

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, July 22, 2025

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 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

Dr. Ophelia Sanders of DR DR Ministries Inc. offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[25-508](#) Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2025

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Hardin asked Suzette Sibble, Assistant City Manager, if there were any changes to the evening's agenda.

Ms. Sibble responded by detailing two specific changes to the agenda. She explained that they added an additional proclamation at Comr. Fesik's request to recognize International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31st. She also noted that Item 7 was amended to incorporate a resolution, and importantly, the fiscal impact statement's not-to-exceed amount was increased from \$270,000 to \$285,000. She confirmed that the Commission received an email about these changes earlier and mentioned that the relevant packet of documents was placed on the dais.

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

CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION

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

Mayor Hardin announced that Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 would be pulled for City Commission discussion.

A. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**[25-494](#) 2025 Nick Creola Heroes in the Community Awards**

Mayor Hardin introduced Rafael Katz, the Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, who was designated to present the Nick Creola Heroes in the Community Awards to the recipients, Gwen Leys and Donald Farrington.

Mr. Katz provided a detailed history of Nick Creola, explaining the award's origins and describing Nick as a dedicated Parks and Recreation employee who was a teacher, coach, and community hero. He then presented the first award to Gwen Leys, highlighting her extensive community involvement with various organizations, educational committees, and volunteer work with children.

Mrs. Leys accepted the award, thanking the City for making her and her husband feel welcome since 1991 and expressing how much she loves serving the community. Mr. Katz then presented the second award to Donald Farrington, praising his decades of coaching youth football and mentoring young men, often supporting them personally by providing essentials.

In closing, Mayor Hardin emphasized the importance of community volunteers, calling them the neighborhood's true heroes. He expressed gratitude for their selfless contributions and encouraged everyone to acknowledge their efforts. The Mayor also thanked the Parks and

Recreation Advisory Board for creating the awards to recognize these individuals each year.

The Special Presentation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

B. PROCLAMATION

25-509 Florida Water Professionals Month

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation declaring August 2025 as Florida Water Professionals Month in the City of Pompano Beach. Following the reading, he presented the proclamation to Nathaniel Watson, the Acting Utilities Director, and invited Mr. Watson to address the audience.

Mr. Watson expressed gratitude for the proclamation. He emphasized the essential work of thousands of water professionals who ensure the provision of safe drinking water, manage reclaimed water and wastewater systems, and protect public health and natural resources. Mr. Watson highlighted their role as first responders during emergencies, showcasing their dedication and heroism. He acknowledged the importance of training and partnerships in upholding standards in water management and thanked the City for recognizing the efforts of water professionals, stressing that clean water is the result of their continuous commitment and hard work.

The Proclamation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

25-562 International Overdose Awareness Day

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation declaring August 31, 2025, as International Overdose Awareness Day to honor those lost to overdose, reduce stigma, and advocate for policies supporting recovery. He emphasized the theme "One Big Family Driven by Hope" and highlighted the overdose crisis as a leading cause of injury-related deaths in the U.S. The Mayor called for community education, compassionate support, and collective action from local government, health organizations, and individuals to prevent overdose deaths and support recovery pathways. He urged citizens to remember lives lost and recognize addiction as a treatable health condition.

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:

Michele Lazarow, Hallandale Beach Commissioner, addressed the Commission regarding concerns over the

sale of puppies in local pet stores. She noted that while the City had previously enacted a preventative ordinance in 2015 banning the sale of puppies sourced from large-scale breeders, a loophole remains-allowing stores to sell under the pretense of "one litter per calendar year per mother." Ms. Lazarow provided documentation suggesting that the store now operating in the city receives dogs from large-scale commercial breeders in states like Missouri and Iowa, which is inconsistent with the intent of the ordinance. She urged the Commission to consider amending the ordinance to close this loophole and requested a temporary pause on new pet store applications during the upcoming Commission break.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton and Vice Mayor Fournier expressed appreciation for her input and agreed the ordinance should be re-examined. Mr. Berman confirmed his office would review the language and its effectiveness in meeting the original intent. Comr. Fesik discussed the possibility of a temporary moratorium on new pet store applications, though Mr. Berman advised that formal notice and public input would be necessary for such action. As a result, the Commission agreed to place the item on the September 9th agenda for discussion and possible ordinance revisions.

George Berlenge, 41 Havenwood Drive, Pompano Beach, FL, representing the Lord's Gift House Ministry, spoke about the need to better support individuals newly experiencing homelessness. He highlighted that current resources are largely directed toward chronically homeless individuals, often leaving those in crisis-especially single mothers without substance abuse issues-without adequate shelter or support. Mr. Berlenge urged the Commission to consider reallocating resources to better serve those actively seeking stability and help.

Patricia Rowley, 610 Northeast 3rd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, addressed the Commission regarding a personal dispute involving damage to her vehicle, which she claimed was caused by a campaign sign during early voting. Ms. Rowley stated that after initially sharing repair estimates, her attempts to follow up were ignored and later denied. Ms. Rowley noted she has filed a small claims case and appeared to formally hold the responsible party accountable. Vice Mayor Fournier reminded the public that public comments should be directed to the body as a whole, not to individual members. A process server then came forward and served Comr. Fesik a subpoena to appear in court. Comr. Fesik acknowledged the matter and indicated that her attorney would respond.

