

Detailed Minutes - Final

City Commission

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

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

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

6:00 PM

Commission Chamber

City Commission Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Alison Fournier
Commissioner Barry Moss
Commissioner Beverly Perkins
Commissioner Rhonda Sigerson-Eaton
Vice Mayor Andrea McGee
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 MINUTES

[24-266](#) Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2024

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION

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

Mayor Hardin announced that no items would be pulled under the Consent Agenda for City Commission discussion.

A. PROCLAMATION**[24-213](#) National Community Development Week**

Mayor Hardin read the proclamation for National Community Development Week. Alex Goldstein, Program Compliance Manager accepted the proclamation and highlighted accomplishments of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The Proclamation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Hardin recognized State Representative Patricia Williams who was attending the meeting. He thanked State Representative Williams for all her services in Tallahassee.

B. PRESENTATION

[24-252](#) Presentation of the Actuarial Valuation Report for the City of Pompano Beach General Employees' Retirement System as of October 1, 2023 as prepared by Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC and presented by Mr. Todd Green, Board Actuary with Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC.

Todd Green, Board Actuary with Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC, gave a presentation on the Actuarial Valuation Report for the City of Pompano Beach General Employees' Retirement System as of October 1, 2023. Mr. Green began his presentation and reviewed the following: Purpose for an Actuary; Basic Retirement Funding Formula; Actuarial Valuation; Active and Retired Membership; Average Salary and Benefits; Payroll & Benefits; Assets; Results of Valuation; Change in Employer Contribution; Employer & Member Contributions; and Actuarial Certifications & Disclosures. In closing, Mr. Green disclosed to the City Commission his qualification to render actuarial opinions.

Comr. Fournier inquired about the current health of the plan and expectations for both assets and liabilities. Mr. Green explained the concept of smoothing returns in order to maintain the health of the plan. When asked if the unfunded liability affects the contribution, Mr. Green confirmed that the unfunded liability is the larger part of the contribution. He also added that they will continue to see those contributions until the unfunded liability is paid off. In response to Comr. Fournier's concern about active membership, Mr. Green explained that they need not worry as this is a prefunded system and contributions are determined on an actuarial basis.

Comr. Moss inquired about how Pompano Beach compares to other cities of a similar size. Mr. Green responded by saying that Pompano Beach is right in the middle.

Vice Mayor McGee noticed that the City/County contribution has more than tripled, while the member contribution has increased less than half. Mr. Green explained that the member contribution is a fixed percentage of their pay, whereas the City's contribution changes annually.

C. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

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

Tim Griffith, Pompano Beach, FL, said he has a heavy heart about recent shootings in the area. He thanked Comr. Moss and Comr. Perkins for working with them, but he asked for all hands-on deck about this issue. He noted they have identified 12 hot spots in Collier City where pastors and street warriors will interact and talk to gang members in those areas, encouraging the shooting to stop. He said they want to organize and picket the community stores where loitering and activity occur. He then invited everyone to join an around-the-clock march. He announced details of the march, which will begin at Word of Living God Ministries at 5:00 p.m., and thanked the City Commission for committing to be part of the march.

Kimberly Mohorne, 1503 NW 6th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, distributed a copy of a letter that had been sent to the Broward County School Board. She expressed her concern that the letter did not address the children and schools and emphasized that they want to keep their schools. She also mentioned that they had previously requested City Manager Harrison to write a letter addressing the issues they were experiencing in the schools. She requested that the City consider partnering with them and stated that they are not in favor of selling their school land. She asked the City to reconsider and rewrite the letter to better communicate their stance. She suggested that taking care of the children in schools could result in a reduction in crime.

Comr. Perkins attended a special School Board Meeting and received the same letter referred to by Kimberly. She noted that the letter, issued from the Mayor's Office, used language that implied that the City Commission had discussed the matter. Comr. Perkins felt that the letter should have been discussed before sending it from Mayor Hardin. She agreed that the letter should be rewritten to more clearly communicate Mayor Hardin's stance.

