



# City of Pompano Beach

100 West Atlantic Blvd.  
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

## Detailed Minutes - Final

### City Commission

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

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

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

1:00 PM

Commission Chamber

### City Commission Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Rex Hardin, Mayor called the Regular 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

Elder Robert Kintchen of Christ Fellowship Church of God in Christ offered the invocation.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Hardin inquired with City Manager Harrison whether there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Harrison confirmed that there were none.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION**

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

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

**A. PROCLAMATIONS****[26-191](#) Black History Month Proclamation**

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation declaring February as Black History Month in the City of Pompano Beach. After reading the proclamation, he presented it to Elijah Wooten, a retired teacher from Broward County Public Schools. The Mayor mentioned that Mr. Wooten had taught him drafting back in middle school and then invited him to speak to the audience.

Mr. Wooten addressed the Commission about the need to recognize Blanche Ely High School, where he graduated in 1952, rather than the memorial labeled "Pompano Colored School." He requested that his graduating class, the first 12th-grade class in Pompano Beach, be acknowledged with signage during Black History Month. Mr. Wooten shared personal stories, highlighted the challenges of segregation, and discussed the school's history and its founder, Mrs. Blanche General Ely. He offered to pay for two signs if the City approved the request, and suggested that the design be reviewed for compatibility with the City's motifs. He expressed hope for a decision before the end of February and concluded by advocating for the inclusion of the Bible in public schools.

Comr. Perkins highlighted Mr. Wooten as an inspiring figure in the community, along with her mother, both of whom were in their 90s. She reflected on the significance of Black History Month, stating that for many, it was a daily reminder of the people who paved the way for future generations. Comr. Perkins emphasized the importance of remembering local individuals who made significant contributions in Pompano Beach before their passing. She expressed gratitude to Tiger Trail for their efforts to promote Black history in the city, acknowledging their valuable work. Additionally, she addressed Mr. Wooten's request regarding a sign at Coleman Park that incorrectly labeled it as the "colored school," noting that there is intent to change it to "Blanche Ely." Comr. Perkins assured that the other items mentioned by Mr. Wooten would also be addressed and thanked everyone for recognizing Black History Month. She confirmed her commitment to continue Tiger Trail's efforts throughout the month.

**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:

**Rodrick Phillips**, 2620 NW 10th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, District 5, noted he was inviting the dais to a cybersecurity forum at the Pompano Beach Activity Center on the 12th at 10:00 a.m., describing it as focused on helping elderly residents understand and avoid scams. He also noted he had observed the Broward Sheriff's Office outreach assisting a homeless person that morning and expressed appreciation for that effort.

**David Miller** noted he was also from District 5 and thanked the officials who attended a Black History Month event recognizing local businesses and community service at the Collier City Trailblazers exhibit. He noted the exhibit had grown to about 60 people and stated it was progressing toward becoming a museum.

**Elaine Hall**, 938 SE 10th Court, Pompano Beach, FL, addressed City Manager Harrison and noted she had reviewed city ordinances but could not find guidance related to building on a city right-of-way. She stated the city was allowing a property owner across from her to build a dock and boat lift over a 10-foot city right-of-way, and she referenced other examples she believed involved building over a right-of-way at 1001 South Federal Highway. She requested staff assistance with the steps to create an ordinance clarifying whether property owners may build on the city right-of-way and noted that she would email her information to the City Manager's office.

**African Bre Lesane** noted she had previously asked about a gate for Westview Cemetery and stated that she still had not received a resolution or follow-up. She asked for an update and directed a question to Commissioner Perkins about the status of the gate.

Comr. Perkins asked which gate was being referenced, then noted the issue related to Westview Cemetery. She stated the cemetery had a board and noted there had been conflict between an old and a new board, with ongoing legal issues. She stated that the City could not exceed the board's authority and noted that any action would need to follow the legally constituted board.

Ms. Lesane stated that the cemetery remained active, with burials occurring regularly, and noted concerns about trash entering from a nearby main road. She requested a temporary gate as an interim solution until a permanent gate could be installed.

Comr. Perkins noted she had asked similar questions because the exposed cemetery did not look appropriate along Copans Road. She stated that the City could not act without the Westview Cemetery Board's consent and noted that if the board requested funding for fencing, the City might be able to help. She also noted there were multiple needs at the cemetery beyond fencing.

Ms. Lesane expressed frustration with relying on the board, referenced community concerns about the board's effectiveness, and argued that the situation had gone on too long. She reiterated the request for a temporary gate and criticized what she viewed as inconsistent processes for contracts versus addressing the cemetery's needs.

Comr. Perkins noted that she could not legally override the board and stated that some board members were present, and that Ms. Lesane should speak with them before leaving. She noted many residents had loved ones buried there and stated they were waiting for legal matters to conclude before further action. She invited Ms. Lesane to contact her to continue the discussion by phone or email.

**Vice Mayor Fournier** noted she wanted the City to follow up on whether there was code requiring some form of fencing at cemeteries. She compared cemetery conditions to the City's typical regulation of homeowner property standards and asked staff to look into whether any standards applied to cemeteries citywide.

**Ira Thomas Bush** noted he had previously raised concerns with the school board and described himself as a longtime volunteer and athletic coach. He stated he had emailed someone associated with the city during the prior summer, but did not receive a response. He raised concerns about misconduct and wrongdoing he believed involved school-related channels and law enforcement, and he urged the city to engage established community members to address these problems. He stated he had been prevented from coaching because of his outspoken views and emphasized he was advocating for his child's rights at school, including his ability to visit and speak with his child. He also made a racially charged statement about authority over his child and noted he intended to return on the 24th.

**Carlene Duncan** noted she lived in Pompano Beach and offered birthday wishes to Comr. Perkins. She criticized efforts to recruit challengers against Comr. Perkins and made disparaging remarks about Patricia Williams and her qualifications.

**Tashawna Thomas**, 209 NW 15th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, noted she was directly requesting a response regarding proclamations she had asked for via email that included the Commission and some staff. She listed requested proclamations for Worldwide Wetlands Day, International Day of Women and Girls in Science, World Day of Social Justice, and Black Climate Week, and stated she received acknowledgment only regarding Black History Month, while the others were ignored. She asked for a formal answer.

Vice Mayor Fournier noted she did not recall receiving that particular email and stated she received many emails from Ms. Thomas. Ms. Thomas noted she would resend the email ahead of the next commission meeting later in the month and stated she hoped they could collaborate.

**Marianne Manko**, 1830 NE 42nd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, noted she had lived near North Pompano Park for 39 years and spoke about concerns related to North Pompano Park and the Eagles Football League. She clarified that the neighborhood did not oppose football at the park, but had complained for years about amplified music volume with no resolution. She stated the neighborhood was now requesting no amplified music, noting prior requests to lower the volume were not followed. She stated the music often included vulgar content, lasted from about 10:00 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and disrupted neighborhood peace. She noted she had measured decibel levels and referenced health guidance that such levels were unsafe for children. She also described secondary impacts, including a party atmosphere, smoking and marijuana use, possible impaired driving, tailgating, overflow parking into neighborhoods, blocked sidewalks, parking on lawns, traffic congestion, and speeding. She noted she had a petition from neighbors supporting the request to stop amplified music, to limit amplification to essential announcements at reasonable volumes, and to consistently enforce park rules. She contrasted North Pompano Park's dense residential setting with other parks and stated the neighborhood was seeking restoration of peace and quiet, noting the issue escalated about three years ago after park rules were loosened during incomplete renovations.

**Robert Manko**, 1830 NE 42nd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, noted he and his household were long-term

residents near North Pompano Park and added details about the petition effort. He stated they contacted about 66 homes, found 60 occupied, and obtained 54 signatures from those households, noting they had not yet canvassed a nearby apartment complex but had spoken with its management. He estimated roughly 90% of nearby residents opposed the loud music. He noted some visiting teams brought their own speaker systems, increasing the volume further. He stated he had spoken with the league's president and noted the core dispute was the music, which the league framed as part of football culture, but he argued that did not justify disrupting the neighborhood. He stated residents were opposed to amplified music at this time while accepting public address announcements for games.