Bill Savarese, 761 Northeast 8th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, shared his appreciation for the city and emphasized the importance of education, noting his two daughters succeeded through the public school system. He expressed concern over limited funding for local schools and suggested more investment in education as a long-term benefit to the community. He also supported the City's feasibility study on forming a local police department, stating dissatisfaction with BSO costs. Mr. Savarese encouraged the City to prioritize funds toward schools, arguing that strong education reduces the need for policing and attracts families and businesses.

Brandi Zabadal, resident of District 2, addressed the Commission regarding the torn and weathered American flag at Highlands Park, which has remained in poor condition for several months despite multiple attempts to raise the issue. She requested that the flag be replaced with a properly sized one and that the surrounding tree be trimmed to prevent further damage. Ms. Zabadal emphasized the importance of maintaining the flag with the same respect shown to those at City Hall, particularly as the park is used daily by local families and veterans.

Mike Skversky, 1630 Southwest 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, raised concerns about ICE activity in the city, particularly the use of masks during arrests. Mr. Skversky expressed that this practice could endanger vulnerable individuals, especially women living on the streets, by inspiring criminal behavior. Mr. Skversky urged the Commission to consider requiring visible identification for law enforcement during such actions to help protect the community.

In response, Vice Mayor Fournier noted that Pompano Beach is one of the few cities in the County with a 287(g) agreement-an arrangement between local law enforcement and federal immigration agencies-and requested clarification from BSO on how the agreement is being utilized locally.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hardin requested a motion to Approve/Adopt Item 5 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. [25-484](#) Request of ratification by City Commission for emergency procurement of wastewater main repairs from DBF Construction in the amount of \$308,544.29
(Fiscal Impact: \$308,544.29)

(Staff Contact: Nathaniel Watson)

Comr. Fesik pulled the item for discussion. She requested clarification about the construction companies being used. While supporting the wastewater repair procurement, she advocated for more comprehensive disclosure about the companies being paid by the City. She wanted more detailed background information to help understand the work history and service patterns of these contractors.

Nathaniel Watson, Acting Utilities Director, explained the emergency procurement process. He noted that two primary contractors, Mancon Incorporated and Reynolds Construction, were part of the contract. In this instance, DBF Construction provided the most competitive bid, offering better response and cost for the repair. Comr. Fesik followed up by asking which fund was being used, to which Mr. Watson confirmed it was the wastewater pumping operational fund.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Mike Skversky expressed skepticism about the contractor selection, suggesting there are numerous companies in South Florida capable of doing this work. He mentioned a contractor from another area who stated that bidding in Pompano Beach was discouraged.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier inquired about the minimum number of bids required for emergency work, given the urgent nature of repairs. Mr. Watson clarified that the selection depends on responsiveness and cost, and that the solicitations are open to all qualified contractors.

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

Yes: Fesik

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

2. [25-430](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A UTILITY EASEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND D. R. HORTON, INC., ACCEPTING A GRANT OF A PERPETUAL NON-EXCLUSIVE UTILITY EASEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Nathaniel Watson)

Comr. Perkins pulled the item for discussion. She expressed concern about the repeated submissions of requirements for the D.R. Horton project, questioning why water meter and sewer infrastructure details were not presented at the project's initial stages.

Nathaniel Watson, Acting Utilities Director, provided clarification. He explained that the previous agenda item regarding a dry retention area was a private matter unrelated to the Utilities Department. Mr. Watson detailed that the on-site storm drainage, water, and sanitary sewer systems would eventually be owned by the developer and the HOA. The current easement agreement specifically covers master meters and sewer manholes, allowing City access to inspect the infrastructure.

Comr. Perkins pressed further on whether the water meter and sewer manhole requirements were known beforehand, to which Mr. Watson confirmed the project underwent full development review through the DRC (Development Review Committee). He explained that the developer needed to complete survey work and create a legal agreement sketch for city review, which was then vetted by the City Attorney's Office before being presented to the Commission.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Tundra King, 124 Northwest 15th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, inquired about potential costs. Mr. Watson clarified that all costs would be borne by the developer, not the City.

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. 2025-190

3. [25-497](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE CHRISTMAS PALACE, LLC, PROVIDING FOR HOLIDAY LIGHTING AND DECOR SERVICES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$194,655.75)

(Staff Contact: Scott Moore)

Comr. Fesik pulled the item for discussion. She inquired when the service was last put out for competitive bid and whether the same company is being used simply due to their long history of providing the service.

Scott Moore from the Parks and Recreation Department stated that the service was competitively bid in 2023 and is scheduled to be rebid next year. This marks the second amendment to the current agreement.

Comr. Fesik had inquired about lighting extending to Northeast 5th Street. Mr. Moore confirmed that the park would be fully lit to the northern end, near the last palm tree just short of 5th Street. Comr. Fesik then asked about the agreement's funding details, specifically the City's \$31,000 contribution toward properties like McNab Park and Backyard Barbecue, which are leased by the CRA. She questioned whether the CRA, responsible for park upkeep and signage, could also cover lighting costs. City Attorney Berman clarified that holiday lighting is likely not an eligible CRA expense, so the City will cover the amount.

