

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, May 27, 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

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

[25-366](#) Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of April 22, 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

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

CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION

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

Mayor Hardin announced that Items 1 and 5 would be pulled for City Commission discussion.

A. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**[25-368](#) Presentation of the 2025 Environmental Services Scholarships**

Mayor Hardin and Russell Ketchum, the Environmental Services Director, awarded the 2025 Environmental Services Scholarships to three outstanding students from Pompano Beach high schools.

- 1) Jessica Kettelhut from Pompano Beach High School, with a 3.89 GPA, is the class vice president and plans to study civil engineering at the University of Central Florida.
- 2) Jamarion Monpas from Blanche Ely High School, who has a 3.63 GPA and is a sports captain, will attend Kaiser University to pursue information technology systems.
- 3) Brayden Bunn, also from Pompano Beach High School, achieved an impressive 5.07 GPA, is in JROTC, and aims to study finance at the University of Florida.

All three recipients have demonstrated exceptional academic and community service achievements.

Mr. Ketchum expressed gratitude for the support from Coastal Waste in awarding scholarships. He acknowledged the high volume of applications from deserving students and highlighted that only a limited number of scholarships could be awarded. He commended three standout individuals for their commitment to environmental stewardship and congratulated them for being future leaders.

The Special Presentation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

B. GUIDELINES FROM ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Mayor Hardin addressed the Commission, expressing a need to reinforce some guidelines from Robert's Rules of Order, as he felt things had become a bit lax. He emphasized the importance of properly requesting to

speak, advising that commissioners should seek the chair's attention to be added to the speaking queue. He reminded everyone to allow staff members to provide complete answers when questions are directed at them. When questioning other commissioners, they should wait their turn to respond and not interrupt the current speaker. The Mayor concluded by thanking everyone for their attention to these protocols.

C. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

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

Rodrick Phillips, 2620 Northwest 10th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, stated concerns regarding outcome of the May 14, 2025 meeting. Vice Mayor Fournier emphasized that decisions are guided by established processes, factual information, and a commitment to serving the community. Comr. Perkins clarified that no vote had been taken on the project in question and that efforts are underway to secure funding for the northwest area. Comr. Fesik reminded attendees that rules of conduct permit public comment but prohibit slander, threats, defamation, or accusatory remarks. Mr. Berman affirmed that public comments must not be insulting or disparaging toward Commissioners and should be directed to the body collectively rather than any individual member.

Ed Phillips, 384 Northwest 19th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, recommended that the rules of conduct be clearly written to ensure that speakers understand the boundaries, noting that these parameters are frequently violated. He also inquired about the definition of ex parte communication. Additionally, Mr. Phillips expressed concern regarding the vision for the downtown area-particularly the roadways-and emphasized the importance of ensuring that impacted communities are actively involved in the discussions.

Mary Phillips, 384 Northwest 19th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concern over the discontinuation of federal funding for school breakfast programs. She referenced a discussion regarding a proposed two-year limitation on Section 8 housing, during which residents would be expected to secure employment. She announced an upcoming event-the Education, Crime, Employment, and Business Forum-scheduled for June 26th at 6:00 PM. at the E. Pat Larkins Community Center. Although the annual Expungement event will not take place this year, the forum will include information on how individuals can have their records expunged. Ms. Phillips also noted that she operates a non-profit organization that assists small businesses in obtaining grants. Through a grant partnership with BSO, the organization has established a job search center but is in need of additional funding. She indicated plans to request sponsorship from the City. The center, which is easily accessible by bus, offers workshops, fax, and notary services.

Jason Ortiz, 865 Northeast 23rd Terrace, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed appreciation for the City Manager's efforts to improve the efficiency of the short-term rental licensing process, particularly in cases involving multiple open permits. He noted a modification to the guidelines to allow existing permits to remain open rather than requiring closure before pursuing a short-term rental license, which resulted in significant time savings for Mr. Ortiz. The speaker also extended gratitude to the Code Compliance Department. He requested support for remedial expenses incurred after canceling a solar permit to prioritize obtaining a short-term rental license. As a result, he experienced increased electricity costs over the past year. While arrangements were made for the removal of the fee for the new permit, Mr. Ortiz sought consideration of the financial difference

between his electricity costs with and without solar power.

Corey Thompson, 2160 Northwest 4th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concern over the lack of local entertainment venues, noting the need to travel outside the city to access amenities such as movie theaters.

Vicente Thrower, Pompano Beach, FL, noted the success of a recent, long-overdue event held across the street, which was at full capacity. Mr. Thrower advocated for providing local businesses the opportunity to register in advance, allowing them to better prepare for doing business with the City. He expressed disappointment over the noticeable absence of Department Heads at the event. Concerns were raised that new commercial developments are largely serving businesses from outside Pompano Beach, due to a lack of outreach to local enterprises. The speaker emphasized the strong community enthusiasm for the downtown event and suggested such events occur more frequently. Additionally, it was mentioned that the Festival Flea Market may close and be converted into warehouses. Mr. Thrower called for the implementation of policies that promote local business development in alignment with the City's overall growth.

Mike Skversky, 1630 Southwest 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed criticism for some liaisons and commended another for advocating for their district. Mr. Skversky is concerned that in the event of a tie vote, a deciding vote may come from an individual that lacks familiarity with the affected area.

