City of Pompano Beach

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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 14, 2026 | **1:00 PM** | **Commission Chamber**

City Commission Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Rex Hardin, Mayor called the Regular City Commission meeting to order at 1:00 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

Pastor Tim Roberts of The First Presbyterian Church of Pompano Beach offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

26-446 City Commission Budget Workshop Minutes of June 23, 2026

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.

26-421 Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2026

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Hardin announced that Agenda Item 14, which pertains to the contract with the Broward Sheriff's Office, would be moved up to the beginning of the Regular Agenda before Agenda Item 9. Mayor Hardin then inquired with City Manager Harrison whether there were any additional changes to the agenda. Mr. Harrison confirmed that there were none.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Agenda be APPROVED AS 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 6 and 7 would be pulled for City Commission discussion.

A. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

26-447 **Recognition of Pompano Beach High School BITTS Jr. Aviation Graduates**

Mayor Hardin introduced a special presentation recognizing the BITTS Junior Aviation graduates, noting that Barrington Irving, founder and CEO of the Barrington Irving Technical Training School, would acknowledge six students who completed the BITTS Spring Program.

Mr. Irving mentioned that four of the six graduates were with him, highlighting that they had excelled in the spring program, received paid internships, and earned scholarships to pursue their avionic certifications through the Aircraft Electronics Association in the fall. Mr. Irving then invited the students to introduce themselves.

Ray Delgado introduced himself as a Pompano Beach resident who attended Blanche Ely High School. He described the BITTS program as a gateway of opportunities, sharing that he had learned various skills and tools used in aviation. He expressed his long-term aspirations of obtaining his avionics certification, becoming an avionics technician, then a pilot, and ultimately running his own airline.

Carolina Isam identified herself as a resident of Pompano Beach who attended South Broward High School. She shared that she had enjoyed the program for its hands-on projects and the opportunities it provided, including instruction in tools, safety, and aviation culture, none of which she had been familiar with prior to the program. She stated her goal of obtaining her avionics certificate and later her EMT certification in order to work on airplanes.

Asia Reeves introduced herself as a Pompano Beach resident attending Fort Lauderdale High School. She shared that, despite wanting to become a pilot, she had known very little about engineering or aviation before joining the program. She described the experience as having opened doors to knowledge she had never had access to before, and expressed her intention to use the program as a stepping stone toward becoming a pilot or an engineer, and possibly earning a degree in coding.

Eric Cornell, a Pompano Beach resident, described the program as a blessing and called it his first step toward a commercial aviation career focused on mechanics. He briefly acknowledged having legal issues that made the ability to study particularly meaningful and expressed genuine enjoyment of the program, emphasizing its practical, hands-on nature.

After the student presentations, Mayor Hardin asked Mr. Irving to briefly explain who he was and what BITTS was for those unfamiliar, expressing the City's enthusiasm for partnering with Irving and thanking him for choosing Pompano Beach.

Mr. Irving shared that he was introduced to aviation by an airline pilot whose lifestyle inspired him, ultimately leading him to become the youngest person and the first Black man to fly solo around the world. He explained that he had since channeled that success into education, developing a curriculum company called the Flying Classroom in 2014, and later founding a technical training school to provide young people and adults with the tools, equipment, and skills needed to pursue careers in aviation. He expressed gratitude for the collaboration with the City and looked forward to continued progress.

The Special Presentation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

B. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

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

Delvin King, 2601 NW 12th St. Pompano Beach, FL, inquired about the PAC Voters for Better Government and expressed concern over comments made by a city consultant. Mr. King stressed the need for a Commission conversation regarding these comments and the potential division they could cause in the community.

Isiah Martinez, student at South Florida Technical College, shared his praise for Mr. Delvin King, stating that there is action behind his words. Mr. Martinez continued by thanking those that supported his football team being able to use a city field for practice, and closed by reading an entry of his journal.

Louis Lamb, Coach at South Florida Technical College, thanked the Commission for use of the city field for his team practices, and shared that the school is always in need of more facilities, highlighting that they are a small school looking to add more sports teams.

Kheathan Jacquar, student at South Florida Technical College, echoed the previous speakers, thanking the City for the use of the practice field, and expressing gratitude to Mr. King for his assistance helping students register for their classes at Broward College.

Kyshaun Veasey, student at South Florida Technical College, emphasized that everyone in the room was the same, they are all human. He continued by sharing the ways in which Mr. King has assisted the students, as well as others in the community.

Jancarlos Najera, student at South Florida Technical College, thanked the Commission for use of the practice field, and shared an emotional testimony about his life, and the ways that Mr. King has helped him be on the path to a brighter future.

DeAngelo Thomas, student at South Florida Technical College, shared the prior speakers' sentiments, thanking the Commission for allowing the use of the practice field. Mr. Thomas also shared his personal life experiences and how Mr. King has given him hope.

Fred Hill Jr., student at South Florida Technical College, thanked the Commission for the use of the practice field, which allows them to showcase their talents, not only in Pompano Beach, but representing the City in other cities and states. Mr. Hill also thanked Mr. King for giving him an opportunity to build a life and a living for themselves, and shared that they will be doing a walk to end gun violence event.

Tyron Nelson, student at South Florida Technical College, also thanked the Commission for the use of the practice field. He then voiced his appreciation for Mr. King for all the help he has given him and others in the community.

Sarahca Peterson, informed that Lotus Mindset terminated their contract with the City and spoke passionately about how she will continue to speak on issues involving the City, including development, opportunity, money, candidates, and elected officials. She shared how her ancestors paved the way for her to speak, and emphasized that she will not be intimidated or silenced.

The allotted 30 minutes for Audience to be Heard had ended, so Mayor Hardin announced that all remaining speakers would be heard after the Regular Agenda.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hardin requested a motion to Approve/Adopt Items 1 through 5 and 8 under the Consent Agenda.

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

1. 26-431 Consideration of a request by James Garner to transfer ownership of Block 38, Lot 7, Plot 2 in the South Lawn to Dorienne Garner
(Fiscal Impact: Revenue to City $295)

(**Staff Contact:** Rob McCaughan)

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.