Comr. Fournier concurred with Comr. Perkins and stated that this was the second letter that had implied her agreement with a certain topic. She mentioned that she was never consulted on the topic and that it should have

been discussed as a group. She also stated that the letter does not represent her views.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton pointed out that the previous City Commission was committed to forming a municipal charter school, similar to Pembroke Pines. She noted the difficulty in finding a location for a school and expressed disappointment about the neglected public schools in the city. Comr. Sigerson-Eaton would love to have a municipal charter school that is free and available to every Pompano Beach student.

Comr. Fournier agreed with Comr. Sigerson-Eaton on the lack of attention paid to the schools by the school board and argued that it is their responsibility to advocate for their residents. She noted the previous charter school application had expired. She suggested that the letter include other issues that are occurring in schools.

Comr. Perkins stated she voted against the charter school and has 3 schools in her district that need attention. She said their schools have been neglected for years.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton clarified that she is not advocating for any school to be closed and torn down.

Comr. Moss said that the City Commission cannot approve every letter that comes from the Mayor's Office. He noted that residents who live in District 5 are bussed out to other schools. He mentioned that there is nothing wrong with the letter.

Jocelyn Jackson, Pompano Beach, FL, thanked the staff for their support regarding AEG and the upcoming events. She would like to see more youth programs because she believes that their children deserve the same opportunities.

Gemoni Graham, Pompano Beach, FL, spoke about attending Pompano Beach Elementary School. Ms. Jackson said that Gemoni is gifted and needs more programs to excel.

Comr. Perkins acknowledged that Ms. Showers has a good growth mentoring program.

Latoya Almonord & Sarahca Peterson, Pompano Beach, FL, distributed materials regarding a Teen 360 Entrepreneurship Pilot Program, which includes 17 middle school and high school students. She asked for \$3,500 in financial support from the City, or, alternatively, offering \$2,000 for a grand prize.

Vicente Thrower, Pompano Beach, FL, spoke about the recent shooting. He urged the new Police Chief and the current administration to support their community. He asked Mayor Hardin to call a meeting with the Sheriff's Office. He also spoke about the conditions at the detention center and holding the Sheriff accountable.

Mike Skversky, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed his disappointment regarding last night's news. He also addressed concerns about the recent incidents of violence in the city, the City Manager's salary hike, the issue of gentrification, and the alarming number of traffic accidents on the roadway.

Ronald Thurston, 951 NW 27th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, inquired about the status of the Pompano Cowboys concession stand. He also expressed his concern about the recent instances of violence and criticized the Sheriff's Office for being reactive rather than proactive. He cited the alarming number of deaths in the

Broward County jail (21) and urged the Sheriff to be held accountable.

Mayor Hardin asked Mr. Thurston to connect with City Manager Harrison about the concession stand.

Jackie Moreland, Pompano Beach, FL, raised concerns about the historical pictures in City Hall and pointed out that there are no pictures of black people. She read the definitions of equality and equity and stressed the importance of keeping Pompano Beach schools open. Additionally, she spoke about the need for financial support and programming for Black History Month.

Amanda Wright, Pompano Beach, FL, spoke about violence in the Broward County jail, including her nephew being beaten to death. She said all this violence is heartbreaking.

Mayor Hardin asked Ms. Wright to provide her contact information to the City Clerk so he can reach out to her personally.

City Clerk Alfred stated the allotted time for Audience to be Heard has been reached, however there are 3 remaining speakers who have yet to speak. Mayor Hardin stated the remaining speakers will be given the opportunity to speak at the conclusion of the Agenda.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hardin requested a motion to Approve/Adopt Items 1 through 7 under the Consent Agenda.

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

1. [24-209](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A BROWARD COUNTY CULTURAL DIVISION GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND BROWARD COUNTY, ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,500 TO SUPPORT CULTURAL PROGRAMMING, AND CONFIRMING THE CITY'S MATCHING CONTRIBUTION IN AN AMOUNT OF \$16,500; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$16,500 City's Matching Contribution)



Strategic Plan Initiative

(Staff Contact: Ty Tabing)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2024-89

2. [24-239](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT - 2023, AMONG THE STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT EXECUTE AND ADOPT THE AGREEMENT RELATING TO CATASTROPHIC RESPONSE AND RECOVERY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Kimberly Cristiano)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2024-90