Omchand Persaurd, 241 Southwest 6th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, stated that he purchased a commercial property with an existing structure seven years ago, and two years ago, he received a code compliance notice regarding the requirement for a garbage enclosure. Upon receiving the notice, he was informed by the City that a contractor must construct the enclosure. After reviewing the applicable regulations, they determined that the only feasible location for the enclosure is at the front of the building. The property includes sixteen parking spaces, which must also accommodate the neighboring Montessori School's staff and the pick-up and drop-off of students. Mr. Persaurd requested guidance on how to resolve the code compliance issue. Mayor Hardin advised him to consult with Brian Donovan, the Assistant City Manager.

Wayne Vereen, 2420 Northwest 7th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed respect for the Commission and requested that each representative actively listen to the concerns of their respective constituents. Mr. Vereen specifically advocated for growth in District 4, emphasizing the need for fine dining establishments and high-quality grocery stores.

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.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hardin requested a motion to Approve/Adopt Items 2-4, 6 and 7 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. [25-349](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE FDOT DISTRICT FOUR (4) AMENDMENT NUMBER THIRTY THREE (33) TO INCLUSIVE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD 814 (EAST ATLANTIC BLVD.) FROM MILE POST 5.242 AND MILE POST 5.436; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Robert McCaughan)

Vice Mayor Fournier sought clarification that the area in question lies west of the newly installed landscaping associated with the Atlantic and Dixie project. Robert McCaughan, Public Works Director, confirmed that the location is specifically just west of Northwest 6th Avenue. Vice Mayor Fournier also inquired about the anticipated completion date and requested an update on the status of coordination with the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) to allow for the completion of the roadwork. In response, Mr. Harrison stated that the City is still awaiting action from the FEC, and the City Attorney's Office is actively working with FEC's legal counsel to move the matter forward.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Ed Phillips, 384 Northwest 19th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concern over the lack of a confirmed anticipated completion date. In response, Mr. Harrison explained that the matter is currently under review by the attorney representing the FEC, and that James Saunders from the City Attorney's Office is actively collaborating with FEC's legal team to expedite the process.

Mike Skversky, 1630 Southwest 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, noted that they spoke with two people from Coral Springs that asked if the City intends to fix the roads on Atlantic Boulevard because the lines are cut off.

Linda Ackerman, 931 Southeast 4th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, stated that road conditions are poor throughout the city, regardless of district, and expressed concern that the existing barricades may pose a risk for potential accidents.

Mitchell Ackerman, 931 Southeast 4th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, commented that the landscaping along Dixie Highway, which initially appeared attractive, has since deteriorated. He expressed concern over vehicles being parked in unauthorized areas and noted that small businesses in the vicinity are not complying with established regulations.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed concern over the hazardous conditions on both the eastbound and westbound lanes of Atlantic Boulevard. She noted that the project, which has been under construction for several years, was based on an approved permitting plan and inquired about the cause of the continued delay. Mr. Harrison explained that the city is currently awaiting a document from the FEC, which will require review by the Commission. Vice Mayor Fournier then sought clarification on whether the project commenced without all necessary details or a definitive timeline in place, to which Mr. Harrison responded that this was not the case; rather, the delay is due to the extended process of coordinating with FEC.

Mayor Hardin requested clarification on whether the project had previously received approval from the FEC. Mr. Harrison confirmed that approvals had been granted at one point, but noted that circumstances have since changed.

Comr. Fesik expressed concern regarding the delays to the project, questioning what changes occurred after initial approvals were granted and whether the project plans themselves had been altered. Mr. Harrison responded that, to his knowledge, the plans had not changed but assured he would provide a comprehensive report to address her concerns.

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. 2025-138

2. [25-358](#) 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 BROWARD COUNTY, ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO SUPPORT OLD TOWN UNTAPPED AND BACKYARD JAM; CONFIRMING THE CITY'S MATCHING CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: \$50,000)

(Staff Contact: Ty Tabing)

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. 2025-139

3. [25-362](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, RE-APPOINTING EUGENE M. STEINFELD AS SPECIAL MAGISTRATE, TO PRESIDE OVER CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 11, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: \$150.00 per hour for each Special Magistrate Hearing.)

(Staff Contact: Mark E. Berman)

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. 2025-140

4. [25-361](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, RE-APPOINTING ALAN L. GABRIEL AS SPECIAL MAGISTRATE, TO PRESIDE OVER CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 11, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
(Fiscal Impact: \$150.00 per hour for each Special Magistrate Hearing.)

(Staff Contact: Mark E. Berman)

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. 2025-141

5. [25-332](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, HUNTERS MANOR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. AND D.R. HORTON, INC.; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: John Sfiropoulos)

Comr. Perkins inquired about the necessity of including the underground drainage item on the agenda.

Johns Sfiropoulos, City Engineer, explained that the matter pertains to a revocable license agreement with D.R. Horton, which owns properties on both sides of Northwest 7th Street. The agreement is required because a private drainage system, owned by the developer, is located within the City's right-of-way. The agreement permits the developer to maintain the drainage system and includes provisions to indemnify the City. Additionally, the drainage pipe crosses the street to connect both properties

Comr. Perkins expressed support for the residential development project, which will feature 59 single-family homes with four to five bedrooms. She noted that at the time of approval, the anticipated sale price was approximately \$350,000, though current market conditions suggest prices may be closer to \$600,000. Comr. Perkins acknowledged that such pricing may be prohibitive for families currently residing in the Northwest and advocated for measures to provide relief-such as down payment assistance-to enable local residents to access homeownership. She emphasized the importance of offering affordable housing options in an area predominantly composed of apartment units. Additionally, she inquired whether the nine-acre site was originally part of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) or City-owned property. It was clarified that the land was formerly CRA property but is now owned by DR Horton, though it remains unclear whether the property was purchased or transferred.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Mitchell Ackerman, 931 Southeast 4th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, questioned who would be responsible for funding the housing assistance proposed by Comr. Perkins. In response, Mayor Hardin indicated that it would be the responsibility of the City Manager to explore potential options. Mr. Ackerman expressed concern regarding the city's current infrastructure challenges, particularly unpaved roads, and urged that infrastructure improvements be prioritized before implementing any housing assistance programs.