2. 26-432 Consideration of a request by Ricky & Mia Watson to transfer ownership of Block 5, Lots 60 & 62, Plots 1 & 4 back to the City of Pompano Beach
(Fiscal Impact: $4,324)

(**Staff Contact:** Rob McCaughan)

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.

3. 26-425 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN UPDATED INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(**Staff Contact:** Allison Feurtado)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-129

4. 26-422 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT (FPL) FOR THE USE OF A STAGING AREA IN THE EVENT OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND OTHER EMERGENCY EVENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(**Staff Contact:** Rob McCaughan)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-130

5. 26-433 A RESOLUTION 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 LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND SOUTH FLORIDA WATER POLO CLUB, INC. TO UTILIZE THE CITY'S AQUATIC CENTER TO PROVIDE MULTIPLE WATER PROGRAMS FOR BOTH ADULTS AND YOUTH AGES FIVE TO SEVENTEEN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: The City will receive $1,250 monthly fee for use of space.)

(**Staff Contact:** Scott Moore)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-131

6. 26-430 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A REINSTATEMENT AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND DESIGNING LOCAL LTD. TO PRODUCE A PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

Strategic Plan Initiative

(**Staff Contact:** Ty Tabing)

Mayor Hardin announced that the item was pulled from the consent agenda at the request of Vice Mayor Fournier and Comr. Perkins for discussion.

Vice Mayor Alison Fournier requested clarification regarding the proposed reinstatement of the consulting agreement, noting that such requests are uncommon. She asked whether the request involved the same consultant and whether the extension was simply needed because additional time was required to complete the project.

Ty Tabing, Cultural Arts Director, explained that the request is for an extension rather than a reinstatement. He advised that the consultant was not requesting any increase in compensation and that approximately six additional months were needed to complete the Public Art Master Plan. Mr. Tabing stated that the project was approximately 70 percent complete and that additional community engagement remained necessary before finalizing the plan. He further advised that staff were completing the first draft of the master plan and planned to meet individually with each commissioner to review the draft and receive feedback before presenting the completed document.

Vice Mayor Fournier confirmed that the original contract amount of $80,000 would remain unchanged and that the requested extension would simply provide sufficient time to complete the remaining work.

Comr. Perkins stated that she initially had concerns regarding the reinstatement request and the contract amount, but expressed appreciation for Mr. Tabing's commitment to meeting individually with each commissioner. She stated that those meetings would provide an opportunity to ask additional questions and review the development of the Public Art Master Plan in greater detail.

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

Comr. Fesik requested confirmation that the extension would remain within the original contract scope and that no additional funding would be requested; Mr. Tabing confirmed this was correct.

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-132

7. 26-428 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CITY'S 2026-2027 CDBG AND HOME ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATIONS, SPECIFIC CDBG CERTIFICATIONS, OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION CDBG, SPECIFIC HOME CERTIFICATIONS, AND APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: Grant Revenue, FY 2026 CDBG- $1,029,989 and FY 2026 HOME- $406,142.50)

(**Staff Contact:** Alex Goldstein)

Mayor Hardin stated that Vice Mayor Fournier requested the item be pulled for discussion.

Vice Mayor Fournier asked about the inclusion of approximately $400,000 for roadway paving within the public improvement portion of the Annual Action Plan and whether the project represented a new use of CDBG funding.

Alex Goldstein from the Office of Housing and Urban Improvement confirmed that the paving project was a new initiative. He explained that staff coordinated with the Public Works Department to identify roadway projects within eligible low- and moderate-income census tracts and determined that available program income could supplement those improvements. Mr. Goldstein added that the staff intends to explore similar opportunities in future funding cycles whenever eligible infrastructure projects can benefit qualified neighborhoods.

Vice Mayor Fournier stated that roadway paving remains a high priority throughout the City and expressed appreciation for staff's efforts to identify alternative funding sources to accelerate infrastructure improvements. She requested a future update on the City's paving schedule and funding strategy, including opportunities to leverage county, federal, and other available funding sources. Vice Mayor Fournier also asked whether staff were evaluating additional public improvement projects that could qualify for similar funding. Mr. Goldstein responded that staff remains open to identifying other eligible projects as opportunities arise.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Ed Phillips addressed the Commission and expressed support for roadway improvements but cautioned against shifting Community Development Block Grant resources away from housing-related programs. He stated that, given the continuing challenges associated with housing affordability, he believed preserving CDBG funding for housing assistance should remain a priority.

Wayne Oken, a Palm Aire resident, addressed the Commission but spoke on matters unrelated to the advertised public hearing. Mayor Hardin advised that the comments were not germane to the item under consideration and directed Mr. Oken to limit his remarks to the CDBG Annual Action Plan. After Mr. Oken continued discussing unrelated matters, Mayor Hardin ruled him out of order and directed that he leave the podium.

Vicente Thrower asked whether any of the proposed funding could be used to support marijuana-related businesses or educational programs. Mayor Hardin referred Mr. Thrower to the Office of Housing and Urban Improvement for additional information regarding eligible uses of federal grant funding.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Hardin closed the public input and invited Commission discussion on the item.

Vice Mayor Fournier addressed Mr. Phillips' concerns and requested clarification regarding the source of the paving funds. Mr. Goldstein explained that the paving allocation consisted of CDBG program income generated through prior program activities rather than the City's annual federal entitlement allocation. He emphasized that the proposed project would not reduce funding available for existing housing rehabilitation, public service, or other traditional CDBG programs. Vice Mayor Fournier stated that she supported using available program income for direct infrastructure improvements that benefit Pompano Beach residents while preserving funding for existing grant programs.

Comr. Perkins asked how much of the City's CDBG funding directly benefits nonprofit organizations serving Pompano Beach residents. Mr. Goldstein explained that federal regulations limit public service expenditures to 15 percent of the City's allocation and that organizations receiving reimbursement must provide services exclusively to eligible Pompano Beach residents.

