins

McGee

Hardin

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton asked who could speak to the issue of the railroad's opposition, noting that it has been publicly stated that both Brightline and FEC want to eliminate grade crossings. She expressed regret that this effort wasn't made 20 years ago when it was needed, describing the situation as a bottleneck. She concluded by pointing out that Comr. Fournier had previously stated she would stop the Atlantic and Dixie project, but it didn't happen.

#### **Vice Mayor McGee's Report:**

Vice Mayor McGee asked about the timeline for Christmas lights and requested they stay up past Orthodox Christmas for the beach district community. She also raised concerns about the new beach playground, suggesting additional lighting for safety. Vice Mayor McGee reflected on her six years of service, highlighting achievements like the pier opening, Shipwreck Park, and Wahoo Bay, and thanked residents and staff for their support. She praised the City's culture, created by the City Manager, and expressed excitement for the City's future. She encouraged everyone to stay positive and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

#### Mayor Hardin's Report:

Mayor Hardin wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked Vice Mayor McGee and Comr. Moss for their exceptional work in transforming Pompano Beach. He praised their contributions to the City's progress, particularly in District 5 and the beach area in District 1. Mayor Hardin acknowledged the importance of both political leadership and city staff in driving change. He expressed gratitude for their contribution and encouraged them to stay involved. He concluded by thanking them for their service.

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

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Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

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Rex Hardin, Mayor