Mary Phillips, owner and broker of Push Forward Realty, stated that when new homes are constructed, developers typically offer incentives-ranging from \$20,000 to \$30,000-to assist buyers with moving in. She noted that additional assistance for first-time homebuyers may be available through the City's housing and urban improvement programs, as well as through existing state programs designed to support home purchases. Her business is located at the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and Powerline Road.

Vicente Thrower, expressed strong opposition to the development agreement, characterizing it as highly unfavorable for the City of Pompano Beach. He asserted that the City should have undertaken the development itself, noting that approximately 10 acres of land were transferred for \$1 million, and the resulting homes are now projected to sell for \$650,000. Mr. Thrower emphasized that such pricing is not beneficial to the City or to residents of the Northwest area, stating that even \$500,000 is beyond the financial reach of many local families.

Ed Phillips, 384 Northwest 19th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed agreement with Comr. Perkins regarding the importance of housing affordability. He further noted that taxpayer funds or bond revenue will

likely be utilized for relocation efforts associated with the Innovation District.

Jackie Moreland, 1526 Northwest 7th Lane, Pompano Beach, FL, agreed with Mr. Thower, Ms. Phillips, and Comr. Perkins that these homes should be more affordable.

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 / 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. 2025-142

6. [25-346](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO IMPLEMENT A NEW ELECTRONIC RECORDING SERVICE FOR THE PUBLIC AND TO ADOPT A PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR SUCH SERVICES; 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. 2025-143

7. [25-347](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND OR CITY COMMISSIONERS TO FILL THE POSITIONS ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP TERMS; 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. 2025-144

E. REGULAR AGENDA

8. [25-309](#) 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 PURE TECHNOLOGIES U.S. INC. FOR AS NEEDED SERVICES RELATED TO FORCE MAIN CONDITION ASSESSMENT, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT RECOMMENDATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$1,500,000)

(Staff Contact: Nathaniel Watson)

Nathaniel Watson, Utilities Field Superintendent, introduced the item, stating that the agreement in question pertains solely to conducting a condition assessment of the force main system. He explained that the City maintains approximately 60 miles of force mains serving all service areas. The assessment is a necessary preliminary step to ensure that funds are allocated effectively, particularly in addressing critical issues such as those observed on South Cypress Road. The findings will guide the prioritization of repairs based on severity.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier acknowledged the necessity of the condition assessment but expressed concern regarding its cost of \$1.5 million. She inquired whether this expenditure was included in the current fiscal year's budget. Mr. Watson responded that the funding for the assessment was included in a \$3 million bond allocation, with the remaining balance designated for system improvements. Vice Mayor Fournier requested that a report be provided upon the completion of the assessment.

Comr. Fesik inquired about the scope of the study, to which Mr. Watson responded that the assessment would cover approximately 60 miles of force mains, focusing on the primary routes that transport wastewater to Broward County for treatment. Comr. Fesik expressed concern regarding the cost of the study and asked, based on Mr. Watson's experience, what budget would typically be required to address aging infrastructure. Mr. Watson indicated that the \$1.5 million would only serve to initiate the program and that additional funding would be necessary for a comprehensive assessment. When asked if there is an industry standard cost per mile for repair or replacement, Mr. Watson explained that costs vary depending on the asset's location, material, and size. Regarding budget allocation for future improvements, Mr. Watson noted that it would depend on the assessment's findings. If approved, the study is expected to commence in August, and Mr. Watson committed

to providing additional information as it becomes available.

Comr. Smith noted that Pure Technologies emerged as a leading firm during the selection process, recognized for its use of advanced Smart technology. She commended the selection of the company, acknowledging that it was made in collaboration with a consultant to ensure the most effective approach and optimal outcomes for the project.

Vice Mayor Fournier inquired about the current approach in the absence of a condition assessment, questioning whether the City simply performs repairs as failures occur. It was confirmed that the existing method is reactive in nature, addressing issues only as they arise, which is both costly and inefficient. Implementing a strategic assessment would allow the City to proactively manage infrastructure needs, resulting in more cost-effective solutions and minimizing disruptions to residents.

Mr. Watson clarified that the current assessment does not pertain to the pipelining of the gravity sewer system, which represents a separate and additional investment within the overall wastewater infrastructure.

Comr. Perkins inquired about the source of the \$3 million bond. It was explained that half of the bond will fund the assessment, with the remaining portion allocated for necessary repairs identified through the study. Comr. Perkins further asked whether the project is expected to exceed the \$3 million. Mr. Watson responded that this would depend on the results of the assessment. In response to a question regarding additional funding if needed, it was clarified that the initial funding originated from revenue bonds approved by the Commission the previous year.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton emphasized that a failure of a lift station or force main could result in an environmental hazard, underscoring the importance of a proactive approach. She added that the City's efforts in this regard may likely lead to further recognition or awards.

Comr. Fesik acknowledged that a consultant was engaged in the selection of this highly qualified work and inquired as to the identity of the consultant. It was confirmed that the consultant involved was Chen Moore.