Comr. Perkins encouraged staff to continue prioritizing local nonprofit organizations, particularly those serving the Northwest community. She noted that several neighborhood organizations have experienced difficulty obtaining funding and referenced a youth program operated by a local educator that provides services to young girls. Comr. Perkins stated that smaller community organizations often have significant local impact and deserve additional assistance during the application process.

Mr. Goldstein responded that he was unfamiliar with the specific organization referenced by Comr. Perkins but invited the organization to contact his office for assistance. He explained that staff routinely works with prospective applicants to explain eligibility requirements and application procedures and noted that several new organizations had participated in this year's public outreach process, although not all ultimately submitted complete applications. He stated that staff would continue assisting local organizations interested in applying for future CDBG funding opportunities.

Comr. Perkins acknowledged Mr. Goldstein's offer and stated that she would encourage the organization to contact his office. She reiterated that many neighborhood nonprofits become discouraged by the application process and expressed hope that additional local organizations could successfully compete for future funding.

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-133

8. 26-443 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING JAMES BUNN TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AS APPOINTEE OF COMMISSIONER AUDREY FESIK TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF RAFAEL KATZ, 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 Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-134

D. REGULAR AGENDA

14. 26-436 **P.H. 2026-45: (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 AN AGREEMENT FOR POLICE SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: $70,087,761)

(**Staff Contact:** Brian Donovan)

Earl Bosworth, Assistant City Manager, presented the background and terms of the proposed contract. He explained that the agreement established a three-year contract with two optional three-year renewals, subject to mutual agreement. He outlined key provisions, including a 5% annual cost increase cap excluding health insurance, workers' compensation, and pension contributions; a 90-day termination clause; revised transition language; maintained staffing levels; enhanced reporting requirements; and updated definitions and selection processes for the district captain. He recapped the process that led to the agreement, including the hiring of the Raftellis Corporation in July 2025, four community meetings, eight focus groups, individual interviews, and 28 BSO interviews involving 50 BSO staff, and the final report presented to the Commission in February. He noted that the fiscal impact had increased slightly due to the passage of House Bill 5205E, raising the total from approximately $70.08 million to approximately $70.19 million. He highlighted additions to the contract including coverage of MLK Day and Juneteenth events, real-time crime center language requiring 24/7 operations, and the addition of the Collier City substation to the facilities list.

Mark Berman, City Attorney, provided context for the contract approval, emphasizing that approval did not foreclose the option of creating a standalone police department, that costs were capped and clearly defined, and that the contract offered three years of financial stability. He warned that rejecting the contract would trigger a two-year transition period during which the City would lose economies of scale and face itemized billing for services like detectives and crime scene personnel. He also confirmed that the City Manager, in consultation with the Commission, would retain authority over the selection of the police chief from a list of three names provided by BSO.

Gregory Tony, Broward County Sheriff, briefly addressed the Commission, affirming the accuracy of what had been presented and stating that he did not intend to obstruct the Commission's decision-making. He expressed support for whatever path the Commission chose and pledged that BSO would provide transitional assistance if needed, and thanked the city staff and consultants for their thorough, unbiased analysis.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Ed Phillips, a Pompano Beach resident, expressed support for BSO, noting that police visibility in the city had improved significantly over the years. He cautioned the Commission against making decisions based on personal feelings rather than the City's best interests, referencing the financial advantages of the BSO contract and suggesting enhanced sensitivity training for officers.

Kevin Eason, a resident, expressed strong opposition to dissolving the BSO contract, citing the historical context of why the City transitioned to BSO in the first place, including issues with racism within the former city police department and a significant lawsuit that cost the City $125 million. He noted that crime had decreased by 25% and urged the Commission not to allow personal issues to influence public safety decisions.

Evencia Janvier, President and CEO of the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce, spoke positively about BSO's consistent partnership with the chamber, including regular appearances at chamber breakfasts and participation in the Leadership North Broward program. He described an upcoming Public Safety Day hosted by BSO and thanked both BSO and the Commission for their contributions to the City.

Vicente Thrower raised concerns about the City's authority to select its own police chief, citing a prior process under former Sheriff Ken Jenne, in which the sheriff recommended three candidates and the City Manager made the final selection. He argued that this authority had since been diminished and called on the Commission to reclaim it, suggesting the contract should be tabled or reduced to a one-year term if that authority was not restored. He also objected to educational requirements that he believed excluded qualified local officers from consideration for leadership roles.

Michael Skversky, a Pompano Beach resident, defended BSO's performance, asserting that police were highly visible and active throughout the community. He expressed opposition to establishing a Pompano Beach Police Department, particularly given the current composition of the Commission, arguing that elected officials without law enforcement expertise should not be directing policing.

Richard Grosso, speaking on behalf of the Broward Children's Center, praised BSO for its responsiveness and partnership in supporting events for medically fragile children, including Christmas parades and the annual Miles for Smiles 5K run. He personally expressed admiration for the county-wide sheriff model as an efficient use of resources compared to individual city police departments.

Linda Dana, a former Pompano Beach police officer and current BSO employee, spoke in favor of the BSO contract, asserting that the resources and training available through BSO far exceeded what a standalone city police department could offer. She urged the Commission to finalize the contract, stating the City's residents deserved experienced and well-trained law enforcement.

Wayne Barton, a new Pompano Beach resident, expressed support for BSO while advocating for a stronger community policing model in which officers engaged proactively with residents, particularly youth. He emphasized that education and prevention were more cost-effective than incarceration and called for programs that would build trust between police and the community.

Marcus Thomas, a local pastor, shared personal experiences of BSO's community engagement, including monthly food distributions, Christmas toy giveaways, summer recreational events for children, and assistance in launching a community clothing closet. He strongly supported BSO's continued presence and advocated for programs that engaged youth before they entered the criminal justice system.

Deputy Richard Williams, an 80-year-old lifelong Pompano Beach resident and 43-year veteran of BSO, urged the Commission to vote immediately in favor of the contract, asserting that the deal was favorable and that the changes in the community over decades validated BSO's effectiveness.