**Nehemiah O'Neal**, 2621 NE 7th Terrace, Pompano Beach, FL, noted he had attended a prior meeting and raised concerns about colorism and being excluded from an activity center. He stated that an incident occurred where someone used a slur toward him, and he responded with an insult, and he argued that this was the only conduct issue. He requested records of whether staff were making claims about him that were untrue and stated he needed access because his art was there and he had been producing artwork for over a year. He stated he believed the situation related to race and argued he had already apologized for his part while noting he viewed his response as protected speech.

**Frank Russo**, 2293 SE 8th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, noted he had lived in the city for 45 years and on Lake Santa Barbara for over 20 years. He began to comment on a potential ordinance change that he noted was on the agenda, and Mayor Hardin redirected him to address agenda items when they came up. Mr. Russo noted he would wait for that agenda item and encouraged the Commission to support efforts to protect and manage the City's waterways.

**Suzanne LeBel** noted she was a Pompano Beach resident and raised concerns about a recently approved zoning change related to freestanding emergency room zoning. She noted that nearly 30 residents spoke at the prior meeting and stated opposition outnumbered support, leaving residents feeling public input did not meaningfully influence the decision. She argued that the majority concerns should carry weight to avoid public participation feeling performative. She stated city staff, including Jean Dolan, noted there were no city-led studies before approving the change, which she described as troubling given impacts on safety, land use, and quality of life. She also stated the proposed text came from an applicant who would benefit, raising concerns about whether residents' interests were prioritized. She referenced remarks about prior zoning actions connected to rehab facilities and fatalities and asked for transparency on when that zoning change occurred, what ordinance authorized it, and what circumstances led to it. She noted that a 500-foot residential buffer had been described as a public-safety measure and asked what had changed to justify removing it and how safety would be protected going forward. She requested the Commission pause further implementation, revisit the decision, and conduct a proper study and public review.

### **C. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

1. [26-185](#) Approval of the members of the auditor selection committee to evaluate proposals for independent auditing services for an audit of the City of Pompano Beach financial statements.  
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Allison Feurtado)

Mayor Hardin mentioned the item was pulled by Comr. Fesik for discussion.

Comr. Fesik explained she pulled the item to inquire about how the committee members were selected, stating it seemed simple, but she wanted to understand the selection process.

Allison Feurtado, Finance Director, responded that they typically asked committee members or Finance Directors from surrounding cities to participate, seeking professionals and CPAs as required by statute, and selecting whoever was available.

Comr. Fesik confirmed they wanted someone with a strong finance background, then noted that one rule required a governing board member to serve as chair. She respectfully suggested that, while Mayor Hardin was qualified, Vice Mayor Fournier had a very strong finance background and asked whether consideration could be given to having her serve on the committee instead. Ms. Feurtado clarified that they only needed one governing board member as required by statute.

Comr. Fesik then directly asked if the Mayor would agree to allow Vice Mayor Fournier to serve as the voting chair, given her finance background and the importance residents placed on audits.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier stated that she would be interested in serving in any capacity and confirmed that she has a finance background.

**Comr. Fesik made a motion to amend the item to have Vice Mayor Fournier serve as chair instead of the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Comr. Perkins and voted on, with the motion failing 3-3 (Fesik, Perkins, and Fournier voting yes; Sigerson-Eaton, Smith, and Hardin voting no).**

Before the original motion came up for a vote, Comr. Fesik stated she strongly supported her earlier suggestion and expressed disappointment that some commissioners decided not to use one of the City's "top brains," who was available and willing to serve. She indicated she would not support the item moving forward.

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

**Yes:** Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Hardin

**No:** Fesik

Perkins

Fournier

Ms. Feurtado then intervened, explaining that the disagreement jeopardized the timing for the next audit, which was due in 2026. She described the difficulty of coordinating professionals from various city governments during the busy budget and audit season, noting the tight timeline, including a 45-day RFP process. She emphasized this was a serious matter affecting bond financing and requested that the Commission reconsider its vote.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton pointed out that this was required by state law and that failure to comply put the City in peril. She then questioned Vice Mayor Fournier's claimed financial expertise, noting that she believed the Vice Mayor was an engineer at Boeing and asking why she wasn't making \$350,000 at an auditing firm if she was truly a finance expert. Comr. Sigerson-Eaton characterized the situation as spiteful rather than compromising and accused the others of holding up required city business.

Vice Mayor Fournier responded that Comr. Sigerson-Eaton was actually the one holding up city business by being unwilling to compromise. She clarified her background, stating that she had an MBA in finance from Harvard and had worked on Wall Street for 6 years in corporate mergers and acquisitions. Vice Mayor Fournier expressed respect for Ms. Feurtado's frustration at being caught up in city politics and reiterated her frequent requests for compromise, cultural change, and equal treatment, which she stated never seem to materialize.

Comr. Fesik concluded by addressing Ms. Feurtado's concerns, acknowledging her difficult job but emphasizing that good management involves putting the right people in the right places to make the right decisions. She maintained that someone with an MBA from Harvard and financial experience would best represent residents on the committee and could help move the item forward. Ms. Feurtado added that Comr. Smith also had an accounting background, having worked as an accountant, and Mayor Hardin noted that they probably all had some accounting background before moving on to other business.

2. [26-181](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE FRUITFUL FIELD, INC. TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE PATRICIA DAVIS COMMUNITY GARDEN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$58,000)

**(Staff Contact: Scott Moore)**

Vice Mayor Fournier noted she wanted the discussion because the garden was transitioning from CRA to the City, and there had been resident interest over the years in being more involved or taking on a management role. She thanked the City for putting the \$58,000 contract out to bid despite the low dollar amount and stated that only one bid came back, from the same provider already used. She noted that she had no criticism of the provider's work and stated her goal was to ensure opportunities had been exhausted and transparency was maintained.

Comr. Perkins noted she was concerned there was only one bidder. She recalled that when she was elected, the garden was not open, and Fruitful Field was brought in to get it started with the hope of eventually finding a local group to manage it. She noted the garden had been under the CRA on CRA land and stated she was unaware an RFP had gone out, despite multiple local groups being interested. She questioned whether the process was being handled by the CRA or the City, and where the bid information was being published.

Scott Moore, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that the bids went through the City's purchasing department procurement process. He noted he had personally contacted a number of community members who had expressed interest to let them know the opportunity was going out to bid, but stated there was still only one response.

Comr. Perkins asked whether matching grants were being pursued for the project. Mr. Moore noted that the staff was always looking for grants for parks and programs, but stated he did not know of any specific grant at that time.

Comr. Perkins noted she remained concerned about on-site needs and operations. She referenced prior requests for improvements, such as security cameras and water, acknowledged that cleanup had occurred, and stated she wanted stronger involvement from schools, especially because Blanche Ely was adjacent to the garden. She noted the garden had existed long enough that Blanche Ely and other nearby schools should be fully involved, and she emphasized this was still the same group that started in 2018.

Mr. Moore described negotiation points and participation. He noted seniors had a plot there and took regular field trips from the senior center. He stated that after-school programs from multiple centers also shared a plot and participated year-round. He noted he had spoken with a local principal and was attempting to increase school involvement, though he stated progress with Blanche Ely had been limited. He also listed upgrades made since the City took over about a year earlier, including benches, composting bins, new fencing, new signs, mulching, cleanup, and the creation of 10 new plots, bringing the total to about 23. He noted future plans included a greenhouse, an irrigation-related mechanism, and a new shed.

Comr. Perkins noted the shed was needed and asked about lighting in the garden. Mr. Moore noted that lighting and cameras were still being worked on and referenced issues with the cameras, stating he would provide details when available.

Comr. Perkins noted Blanche Ely had culinary classes that could align with the garden and referenced prior interest in an opening through the back because of the site's proximity. She reiterated her confusion about the procurement pathway, noting it was an RFP run through purchasing.

Comr. Fesik noted she shared concerns about CRA properties being turned over to the City without matching budgets for maintenance and operations. She stated the \$58,000 amount seemed low for maintaining an active garden that supported the green market and other programs. She referenced hearing from someone on-site that more time and resources were needed. She asked how broadly the procurement was distributed and thanked staff for proactively contacting community members. Mr. Moore noted he did not know how many people the bid had gone out to.