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. 2025-145

9. [25-310](#) 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 CUES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT WASTEWATER CCTV INSPECTION TRUCK, CAMERA AND AFFILIATED EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: \$529,292.98)

(Staff Contact: Nathaniel Watson)

Nathaniel Watson, Utilities Field Superintendent, presented the item, explaining that this initiative represents an additional investment in the wastewater system. It involves acquiring a vehicle equipped for closed-circuit inspection to assess the condition of the City's pipelines as part of a routine maintenance program. The previous vehicle serving this function has reached the end of its operational life, and this replacement is included in the City's capital replacement plan.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Mitchell Ackerman, 931 Southeast 4th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concern regarding the cost of the project and inquired about the number of bids solicited. It was clarified that the procurement was conducted through a piggyback agreement with another municipality.

Jackie Jones, Northeast 1st Street, Pompano Beach, FL, raised concerns about potential environmental impacts associated with the use of the sewer maintenance truck, noting that it produces a strong odor that prevents nearby residents from opening their windows. She suggested implementing a set schedule for truck operations that is communicated in advance to residents. Additionally, she inquired whether the assessment and equipment usage were limited to a single district. Mayor Hardin clarified that the initiative applies citywide and recommended that Ms. Jones discuss her concerns directly with Mr. Watson.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier raised several inquiries, specifically seeking clarification about a referenced lift station and the frequency of maintenance truck visits. Mr. Watson responded that he was unsure which specific lift station was being referred to, noting that contact information from the concerned resident would have enabled them to investigate the matter further. Vice Mayor Fournier then questioned the rationale for a vacuum or pumping truck visiting a lift station as often as four times a week, and suggested that such a frequency would typically indicate an operational issue.

Mr. Watson clarified that without additional details, he could not provide a definitive answer. However, he explained that maintenance operations-such as those involving jet vac trucks-are conducted regularly across service districts, particularly where increased maintenance is required. He added that jet vacs primarily service gravity systems and are dispatched as needed, not routinely. It was also emphasized that trucks are not

scheduled to visit lift stations as part of regular operations, except in cases requiring maintenance or to address specific issues. Furthermore, it was noted that Sunday responses are only conducted in the event of emergencies.

The Vice Mayor confirmed for the record that vac trucks are not a part of standard operational procedures for lift stations, to which Mr. Watson concurred.

Comr. Fesik referenced a public comment that may have originated from an individual residing near 23rd Street, possibly near a Publix location. She recalled the speaker's name and noted that it may correspond with an email she received previously. If the constituent is not from another district, then she may be from District 1. Comr. Fesik suggested coordinating with the City Clerk to obtain the individual's address and facilitate contact. She committed to ensuring staff follow up to determine the nature of the concern raised.

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. 2025-146

10. [25-294](#) **P.H. 2025-47: (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 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND INTERCOUNTY ENGINEERING, INC. FOR SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE REHABILITATION SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$140,000 per year)

FIRST READING: MAY 13, 2025

(Staff Contact: Nathaniel Watson)

Nathaniel Watson, Utilities Field Superintendent, presented the second reading of a contract for sanitary sewer manhole rehabilitation, aimed at further investment in the City's wastewater system. This initiative is essential for maintaining and extending the useful life of catch basins and similar systems. The contract is proposed with Inter-County, having completed the vetting process, and he encouraged the Commission to support the

contract.

Mayor Hardin sought public input and invited the Commission to comment on the item; however, no one provided any comments.

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. 2025-38

11. [25-264](#) **P.H. 2025-48: (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 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND MAXX ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC FOR SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE REHABILITATION SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$140,000 per year)

FIRST READING: MAY 13, 2025

(Staff Contact: Nathaniel Watson)

Nathaniel Watson, Utilities Field Superintendent, introduced a companion item related to sanitary sewer manhole rehabilitation services. This initiative aims to introduce competition by allowing a second contractor to participate in the process. By doing so, it can help maximize the utility of available funding for these services.

Mayor Hardin sought public input and invited the Commission to comment on the item; however, no one provided any comments.

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. 2025-39

12. [25-333](#) **P.H. 2025-45: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 155, "ZONING CODE," OF THE POMPANO BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING SECTION 155.3703., "ATLANTIC BOULEVARD OVERLAY DISTRICT (AOD)," BY EXPANDING PERMITTED USES IN THE DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

FIRST READING: MAY 13, 2025

(Staff Contact: Max Wemyss)

Max Wemyss, Principal Planner, presented the second reading of the ordinance concerning the Atlantic Overlay District. The ordinance proposes to allow museums and commercial recreation uses within the B2-zoned parcels of the district. Mr. Wemyss confirmed that no changes have been made since the first reading.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Ed Phillips, 384 Northwest 19th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, questioned what specifically triggers these recurring code amendments, and Mayor Hardin referenced a recent case where a party's interest in relocating to the area appeared to prompt an amendment and sought clarification. Mr. Phillips further questioned whether this process involves a broader structural review, including the potential need to revise other related codes, and whether such changes have any impact on the value of the affected properties. In response, Mr. Wemyss explained that no formal appraisal had been conducted to determine the impact of the current amendment on property values. While investment in a property can generally enhance its value, Mr. Wemyss could not confirm that the proposed amendment would directly lead to an increase.

Mr. Phillips also inquired about the frequency and limitations of code amendments, noting a perceived concentration of changes in this specific district. Mayor Hardin clarified that code amendments occur regularly across the city as needed and are not limited to a particular area. Mr. Wemyss and Mayor Hardin noted that amendments typically arise from staff initiatives or as issues surface, reflecting standard municipal legislative processes.