Ronald Thurston offered a more critical perspective, recounting a ride-along with Comr. Smith through Districts 4 and 5, during which no police cars were seen for approximately 30 minutes. He referenced a brawl at Mitchell Moore Park the previous Saturday, where fire trucks responded, but BSO arrived late. He also raised concerns about the lack of Black male officers above the rank of captain within BSO's Department of Law Enforcement and questioned the integrity of the agency's leadership based on recent news reports.

Juliana Escobar, an autism advocate and parent of a young man with autism, spoke positively about BSO's compassion and partnership with the neurodivergent community, citing their participation in the Best Buddies Friendship Walk and their personal relationships with her family. She urged the Commission to continue the contract with BSO.

Marie Goodrum Johnson spoke from a school-based perspective, praising BSO's involvement with children in schools and describing their service as magnificent. She urged the Commission to maintain the current arrangement in the interest of community and child safety.

Mary Phillips, a candidate for District 4 Commissioner and vice president of the Kendall Lakes Homeowners Association, expressed strong support for BSO, highlighting their mental health response capabilities and community presence. She encouraged the Commission to approve the contract while noting that as the City grows, additional policing resources may be needed.

Reverend Margarita Luster, a 90-year-old lifelong Pompano Beach resident, traced the history of law enforcement in the city from the era of racially discriminatory policing to the present. She acknowledged the flaws in both the former city police department and BSO but expressed continued support for giving BSO the opportunity to improve and serve the community.

Paul Luebbe, a 13-year Pompano Beach resident, raised concerns about the three-year contract length and advocated for a one-year agreement instead. He expressed frustration over the lack of visible neighborhood patrols and noted that the City's sworn officer count had remained essentially unchanged since 1999 despite a 50% or greater increase in population. He called for a citizen task force to assess actual policing needs and expressed concern about the lack of a plan for a new safety complex, given potential budget shortfalls from pending property tax amendments.

Tamara Taylor addressed the Commission as a mother whose son had been physically harmed by BSO officers on January 13, 2026. She described six months of unanswered questions and a lack of accountability, stating that no officers had been disciplined while her son faced criminal charges. She expressed deep pain and frustration while acknowledging positive experiences with Captain Martin, who had shown her family compassion throughout the ordeal.

Jonathan Desier, a security manager at John Knox Village, praised BSO's professionalism and responsiveness, describing their proactive assistance with resident scam awareness and their consistent patrol presence in the area. He urged the Commission to keep BSO's positive relationship with the community in mind when making its decision.

Joanne Smith informed the Commission about the Police, People, and Pastors organization, which facilitated regular community and church engagement with BSO. She urged the Commission to vote in favor of the contract.

Delvin King expressed mixed but increasingly positive feelings about BSO, citing improved customer service in District 4. He called for more direct communication between BSO leadership and community residents, suggesting a directory allowing residents to contact local officers directly rather than relying solely on 911. He also advocated for youth education programs on firearm safety and responsible gun ownership, as well as psychological readiness programs for young people in the community.

Sarahca Peterson, a resident of 2nd Street in Collier City, provided firsthand testimony about the high frequency of BSO presence on her street, including responding to a shooting, a police chase, and a fight, all within recent weeks. While expressing concern about the culture of policing in her community, regardless of who the sheriff was, she supported the three-year contract as fiscally responsible and warned that any lapse in service would disproportionately harm residents in high-activity neighborhoods. She urged the Commission not to allow political motivations to override the safety needs of residents.

George Berlenge, a homeless ministry worker, spoke in strong support of BSO, describing officers who showed compassion toward homeless individuals, used personal funds to help those in need, and sought appropriate resources for people in crisis. He argued that the full cost of creating a standalone police department, including forensics and DNA labs, made BSO the more financially sound option, and noted that crime had dropped 27% under the current arrangement.

Damian Washington, a member of the BSO Explorer program, shared how the program had helped him build a sense of community and confidence. He expressed strong support for BSO continuing to serve in Pompano

Beach, crediting the program with significant personal growth.

Xavier Calderon, captain of the BSO Explorer program, spoke about his four years in the program and the opportunities BSO had provided. He reported that the program had recently won two first-place trophies at a statewide competition among sheriff's office Explorer programs and thanked both the City and BSO for their support.

The Sheriff briefly returned to the microphone to commend the Explorer members for their civic courage in speaking publicly, expressing personal pride in their engagement, and urging them to continue paying attention to civic matters.

Jocelyn Jackson, a 56-year-old resident whose parents had been migrant workers in Pompano Beach, called for greater representation of Black officers in leadership roles within BSO and for the restoration of school-based law enforcement programs. She expressed strong anger over the incident involving Ms. Taylor's son, stating that the officers involved should have been fired rather than retained. She also requested greater transparency on how contract funds were being allocated in the community.

Mark Kersey, a retired BSO officer and Southeast Pompano Beach resident, drew on his 36 years of experience to support the three-year contract, noting that the City had grown significantly since 1999 while staffing levels had remained stagnant. He acknowledged concerns about police visibility but attributed them to understaffing rather than poor performance. He urged the Commission to sign the contract, move forward, and allow Sheriff Tony and his staff to continue providing law enforcement services to Pompano Beach residents.

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

Comr. Perkins emphasized that the purpose of the agenda item was to determine whether the City should approve a new three-year agreement for police services. She noted that the discussion had been prompted by the increasing cost of the contract, which was estimated at approximately $70 million, and stated that the Commission's responsibility was to determine whether entering into a three-year agreement remained in the City's best interest.\

Comr. Fesik asked Mr. Bosworth to identify where the negotiated five percent annual cost limitation appeared within the agreement, noting that she had found the reference in the staff report but not within the contract documents. Mr. Bosworth confirmed that the provision was included in the agreement and explained that the estimated fiscal impact had increased from approximately $70 million to approximately $71.1 million due to state-mandated increases in the Florida Retirement System contribution that became effective on July 1.

Comr. Fesik acknowledged the positive public comments regarding BSO's service and stressed that the Commission's discussion concerned the terms of the contract rather than the quality of law enforcement services. She recalled that the Commission had previously directed the City Manager to negotiate a one-year extension, but negotiations ultimately resulted in a proposed three-year agreement. Although she appreciated the addition of the five percent annual cost limitation, she expressed concern about the contract term and asked whether a shorter agreement, such as a one-year contract with extension options, remained possible.