Comr. Perkins inquired whether the same company is used annually and if the payment primarily covers installation, since the decorations are reused. Mr. Moore confirmed this includes installation and maintenance, and noted the Christmas tree at Light Up MLK will be larger this year, adding to the cost. Comr. Perkins also questioned a \$2,295 expense listed for the Ali Cultural Arts Center, noting she hadn't previously seen decorations there. Mr. Moore confirmed it will be decorated this year. Regarding MLK Boulevard, Comr. Perkins pointed out long-standing concerns about the appearance of the streetlight garlands and suggested future consideration for adding decorations along 27th Avenue in Collier City. Staff agreed to explore that option.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Sheryl Mitzer, 520 SE 10th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, asked whether the Christmas tree and Hanukkah display atop City Hall are part of the Christmas Palace contract. Mr. Moore clarified that the tree is handled in-house, not by the vendor. Ms. Mitzer expressed concern that the Christmas tree lacks a star and that the Hanukkah lights are not illuminated. She questioned why both holidays are not more fully represented and encouraged the City to consider making both displays more complete, noting she believes doing so would not be offensive. Mr. Berman responded that while Hanukkah is a religious holiday, the City includes symbolic elements only and does not observe the daily lighting tradition, in keeping with the neutrality expected of a public building.

Jocelyn Jackson commented that other cities, such as Delray Beach, feature more elaborate holiday decorations, particularly pole-mounted displays. She asked whether similar decorative elements could be added along Atlantic Boulevard from Dixie Highway to Powerline Road and whether such enhancements are included in the budget.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier inquired about the timeline for installing holiday lights, noting that each year residents express concern when decorations are delayed. Mr. Moore confirmed that, per the contract, lights are to be installed by October 31st, weather permitting, and most will be lit by November 15th. Vice Mayor Fournier noted this appears to be an improvement over previous years when lighting began much later.

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

Yes: Fesik

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-191

4. [25-500](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$349,000.00 TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN ITS COMMUNITY ACTION SUPPORT TEAM (CAST) PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CARE AND SOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AND TO EXECUTE ALL APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: Grant revenue estimate up to \$349,000)

(Staff Contact: Brian Donovan/Cassandra Rhett)

Comr. Perkins pulled the item for discussion. She inquired about Cassandra Rhett's role in housing and social services. Ms. Rhett introduced herself as the housing, social services, and community court manager. Comr. Perkins then sought clarification about the peer support specialist position, to which Ms. Rhett explained that it would be a new hire funded by the grant.

Comr. Perkins inquired about the details of the staffing plan. She verified that two new positions would be created: a peer support specialist and a program coordinator. Ms. Rhett confirmed these positions would work directly under her supervision, bringing her department's total staff to four people.

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

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-192

5. [25-501](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF

POMPANO BEACH AND GRANTWORKS, INC. TO PROVIDE STANDBY SERVICES RELATED TO DISASTER RELATED TASKS AFTER AN ACTIVATION OF THE CITY'S EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (EOC); PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Stand-by contract with zero dollar commitment)

(Staff Contact: Kimberly Cristiano/Peter McGinnis)

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. 2025-193

D. REGULAR AGENDA

QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDING

Mark E. Berman, City Attorney, advised that Item 6 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.

6. [25-476](#) P.H. 2025-61: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, ABANDONING THAT CERTAIN 30-FOOT WIDE CROSS ACCESS EASEMENT FOR 1 N. ANDREWS AVENUE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 340 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF ATLANTIC BLVD. AND ANDREWS AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Jean Dolan/David Recor)

Jean Dolan from the Development Services Department explained the purpose of the easement abandonment. She stated that the existing cross-access easement is no longer necessary due to an upcoming industrial development to the west of the subject property, which will construct a shared access to Atlantic Boulevard. The Planning and Zoning Board unanimously recommended approval on June 25, 2025, with one condition that

had been met. Staff also recommended approval of the abandonment.

Comr. Perkins sought clarification on the map and development plans. She inquired about the future use of the area, specifically asking about a potential warehouse. Ms. Dolan confirmed that a warehouse would be constructed to the north of the existing Wawa, with a new shared access point between the industrial development and Wawa. Comr. Perkins also confirmed that the property is already owned by Wawa and verified that the new driveway would not interfere with the railroad track crossing.

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor 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

END OF QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDING

7. [25-471](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF RLI25-054 TO RAFTELIS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS, INC. TO COMPLETE A STUDY THAT WILL PROVIDE A COMPARISON OF THE CURRENT BSO CONTRACT VERSUS THE CITY ESTABLISHING A STAND-ALONE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$285,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND RAFTELIS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS, INC.; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$285,000.00)

(Staff Contact: Mary Rivero/Earl Bosworth)

Mary Rivero, Director of Procurement and Contracts, presented a recommendation to award and negotiate a contract with Raftelis, in partnership with the Center for Public Safety. In response to a commission request, a public solicitation for letters of intent was issued on April 29 and closed on May 22, yielding five responses. Following evaluation meetings, two top-ranked vendors were shortlisted. Due to a tie, the committee recommended forming a partnership, leveraging Raftelis's financial analysis expertise and the Center for Public

Safety's operational experience, particularly with BSO. Raftelis will lead and be responsible for the final report, which will include a comparison of current BSO services, market benchmarking, and an analysis of the costs associated with forming a standalone police department. Ms. Rivero requested approval to move forward with the contract, noting the original 120-day timeline is now expected to take approximately 160 days.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Jocelyn Jackson asked for clarification on the \$270,000 contract amount, confirming it was for a study to determine whether the City would be better served by its own police department rather than continuing with BSO. She expressed concern about the cost, noting it is a significant expense for a study. While not opposing the Commission's efforts, she encouraged consideration of past data from when the City previously had its own department, suggesting that historical comparisons might offer insight without incurring such a high cost.