Mr. Phillips concluded by expressing a desire for careful planning as the city moves forward, particularly regarding the innovation zone, emphasizing the importance of foresight to avoid future regret.

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

Comr. Perkins suggested that the District 1 commissioner provide context regarding the proposed jellyfish museum. Comr. Fesik acknowledged the request and offered her perspective on the matter, expressing appreciation for the public questions raised by Mr. Phillips.

Comr. Fesik explained that the item under discussion has been presented to the Commission on at least three occasions. Her ongoing concern lies with the broader implications of zoning code amendments. She emphasized that once certain development rights are granted through code changes, it becomes difficult to reverse or restrict those permissions in the future. As such, she tends to approach such matters cautiously, particularly regarding their impact on the Atlantic Overlay District as a whole.

While supportive of the jellyfish museum concept and acknowledging her admiration for the idea, Comr. Fesik reiterated her reservations about the continued expansion of permissible uses through zoning amendments. She addressed the question of whether such changes increase property values, stating that while any value increase would depend on individual properties, the removal of regulatory barriers generally enhances the attractiveness of a site for developers and business operators.

In response, Mr. Wemyss clarified that the intent is to create new opportunities for property investment, business operations, and site renovations-actions that can enhance a property's value.

Comr. Fesik concluded by reaffirming her position: the issue is not merely about establishing a museum but fundamentally about amending zoning regulations. She expressed continued concern about the potential consequences of broadening the code and emphasized the need for prudence in making such decisions.

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed shared concerns with Comr. Fesik regarding broad text amendments to zoning regulations. However, Vice Mayor Fournier noted that the current amendment is highly limited in scope-affecting only three to four B2-zoned parcels within the Atlantic Overlay District-and involves adding two specific uses: museums and indoor commercial recreation. She emphasized that the parcels in question are unlikely to be redeveloped into museums and suggested that the amendment provides an opportunity for a creative, community-oriented use at the beach, such as entertainment venues that are not strictly bars.

Comr. Fesik responded by reiterating her support for the jellyfish museum as a concept but reaffirmed her objection to making permanent changes to zoning through amendments. She voiced concern that piecemeal changes-though seemingly minor-can incrementally reshape the character of the district.

Comr. Fesik then directed a question to Mr. Berman regarding the risk of spot zoning or similar practices resulting from incremental changes. Mr. Berman explained that each zoning amendment is evaluated independently based on a variety of factors, including its compatibility with existing uses and potential impact on

the community, stressing that no universal standard applies and that a comprehensive analysis is performed for each case.

Comr. Smith affirmed support for the amendment, emphasizing that it impacts only three B2 parcels within the Atlantic Overlay District. She noted the amendment's potential to enhance tourism and community engagement by facilitating the creation of the jellyfish museum and similar attractions.

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: Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

No: Fesik

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2025-40

13. [25-328](#) **P.H. 2025-52: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 155, "ZONING CODE," OF THE POMPANO BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING SECTION 155.5204., "TREE PRESERVATION," TO CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION REGULATING COASTAL DUNE MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

FIRST READING: MAY 13, 2025

(Staff Contact: Max Wemyss)

Max Wemyss, Principal Planner, presented the item, stating that this is the second reading of the ordinance to establish the dune mitigation section of the code, noting that there have been no changes since the first reading.

Mayor Hardin sought public input and invited the Commission to comment on the item; however, no one provided any comments.

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. 2025-41

14. [25-312](#) **P.H. 2025-53: (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 PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY, LLC TO PURCHASE AS NEEDED FIRE EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,632,300; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$544,100 per year, contract total is \$1,632,300)

FIRST READING: MAY 13, 2025

(Staff Contact: Peter McGinnis)

Peter McGinnis, Fire Chief, presented the item, stating that this is the second reading of an ordinance for approval to purchase fire equipment for the apparatus, with no changes from the first reading.

Mayor Hardin sought public input and invited the Commission to comment on the item; however, no one provided any comments.

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. 2025-42

15. [25-302](#) **P.H. 2025-50: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 70, "GENERAL PROVISIONS," OF THE POMPANO BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING SECTION 70.11, "ILLEGALLY-PARKED VEHICLES," IN THE CITY'S RIGHT OF WAY BY MODIFYING FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF § 71.07 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES STORED IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

FIRST READING: MAY 13, 2025

(Staff Contact: Mark E. Berman)

Mark Berman, City Attorney, stated that this is the second reading of the ordinance, with no changes since the first reading. He noted that the Commission requested this item.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Edward Phillips, 384 Northwest 19th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, inquired about the classification and size of commercial vehicles, seeking clarification. Mayor Hardin confirmed that they are referring to tractor-trailers.

Mr. Phillips spoke in favor of implementing fines for tractor-trailer parking, but raised a concern about issuing fines for residential vehicles parked in swales in his neighborhood. Mayor Hardin responded by mentioning the increase in fines specifically for tractor-trailer parking.

Mr. Phillips sought to bring attention to the issue of residential vehicle parking fines. Mayor Hardin noted that the current conversation is focused solely on tractor-trailer parking.

Mr. Phillips urged the Commission to consider the concerns of residents who are facing issues with residential parking and other citations related to maintaining their properties, such as cutting grass and watering.

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

Comr. Perkins expressed her excitement for the second reading of the ordinance. She addressed the issue of commercial vehicles parking overnight in residential areas, particularly on Northwest 15th Street. She noted that many vehicles, often used by individuals sleeping overnight, were causing concerns for residents. The proposed ordinance increases the fine for such parking from \$150 to \$350, aiming to deter this practice. Comr. Perkins thanked BSO for their efforts in enforcing this regulation, mentioning that residents have noticed a positive difference with the removal of these commercial vehicles.