Mr. Bosworth responded that the Sheriff had advised the negotiating team that a one-year agreement was unacceptable due to the operational and staffing complexities of managing a police department.

City Attorney Berman explained that, although the proposed agreement has a three-year term, it may be terminated by either party upon 90 days' written notice. He stated that the termination provision preserves the City's flexibility should it decide to pursue an alternative policing model before the contract expires.

Vice Mayor Fournier stated that the decision represented one of the most significant policy issues before the Commission. She noted that the City had invested considerable time evaluating policing options through the Raftelis study and expressed disappointment that the Commission was not presented with the originally requested one-year agreement. While acknowledging improvements negotiated in the proposed contract, including enhanced reporting and community engagement provisions, she stated that many of those initiatives should already have been standard practice. Vice Mayor Fournier also thanked the deputies and command staff for their service and expressed appreciation for their commitment to the community.

Vice Mayor Fournier further commented that long-term policing decisions should remain guided by local control and ongoing public engagement. She expressed concern that compensation and staffing decisions affecting deputies were influenced by entities outside the City's control and stated that the City should continue evaluating its long-term public safety strategy. She recommended continued public discussion through a public safety task force or similar process and requested that internal procedures governing the Commission's participation in selecting the District Chief be formally documented. She also requested additional information on consultant expenditures for law enforcement services and stated that her support for the agreement was contingent on continued communication and policy development before the second reading.

Vice Mayor Fournier also raised concerns regarding communication with families involved in officer misconduct investigations. Referring to comments made during public participation, she suggested that families should receive timely updates through an assigned liaison even when investigations remain ongoing. Sheriff Tony explained that internal affairs investigations require careful review and must comply with legal and contractual obligations governing employee rights. He stated that assigning mandatory timelines in the contract would create legal conflicts, but agreed that designating a liaison for significant incidents was appropriate. He confirmed that BSO would continue to provide that level of communication when warranted.

Comr. Perkins stated that she shared concerns regarding communication with affected families and recalled previous situations in which regular courtesy updates had helped reassure victims' families that investigations remained active. She emphasized that families often seek acknowledgment and reassurance rather than confidential investigative details. Sheriff Tony responded that BSO had remained in contact with the family referenced during public comment and explained that Captain Martin serves as the designated point of contact, coordinating with Internal Affairs and communicating permissible updates. Comr. Perkins reiterated that consistent communication remains important to maintaining public trust and strengthening community relationships.

Comr. Fesik stated that she appreciated the Sheriff's willingness to communicate directly with the Commission and expressed support for establishing a more structured dialogue outside of contract negotiations. She reiterated concerns previously expressed by Comr. Perkins and Vice Mayor Fournier regarding community engagement and requested that the City schedule a workshop before the second reading to discuss public safety priorities, neighborhood concerns, and opportunities to strengthen collaboration between the City and BSO. Sheriff Tony responded that he would participate in any meeting the Commission deemed appropriate, but stated that the negotiating teams had already provided sufficient information for the Commission to decide on the proposed agreement.

City Attorney Berman clarified the distinction between special meetings and workshop meetings under the City Charter, explaining that workshops are intended for discussion without official action, whereas special meetings are limited to specifically noticed agenda items on which official action may be taken. Comr. Fesik reiterated her request for a public meeting before the second reading to discuss potential policy refinements and public safety priorities.

Greg Harrison, City Manager, responded that the City had already conducted four public meetings, eight focus groups, and numerous interviews during the Raftelis study process, providing extensive opportunities for public input. He added that additional workshops could be scheduled in the future if desired, but stated that he did not believe further discussion was necessary before acting on the proposed agreement.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton stated that providing police services remains one of the City's primary governmental responsibilities. She observed that the one-year agreement proposed earlier in the process was not accepted during negotiations and noted that establishing a municipal police department would require significant startup costs, including new facilities, equipment, and personnel. Comr. Sigerson-Eaton also cited uncertainty surrounding future state constitutional amendments affecting municipal revenues and concluded that continuing the BSO partnership represented the most fiscally responsible option. She further noted that BSO responds to approximately 66,000 service calls annually within the City and stated that the current level of service demonstrates the value provided under the existing partnership.

Comr. Smith stated that the negotiated agreement represented more than a simple contract extension because it incorporated numerous recommendations contained in the Raftelis public safety study. She highlighted expanded reporting requirements, enhanced community policing initiatives, the continuous operation of the Real-Time Crime Center, and the agreement's 90-day termination provision as significant improvements. Comr. Smith supported holding a future public workshop on policing but stated that such discussions should occur separately from the current contract approval process to allow adequate planning and community participation.

Comr. Fesik reiterated her desire for additional public discussion before the second reading but stated that she would support moving the agreement forward while requesting a future special meeting or workshop to address public safety policies and the City's relationship with BSO. She emphasized that her objective was not to reopen negotiations but to improve long-term communication and collaboration.

Comr. Perkins asked whether staff had reviewed the police service agreements used by other municipalities that contract with BSO. After discussion, City Attorney Berman advised that the Commission's participation in selecting the District Chief is an internal City governance matter rather than a contractual issue with BSO. He offered to prepare a resolution for consideration at the next meeting that defines the Commission's role in the District Chief selection process, providing additional clarity without requiring amendments to the police services agreement. Comr. Perkins expressed support for that approach.

Mayor Hardin thanked the members of the Broward Sheriff's Office for their continued service to the City and expressed appreciation for their dedication to public safety.

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

9. 26-444 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 6 IN THE AMOUNT OF $298,848 PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR LANDSCAPING INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND CUTTING EDGE INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR ATLANTIC BLVD. AND DIXIE HIGHWAY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: 298,848)

(**Staff Contact:** Brian Donovan/Rob McCaughan)

Brian Donovan, Assistant City Manager, presented Work Authorization No. 6 for landscaping services along Dixie Highway and Atlantic Boulevard. He explained that the proposed work authorization was substantially the same as the agreement approved the previous year and confirmed that the scope of services and contract cost remained unchanged, with no price increase.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier stated that although she continued to disagree with the roadway configuration in the project area, she recognized the City's responsibility for maintaining the landscaping. She asked staff to estimate the cost of performing the maintenance with City personnel rather than through the current contractor.