3. [24-255](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A STATE-FUNDED GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RIVERSIDE SAFETY AND RESILIENCE PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AND TO EXECUTE ALL APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: \$950,000.00 in Grant Revenue)

(Staff Contact: Fernand Thony/Horacio Danovich)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2024-91

4. [24-225](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND BROWARD COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, RELATING TO THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$68,610.00)

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2024-92

5. [24-251](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING ROBIN MCCOMBS TO THE CHARTER AMENDMENT ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AS APPOINTEE OF COMMISSIONER RHONDA SIGERSON-EATON, FOR A TERM TO BE CONCURRENT WITH THE TERM OF THE APPOINTING OFFICIAL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2024-93

6. [24-253](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING GARY ENOS TO THE CHARTER AMENDMENT ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AS APPOINTEE OF COMMISSIONER BARRY MOSS, FOR A TERM TO BE CONCURRENT WITH THE TERM OF THE APPOINTING OFFICIAL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2024-94

7. [24-262](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING WHITNEY A. METEVIA TO THE CHARTER

AMENDMENT ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AS APPOINTEE OF COMMISSIONER ALISON FOURNIER, FOR A TERM TO BE CONCURRENT WITH THE TERM OF THE APPOINTING OFFICIAL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2024-95

E. REGULAR AGENDA

QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDING

Mark E. Berman, City Attorney, stated that item 8 is listed under Quasi-Judicial Proceeding and is quasi-judicial in nature; therefore, anyone who wishes to testify must be sworn in and may be subject to cross-examination by the City Commission or any other interested party. The individuals addressing the City Commission must state his or her name, whether he or she has been sworn, and understands the rules which governs these proceedings. Thereafter, Mr. Berman outlined the order in which they would follow: City staff would make its presentation for each item, followed by the applicant or any other person(s) wishing to speak, closing argument, and the Commission's discussion.

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

8. [24-256](#) P.H. 2024-27: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, ABANDONING A PORTION OF A 12-FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF NE 1ST AVENUE AND EAST OF THE I-95 SAMPLE ROAD OFF RAMP; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Jean Dolan/David Recor)

Jean Dolan, Development Services Department, stated that this is a request for the abandonment of a 12-foot-wide utility easement. The easement was initially created as a platted perimeter utility easement but due to the construction of I-95, a remnant triangle parcel was created, rendering the easement irrelevant. There are currently no utilities located within the easement, and no objections have been raised by utility providers regarding its abandonment. The abandonment meets the review standards, and the Planning and Zoning Board

unanimously recommended its approval on February 28, 2024. Therefore, city staff recommends approval of the abandonment.

Mayor Hardin invited the Applicant and the public to provide input on the item. No one came forth to speak. Therefore, the Mayor closed public input and invited further Commission discussion on the item.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton mentioned that the Zion Mission Church has been facing a problem of illegal dumping on their property. The parcel of land has been used as an off-site dumping area, causing numerous issues for the church. Therefore, she fully supports the proposal to build a structure on the land to prevent further dumping and believes it will be a great solution to the problem.

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

Yes: Fournier
Moss
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
McGee
Hardin

END OF QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDING

9. [24-234](#) **P.H. 2024-25: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)**

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

(Fiscal Impact: Net Revenue to City \$750,000 annually)

FIRST READING: MARCH 12, 2024

(Staff Contact: Jeff Lantz)

Jeff Lantz, Parking Manager, introduced the item and stated there have been no changes since first reading.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2024-26

10. [24-260](#) **P.H. 2024-28: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC.; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Mark A. Beaudreau)

Mark Beaudreau, Recreation Director, introduced the item and noted the subsequent agreement goes back to 1973.

Mayor Hardin invited the public to provide input on the item. No one came forth to speak. Therefore, the Mayor closed public input and invited further Commission discussion on the item.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton asked what is the annual fee, to which Mr. Beaudreau replied it is \$10 annually. Comr. Sigerson-Eaton stated the Club is a wonderful program and partner.