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. 2025-43

16. [25-364](#) **P.H. 2025-54: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 155, "ZONING CODE," OF THE POMPANO BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING SECTION 155.3501., "TRANSIT ORIENTED (TO)," AND BY AMENDING BUILDING TYPOLOGY AND PLACEMENT REGULATING DIAGRAM: "TOWNHOUSE BUILDING TYPE A AND TYPE B," TO MODIFY AUTHORIZED ACCESS TO TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN TRANSIT ORIENTED ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Max Wemyss)

Max Wemyss, Principal Planner, gave a presentation that covered the following topics: Context - Townhomes in Transit-Oriented Zoning Districts, Existing - Townhomes in Transit-Oriented Zoning Districts, Proposal - Townhomes in Transit-Oriented Zoning Districts, Alternative - Townhomes in Transit-Oriented Zoning Districts, Permitted Alternative - Existing Conditions, East Overlay District - Existing Conditions, Downtown Overlay District - Proposed Text Amendment.

He explained that the current code requires townhouse units to have primary access from a public right-of-way, greenway, or open space. This standard limits the potential for interior units that do not directly front a street, often resulting in underutilization of deeper lots or encouraging developers to opt for multifamily apartment buildings to maximize density, rather than traditional townhouses.

The proposed amendment seeks to allow internal townhouse units to gain access via internal driveways or site circulation, rather than requiring direct frontage on public streets. Mr. Wemyss emphasized that units adjacent to a public right-of-way or open space would still be required to have direct access to maintain the urban design principle of the overlay districts.

Mr. Wemyss concluded by stating that the amendment is intended to increase development flexibility, promote efficient land use, and encourage more townhome projects without compromising key design principles.

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

Comr. Fesik raised questions about the examples shown during the presentation and confirmed that such configurations are currently not allowed in overlay districts but are typical elsewhere in the city. Mr. Wemyss clarified that the proposed change would enable developers to construct townhomes on deeper lots-an alternative to denser, taller multifamily buildings-thus supporting more desirable infill development. She also asked whether the amendment affects buildable lot space or pervious space requirements, which Mr. Wemyss confirmed it would not.

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed concerns regarding increased density and limited green space, particularly with minimal front setbacks. She noted that this layout could result in units being built close to the road, reducing neighborhood aesthetics and walkability. She acknowledged that the amendment promotes home ownership, especially entry-level options, but reiterated the importance of setbacks and green space in planning.

Comr. Fesik discussed whether additional setbacks or pervious space requirements could be added to future townhouse developments within overlay districts to balance density with livability. Mr. Wemyss explained that townhomes are currently required to include both private open space and pervious areas, and clarified how these are calculated. In multifamily projects, for instance, the private space may be non-pervious, such as rooftop areas, while townhomes must provide a minimum of 400 square feet of private open space per unit and 10% pervious area.

Vice Mayor Fournier explored how future design standards could be incorporated to encourage more setbacks or green buffers without making projects unfeasible. Staff advised caution to avoid over-regulation that could render certain site configurations impractical, and noted that any illustration shown was preliminary and would not comply with current standards.

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

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2025-44

17. [25-348](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING_____TO THE RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR A TERM

OF TWO (2) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON MAY 24, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

Applicants

Other Board Memberships

Mary Lou Ruderman, Incumbent - District 1	0
Velma Flowers, Incumbent - District 4	1
Melissa Banner, Alternate 1 - District 4	0
Alexa Simeone - District 1	0
Peter Middleton - District 1	0
Carlene Duncan - District 4	0
Jerry Moss - District 5	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. Vice Mayor Fournier nominated Mary Lou Ruderman. The motion to appoint Mary Lou Ruderman carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-147

18. [25-352](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING_____TO THE RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON MAY 24, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

PLEASE REFER TO FILE ID 25-348 FOR APPLICANTS

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-148

19. [25-353](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING_____TO THE RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON MAY 24, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

PLEASE REFER TO FILE ID 25-348 FOR APPLICANTS

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-149

20. [25-354](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING_____TO THE RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, AS ALTERNATE 1, FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JULY 20, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

PLEASE REFER TO FILE ID 25-348 FOR APPLICANTS

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-150

21. [25-355](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING _____ TO THE RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, AS ALTERNATE 2, FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JULY 20, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

PLEASE REFER TO FILE ID 25-348 FOR APPLICANTS

(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 Alexa Simeone. The motion to appoint Alexa Simeone carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-151

22. [25-356](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING _____ TO THE AIR PARK ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON MAY 24, 2028; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

Applicants

Katheryn Gillis, **Incumbent** - District 4
Nancy Grant, **Incumbent** - District 5
Martin Cooper - District 1
Tauhidul Khan - District 1
Tyler Durland - District 1
Dominique Louis - District 3
Susan Lorenzo - District 3

Other Board Memberships

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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. Commissioner Smith nominated Nancy Grant. The motion to appoint Nancy Grant carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-152

23. [25-365](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING _____ TO THE AIR PARK ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON MAY 24, 2028; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