Mike Skversky, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed agreement with the previous speaker, noting that a similar study may have been conducted years ago, possibly at no cost, by a company named Willdan. He questioned the current expense, suggesting the City's own staff could review past data and assess potential improvements internally. He also raised concerns about the consultant rates, calling them excessive, and recommended exploring more cost-effective alternatives, such as a limited review using existing information.

Tundra King acknowledged that the proposed cost is high, but emphasized that safety cannot be measured in dollars. She expressed concern that the Northwest area has been underserved by the current police department and believes it is crucial to explore the possibility of reinstating a local police force. While safety remains her top priority, she noted the need to reconsider spending priorities and supported moving forward with the study despite the expense.

Patricia Williams, 1565 Northwest 7th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, questioned the discrepancy between the \$70,000 "not to exceed" amount in the documents and the \$285,000 figure mentioned by the presenter. She sought clarification on why the higher amount is being used. Mayor Hardin explained that an additional \$15,000 would come from taxpayers.

David Hall, 290 Southeast 8th Court, Pompano Beach, FL, commended the local BSO command staff for their responsiveness and acknowledged ongoing challenges in Pompano Beach. His primary concern was the cost of establishing a local police department. Mr. Hall noted that costs have increased since the previous Willdan study and emphasized the need for a thorough comparison, including pension considerations, competitive salaries, and comprehensive services such as SWAT. Mr. Hall stressed that to attract and retain officers, the City must offer top-tier compensation and carefully consider all operational needs. He also cautioned that policing today is more complex than in past decades, and establishing a department could require significant initial and ongoing investment, estimated at \$100 million to start and \$80 million annually.

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

Ms. Rivero addressed concerns about the cost, noting a previous study under \$100,000 lacked detail and

analysis. She emphasized that the current solicitation's scope is precise and comprehensive, covering community needs, operational planning, staffing, recruitment, budgeting, and financial feasibility. Ms. Rivero explained that two highly qualified vendors were selected-Raftelis for financial analysis and the Center for Public Safety for operational expertise-and the price was negotiated down from initial bids ranging \$150,000 to \$350,000. The study will include community surveys, forums, and collaboration with BSO to provide a thorough and inclusive assessment. Ms. Rivero concluded that, given the scope and deliverables, the cost is reasonable.

Vice Mayor Fournier began by expressing gratitude to BSO for their service and emphasized that this discussion is separate from their ongoing work. She stressed the importance of the study, including not just feasibility but a detailed implementation plan outlining steps for rollout over several months. The Vice Mayor noted that BSO costs are rising significantly, making this the right time to explore alternatives. Additionally, she urged that the study consider a regional approach by coordinating with neighboring cities to achieve greater cost-effectiveness.

Comr. Fesik agreed with Vice Mayor Fournier, noting discussions with Deerfield Beach officials who are also exploring similar studies. She emphasized the importance of including a regional approach, which staff confirmed Raftelis will incorporate, comparing data from neighboring cities and counties. Comr. Fesik clarified that a previous review years ago was informal and lacked depth, while the 2009 Willdan study recommended establishing a local police department. Given inflation and changing circumstances, updated cost analysis is valuable. She also highlighted potential savings by handling administrative tasks internally rather than through sworn officers. Comr. Fesik praised the selection of reputable consultants and staff efforts to secure competitive pricing. Regarding the study timeline, Ms. Rivero noted contingencies but expressed confidence in completing it within 160 days, aided by consultants' familiarity with BSO. She inquired about the status of a one-year extension with BSO, which Ms. Rivero confirmed is in draft form and expected for approval in September. Lastly, the Commissioner raised concerns about enforcement of municipal codes related to homelessness and panhandling, asking whether a local department or BSO under negotiation could better address these issues. Ms. Rivero indicated such negotiations would be possible depending on the study's outcome.

Comr. Perkins inquired about the increased cost due to engaging two consultants. Ms. Rivero explained that after evaluating five vendors, the top two tied-one focused on financial analysis, the other on police operations. Combining their expertise was deemed beneficial, and through negotiation, the cost was reduced from over \$500,000 to \$285,000 by dividing the work strategically. The study timeline is expected to be 160 days, slightly longer than the original 120-day target. Comr. Perkins asked if the consultants would remain involved after delivering the study to assist with implementation. Ms. Rivero confirmed their intention to stay engaged and support hybrid models or other recommendations based on current data.

Comr. Perkins expressed interest in meeting the consultants to discuss community-specific concerns. Ms. Rivero affirmed that community needs assessments and forums are key parts of the study, ensuring active involvement across all city areas. The focus on safety and effectiveness remains paramount throughout the process.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton expressed the importance of allowing adequate time for the study due to its complexity

and scope. She noted concerns about high startup costs, including vehicles, equipment, uniforms, office space, and facilities such as jails. She emphasized the need to consider ongoing and indirect costs, such as sick leave and maintenance, alongside the current increasing expenses with BSO.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton acknowledged the financial challenges involved, including potentially paying \$50-60 million annually in addition to upfront costs. Despite these concerns, she supports the study to obtain a clear understanding of the feasibility and to gauge community willingness to fund their own police department.