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

Yes: Fournier

Moss

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

McGee

Hardin

11. [24-248](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING_____TO THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 27, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

Applicants

Jon Burkert, **Incumbent** - District 3
Louis Riva, **Incumbent** - District 3
Penny Cutt, **Incumbent** - District 3
Lynne Mitchem - District 3
Mark Hanke - District 3

Other Board Memberships

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(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Note: Comr. Perkins exited the meeting temporarily.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2024-96

12. [24-249](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING_____TO THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 27, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

PLEASE REFER TO FILE ID NO 24-248 FOR APPLICANTS.

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Note: Comr. Perkins exited the meeting temporarily.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2024-97

13. [24-257](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING_____TO THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 27, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

PLEASE REFER TO FILE ID NO 24-248 FOR APPLICANTS.

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Note: Comr. Perkins exited the meeting temporarily.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2024-98

14. [24-250](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING_____TO THE SAND AND SPURS ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF AMY VARO-HAUB, ALTERNATE 1; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2025; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

Applicants

Anne Ward - District 3
Lisa Nothardt - District 3
Mary B. Fleck - District 3

Other Board Memberships

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(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Note: Comr. Perkins exited the meeting temporarily.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2024-99

15. [24-240](#) Consideration for choosing a Director, Alternate and Second Alternate to attend and vote at any Board of Directors or General Membership Meeting of the Broward League of Cities Meetings where he/she represents his/her municipality.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

Mayor Hardin stated the proposed item involves appointing individuals to represent the City at the Broward League of Cities.

Mayor Hardin asked City Clerk Alfred to list the officials who represented the City last year, to which Mr. Alfred replied, stating that Comr. Sigerson-Eaton was appointed as director, Vice Mayor McGee was appointed as alternate, and Comr. Moss was appointed as the Second Alternate.

Note: Comr. Perkins exited the meeting temporarily.

A motion was made by Mayor Hardin, seconded by Vice Mayor McGee, to appoint Comr. Sigerson-Eaton as director. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Hardin, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, to appoint Vice Mayor McGee as alternate. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Hardin, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, to appoint Comr. Moss as second alternate. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

F. ADDITIONAL AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

The remaining persons who signed-up for under Audience To Be Heard were called to speak before the Commission:

Jim Habersham, 2000 NW 4th Court, Pompano Beach, FL, spoke about the recent violence. He asked the City about a contingency plan to keep the residents safe. He said the mom-and-pop stores attract loiterers, however economics turn a community around. Mr. Habersham also requested that Commission look into mentorship opportunities for young men.

David Miller, Pompano Beach, FL, announced the new chapter of Circle of Brotherhood within the City.

Tundra King, 124 NW 15th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed her thoughts on the recent shooting incident. She stated that she does not see any partnership or collaboration between the City and the people within the community. She also mentioned that they have not seen the Sheriff. Moreover, she spoke about the Mayor's letter regarding the schools and pointed out that the schools are struggling, with some even needing new roofs. She emphasized the need to hold both the Sheriff and the School Board accountable and to do a better job in this regard.

Pat Anderson, Pompano Beach, FL, spoke about the previous meeting and expressed her disbelief of the City Attorney not recalling the incident that occurred at her property. Moreover, she commented on the smash at her property and artificial intelligence.

STATEMENT BY POLICE MAJOR

Police Major Dave Ellwood expressed his condolences to the family of the person murdered yesterday. He said he will do everything in his power to prevent as many gun violence incidences as possible. He stated they have implemented strategic enforcement and directed patrols for high visibility. He encouraged the public to come forward with any information to solve the case. He confirmed the Homicide Unit is utilizing all resources and noted he cannot speak specifically on the case, but it is a priority. Additionally, Major Ellwood said he is not prepared to speak about the jail deaths, however he will speak to those families affected when he has more information.

Mayor Hardin expressed concern about the shootings. He asked Major Ellwood if he is receiving backup or support from BSO. He said people are dying on the streets and the City of Pompano Beach wants to see some results. He acknowledged they need better collaboration and everyone to be on board.

Comr. Perkins said the shootings have been occurring in her district for years. She noted she cannot get a return call from Captain Stallings and noted they need to do more about prevention. She suggested the Pompano Beach Police District needs more control, because the crime has been going on for years and there is no police visibility. She stated there is a disconnect between the Police Department and the community.