Mr. Donovan responded that bringing the work in-house would require an estimated first-year investment of slightly more than $600,000, including capital equipment costs, with recurring annual operating costs of approximately $325,000 thereafter.

Comr. Fesik stated that she had recently observed portions of the landscaped corridor while traveling through the area and had questions regarding sections that appeared to contain only grass. She indicated that her primary concern involved understanding the associated maintenance costs and thanked staff for providing clarification. Comr. Fesik also recognized the contractor, Cutting Edge, and Mr. Jankowski for the quality of their work throughout the City, noting that the crews consistently maintained the landscaped areas and left the work sites in good condition upon 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. 2026-135

10. 26-438 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND ODYSSEY MANUFACTURING CO. FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE CHEMICAL SUPPLIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed the amount appropriated in the chemicals account lines for the current Fiscal year)

Strategic Plan Initiative

(**Staff Contact:** Renuka Mohammed)

Renuka Mohammed, Utilities Director, presented a request for City Commission approval to execute a piggyback contract with Odyssey Manufacturing Company through the Clay County Utility Authority for the purchase and delivery of sodium hypochlorite. Ms. Mohammed explained that sodium hypochlorite is a critical treatment chemical used in the City's potable and reclaimed water disinfection processes. She advised that the City's previously competitively procured contract had expired on March 7, 2026, and that Odyssey Manufacturing Company had agreed to extend the pricing and terms of the renewed Clay County contract to the City of Pompano Beach.

Continuing, Ms. Mohammed stated that the proposed agreement provides a delivered unit price of $1.60 per gallon, representing an approximate 4.6 percent increase over the previous contract. She explained that the increase was considered reasonable based on current market conditions and transportation costs. Ms.

Mohammed further noted that the agreement would ensure a reliable supply of sodium hypochlorite, support uninterrupted treatment operations, maintain regulatory compliance, and ensure the continued delivery of safe potable and reclaimed water to the community. She advised that funding for the purchase is available within the Utilities Department's approved operating budget and that annual expenditures will remain within the appropriated funding levels. She concluded that approval of the agreement supports the City's commitment to providing reliable and sustainable utility services.

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

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-136

11. 26-408 **P.H. 2026-40: (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 AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (POINT TO POINT) BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND CIRCUIT TRANSIT, INC. TO EXPAND THE MICRO-TRANSIT SERVICE AREA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: Increase of $269,803 per year)

FIRST READING: JUNE 23, 2026

(**Staff Contact:** Jeff Lantz)

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

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

Mayor Hardin requested clarification regarding the operation of the proposed point-to-point transportation service. He asked whether approval of the item would allow residents of the Garden Isles neighborhood to use the mobile application to travel directly from their homes to the beach and whether the service would also provide transportation between Garden Isles and Old Town.

Mr. Lantz explained that the service is designed as a point-to-point transportation system connecting designated destinations rather than providing neighborhood-wide transportation. He stated that riders would be able to travel between locations such as Old Town and the beach, including return trips, but the service would not operate between individual residential neighborhoods and Old Town.

Mayor Hardin sought additional clarification regarding the City's recently acquired Old Town parking facility. Mr. Lantz confirmed that the property would function as a park-and-ride location providing transportation directly to the beach. Mayor Hardin then confirmed that residents would not be able to travel directly from Garden Isles to the Old Town park-and-ride facility through this service, and Mr. Lantz affirmed that the program is limited to beach-related transportation.

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. 2026-30

12. 26-419 **P.H. 2026-42: (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 AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: $15,652,996)

FIRST READING: JUNE 23, 2026

(**Staff Contact:** Lisa Sonego/Mary Rivero)

Lisa Sonego, Human Resources Director, presented the item on second reading, noting that no changes have been made since the first reading. The implementation date for this item is scheduled for October 1 of this year.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item and invited further discussion by the Commission. 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 ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2026-31

13. 26-441 **P.H. 2026-44: (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 BILLING SERVICE AGREEMENT AND A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADDENDUM BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND DIGITECH COMPUTER LLC; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Approx. $6+ million revenue annually with a 4.25-7% fee to vendor)

(**Staff Contact:** Peter McGinnis)

Peter McGinnis, Fire Chief, presented the billing contract for EMS services. This contract involves handling all billing processes, conducting collections, and analyzing funds for the City at year-end.

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

15. 26-449 **P.H. 2026-46: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AWARD OF ITB26-039 TO WATERFIELD FLORIDA STAFFING, LLC AS THE LOWEST RANKED BIDDER; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND WATERFIELD FLORIDA STAFFING, LLC FOR CROSSING GUARD SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: FY 26 $191,628 / Account # 001-9910-599-31-60 - Increases yearly see Parks and Recreation Memo 26-A052)

(**Staff Contact:** Scott Moore)

Scott Moore, Recreation Director, presented the item and provided his reasons for the approval of the proposed agreement. He explained that the contractor would provide crossing guard services at 12 elementary and middle schools, staffing 65 crossing guard posts and three supervisory positions for approximately 210 school days each year. Mr. Moore advised that compensation under the agreement is based on the current Florida minimum wage plus an additional hourly amount for each crossing guard. He estimated the remaining Fiscal Year 2026 cost at approximately $192,000 and the Fiscal Year 2027 annual cost at approximately $1.146 million, noting that future costs would adjust with increases in the Florida minimum wage. He stated that the agreement would ensure the continued provision of safe and reliable crossing guard services for students, parents, and schools throughout the city.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier asked whether grant funding or other external revenue sources were available to offset the program's costs. Mr. Moore responded that he was not aware of any existing funding opportunities but indicated that staff would be willing to explore available grant programs or other funding sources because of the high long-term cost of the service. Vice Mayor Fournier observed that crossing guard services are a basic public safety function provided by many municipalities and suggested that additional funding assistance should be available despite the competitive nature of such programs.