Comr. Smith noted that residents' main concern is the lack of connection with law enforcement, not crime rates, which are down 2% citywide. She praised BSO's effective service over 26 years and stressed the need for a thorough analysis comparing a city police department, a hybrid model, and BSO. She supported the contract, appreciating that Raftelis will include a resident survey. She highlighted concerns about technology, the crime center, specialty units, litigation protection, and union costs. Comr. Smith hopes the study provides comprehensive data to guide the future of law enforcement in Pompano Beach-whether continuing with BSO, forming a city department, or a hybrid-and urged timely completion.

Mayor Hardin commended BSO for their service to Pompano Beach and agreed with Comr. Sigerson-Eaton that while 160 days is proposed for the study, quality should take precedence over speed. He emphasized there is no immediate deadline and it is acceptable if the timeline extends slightly. Mayor Hardin clarified that the contract includes a strategic implementation plan but does not cover actual implementation, which would be a future step after the study's completion.

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-194

8. [25-465](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE RESCUE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE INCORPORATED AREA OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE ESTIMATED ASSESSMENT RATE FOR FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTION; PROVIDING FOR A VACANCY ADJUSTMENT FOR MOBILE HOME PARK PROPERTY;

PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(Fiscal Impact: \$33,992,334 - gross revenues)

(Staff Contact: Joshua Watters/Peter McGinnis)

Joshua Watters, Budget Director, presented the preliminary fire assessment resolution for FY 2026. The proposed rates, consistent with those shared at the July 14 budget workshop, include a \$30 increase in the residential fee-from \$331 to \$361 per unit. Commercial, industrial, and institutional rates will also rise proportionally based on square footage. The assessment is the City's primary funding source for fire services (excluding EMS) and is expected to generate \$32.3 million in net revenue, achieving an 81% cost recovery rate toward the 90% goal. To meet TRIM law requirements, the resolution must be adopted by August 4 for inclusion in the Broward County TRIM notices. Fire Chief McGinnis was also present for questions.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item, seeing none, public input was closed.

Vice Mayor Fournier recognized the challenges in this year's budget and expressed appreciation for staff efforts. She affirmed her support for the fire department and acknowledged the need to fund it, whether through the millage rate or fire assessment fee. However, she reiterated concerns raised during the recent budget workshop, noting that the proposed fire assessment fee increased by \$10 between the June and July versions of the budget-resulting in an additional \$900,000. Additionally, higher-than-expected property values generated another \$500,000, creating a \$1.6 million increase over the June budget. Despite this, she noted, no portion was proposed to be returned to taxpayers. The Vice Mayor advocated for a modest reduction in the millage rate, citing previous efforts to do so, and proposed a 0.5% decrease from the current rate of 5.2443-amounting to roughly \$500,000 in a \$463 million budget. She emphasized this as a good-faith gesture to residents.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Fesik, to direct staff to bring back .50 percent decrease in the millage rate for consideration in September.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the motion.

David Hall, 290 Southeast 8th Court, expressed strong support for reducing taxes, referencing recent increases in city and CRA revenues. He noted that while the city is experiencing a financial windfall, prior decisions-such as opting for private financing over public financing-will cost taxpayers an estimated \$100 million over 30 years. Mr. Hall argued that these funds could have been better allocated to infrastructure needs, such as road improvements, and stated that cutting the millage rate is difficult given the long-term financial impact of that choice. He urged the City to manage funds more responsibly, avoid nonessential expenditures, and prioritize returning value to taxpayers through millage reductions.

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

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton reaffirmed support for a millage rate reduction, noting the City's growth and increased revenues. She acknowledged the impact of choosing private over public financing, which will ultimately cost taxpayers \$3 million. While supportive of giving back to the community, she emphasized the need to maintain a balanced, zero-sum budget. She proposed using the recent \$460,000 windfall as a means to partially reduce the millage rate-resulting in a 0.4% decrease, from 5.2443 to 5.2180 - without requiring additional cuts or job losses. She described this as a practical and fair approach.

Comr. Smith proposed a compromise by suggesting a 0.25% reduction in the millage rate, totaling approximately \$290,000. She noted that such a reduction primarily benefits non-homesteaded properties, as homesteaded properties are limited to a 3% annual increase in assessed value. She recommended reviewing the budget with this smaller reduction in mind.

Mayor Hardin briefly noted that there is ample time before the September meeting for staff to provide various budget scenarios. He said Mr. Watters is well-equipped to present options and assist the Commission in making informed decisions. Mayor Hardin emphasized the value of exploring alternatives before finalizing the budget.

Vice Mayor Fournier noted that while homesteaded properties see limited annual value increases, the millage rate still impacts all homeowners. She suggested reviewing ongoing consulting contracts as a potential source of savings, especially those no longer serving their intended, limited-purpose roles. Addressing Mr. Hall's comments, she emphasized that the downtown project is designed to be self-sustaining through land sales and increased tax revenues, regardless of financing method. However, she expressed concern about the risk if those land sales do not materialize on schedule-citing a similar project in Greenville where no parcels had been sold after eight years. She stressed that such financial risk should not fall on taxpayers.