Earl Bosworth, Assistant City Manager, noted the RFP had been advertised in the Sun Sentinel and on Ion Wave, and stated it was sent to 10 known vendors already in the City's system at the start of the process.

Comr. Fesik noted staff appeared to be doing the right procedural steps, but argued awareness still seemed too limited among the broader community. She suggested adding a more visible place where residents already look-such as Commission or CRA materials-showing open RFPs and how to apply. She also noted the broader budgeting issue of ensuring that departments like Parks and Recreation were appropriately funded when absorbing CRA projects. She asked about opportunities for grants and sponsorships, not only to cover the \$58,000 but also to fund upgrades and needed improvements. Mr. Moore noted he had not looked into sponsorship opportunities.

Comr. Fesik noted she was willing to help pursue sponsorships and emphasized that the garden, connected to the green market, was a valuable community resource and deserved more support. She stated she would support the item but wanted more community participation.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Vicente Thrower asked Mayor Hardin whether the mayor had personally picked produce from the garden site and whether he had been invited to do so. Mayor Hardin replied that he had not picked vegetables there and noted he believed he had been invited, but would not state it definitively.

Mr. Thrower noted his concern was accountability and productivity, arguing the City was entering another five-year contract with a long-used provider and should include benchmarks demonstrating tangible output and results. He compared the situation to informal home gardening and to a community garden in Lauderdale Lakes, which he stated had improved under volunteer leadership. He questioned why results were appearing slow, given the ongoing investment, and urged deeper scrutiny of the contract and clearer outcome expectations. Mayor Hardin noted that he understood produce was sold at the green market and that the site existed for community members to grow food. Mr. Thrower reiterated his belief that the City should scrutinize the contract more closely and emphasized the importance of visible outcomes.

Tashawna Thomas noted that she advised postponing the contract until specific clauses ensure genuine stakeholder rights for Pompano Beach residents. She stated there was a lack of community agency under current management, with residents not having input into operations or crop selection and only being informed

after decisions were made. She criticized the limited published hours, which excluded many residents; noted that volunteers often lived in neighboring cities; stated that there was insufficient local employment at the site; and noted that parking infrastructure was inadequate. She urged a contract focused on accessibility, accountability, and benefit to Pompano residents, and noted that questions raised by Comr. Fesik should also be directed to a sustainability coordinator, as she stated the City did not have one.

African Bre Lesane stated that she viewed Vicente Thrower as a member of the cemetery board and accused him of misrepresenting community interests. She argued the core issue across projects was contract productivity and cautioned against awarding Mr. Thrower further roles to "represent" residents. She stated that David Miller had been running the garden in a way that met community needs and urged the City to consult Mr. Miller on garden matters rather than Mr. Thrower.

David Miller noted he was from District 5 and shared background on his involvement with the Patricia Davis Community Garden, noting Patricia Davis and other elders were his friends and that he helped launch the garden out of respect for them. He stated he served as site manager from 2018 to 2020 and described personal sacrifices and challenges, including paying for medical care after an on-the-job injury. He noted that programming existed during his tenure, including Grow City Youth, which grew vegetables and distributed them to the community and seniors, later transitioning to selling at the market. He noted that the site later transitioned to Parks and Recreation and stated he was not fully aware of current operations due to changes over time. He stated Fruitful Field was largely the only group doing this work and suggested that was why there were no other bidders, while also noting he could have bid through a nonprofit but did not want the daily labor. He noted he remained involved through arts programming, including bringing youth centers for art on Fridays, and stated he received a small stipend. He closed by noting he valued the garden and asked not to be blamed for broader issues.

There being no further public input, Mayor Hardin invited Commission discussion.

Comr. Perkins noted she wanted more community outreach and more visible programming at the garden. She recalled early events around 2018 that included cooking and grilling food from the garden, and stated she did not know if similar events continued. She requested a calendar of events and asked what was being done for occasions such as Black History Month. She noted outreach had seemed stronger under prior leadership and stated she wanted to table the item to meet with the executive director and understand what was in place. She emphasized that outreach methods needed to match the district's realities and noted that flyers and posting information at community facilities and the library were important. She requested regular updates on schedules and events.

Jamie Castoro noted she was the executive director of Fruitful Field and was joined by Will, who was associated with the Patricia Davis site. She noted they had a calendar of events and produced flyers intended for community centers and distribution. She described first-Saturday tours that included tasting food and discussing nutritional and medicinal perspectives as an educational experience. She noted they hosted at least one workshop per month, including a recent DIY flower-arranging class, and noted they also offered medicinal and growing classes. She stated they were growing food and described a fresh food box program where residents could purchase a produce box for \$20, with a discount for EBT/SNAP participants, and noted more than 200 people were registered with weekly email prompts, while typical weekly pickups ranged from 10 to

15 participants on a rotating basis.

Comr. Perkins asked what the published hours were for the garden. Ms. Castoro noted the published hours were Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:30 to 12, and stated staff were often there longer. She noted community garden members had a code allowing access at any time, with a recommendation of dawn to dusk.

Comr. Perkins asked whether the executive director role was full-time. Ms. Castoro noted she was full-time with Fruitful Field overall but not full-time at the Patricia Davis site. She stated that Fruitful Field also managed other sites, including the Dania Beach location, and that each location had a site manager, with Will serving as the Pompano site manager. She noted she was typically at the Pompano site three days per week and stated Will was not full-time. She explained the contract budget allocation, noting that a portion went to employee salaries, and the remainder supported programming and materials, such as seeds, soil, mulch, and related needs. She stated that additional salary would allow full-time staffing, and noted Will typically worked roughly 25 to 30 hours per week.

Comr. Perkins encouraged Ms. Castoro to expand community outreach by working with local organizations to bring in more people and raise awareness of activities. Ms. Castoro noted they would continue outreach and listed local groups involved, including Pompano Proud, the Rotary Club, and a sorority with community garden beds. She addressed Blanche Ely's involvement and noted that a gate between the properties was needed for safe student access, but the request appeared stalled at the school board. She described student safety rules requiring bus transport even for short distances and stated that the gate solution would provide secure access controlled by the school. She noted they had been coordinating with Blanche Ely's culinary and STEM programs and had plans for student volunteer learning, but stated access and security constraints were currently limiting progress. She also noted collaboration with Community-based Connections on the Blanche Ely site and referenced pursuing a grant tied to education and food support, including diabetes education for area residents. She stated they were actively pursuing sponsorships and grants and that the Patricia Davis Garden was included in relevant grant requests.

Comr. Perkins asked Mr. Moore whether having two full-time employees at the garden, rather than one part-time staff member and volunteers, could improve utilization. Mr. Moore noted that it sounded likely and indicated it would plausibly help.

Comr. Perkins noted she believed budgeting for two full-time positions should be considered to make the garden more effective. She stated she supported the garden and wanted residents to know the Commission was paying attention and wanted it to succeed, emphasizing it should not remain a "quiet secret." She thanked Will and Mr. Miller for their work.

Comr. Fesik thanked staff for clarifications but stated she had ongoing concerns about overall management effectiveness. She noted she wanted to potentially table the item to meet with Scott Moore and determine whether the approach was the right fit. She referenced contract backup information showing hourly rates and argued that the time and money allocated were insufficient. She expressed concern about pay levels for physical labor compared to other roles and to higher-paid consultant work, stating it could be difficult to recruit quality workers without better compensation and structure. She stated the community had been trying to make the garden work, but it was not meeting expectations yet, and she wanted a better plan before continuing. She also

raised concerns about grant funding involving the Patricia Davis garden and sought assurance that funds tied to the garden were properly allocated back to the garden itself. She reiterated support for partnering with Fruitful Field once needs and structure were clarified, and she requested tabling the item for deeper discussion.

Vice Mayor Fournier thanked Ms. Castoro for explaining issues, especially frustration with the stalled gate request at the school board, and urged staff to communicate such barriers so elected officials could help move them. She said she intended to contact the school board. She noted she had spent time in the garden, had taken a tour with Will, knew residents with plots, and had participated in the fresh food box program, but stopped because her household could not consume the produce fast enough. She stated she viewed the operations as solid but believed the site suffered from gaps in marketing and outreach. She stated the City might need to help bridge outreach and coordination, suggesting more involvement from Parks and Recreation programming to reduce siloing and improve communication. She stated she was comfortable supporting the contract for one year while addressing outreach and engagement issues, and she reiterated her appreciation for putting the contract out to bid as a transparency measure. She noted she might sign up for a food box again.