Comr. Fesik requested clarification on the department's responsibility for the crossing guard program and confirmed that the Parks and Recreation Department oversees the contract. She expressed surprise that the responsibility was assigned to Parks and Recreation rather than another department or the School Board and stated that she would welcome opportunities to identify additional funding to support the department.

Mayor Hardin remarked that the City has provided crossing guard services for many years because responsibility for maintaining safety on municipal streets rests with the City. He noted that the School Board has historically maintained that municipalities are responsible for pedestrian safety on local roadways. Mayor Hardin emphasized that protecting school children remains a top public safety priority and stated that community support for school safety would continue regardless of future changes to property tax funding or other fiscal issues.

Vice Mayor Fournier added that, should proposed property tax reforms significantly affect municipal revenues without similarly affecting the School District, the City may need to reevaluate funding responsibilities in the future.

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

16. 26-418 **P.H. 2026-47: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AWARD OF RFP26-040 TO STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC. AND WILLDAN FINANCIAL SERVICES AS THE HIGHEST-RANKED PROPOSERS; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC. AND WILLDAN FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR UTILITIES RATE, FINANCIAL PLANNING AND ORGANIZATIONAL SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: On-demand Via Work Authorization)

Strategic Plan Initiative

(**Staff Contact:** Renuka Mohammed)

Renuka Mohammed, Utilities Director, presented the item and provided her reasons for the approval of the proposed agreement. She explained that the consulting services would include utility rate studies, financial planning, organizational assessments, development services analysis, and related consulting activities intended to support the long-term financial sustainability, operational efficiency, and infrastructure planning of the City's utility system. Ms. Mohammed advised that two proposals were received and evaluated, with Stantec Consulting Services recommended as the primary consultant and Willdan Financial Services as the secondary consultant. She further explained that the agreements would have a five-year term with no renewal options, and that there would be no immediate fiscal impact, as work would be authorized through individual work authorizations as operational needs arise and funding becomes available.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier asked whether Raftelis had served as the City's previous consultant for utility rate studies and whether the current Request for Proposals would replace that role. Ms. Mohammed confirmed that Raftelis had been the previous consultant but did not submit a proposal for the new solicitation because its contract expired in June 2026. She further confirmed that future consulting assignments under this agreement would be performed by Stantec Consulting Services or Willdan Financial Services.

Comr. Fesik acknowledged the significant financial and infrastructure challenges facing the Utilities Department and asked whether the consulting services would provide additional guidance regarding future utility rates. Ms. Mohammed explained that the City's current utility rates are set through Fiscal Year 2028-2029 and that no rate increases are proposed. She stated that the consultants would perform a comprehensive evaluation of the utility system, including the financial impacts of future regulatory changes, such as House Bill 1451, the elimination of certain surcharges, and the distinction between impact fees, connection fees, and development-related charges. Comr. Fesik expressed support for evaluating those funding mechanisms as potential means of offsetting future infrastructure costs and reducing the financial burden associated with anticipated capital improvements.

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

17. 26-445 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING______________TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JULY 9, 2029; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

<u>Applicants</u>	<u>Other Board Memberships</u>
Robert Whitsett **- Incumbent -** District 3	**0**
Jeffrey Spiro - District 1	**0**
Stephen Salamy **-** District 3	**0**

(**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 Robert Whitsett. The motion to appoint Robert Whitsett carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-137

E. ADDITIONAL AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

The following are the names of additional speakers who spoke under Audience to be Heard:

Tamara Taylor, 630 NW 30th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, stated that she believes she said most of what she needed to say during an earlier item, but thanked Comr. Perkins and Vice Mayor Fournier for their help addressing her issue during the BSO contract item. She shared her disapproval of Sheriff Tony's attitude during the item, but praised Captain Martin for her support.

Vicente Thrower, Pompano Beach, FL, asked for the City to honor Dorothy Jones for her great contributions to the city, and her legacy should be recognized. Comr. Perkins gave a suggested street that could be named in her honor and directed staff to look into that. She continued by highlighting some of Ms. Jones' many accolades, which included her being the first African American woman to run for city commissioner.

F. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

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

July 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. - Budget Workshop
July 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting
Mayor Hardin announced that the upcoming Budget Workshop would begin at 9:00 a.m. in the City Commission Chambers, then move to another location for the presentation, consistent with previous practice.

Comr. Perkins requested clarification on the schedule and questioned the need to relocate the meeting after it had convened in the Commission Chambers. She asked whether the workshop could instead remain in the Chambers for its entirety.

City Manager Harrison responded that the alternate location had traditionally been used to create a more informal work environment, but indicated that he had no objection to remaining in the Chambers.

Comr. Perkins made a motion to conduct the entire Budget Workshop in the City Commission Chambers, which was seconded by Comr. Fesik.

City Clerk Alfred advised the Commission that public notice of the workshop location had already been issued and explained that a revised notice would be required if the meeting location changed. He also noted that the previously published information had already been distributed through various public outlets.

Joshua Watters, Budget Director, advised that the Commission had the authority to determine the meeting location, provided that adequate public notice was given.

Comr. Fesik expressed support for remaining in the Commission Chambers, explaining that the existing technology, display screens, and individual monitors would improve the Commission's ability to review budget presentations and supporting financial information during the workshop.

Vice Mayor Alison Fournier noted that a recurring concern about holding the workshop outside the Commission Chambers was that the meeting was not live-streamed, which limited public access to the budget discussions. She suggested that, if the workshop remained in the Chambers, the meeting should also be live-streamed to improve transparency and allow residents to observe the proceedings remotely.

Mayor Hardin asked whether live streaming would present any operational concerns, and staff confirmed that it could be accommodated. Comr. Fesik confirmed that the motion included live streaming of the workshop, and the Mayor affirmed that it would be broadcast if held in the Commission Chambers.

The motion passed with a 5-1 vote. Commissioners Fesik, Perkins, Smith, Vice Mayor Fournier, and Mayor Hardin voted yes, and Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton voted no.