Ms. Sibble addressed concerns regarding Greenville and Roca Point Partners, the City's downtown master developer. She emphasized the importance of context and offered to provide the Commission with detailed comparisons between the Greenville project and Pompano Beach's development. Ms. Sibble acknowledged the expectation of a surplus from the downtown project and agreed that public financing would be less costly. She assured that the project includes sufficient financial cushions to mitigate risks from delayed land sales, protecting the general fund and minimizing taxpayer burden.

Comr. Perkins expressed longstanding concerns about the City's budgeting, noting excessive spending from 2016 through recent years without efforts to save. Only recently has there been a push for budget cuts, job reductions, and public financing to reduce costs. Comr. Perkins questioned why savings were not pursued earlier and emphasized the need for sacrifices now to avoid burdening taxpayers.

Comr. Fesik emphasized the need to return a portion of the millage rate to residents, citing a .07% change related to the GO bond as potential flexibility. She advocated for reinvesting in taxpayers who have supported the City's numerous projects over decades. Highlighting the extended life of CRAs-covering 23% of the city and capturing most windfalls-she noted taxpayers have repeatedly funded costly projects without adequate returns. She urged a modest millage rate reduction as a fair way to give back and requested a model reflecting this adjustment.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton expressed support for lowering the millage rate by up to 0.5%, contingent on using the \$460,000 windfall to cover the difference. She emphasized the need for clarity on how the reduction would be funded before voting. It was clarified that staff will return in September with budget scenarios reflecting the proposed reduction for Commission review. She stressed that any savings should avoid further staff layoffs or service cuts.

The motion was then put to a roll call vote.

Yes:Fesik

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

Comr. Fesik acknowledged the extensive work on the budget under a tight timeline and commended Mr. Watters and his team. She expressed concern over the recent \$10 increase in the fire assessment fee, noting that such significant jumps-over 50% in three years-impact residents, especially those with limited incomes. She urged a careful review of spending to avoid future steep increases. She also clarified that the current fee reflects requirements for the TRIM notice, which must be published on time. While this is the first reading, adjustments may be made at the second reading based on further budget review. Comr. Fesik called for improved management practices to allow more time for discussion and public input before urgent agenda items arise, emphasizing the importance of transparency and resident engagement in budget decisions.

Comr. Smith inquired about fire assessment fee changes in other communities. Mr. Watters responded that Fort Lauderdale plans a \$75 increase, Coconut Creek about \$30, Hollywood around \$9, and Oakland Park no change this year after a \$106 increase last year. He noted that after the August 4 deadline, Broward County municipalities will report their rates, providing a clearer regional comparison. Mr. Watters also explained that the City's budget follows a strict, legally governed schedule with established deadlines, and the budget office annually provides a comprehensive calendar to guide the process and ensure timely compliance.

Vice Mayor Fournier responded that while the process feels rushed, it is constrained by strict timelines, including final property appraiser values received only by July 1. To address this, an April budget workshop was added two years ago to discuss expectations earlier. Regarding fee increases in other cities, Vice Mayor Fournier noted that comparisons are limited, as cities vary in how they fund fire services through the fire assessment fee versus the millage rate. Typically, higher fire assessment fees correspond with lower millage rates, reflecting different funding strategies. Pompano Beach's rates are moderate and balanced between these two methods.

Comr. Fesik acknowledged the timeline pressures but noted this comment reflected a recurring pattern. She recalled the recent budget workshop on the 14th, which was held in a larger conference room at the cultural center rather than the usual City Manager's office. She suggested that such workshops be televised in future years to increase transparency and allow residents to engage and raise concerns earlier in the process, well before the first TRIM notice or deadlines. She believes this would improve public understanding and

participation.

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-195

The Mayor called for a brief recess of the meeting. He then reconvened the meeting shortly thereafter.

9. [25-436](#) **P.H. 2025-60: (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 SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND LIMOUSINES OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC. TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$700,000 reimbursed by Broward County surtax)

FIRST READING: JULY 8, 2025

(Staff Contact: Rob McCaughan)

Robert McCaughan, Public Works Director, presented the second reading of the ordinance for a proposed contract between the City and Limousine South Florida (LSF) to provide community bus shuttle service. He explained the contract details, including an estimated annual cost of \$700,000 based on four routes and their operating hours, noting this cost is reimbursable through Broward County surtax. The contract term is five years.

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

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton expressed support for the proposal and raised concerns about a resident email regarding lost TOPS service in Leisureville. She inquired whether the City could incorporate a loop within Leisureville using the existing blue and orange bus routes that pass through the area. She also clarified the

difference between the two routes, noting one goes south while the other extends north to Walmart. Mr. McCaughan confirmed awareness of the Leisureville situation and explained that the blue route already goes around the southeast corner of Leisureville. He proposed adding a stop at the community center without affecting route timing, stating this appears very feasible. He also mentioned wanting the bus to exit onto Copans Road with a right turn since there's no traffic signal at that location.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton expressed safety concerns about the proposed right turn onto Copans Road, stating it would be too dangerous.