Comr. Smith agreed they should move forward for the year while working together on improvements. She noted the budget process would start in April and encouraged bringing forward ideas to increase the budget line item. She stated they should approve the contract so operations could move forward under an official city agreement.

Mayor Hardin asked whether schools had been contacted to see if they wanted to participate in running the garden as part of the procurement process. Mr. Moore stated that he had not contacted schools to run the garden.

Mayor Hardin also asked whether the backup specified 25 hours per week. Mr. Moore confirmed it did.

Comr. Perkins stated that she would vote to approve while focusing on improved marketing, increased budget support, and pursuing grants and sponsorships. She requested regular updates on scheduled events and suggested distribution through community channels, including churches.

Vice Mayor Fournier noted sponsorship was important and suggested developers benefiting financially in District 4 could sponsor or collaborate with the Patricia Davis Garden. She framed it as an opportunity for those making money in the city to invest back into the community.

Comr. Fesik noted she would support the item and emphasized she still wanted to meet with Scott Moore to develop a plan for next year that would make the program stronger and more community-led.

Vice Mayor Fournier clarified that the contract might not automatically come back to the Commission in a year because the City Manager could sign renewals without Commission action up to a higher threshold, and she suggested making a motion requiring it to return to the Commission for approval before renewal or extension.

**A motion was made by Vice Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Fesik, that any action regarding the garden be returned to the City Commission for approval.**

Comr. Perkins asked for clarification. Vice Mayor Fournier reiterated the point and stated she wanted to make a motion that it come back to the Commission next year.

Mayor Hardin noted the contract before the Commission was structured as a one-year term with four possible extensions if terms were met, and he asked for clarification about whether requiring the item to return for approval after one year would change the RFP terms and trigger a need to re-bid.

Tracy Lyons, Deputy City Attorney, confirmed the contract included options for four additional one-year renewals and clarified that the renewal language required City Commission approval. She noted the Commission could have the contract returned for additional approval after the initial year without violating the existing agreement.

Mayor Hardin noted he wanted to ensure the Commission's mandate to bring it back for approval would not conflict with what bidders agreed to, and he accepted the clarification that it would not. He noted there was a motion and a second to require the item to come back before the Commission for approval and opened the item for input, then closed public input after noting none.

Vice Mayor Fournier clarified that her intent was for any extension or any new contract related to the community garden to come back to the commission, including if the City manager chose not to extend and instead pursued a different vendor.

Mr. Miller noted he supported structuring the contract year-by-year and stated the garden had a Black History Month activity on February 19 at 2:30 PM, including a leadership group visit and an invitation to Rock Road Restoration, which he described as a good opportunity for officials to see what was happening on-site. He noted he had previously worked for Fruitful Field and was now contracted for smaller work, and he stated he viewed Fruitful Field as among the best in Broward County, noting they managed multiple sites. He also supported Comr. Perkins' point was that one person could not reasonably manage a large garden area alone and noted that staffing levels mattered. He stated he believed outreach efforts were strong, citing mailings and postcards, and questioned which audience officials meant when discussing outreach. He made comments contrasting different demographic groups and suggested that perceptions of the garden varied by community, while noting that his own outreach was focused through groups such as Pompano Proud, Kiwanis, and the senior center, and that elders often contacted him directly for help.

Anne Bosworth, 4015 W. Palm Aire Drive, Pompano Beach, FL, noted the garden did not look the same every day and could appear sparse after harvesting or due to weather or seasonal conditions. She stated that outreach should include educating the community about when it is best to visit to see the garden's output and to help people understand that productivity is not always visually obvious.

Mayor Hardin noted there was no further public input and closed public comment, then returned to the Commission's discussion on the motion.

Comr. Fesik noted there had been confusion about the contract terms and read the renewal provision into the record, emphasizing that renewals required City commission approval and were conditioned on full compliance and satisfactory performance. She stated the intent was to ensure that the City manager brought back to the

Commission renewals or any related contract actions for this property. She asked Ms. Lyons to confirm the interpretation. Ms. Lyons confirmed Comr. Fesik's notation that any amendment, including term changes, had to be adopted the same way the initial contract was adopted, meaning through a resolution.

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

**Yes:**Fesik

Perkins  
Sigerson-Eaton  
Smith  
Fournier  
Hardin

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

**Yes:** Fesik

Perkins  
Sigerson-Eaton  
Smith  
Fournier  
Hardin

**Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-68**

3. [26-182](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A SERVICE INSTRUCTOR'S LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND CROCKETT FOUNDATION, INC. TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL E-SPORTS TOURNAMENTS AND TECHNOLOGY-FOCUSED CODING PROGRAM AT MITCHELL/MOORE RECREATION CENTER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
(Fiscal Impact: \$75,000)

**(Staff Contact:** Scott Moore)

Comr. Perkins explained that this was part of her initiative to bring technology education and coding programs to the community for children and asked whether multiple people had applied for the RFP.

Scott Moore, Parks and Recreation Director, confirmed that there were two responders to the RFP.

Comr. Perkins expressed concern about the \$75,000 budget, noting she had spoken with Henry Crockett who

would seek additional funding, but emphasized the program would need more than \$75,000 to be successful in helping as many kids as possible through partnerships with local businesses and additional grants. She asked Mr. Moore to explain the program to everyone. Mr. Moore described how the Crockett Foundation would run the tech rec center, a new state-of-the-art building with 18 computers for coding education and eSports, emphasizing it would serve the community and after-school programs at Mitchell Moore, McNair, Highlands, and the civic center, with existing relationships with Sanders Park Elementary School and Blanche Ely High School.

Comr. Perkins explained her vision for the Northwest area as a youth development hub and asked about the availability of tennis instruction. Mr. Moore confirmed they worked with tennis pro Eddy Sposa whose instructors offered programs for both the community and after-school children.

Comr. Perkins expressed strong support for the coding program while reiterating the need for more funding to include adult programming.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Tashawna Thomas, 209 NW 15th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, stated she appreciated the focus on children and seniors but noted that, as someone under 30, there seemed to be limited programming for adults aged 18-35, specifically asking about adult programming such as virtual golf. Mr. Moore responded that adult and senior programming had been discussed and offered to provide Crockett's contact information after the meeting.

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

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

**Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-69**

4. [26-192](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING HEATHER GILCHRIST TO THE POMPANO BEACH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, AS APPOINTEE OF COMMISSIONER AUDREY FESIK, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 16, 2029; PROVIDING

AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

**Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-70**

#### **D. REGULAR AGENDA**

5. [26-183](#) Approving and authorizing the award of ITB25-067 for Herb Skolnick Center Addition to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Waypoint Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$939,530.00, and authorizing the proper city officials to execute the contract as provided in ITB25-067.  
(Fiscal Impact: \$939,530.00)

(Staff Contact: Dr. Tammy Good)

Dr. Tammy Good, CIP manager, explained that the item was for approving a 2,000 square foot addition to provide open space for additional programs and activities at what she believed was the City's busiest community center, and she recommended awarding to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Waypoint Contracting, after checking references.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Debresia Lesane questioned why an additional million dollars was needed when there had already been \$3.8 million spent on a G.O. Bond project that included improvements to the Herb Skolnick Center, including lighting, landscaping, and sidewalks. She argued that certain districts were being overfunded while others were left behind, citing that the City claimed there wasn't enough money for a garden or cemetery gate, yet continued funding what she called a "private community" with city dollars.

Dr. Good clarified that the \$3.8 million was for bridges, not the Skolnick Center, though Ms. Lesane maintained her position that the same community was receiving excessive funding regardless of the specific purpose.

Mayor Hardin attempted to clarify that the \$3.8 million referenced was for bridges in the Palm Aire community, but when Ms. Lesane continued speaking after being asked to stop, he ordered her to be escorted out.