PLEASE REFER TO FILE ID 25-356 FOR APPLICANTS

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-153

24. [25-343](#) **P.H. 2025-49: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING THE FORM OF A GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH EACH SERIES PROJECT, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; APPROVING THE FORM, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, OF A MASTER TRUST AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE FROM TIME TO TIME THEREUNDER OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; APPROVING THE FORM OF A SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT, SUPPLEMENTING THE MASTER TRUST AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT RELATING TO ONE OR MORE SERIES OF CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION TO BE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE MASTER TRUST AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZED HEREIN; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OF TAX EXEMPT AND/OR TAXABLE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION EVIDENCING AN UNDIVIDED PROPORTIONATE INTEREST OF THE OWNERS THEREOF IN BASIC RENT PAYMENTS TO BE MADE UNDER A MASTER LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT (CIVIC FACILITIES MASTER LEASE PROGRAM) BY THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, SUBJECT TO THE PARAMETERS SET FORTH HEREIN, INCLUDING THAT THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SUCH CERTIFICATES SHALL NOT EXCEED \$137,000,000, ALL AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A TRUSTEE

UNDER THE MASTER TRUST AGREEMENT, AS SUPPLEMENTED; APPROVING THE FORM, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION, OF A MASTER LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT (CIVIC FACILITIES MASTER LEASE PROGRAM) RELATING TO THE SERIES PROJECTS; APPROVING THE FORM, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION, OF A LEASE SCHEDULE TO BE DELIVERED IN CONNECTION WITH EACH SERIES PROJECT; APPROVING THE FORM OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE AGREEMENT; APPROVING THE FORM OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT TO BE DELIVERED IN CONNECTION WITH EACH GROUND LEASE; AUTHORIZING THE DELEGATED, NEGOTIATED SALE OF EACH SERIES OF THE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (CIVIC FACILITIES MASTER LEASE PROGRAM) SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED HEREIN AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN PARAMETERS OF SUCH SALE; APPROVING THE FORM, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, OF A CERTIFICATE PURCHASE CONTRACT RELATING TO EACH SERIES OF THE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (CIVIC FACILITIES MASTER LEASE PROGRAM) SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO THE PARAMETERS SET FORTH HEREIN; AUTHORIZING OBTAINING A COMMITMENT FOR A MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY AND/OR RESERVE ACCOUNT SURETY BOND SECURING A SERIES OF THE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (CIVIC FACILITIES MASTER LEASE PROGRAM) SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED HEREIN AND THE EXECUTION OF RELATED AGREEMENTS WITH THE INSURER; APPROVING A FORM OF PRELIMINARY OFFERING STATEMENT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FINAL OFFERING STATEMENT AND RELATED MATTERS RELATING TO EACH SERIES OF THE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (CIVIC FACILITIES MASTER LEASE PROGRAM) SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED HEREIN; APPROVING THE FORM, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION, OF A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE AND RELATED MATTERS RELATING TO EACH SERIES OF THE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (CIVIC FACILITIES MASTER LEASE PROGRAM) SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED HEREIN; AUTHORIZING ALL REQUIRED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE SERIES OF CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (CIVIC FACILITIES MASTER LEASE PROGRAM) SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$137 million (excludes premium or discount) to be financed over 30 years, anticipated maximum annual debt service of \$9.1 million over 30 year financing term. Savings of \$100 million over 30 year financing term as compared to private financing option approved June 20, 2024 in the Downtown Master Development Agreement.)

(Staff Contact: Suzette Sibble)

Suzette Sibble, Assistant City Manager, provided a brief overview of the agenda item related to the financing of new civic facilities in the downtown area. Although no formal presentation was prepared, she recapped the

purpose of the discussion.

In June of the previous year, the City Commission approved a Master Development Agreement, which included the construction of key civic buildings-most notably, a new City Hall to serve as the anchor for the downtown redevelopment. That agreement authorized the use of private financing through the master developer for these civic improvements.

However, the item presented at this meeting offers an alternative financing structure. Specifically, city staff is recommending that the City pursue public financing through the issuance of Certificates of Participation (COPs) in an amount not to exceed \$137 million. This instrument is the same mechanism previously used to finance the current City Hall.

Ms. Sibble emphasized that this public financing route is projected to yield substantial cost savings-approximately \$4 million annually, or nearly \$100 million over a 30-year period, compared to the originally approved private financing model. Additionally, the proposed financing package includes provisions not covered under the private model, such as a new Votech and College Resource Center and developer incentives aimed at boosting local business involvement in the project. She clarified that while a large volume of supporting documentation was provided in the Commission's meeting packet, there had been no changes to the documents distributed on April 25th, other than the removal of the word draft. These documents were prepared by bond counsel and reviewed by the City Attorney, Mr. Berman.

Mayor Hardin reiterated that the Commission was being asked to approve a public financing option for City Hall and other civic facilities and that the private financing option already approved on June 24th remains valid.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Heather Gilchrist, 1341 Southeast 9th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, raised concerns regarding the appointment of a trustee to oversee the proposed \$137 million in public financing. She expressed a desire for greater transparency, particularly about the trustee's selection process and potential conflicts of interest. Ms. Gilchrist emphasized that this aspect of the financing structure warranted further discussion given the scope and significance of the funds involved.

Vicente Thrower voiced support for the public financing option, stating it offered a preferable alternative to other funding mechanisms. However, Mr. Thrower stressed the importance of ensuring that the benefits of the project remain within the local community. He urged the Commission to prioritize local interests in all aspects of project execution, proposing "Pompano First" as a guiding principle to safeguard public resources and ensure equitable outcomes for residents.