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2025-46

10. [25-443](#) **P.H. 2025-62: (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 SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND A-EXCELLENT SERVICE, INC. FOR HVAC MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: A-Excellent Service, Inc. shall not exceed \$250,000.00 per fiscal year.)

(Staff Contact: George Buenaventura)

George Buenaventura, Facilities Maintenance Director, explained that the proposed agreement encompasses the scope of work requested under RFP 25-019, which covers HVAC maintenance, repairs, and replacement of all units. He specified that the contract would be for a five-year duration.

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

Comr. Fesik inquired about the contract duration. She asked about the rationale behind establishing a five-year contract term and noted that she believed this item was connected to the next agenda item as well. Mr. Buenaventura confirmed that the contract would be for five years or less.

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. [25-495](#) **P.H. 2025-63: (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 SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND FLO-TECH MECHANICAL, LLC FOR AS-NEEDED SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED HVAC MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Flo-Tech Mechanical LLC shall not exceed \$100,000.00 per fiscal year.)

(Staff Contact: George Buenaventura)

George Buenaventura, Facilities Maintenance Director, explained that the item falls under City Ordinance Section 32.39, which governs competitive bidding procedures. He stated that the agreement encompasses the scope of work outlined in proposal RFP 25-019, which specifically covers chiller maintenance for three City facilities: City Hall, the BSO complex, and the Cultural Arts Center. He clarified that the services would include repairs, replacement of components, and other necessary maintenance work, with the agreement term set for five years or less.

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. [25-496](#) 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; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 26, 2026, 2025; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

Applicants

Lisa Nothardt - District 3

Other Board Memberships

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(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

Mayor Hardin announced that City Clerk Alfred wished to postpone the item until September 9. He asked Mr. Berman to clarify the procedural requirement that the resolution must be read to get it on the floor before it can be postponed, but Mr. Berman confirmed that it could simply be postponed without reading it first. The Mayor then called for a motion to postpone the item until September 9.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Fesik, that the Resolution / Regular Agenda be POSTPONED to the September 9, 2025 City Commission Meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

13. [25-486](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING_____TO THE POMPANO BEACH POLICE & FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2028; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

Applicants

Sharra Aaronian, Incumbent - District 5

Other Board Memberships

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(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-196

14. [25-507](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, GRANTING THE CITY MANAGER AUTHORITY DURING THE CITY COMMISSION'S AUGUST HIATUS TO PERFORM AND FINISH SUCH MATTERS AS MAY HAVE BEEN BUDGETED AND AUTHORIZED, SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION THEREAFTER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Greg Harrison)

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

Suzette Sibble, Assistant City Manager, provided a detailed explanation of the resolution's purpose. She stated that the seven-week Commission hiatus until September 9 necessitates this authorization for continuity of operations. She explained that the city manager would be empowered to approve already budgeted and authorized items that require immediate attention, using grant agreements as a primary example where timing is critical. She emphasized that all actions taken would require ratification by the Commission upon their return in September, and clarified that the Commission retains the authority to undo or terminate any agreement if necessary during the ratification process.

Comr. Fesik raised questions about the scope and limitations of the proposed authority. She specifically sought assurance that nothing would be done to circumvent City Commission or CRA Board approval, expressing concern about maintaining proper oversight. She referenced a publication mentioning an August 15 deadline related to the downtown project, using this as an example of why clear limitations needed to be established.

City Attorney Berman commented on the time-sensitive nature of the authorization, emphasizing that it's designed to prevent the loss of grants or funding opportunities that cannot wait until September. He stressed that this authority is not intended for routine matters but specifically for urgent items that require immediate action. He assured that when items are brought back for ratification, there will be clear explanations of what was done and why immediate action was necessary.

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-197

15. [25-485](#) Consideration for the rescheduling of the City Commission Meeting of November 11, 2025, and the cancellation of the City Commission Meetings of November 25, 2025, and December 23, 2025.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Greg Harrison)

Suzette Sibble, Assistant City Manager, presented the item and provided the basis for the scheduling changes, explaining that November 11 falls on Veterans Day, which conflicts with the normal commission meeting day, and therefore recommended moving it to November 13. She also requested the cancellation of the second November meeting and the second December meeting in observance of Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Comr. Fesik expressed concerns about the scheduling process, emphasizing that the conflict with Veterans Day should have been anticipated and criticized the last-minute changes that disrupt personal plans, especially for families. She supported keeping the November 25 meeting and offered to attend the Veterans Day meeting virtually.

Vice Mayor Fournier noted the changes in school schedules this year, where children now have the entire week of Thanksgiving off.

Comr. Perkins questioned the necessity of the November 25 meeting and sought clarification on which meetings were being canceled.

City Clerk Alfred confirmed the standard practice of canceling meetings during Thanksgiving week and clarified that the other cancellations apply to November 11 (moved to November 13) and December 23, with the November 11 rescheduling being due to Veterans Day.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Item for Consideration/Discussion be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

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:

September 9, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting
September 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. - First Public Budget Hearing
September 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. - Final Public Budget Hearing
September 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

G. REPORTS

City Manager's Report:

Suzette Sibble, Assistant City Manager announced that on July 29 at 10:00 a.m., BSO will hold a memorial for Officer Scott Winters at Pompano Beach Cemetery, honoring his line-of-duty death in 1990. Later that day, at 11:30 a.m., a public ceremony will be held to dedicate a new monument to Sergeant Chris Reyka, who died in 2007. This event will be held at Walgreens, 960 S. Powerline Road. Ms. Sibble also wished everyone a restful hiatus and looked forward to reconvening on September 9.