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

Comr. Perkins then asked whether this was the same addition project she remembered from about a year ago,

and Dr. Good explained it might have been when she brought the design contract forward, noting the project had been budgeted and under design for at least a year and a half and confirmed this was the first addition since the building was built. Comr. Perkins expressed concern about funding disparities, recalling how she had requested a state-of-the-art senior activity center that was built too small and had ongoing issues, with expansion funding not budgeted until 2027. She requested that when the senior center expansion comes up, it should move forward as quickly as this project was progressing.

Vice Mayor Fournier asked about the budget for the addition, and Dr. Good revealed they had budgeted around \$700,000, but the project came in over budget due to escalation and market conditions, which didn't surprise her, given that budgeting occurred two years prior. Suzette Sibble, Assistant City Manager, explained that the funding shortage was covered by working capital reserves from fund 302 and some dollars from general building repairs. The Vice Mayor noted for the record that the project came in 20-30% over budget, which wasn't surprising, and that they found money to cover the overage.

Comr. Fesik asked about the design cost, which Dr. Good estimated at around \$100,000 by DK Architects, a small local firm. Comr. Fesik requested that future presentations include information showing how bids are evaluated from initial submissions to final recommendation, noting that 14 bidders were reduced when six were deemed non-responsible for not meeting bid criteria with no opportunity to cure deficiencies. She also questioned the contract language regarding Design Kollaborative Architects serving as the owner's representative, and Dr. Good clarified they would only have limited oversight for reviewing shop drawings and certifying completion, while her team would manage daily construction oversight in-house.

Comr. Perkins asked for clarification about in-house construction management, and Dr. Good explained that she and her team would provide daily oversight of the contractor's performance to ensure compliance with design specifications, while the architect would have limited involvement only for design issues and final certification.

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

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

**No:** Fesik

6. [26-163](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 28 BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND CAROLLO ENGINEERS, INC. TO UPDATE AND

CALIBRATE THE CITY'S WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM HYDRAULIC MODEL AND MASTER PLAN PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR CONTINUING ENGINEERING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$486,922; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$486,922)

 **Strategic Plan Initiative**

**(Staff Contact:** Renuka Mohammed)

Renuka Mohammed, Utilities Director, explained that the item was a request to approve Work Authorization Number 28 with Carollo Engineers, Inc. for updating the City's wastewater hydraulic model and master plan under a continuing consulting services contract approved under Ordinance 2021-39. She detailed that the existing hydraulic model and master plan was last updated in 2021 and no longer reflected current system operations, including tidal and wet weather conditions, impacts from inflow and infiltration, and future growth and capacity needs. Ms. Mohammed described the proposed two-phase effort that would update and calibrate the model using GIS and SCADA data, convert to a specific software platform for wastewater, and evaluate system deficiencies, lift station performance, and capital improvement needs while analyzing future growth scenarios. She noted the total cost was \$486,922 within the CCNA not-to-exceed limit of \$500,000, funded through the utilities budget, and that approval would support the City's strategic and comprehensive plan goals for resilient, reliable, and sustainable wastewater infrastructure and long-term capacity planning.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item and invited further Commission discussion. However, no one 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. 2026-71**

7. [26-194](#) A RESOLUTION 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 \$1,257,500.00 FOR THE POMPANO BEACH WATER TAXI SERVICE; AND CONFIRMING THE CITY'S MATCHING CONTRIBUTION IN AN AMOUNT OF

\$1,257,500.00; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
(Fiscal Impact: City match of \$1,257,500.00)

**(Staff Contact:** Earl Bosworth)

Earl Bosworth, Assistant City Manager, provided an overview of the water taxi funding. He explained that when the Commission approved the service on November 12, 2024, three funding streams totaling \$2.6 million were presented to cover three years of operation. He detailed that approximately \$1.1 million in ARPA funds were used for the first year through March, and the new FDOT grant with city match would cover the next period and final third year. Mr. Bosworth reported that he had sent out an annual ridership and subsidies report covering 12.5 months since the December launch. He explained that the ARPA funds and FDOT grant would cover \$2.2 million, with the city general fund making up the difference. He noted that during tourism months, subsidies were lower, but in other months they required full subsidy, estimating that the City would need to contribute around \$200,000 from the general fund for the current year and potentially \$300,000 or more for year three. He acknowledged that the timing wasn't ideal, as ARPA fund deadlines prevented starting both funding sources simultaneously.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier responded that she had requested the ridership update but hadn't had time to review it before the meeting. She acknowledged the water taxi's success and busy usage but expressed concern about general fund commitments given potential risks from Tallahassee regarding property tax limitations and increased homestead exemptions. She stated she would support the item but emphasized the importance of remembering these general fund obligations as potential areas to examine if tax revenue were to be impacted.

**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. 2026-72**

8. [26-119](#) **P.H. 2025-69: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 90, "ANIMALS," BY AMENDING SECTION 90.39, "RETAIL SALE OF DOGS AND CATS," TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF DOGS AND CATS

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WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

**FIRST READING: JANUARY 27, 2026**

**(Staff Contact:** Mark E. Berman/Rob McCaughan)

Rob McCaughan, Public Works Director, indicated that during the first reading of the ordinance there had been discussion regarding the amount of time pet stores had to come into compliance. One hundred eighty (180) days had been initially proposed, which was subsequently changed to ninety (90) days.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Jasmine Sadik, owner of Paradise Puppies, 1164 N. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach, FL, stated she had just been informed of the ordinance that morning, adding that she had taken out a \$500,000 loan to open the business and had also signed a ten-year lease. Although her income is not solely from the sale of puppies as she also has retail items in the store, those items are for when a puppy is purchased. She indicated she cannot pay her rent without animal sales. Ms. Sadik stated she had followed the ordinance as written and has undertaken all steps asked of her by the City in order to open the business. Due to her concerns, she has retained an attorney. She asked that her business be grandfathered in, but at this time she feels she has no choice but to take legal action, if necessary.

Alexandra Terracola, 1164 N. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach, FL, an employee at Paradise Puppies, indicated she has only seen the best care afforded the puppies at the facility. She agreed there are “bad players” in the industry, which are putting legitimate businesses in jeopardy. Her purpose in speaking is to convince the City that they are doing business the correct way, changing the way puppy stores are run, providing a safe way for the community to obtain puppies, further emphasizing their main priority is the puppies’ health and care.

Jennifer Goldberg stated she had previously been a customer at Paradise Puppies. She indicated that, in her opinion, licensed and regulated puppy stores are part of the solution to puppy mills, not the problem, as licensed stores are regulated, inspected, required to follow local and state laws, must source puppies from licensed breeders, and maintain documentation and veterinary records creating transparency and accountability. She noted that when regulated puppy stores are shut down, the demand for puppies does not disappear, instead it moves underground to online ads, social media, parking lot sales, and unlicensed home breeders, all of which operate with no oversight. She reported that Paradise Puppies is a clean facility, professional and well-maintained. She asked that Paradise Puppies be allowed to remain in business, instead suggesting efforts be focused on enforcement of illegal, unlicensed breeding operations.

Cole (no last name given) is also a customer of Paradise Puppies. He emphasized that the store is flawless, veterinarians are present, and there are only approximately ten puppies on the premises at a time. He stated the

store is good for the community and needs to remain.

Michelle Lazarow, 2621 NE 10th Street, Hallandale Beach, FL, noted that there have been three prior hearings; however, Paradise Puppies found out about the ordinance that day and were able to bring advocates. She indicated she would have liked the same opportunity, as well as the Humane Society, consumers, advocates, and taxpayers. She asked for the opportunity for the Commission to be able to hear opposing viewpoints. She alleged there is proof for where the dogs come from including breeders with USDA violations, as well as other facilities with state violations. She agreed the store has no violations locally, however, they are addressing the sourcing of the animals at the store. Ms. Lazarow asked for postponement and another reading to enable further public input.

There being no further public input, Mayor Hardin invited Commission discussion.

Comr. Smith disclosed her discussion with Ms. Sadik that morning regarding store revenue which showed 99 percent of her revenue comes from puppy sales. She reported that the owner takes pride in ensuring the puppies come from certified sources, adding that the owner visited the City approximately ten times prior to signing a lease, making sure she was opening a business that was viable in Pompano Beach. Comr. Smith commended the owner on her prior and current due diligence, suggesting that the Commission owes it to the owner to protect her actions taken prior to opening the business, investing in it, and signing a lease.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, to grandfather in Paradise Puppies into the ordinance as long as the business stays in compliance with the City's business codes as it is currently written.**

Mayor Hardin inquired regarding the feasibility of this amendment.