G. REPORTS

City Manager's Report:

Greg Harrison, City Manager, reported that the Planning and Zoning Board requested the preparation of a business plan for the Airpark to identify future business opportunities and attract targeted industries. He advised that staff would work with the appropriate personnel to develop the plan and present the completed report to both the Planning and Zoning Board and the City Commission. Mr. Harrison also distributed a report prepared by Parking Manager Jeff Lantz regarding mechanical parking garages. He explained that the City previously evaluated automated parking facilities beginning in 2018 but elected not to pursue them due to operational concerns, including equipment failures that could adversely affect traffic and special events on the barrier island. He noted that the report was provided for the Commission's review and future discussion if desired.

Mr. Harrison announced that the City's new skate park would officially open with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a daylong program featuring professional skaters. He noted that the project was among the first initiatives approved under the 2018 General Obligation Bond Program. He also advised that his annual evaluation would be scheduled as an agenda item at the July 28 meeting, stating that he welcomed the opportunity to discuss his performance and accomplishments with the Commission. Before concluding his report, Mr. Harrison announced a Clean Streets event scheduled for the Old Collier neighborhood on July 16. Mayor Hardin expressed appreciation for the updates and encouraged Mr. Harrison regarding his upcoming evaluation.

City Attorney's Report:

No report.

City Clerk's Report:

No report.

Comr. Fesik's Report:

Comr. Fesik thanked the City Manager for placing the evaluation on the upcoming agenda and for providing information regarding mechanical parking garages and noted that technology may have advanced since then. She then asked City Attorney Berman whether any legal authority permits the City to charge elected officials for public records requests made in the course of performing their official duties. Mr. Berman explained that charges for extensive staff time are authorized for public records requests but noted that whether elected officials should be charged is ultimately a policy decision for the governing body. He also emphasized the importance of complying with ethics requirements governing the use of public resources. Comr. Fesik stated that commissioners must have reasonable access to records necessary to fulfill their responsibilities and reiterated her support for expanding technology to improve public access to city records while reducing administrative burdens on staff.

Comr. Fesik also requested clarification regarding the City Attorney's spending authority and procedures governing workshops and special meetings. Mr. Berman explained that expenditures by the City Attorney's Office are governed by the approved departmental budget and that litigation expenses are managed within those budgetary constraints, while recognizing that litigation demands cannot always be predicted. He further explained that workshops are intended solely for discussion and recommendations without official action, whereas special meetings require a specific purpose, proper public notice, adherence to the published agenda, and may include official Commission action when warranted by special circumstances. Comr. Fesik thanked Mr. Berman for the clarification and concluded by expressing appreciation to city staff, public safety personnel, vendors, and volunteers for their efforts in producing a successful Fourth of July celebration.

Comr. Perkins' Report:

Comr. Perkins requested a status update on the proposed Ultimate Sports Park project and asked the City Manager to provide additional information regarding its progress. She also asked the Utilities Director about the implementation of the City's new water meter replacement program. Ms. Mohammed confirmed that the City had contracted with National Metering Services to supplement utility staff with meter installation following Commission approval of the contract. Comr. Perkins also inquired about overtime compensation for employees working on Fridays when city offices are normally closed, and Ms. Mohammed confirmed that qualifying employees receive overtime compensation.

Comr. Perkins further commented on the City's recognition of Barrington Irving's internship program, noting that the program currently receives outside financial support and expressing hope that the City could become more actively involved in supporting the initiative locally. She also asked BSO District Chief Dave Ellwood about the installation and operation of Flock license plate reader cameras. Major Ellwood explained that the Sheriff's Office is transitioning away from those cameras because they are incompatible with the technology used in the City's Real-Time Crime Center. After Comr. Perkins expressed concerns regarding the location of a camera near her residence, Major Ellwood agreed to review the matter and provide additional information. Mayor Hardin requested clarification regarding the purpose of the cameras, and Comr. Perkins explained that they function as license plate readers.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton's Report:

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton commended city staff for organizing a successful Fourth of July celebration commemorating the Nation's 250th anniversary and praised the fireworks display and community participation. She also thanked Broward County Tax Collector Abbey Ajayi for attending a recent Cresthaven Civic Association meeting and highlighted improvements in customer service provided by the Tax Collector's Office. Comr. Sigerson-Eaton noted that future driver's license services would be expanded and advised that additional information regarding upcoming community outreach events would be shared when available. Comr. Perkins supplemented those remarks by announcing that the Tax Collector's mobile unit would participate in Community Court activities during the first week of August at the E. Pat Larkins Center, providing driver's license and identification services.

Comr. Smith's Report:

Comr. Smith recognized Barrington Irving for his continued mentorship of local students and praised the positive impact of his educational programs. She announced an upcoming District 5 Town Hall meeting on August 19, featuring a Broward Sheriff's Office presentation on senior scams. She then encouraged attendance at the annual "Collier City Family Fun Day" at McNair Park on July 25, and reminded residents of the City's household hazardous waste collection event at Community Park on July 18. Comr. Smith concluded by sharing a reflection on unity inspired by international sporting events.

Vice Mayor Fournier's Report:

Vice Mayor Fournier requested that the City Attorney provide the Commission with information regarding legal expenditures associated with ongoing litigation involving Palm-Aire. Mr. Berman explained that the City is defending litigation initiated by residents and that the courts must resolve legal issues involving longstanding development agreements. He agreed to provide information regarding the City's legal costs. Vice Mayor Fournier also joined previous speakers in recognizing the success of the Fourth of July celebration and reminded residents of the upcoming skate park ribbon-cutting ceremony and her community meeting featuring Broward County Property Appraiser Marty Kiar to discuss pending property tax reform initiatives.

Mayor Hardin's Report:

Mayor Hardin commended city staff and all participants responsible for organizing the Fourth of July festivities.

He noted that the event received praise from elected officials outside the city and recognized the outstanding quality of the fireworks display, entertainment, and overall community celebration.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

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Rex Hardin, Mayor

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Kervin Alfred, City Clerk