Comr. Moss recommended the Police Department notify the City Commission of any shootings within the community, despite which district it occurs in. Major Ellwood acknowledged the suggestion.

Comr. Fournier agreed with Comr. Moss' recommendation. She expects better communication with the Police Department. She acknowledged the pain of the community. She spoke about community stores, loitering, and the many stores that are the epicenter of the shootings. She said she will not stop talking about it because the pain and fear does not go away.

Vice Mayor McGee suggested the Sheriff host a Town Hall meeting, so he can hear the feedback from the residents.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton asked if the corner stores post no trespassing and no loitering signs. Major Ellwood confirmed they do. She agreed with Vice Mayor McGee's suggestion of a Town Hall meeting.

Comr. Perkins asked the City Manager to weigh in on the situation.

City Manager Harrison emphasized the importance of parental responsibility in preventing shootings, rather than blaming BSO. He said it needs to start at home.

G. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

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

April 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. - City Commission Budget Workshop

April 9, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

April 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

H. REPORTS

City Manager's Report:

City Manager Harrison announced that the Pines Golf Course will reopen on April 2nd. He also mentioned that all city employees will wear blue "Do Good" shirts on April 9th to recognize Child Abuse Month. Mr. Harrison acknowledged the marketing team for producing a new brochure and announced a new marketing website www.visitpompanobeach.com.

City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Berman announced that Deputy City Attorney Tracy Lyons will cover for him at the April 4th Budget Hearing.

City Clerk's Report:

No report.

Comr. Fournier's Report:

Comr. Fournier expressed her gratitude to Reverend Griffith for organizing the march which is scheduled for tomorrow. She also shared that she recently hosted 25 students from Pompano Beach Middle School in the Commission Chamber and thanked the City staff for their assistance during the event. Comr. Fournier suggested updating the letter to the School Board and identifying other challenges, while providing constructive feedback for solutions. Additionally, she announced two upcoming events, Spring Fling and Kester Park Fun Day. Finally, Comr. Fournier mentioned that her district's community meeting is scheduled for March 27th at the American Legion where they will discuss public safety.

Comr. Moss' Report:

Comr. Moss thanked the pastors for organizing the march and noted he would be in attendance. He also spoke about ways the community can organize to put an end to gun violence. Next, he announced the Office of Housing and Urban Improvement has a program to assist low-income condo residents with hardening repairs. Finally, Comr. Moss acknowledged the success of the recent Palm Aire concert, which attracted 450+ attendees. The final concert will be held April 20th.

Comr. Perkins' Report:

Comr. Perkins asked Major Ellwood to let the Sherriff know about the jail deaths. She also mentioned about the Downtown Project community meeting she is hosting on April 2nd at the E. Pat Larkins Community Center and encouraged residents to attend to provide input.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton's Report:

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton acknowledged Major Ellwood, BSO deputies and city staff for their assistance in ongoing issues within her district.

Vice Mayor McGee's Report:

Vice Mayor McGee thanked BSO and city staff for their support during St. Patrick's Day. She also reminded residents not to cross the bridge when the guardrails are down.

Mayor Hardin's Report:

Mayor Hardin announced that the City of Pompano Beach has won the Broward County Naturescape Emerald Award in the municipal category for the Youth Complex. He also commented on a ribbon-cutting event hosted by Onyx, a company that is bringing manufacturing jobs to Pompano Beach. In addition, he requested to restore Student Government Day, which will allow students to shadow staff positions and participate in a mock City Commission meeting. Mayor Hardin has also asked City Manager Harrison to schedule a community meeting with BSO after the next City Commission meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update on the recent shootings and discuss the plan for Pompano Beach.

Lastly, the Mayor announced that in consultation with the City Attorney, the performance evaluations of the City Manager and City Auditor will have to be redone due to a technical issue from the previous meeting.

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 Mayor Hardin, seconded by Vice Mayor McGee, to rescind the City Manager and City Auditor evaluations and add the items to the next agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Rex Hardin, Mayor

Kervin Alfred, City Clerk