Tracy Lyons, Deputy City Attorney, responded that a grandfathering clause is not included in the ordinance for Second Reading. If the Commissioner were to direct their office to include that provision, the ordinance would have to be brought back as an addition to the ordinance already advertised. If the motion passes, a new ordinance will be brought back containing that clause.

Kervin Alfred, City Clerk, asked, since the ordinance had been advertised, if the proposed change would impact the title of the ordinance subject to readvertisement. Ms. Lyons did not believe the ordinance would have to be readvertised.

Mayor Hardin then sought public input pertaining to Comr. Smith's amended motion.

Jasmine Sadik commented that a similar instance happened in Boca Raton where further applications were stopped. Four stores were already located in Boca Raton and were allowed to remain in business, with conditions put in place.

Michele Lazarow spoke in favor of grandfathering if Puppy Paradise abides by the ordinance, contending that the puppies are obtained from puppy mills and not coming from local breeders. She expressed concern regarding enforcement. Ms. Lazarow indicated they have proof of non-compliance. She asked how the City

plans to enforce their own ordinance and how many violations they would allow. It was suggested a commerce clause be included permitting purchase only from local breeders, not from out of state.

Alexandra Terracola advised she has been in the industry prior to working with Paradise Puppies. She confirmed that the breeders they use care about the health and safety of their puppies and all are vaccinated. A one-year congenital warranty is provided. She alleged that many breeders do not want to deal with the general public, preferring to work with reputable sellers.

Jennifer Goldberg claimed she undertook extensive research when buying her puppies. When dealing with Jasmine, she asked for verification of where the dogs were obtained. Documentation was provided showing the breeders were certified, were all hobby breeders, and had no violations. Inspections would ensure puppies are purchased from proper locations and breeders.

Upon further review of the ordinance regarding retroactivity, Deputy City Attorney Lyons determined, if the motion to amend the ordinance to include the grandfather clause passes, the ordinance would then be voted on with that clause, and if passed, it would not have to come back before the Commission.

Cole (no last name given) alleged it was a false assumption to assume that all dogs come from puppy mills. He stated he face-timed several breeders and founder their facilities acceptable.

There being no further public input, Mayor Hardin invited Commission discussion.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton reasoned that she has a hard time when retroactively enforcing a law, maintaining it would be unfair to shut the business down by making something illegal that wasn't previously. Having worked with the ordinance for many months, they have arrived at a place that seems to be satisfactory. She spoke in favor of grandfathering.

Comr. Fesik asked for clarification relating to the grandfathering, as well as the provision for only purchasing from breeders having one litter per year, and was advised the grandfathering would be applicable to the previous ordinance. New regulations would come from enactment of this ordinance including the grandfathering language. Comr. Fesik also asked if there would be any harm in postponing the ordinance allowing for more time to ensure full public participation, as well as time to include a secondary clause if necessary. Deputy City Attorney Lyons replied that would be within the discretion of the Commission.

Comr. Smith asserted she would rather continue with the grandfathering-in of Paradise Puppies, now having heard the other side of this issue, encouraging closure with the ordinance.

Comr. Fesik questioned the change made in Boca Raton, and not wanting to use the term "grandfathering" without exploring other parameters or actions taken by other cities. Her desire is to protect the business owner, but also make sure there is due process, due diligence, and actions are not undertaken as an after-thought. Deferral would also allow for additional input, as well as allowing her to review documents pertaining to where the puppies are supplied.

Vice Mayor Fournier also questioned grandfathering pertaining to change of ownership or change of location;

milestones that would trigger the end of the grandfather provision, as well as parameters for violations. She proposed that more specific terminology be included.

With respect to grandfathering, Deputy City Attorney Lyons pointed out that the language should read “all existing businesses.” It is her understanding that this is only one business within City limits, as listed with the Department of Business Regulations. A change of ownership would nullify the grandfather clause as applicable to that business. In order to be specific as to rights of existing businesses as they now are under the existing ordinance, the motion would have to be amended to include those parameters.

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed support for adding additional details regarding no change of location, no change of ownership (including underlying ownership), or the sale of shares in the business, as well as the number of violations.

Comr. Smith agreed with the ownership provision, but did not believe the business should be penalized for a change of location, as long as ownership remains the same.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton asked whether the business would be considered a nonconforming use or whether it specifically involves zoning.

Deputy City Attorney Lyons responded that the business would be grandfathered in under the existing ordinance and not considered a non-conforming use. If there were a change in ownership, the City would have to regulate that through its Occupational License and Business Tax Receipt. Further, the language in the motion would have to articulate wording to the effect that current businesses would be grandfathered in under the existing City ordinance. If those current businesses were to have a change in ownership, a change in location, or have individual business violations as it pertains to animal welfare, they would lose grandfathering rights.

Vice Mayor Fournier felt the wording change would be fair, asking Comr. Smith if those provisions could be incorporated into the ordinance.

Comr. Smith agreed to withdraw her prior amendment to incorporate the suggested language.

The number of violations was capped at three (3) total to lose the grandfathering protection.

It was clarified the language would pertain to a singular business location within the city.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, to create a grandfathering clause to allow all existing businesses prior to the date of the passage of this new ordinance before the Commission to have the grandfathering protection. However, if there is a change in ownership of the existing business, if there is a change of location of the existing business, or if there are three (3) or more violations within any given year period, the current business will lose all grandfathering protections.**

Vice Mayor Fournier inquired if the motion addressed the existing location as well as potential additional locations, and was advised that any new location would be a new business governed under the new ordinance

if passed. Vice Mayor Fournier added she believed they had discussed three (3) total violations, not three per year.

**The motion was amended to read: Three (3) or more violations, deleting the one-year period.**

Comr. Fesik asked if there would be a timeline after three violations. Deputy City Attorney stated reasonable notice would be required for due process purposes, which language can be added into the ordinance.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the amended motion.

Frank Russo, 2293 SE 8th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, pointed out the contingency regarding location gives the landlord undue “power,” asking what would happen if there’s a fire, building damage, or flood. Businesses should not be restricted based on location due to potential outside causes.

Jasmine Sadik agreed with Mr. Russo. She asked for language for the business to stay within the family as her current LLC is in her father’s name, addressing adding restrictions on opening other stores and maintaining the current business if the location is moved.

Michele Lazarow suggested allowing the ten years for violations and allowing moving the stores, confident that they will show on the USDA that Paradise Puppies bought dogs at a breeding farm in another state, potentially shutting the business down. She again asked for reassurances regarding enforcement when documents are provided showing violations.

Jennifer Goldberg expressed concern pertaining to the restriction of three violations in the lifetime of the business.

There being no further public input, Mayor Hardin invited Commission discussion on the amendment to the original item.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton agreed it would be difficult if the business had to move to an alternate location under circumstances not in their control.

Comr. Fesik suggested postponing the vote until conversations could be had with legal staff to figure out how to move forward.

Deputy City Attorney indicated location verbiage could be removed, keeping the change of ownership and violations as stated.

**Comr. Smith amended the motion, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, to remove the location requirement, the LLC will have to stay in the family, and three (3) violations,**

Mayor Hardin then sought public input as the motion was again amended.

Michele Lazarow contended she is not being vindictive, but comes with documentation to back up her

assertions.

Mayor Hardin then closed public input inviting Commission comments.

Vice Mayor Fournier cautioned regarding potential unintended consequences of a family “dynasty” and situations that can arise from “family business” wording in the ordinance, expressing her discomfort with the way the ordinance is evolving.

Deputy City Attorney Lyons said the grandfather clause will read “existing business.” However, the business is currently titled will cover applicability under the grandfathering clause.

Comr. Fesik reiterated her request for a deferral to meet with legal and conduct further research on the parameters of the grandfathering clause for the one business they are trying to accommodate.

Deputy City Attorney Lyons did not recommend including language regarding a family business, solely recommending using the words “existing business” to be included in the grandfather clause.

Mayor Hardin did not agree with mandates regarding change of ownership.