City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Berman announced that Tracy Lyons, Deputy City Attorney, will be present on his behalf for the September 23rd meeting.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Alfred had no formal report but requested all iPads be left behind to complete final updates identified by the IT department. He anticipates needing them through early August. He also wished everyone a restful hiatus.

Comr. Fesik's Report:

Comr. Fesik shared a safety concern raised by a constituent regarding low-flying aircraft over residential areas near Runway 10 at the City's air park.

Clinton Mueller, 1080 Northeast 28th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, raised serious concerns about low-altitude aircraft noise and safety, citing over 400 flights below 500 feet above his home within three days-well under the FAA's 1,000-foot standard. He emphasized that Runway 10, which is 30% shorter than other runways, poses a risk as aircraft often fail to reach safe altitudes before flying over residential areas.

Mr. Mueller urged the City to limit Runway 10 to emergency or taxiing use unless a study confirms safe operation. He referenced verified flight data and noted that four of five Commission districts are affected. He called for enforcement of Chapter 93 regulations, which allow the City to implement safety rules and assess fines-potentially helping offset budget shortfalls. He concluded by framing the issue as one of public safety and quality of life.

Comr. Fesik initially motioned to temporarily close Runway 10 for takeoffs and landings, except in emergencies, pending an independent study. However, after City Attorney Berman advised that FAA approval would likely be required, she withdrew the motion and posed another and it was as follows:

A motion was made by Commissioner Fesik, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, to bring forward a discussion item at the September 9th Commission meeting to look into the safety issues at the Air Park and raise the current fines.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes:Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Comr. Fesik raised concerns regarding recent property acquisitions in the Northwest District by the City and CRA, specifically questioning the lack of appraisals or board approval for transactions exceeding \$10.7 million. She referenced Florida Statute 166.045 and asked whether the public records exemption justifies bypassing appraisal requirements. She requested a formal legal opinion and noted she had asked for a written explanation from staff, which had not yet been provided. Mr. Berman stated he would review the matter, including discussions with the CRA Attorney, and follow up. Comr. Fesik emphasized the importance of transparency and compliance with state statutes, particularly for high-value acquisitions, citing guidance from the Attorney General and the Florida League of Cities recommending appraisals for purchases over \$500,000. She thanked staff for their continued work during the Commission's hiatus and noted there would be no community meeting in August, though she remains available by phone and email. She also promoted the "Adopt-a-Dune" program and invited volunteers to participate in a dune restoration event on September 20.

Comr. Perkins' Report:

Comr. Perkins shared upcoming events. On September 3rd at 9:00 AM, a health resource hub will open at

Blanche Ely High School, in partnership with local organizations. Immediately following, at 10:00 AM, the fire station at 10 SW 27th Avenue will be officially renamed in honor of former Commissioner Woody Poitier. On August 9, the City will host the 49th Annual Memorial March of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE). African American officers from across the country will march from the E. Pat Larkins Center to Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church. The event is expected to begin between 7:00 and 8:00 AM and aims to inspire community unity, particularly among youth. Next, on July 24, the "Clean Streets" cleanup will take place in the Oceanside City neighborhood. Residents may place bulk items-such as tires, toys, and electronics-at curbside that day only. Comr. Perkins noted that the community breakfast for August is cancelled and will resume on the first Saturday of September at the Ali Cultural Arts Center. She wished everyone a restful break until the next Commission meeting on September 9.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton's Report:

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton extended well wishes to all for an enjoyable break. She also announced that the Crest Haven Civic Association is scheduled to meet on Thursday, September 11th, at 7:00 PM at the Charlotte Burrie Center.

Comr. Smith's Report:

Comr. Smith acknowledged the City's receipt of \$349,000 from the Florida Department of Health to support care and social services through Cassandra Rhett and Community Court. She praised the continued quality of Pompano Beach's water and thanked staff for their efforts. She noted the upcoming unveiling of a new monument honoring Officer Chris Reyka at the site of his 2007 line-of-duty death. Comr. Smith announced a town hall on August 6th at the Herb Skolnick Community Center and highlighted the 10th Annual Call Your City Fun Day on July 26th at McNair Park. She also addressed community concerns about emergency alerts, promoting the City's "Code Red" notification system. Comr. Smith concluded with well wishes and a quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson, "You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."

Vice Mayor Fournier's Report:

Vice Mayor Fournier thanked City staff, particularly the Engineering Department-John, Tammy, and Hector-for their efforts in securing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approval for the Sixth Terrace Bridge. She noted the project is now moving forward toward the bidding phase. She also expressed appreciation for the ongoing communication from residents. Vice Mayor Fournier announced her upcoming community meeting at 7:00 PM at the American Legion for the next day, encouraging open discussion on topics including the budget, bridges, public safety, and downtown development. She noted that the August meeting will be canceled.

Mayor Hardin's Report:

Mayor Hardin wished everyone an enjoyable break and stated that he looks forward to reconvening in September.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Rex Hardin, Mayor

Kervin Alfred, City Clerk