**The motion to amend failed by the following roll call vote:**

**Yes:** Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Hardin

**No:** Fesik

Perkins

Fournier

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, that the Ordinance / Regular Agenda be POSTPONED to the February 24, 2026 City Commission Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Yes:** Fesik

Perkins

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

**No:** Sigerson-Eaton

9. [26-189](#) **P.H. 2026-25: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO

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BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 91, "BOATS AND WATER RECREATION," OF THE POMPANO BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY CREATING SECTION 91.17, "POMPANO BEACH OVERNIGHT ANCHORING LIMITATION AREA," TO ESTABLISH AN ANCHORING LIMITATION AREA WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

**(Staff Contact:** Mark E. Berman/John Sfiropoulos)

Tracy Lyons, Deputy City Attorney, provided background on the proposed ordinance, explaining that the Florida Legislature amended Chapter 327 in May 2025 to empower local governments with populations of 1.5 million to establish stricter anchoring zones for navigational safety and natural resource preservation. She detailed that the ordinance would create Section 91.17, establishing an overnight anchoring limitation area covering Lettuce Lake, Lake Santa Barbara, Lake Capri, and the Hillsboro Inlet. She outlined the restrictions prohibiting vessels from anchoring for more than 30 days in any six-month period between sunset and sunrise, described the enforcement procedures, including written warnings, fines of \$250 for first violations and \$500 for subsequent violations, and explained the city's authority to remove vessels at the owner's expense, along with appellate procedures and exceptions for government vessels.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Frank Russo mentioned his 20-year experience living on Lake Santa Barbara, describing ongoing problems with derelict and abandoned boats whose owners avoided paying dockage fees. He recounted specific incidents including two boats sinking, people living on boats as "gypsies" for years, and human waste, oil, and gas contaminating the water. He emphasized Lake Santa Barbara and Lake Capri as prime problem areas and urged the commission to restore missing no-wake signs, describing dangerous speeding conditions with wave runners, water skiers, and racing boats. He mentioned two deaths over 20 years, including a mother and daughter decapitated in a wave runner accident under a boat lift and a swimmer killed by a speeding boat. He thanked various officials and marine patrol officers for their efforts and urged quick passage of the ordinance.

Frank Pelly, serving on the Marine Advisory Committee, provided historical context explaining that Florida has regulated navigable waters since 1845, with anchoring traditionally treated as part of navigation under strict state control. He noted that until recently, counties and municipalities were explicitly prohibited from enacting ordinances regarding vessel anchoring, making this new legislation historically significant as the first time the state allowed municipal regulation of anchoring beyond mooring fields. He clarified that the ordinance regulates what happens after 30 days rather than anchoring itself.

There being no further public input, Mayor Hardin invited Commission discussion.

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed gratitude for the ordinance, recalling her 2023 efforts with the city engineer and Mr. Berman regarding county designation authority that proved insufficient. She inquired about expanding the ordinance to other areas, like Exchange Club park, where vessels anchor, and noted a current sailboat and

a sunken boat in that area. She asked about the City's ability to expand the designated areas in the future if vessels relocate, expressing satisfaction when told that expansion was possible and praising the ordinance as a positive step toward cleaning up the lakes.

Mayor Hardin invited Mr. Pelly back to address the Vice Mayor's questions about the intercoastal area. Mr. Pelly explained that the area near Exchange Club park is part of the intercoastal waterway where day anchoring is allowed, and described how a current problem boat had moved from the inlet to a marina before breaking loose. He reported that vessel safety officers had given a 21-day notice and would remove and crush the vessel after the notice period. He noted that most problem boats are sailboats that wouldn't navigate into back areas, but confirmed future expansion was possible.

Mayor Hardin asked whether the ordinance would address a previous situation where a sunken sailboat with only its mast visible couldn't be removed because it wasn't deemed a navigation hazard, and received confirmation that the new ordinance would allow such removal after 30 days, though it might require hiring a diver to locate vessel identification numbers. Ms. Lyons clarified that the Broward Sheriff Marine typically handles such enforcement duties.

**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

10. [26-190](#) **P.H. 2026-26: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE POTABLE WATER SUB-ELEMENT AND THE CONSERVATION ELEMENT IN THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 163.3177(6)(c), FLORIDA STATUTES, TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY'S UPDATED WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES WORK PLAN PREPARED AS REQUIRED BY THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S 2023-24 LOWER EAST COAST REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN; PROVIDING FOR A DETERMINATION THAT A LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY HEARING WAS HELD ON JANUARY 28, 2026; PROVIDING THAT A TRANSMITTAL AND ADOPTION PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

**(Staff Contact: Jean Dolan/Renuka Mohammed)**

Jean Dolan from the Development Services Department explained that the City was the applicant seeking to amend its comprehensive plan to accommodate the 2025 Water Supply Facilities Work Plan update. She recommended approval of the comprehensive plan text amendment for the planning period of 2025 to 2045, noting this update ensures compliance with Florida statutes requiring local governments to revise their plans within 18 months after the South Florida Water Management District adopts updates. She detailed that this process occurs every five years, with the last update in 2020. Ms. Dolan summarized policy changes, including revised level-of-service standards, treatment capacity for PFAS removal, permit changes by 2030, water-demand calculations, reclaimed-water infrastructure requirements, and the discontinuation of ocean outfall for wastewater effluent. She then turned the presentation over to the Utilities Director.

Renuka Mohammed, Utilities Director, presented the water supply planning process, explaining that the City is among the entities submitting plans every five years as part of the Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan update. She described the plan's strategic goals to identify sufficient water supply sources for existing and future uses during drought conditions while sustaining natural systems. Ms. Mohammed outlined the geographical scope covering multiple counties and critical ecosystems, noting that the region accounts for 30% of the State's growing population. She projected that public drinking water demand would reach 51% by 2045, an 18% increase from the previous plan. Ms. Mohammed detailed the City's current water infrastructure, including two well fields, treatment processes, storage capacity, and 290 miles of water pipes. She presented population projections showing Pompano Beach growth while other served areas remained flat or declined, and explained the new level of service standard of 141 gallons per capita per day. She discussed the impact of PFAS treatment requirements on raw water demand and ongoing permit modification requests with the Water Management District. Ms. Mohammed highlighted conservation efforts through the reuse water system and public outreach programs, noting a 70% uptick in reuse and a reduction in per capita usage from 170 to 141 gallons since 2015. She concluded by outlining the next steps, including state review and a March 26 deadline.

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

Comr. Fesik questioned the planned decommissioning of lime softening plants mentioned in the exhibit, expressing concern about losing backup systems. After Ms. Mohammed explained the decommissioning was due to PFAS regulations, Comr. Fesik asked about potential secondary treatment systems as a backup to maintain lime softening. She acknowledged the difficulty of Ms. Mohammed's position regarding these infrastructure decisions.

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed concerns about the data presented, particularly the projected 10% growth in Pompano Beach compared to flat or declining growth in other served areas. She attributed this to broader infrastructure impact discussions, noting the combination of increased demand and less efficient PFAS treatment methods would pressure the system. Vice Mayor Fournier inquired about impact fees for developers to ensure new growth pays for infrastructure improvements rather than existing residents bearing the cost. After Ms. Mohammed confirmed they were working on a study regarding impact fees and developer contributions, the Vice Mayor expressed satisfaction with this approach and requested future updates on the analysis.

**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

11. [26-186](#) **P.H. 2026-27: (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 155.2432., "REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION," AND SECTION 155.2434., "COMMUNITY RESIDENCE AND RECOVERY COMMUNITY CERTIFICATE," TO COMPLY WITH FLORIDA CHAPTER 2025-182, LAWS OF FLORIDA, RELATING TO CERTIFIED RECOVERY RESIDENCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

**(Staff Contact:** Scott Reale/David Recor)

Scott Reale, Principal Planner, explained that the text amendment was being presented solely to comply with state statutes and referenced Florida Senate Bill 954, which required cities to adopt clear, time-limited procedures for reviewing certified community residences. Mr. Reale clarified that the ordinance was procedural only and did not expand where recovery residences were allowed or change existing zoning standards. He detailed the specific procedural requirements, including date stamping applications upon receipt, providing written notification within 30 days if additional information was needed, giving applicants 30 days to respond, and issuing decisions within 60 days once applications were complete. He emphasized that without these updates, the City risked automatic approvals, legal challenges, and potential loss of local control due to non-compliance with state and federal requirements.

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

12. [26-174](#) Discussion and consideration item for the annual performance evaluation for Mr. Kervin Alfred, City Clerk.  
(Fiscal Impact: To be determined by City Commission)

**(Staff Contact:** Lisa Sonego)

Mayor Rex Hardin opened the discussion for the annual performance evaluation of City Clerk Kervin Alfred.

Lisa Sonego, the Human Resources Director, presented the performance evaluation details, explaining that any pay changes would be effective December 1, 2025, and noted that Mr. Alfred's pay was currently at the 70th percentile among 12 comparable regional city clerks, with three years of service as city clerk and 18 years with the city. She also mentioned that all employees had received a 3.5% COLA on October 1, 2025, and that general employee merit increases ranged between 2-4%.

Mayor Hardin praised Mr. Alfred for doing a wonderful job and expressed appreciation for his work in ensuring that everything gets done in the City Clerk's office. He then sought clarification that Mr. Alfred was at the 75th percentile and made a motion to award him with a 4% merit increase, which was seconded by Comr. Smith.

Comr. Smith praised Mr. Alfred as a pleasure to work with, highlighting his efficiency, knowledge, organization, and constant availability, noting that he was always there for her regardless of the time, including nights and weekends.

Comr. Perkins expressed that working with Mr. Alfred was a pleasure and emphasized his reliability in delivering on everything he promised, his excellent communication, and his care for commissioners and elected officials, stating that he consistently exceeded expectations and kept them informed about deadlines and requirements.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton commended Mr. Alfred for his grace under pressure and recognized him as an integral part of the City's great staff, acknowledging the significant scope of his responsibilities.

Comr. Fesik thanked Mr. Alfred for his kindness and sweetness, noting his genuine love for his work and his positive interactions with both commissioners and residents, which made everyone's job easier. She appreciated his responsiveness to complex requests and acknowledged his efforts to modernize city systems

and bring the City into the 21st century, expressing support for providing him with necessary technology resources while advising him to maintain a better work-life balance and avoid working until 11:00 PM.

Vice Mayor Fournier commented on Mr. Alfred's thoroughness, competence, and qualifications, praising his commitment to the Commission and the City, and to doing things correctly, and acknowledging the heavy workload, including numerous public record requests.

**A motion was made by Mayor Hardin, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to award the City Clerk a 4% merit increase. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

**Absent:** Fournier

#### **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:

February 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting  
March 10, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

#### **G. REPORTS**

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

City Manager Harrison announced the birthdays for Comr. Fesik (February 8) and Comr. Perkins (February 9) and mentioned a clean streets event on February 12 in the Pompano Beach Highlands area. He then introduced Major Ellwood, who shared information about an unusually large seizure awarded to the City.

Major Ellwood provided a comprehensive report beginning with news of a \$2,723,914 seizure from a year-long nationwide drug diversion investigation - the largest seizure in Florida state history, with more anticipated. He discussed meeting with Comr. Perkins about a recent use of force incident and provided context about his two years as chief. He detailed how the City had experienced several shootings when he arrived, including a 16-year-old who was killed, and how he received direction to address the violence. He reported significant crime reductions: overall crime down 13%, shootings down 40%, and homicides down 39%. He then described two shooting incidents on consecutive days, explaining how deputies responded proactively and detailing a specific use-of-force incident where an individual matching a shooter's description

ran past deputies, ignored commands, and assaulted an officer. He explained that while the arrest was justified, the level of force used was under review through the proper process involving internal affairs and a Use-of-Force Board. He discussed balancing proactive policing with community relations and introduced a park, walk, and talk program requiring deputies to conduct six-foot patrols per shift. He concluded by reaffirming his commitment to keeping the city safe.

Mayor Hardin thanked Major Ellwood for his efforts and report.

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

Deputy City Attorney Tracy Lyons reported she would begin working on specific language for pet sales shops and offered to meet with commissioners individually.

#### **City Clerk's Report:**

City Clerk Alfred expressed appreciation for the kind words during his performance evaluation and acknowledged his support staff, including Brittany, Emilie, Michael, Dre (Alexandre), and team members.

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

Comr. Fesik delivered an extensive report covering multiple topics. She addressed concerns about livestock welfare near Westview Cemetery during cold weather and requested that all commissioners receive monthly updates from the Development Services Department. She requested three presentations from staff: one on FDOT crosswalk projects, one on the North Riverside project (mentioning a Zoom call with Senator Pizzo), and one on the five-year paving plan, including the additional \$2 million allocated. She proposed implementing video conferencing technology to allow remote public participation in meetings, citing other cities' practices and concerns with the 1:00 PM meetings. She reported a parking incident on Northeast 16th Street near North Ocean Park, where multiple people received tickets despite claiming system malfunctions. She raised concerns about the freestanding emergency room vote, stating that the backup materials were incomplete and didn't include the 2022 Zoning Board of Appeals denial for the same site, and that the Economic Development Council letter was outdated. She requested reconsideration or a pause in implementation pending review of the complete record. She announced rescheduling her meeting from February 12 to February 13 at Duck and Spice restaurant. She concluded by reporting that two ethics complaints filed against her in September had been dismissed.

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

Comr. Perkins discussed parking meter issues in Comr. Fesik's district, describing problems at a plaza east of Publix where meters wouldn't accept payment. She spoke with local businesses that were unhappy with the meters, particularly because employees had to pay for parking. She questioned the fairness of the meters in that location and suggested reconsideration. She thanked everyone for their patience with the Northwest 6th Avenue roundabout removal and reported that she is working with the CRA and Broward County on four-way stop signs and intersection improvements. She mentioned attending a Planning and Zoning Board meeting where she heard complaints about low water pressure in the Liberty Park subdivision. Renuka Mohammed,

Utilities Director, responded to the water pressure concerns, explaining that staff had visited affected properties and found the issue was primarily with customer-side plumbing rather than city infrastructure, and that water-saving devices were available for pickup.

Comr. Perkins continued her report thanking Major Ellwood for his presentation and their recent meeting, but expressed ongoing concern about a specific video showing an officer kicking an individual who was down, which the community was still asking about. Major Ellwood clarified that the use-of-force review board would meet on the following Tuesday to review all evidence and make a determination, with potential discipline, up to and including termination, if warranted.

Comr. Perkins concluded by praising Tiger Trail for Black History Month programming and wishing everyone a happy Valentine's Day.

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

**Comr. Sigerson-Eaton** briefly announced the Highlands Clean Streets event on Thursday, February 12, encouraging residents to dispose of old appliances, furniture, electronics, and especially tires, noting they had collected 101 tires in Crest Haven during the last clean sweep.

**Comr. Smith's Report:**

**Comr. Smith** praised the \$2.7 million in BSO seizures and proactive crime-fighting efforts. She announced a basic emergency skills training event on March 4 at the Herb Skolnick Center covering bleeding control, CPR, and fire extinguisher use. She highlighted the Pompano Community Empowerment Coalition's open house on February 28, featuring free health screenings, and listed numerous participating churches and community organizations. She praised Black History Month events, including the Tiger Trail festivals, and announced a 5K run/walk at the E. Pat Larkins Center. She concluded with an inspirational quote from Muhammad Ali about impossibility.

**Vice Mayor Fournier's Report:**

**Vice Mayor Fournier** wished Comrs. Fesik and Perkins, happy belated birthdays and expressed opposition to Harbor Village shop meters, requesting a financial analysis of eliminating them. She announced her February 25 community meeting focusing on public safety and policing. She reported that the 6th Terrace Bridge RFP had closed and requested updates on the results. She detailed dangerous traffic conditions at Atlantic Boulevard and Cypress Road, read a resident's complaint about the intersection blocking, and requested engineering solutions. She acknowledged International Women and Girls in Science Day and concluded by reading inspirational quotes from the 1952 Blanche Ely High School yearbook, which they had received.

**Mayor Hardin's Report:**

**Mayor Hardin** concluded the meeting by praising Black History Month events, Tiger Trail Festival, and city support. He wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

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Rex Hardin, Mayor

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Kervin Alfred, City Clerk