Mike Skversky, 1630 Southwest 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, provided several proposals aimed at fiscal savings for the city. Mr. Skversky advocated for the elimination of all reserved parking spaces, with the exception of those designated for individuals with disabilities. Mr. Skversky asserted that a new City Hall is unnecessary. He proposed utilizing the vacant Charlotte Burrie building, which he claims is currently underutilized, as an alternative to constructing a new facility.

Cindy Corbett-Elder, 2631 Northeast 15th Terrace, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed perplexity after reviewing the extensive resolution and its accompanying six distinct form agreements. She noted that while Ms. Sibble indicated the City Attorney had reviewed these documents, Ms. Corbett-Elder questioned who initially drafted them. She highlighted that county attorneys typically sign off on all reviewed documents, a practice she did not observe in the current materials. Ms. Corbett-Elder emphasized that the City Attorney's role is to protect the city commission, and she voiced apprehension about approving agreements in form without clear accountability for their drafting. Furthermore, she echoed sentiments against the construction of a new City Hall and questioned the allocation of funds towards that development.

David Hall, Pompano Beach, FL, asserted that the current deliberation should center on securing the most economical funding to safeguard taxpayer interests and prevent unnecessary expenditures. Mr. Hall dismissed arguments questioning the process or legitimacy of the City Hall's relocation. He urged those in a fiduciary role to prioritize the selection of the most cost-effective financial option. He warned against attempts to impede the RocaPoint project, suggesting such actions would likely lead to costly lawsuits, referencing the unfavorable outcome of the Yardarm litigation. He emphasized that the primary objective should be to choose the cheaper funding method to protect taxpayers and generate revenue for a blighted area of the city.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier questioned City Manager Harrison regarding responsibility for the campaign associated with the May 14th incident. Mr. Harrison explained that city staff had prepared educational materials for public distribution, emphasizing their intention to provide accurate information. The Vice Mayor raised concerns about a specific discrepancy, noting that the materials referenced four voting items, whereas only three were ultimately presented. Mr. Harrison responded that he would need to review the relevant documents and timeline to address the concern fully.

Vice Mayor Fournier further expressed that, in her view, the City places excessive reliance on the consulting firm RMA for project development and strategic guidance. She outlined her conditions for supporting future initiatives, emphasizing the need to engage a dedicated community engagement firm capable of conducting data-driven analyses and presenting multiple options based on public input. She stated she would not support further project actions unless this approach is adopted and accountability for prior issues is addressed.

Vice Mayor Fournier advocated for a broader civic complex concept that reflects community aspirations. Potential components could include a police headquarters, community center, theater, or vocational school. She also stipulated that she would not support future phases of the project unless the Master Development Agreement is amended to require commission approval for referee decisions.

Vice Mayor Fournier clarified that the item currently under discussion was solely about the funding mechanism for the civic buildings, a commitment made in the MDA signed in June by a prior Commission. She presented the decision as a choice between issuing public debt, which is less expensive or allowing RocaPoint to proceed with private financing, which would be significantly more expensive for taxpayers. She stated that a 3-3 vote on the current item would result in entering the private financing arrangement outlined in the MDA, bypassing the referee process.

Ms. Sibble confirmed that the debt issuance is tentatively anticipated to occur in approximately twelve months, following the approval of the civic building design. This timeframe allows for the design process to be finalized and the appropriate bond amount to be determined.

Comr. Fesik echoed the Vice Mayor's sentiments regarding the 14th meeting and inquired about the presence of city staff or project-involved individuals at the meeting location after the May 14th adjournment. Mr. Harrison stated he did not know who remained or for how long.

Comr. Fesik raised concerns regarding the procedural change that resulted in the current item being listed as Item 24 on the agenda, rather than being addressed in a joint special session as was originally anticipated for the May 14th meeting. Mr. Harrison explained that the decision was made in agreement with the developer and staff due to the overwhelming number of items presented on May 14th, which made it difficult to reach informed decisions. Consequently, it was determined that issues would be addressed individually moving forward.

Comr. Fesik expressed disappointment with the procedural change and recounted a subsequent encounter with individuals wearing downtown project shirts who stated they had just left the meeting late at night. She further referenced an email from Mr. Harrison that mentioned a strategy discussed with consultants outside the formal meeting. In response, Mr. Harrison clarified that the decision to address agenda items individually was made on the floor immediately following the May 14th meeting.

Comr. Fesik also raised concerns about disparaging comments made by a consultant about Commissioners and their plans for the next election season if Commissioners voted against certain proposals.

Comr. Fesik questioned the process for obtaining outside legal counsel for the Master Development Agreement, Mr. Berman stated that this responsibility falls under his purview as City Attorney. He explained that his office determines whether to handle matters in-house or seek specialized external expertise. For P3 contracts, they research and select top firms, narrowing down choices. In this case, one of the top two firms was representing the developer, so the other, with a history of successful representation, was chosen. This process involves consultation with the CRA Attorney and Ms. Sibble, but the final determination rests with Mr. Berman.

Comr. Fesik clarified that the city and the CRA split the cost of outside counsel 50/50, with the developer initially contributing \$100,000 towards the first legal fees, deposited into an escrow account.

Comr. Fesik inquired about who negotiates the rate and if there was a cap. Mr. Berman confirmed that the negotiation of rates and the implementation of caps are standard practice. While the rates for specialized services like those for the Master Development Agreement may be higher due to the complex nature and time commitment, they are deemed reasonable and aligned with industry standards for comparable projects in other municipalities. He indicated that no city commission or CRA board approval is required for specific rate thresholds for outside counsel, and these fees are jointly paid by the City and the CRA.

Comr. Fesik inquired how the City navigates potential conflicts of interest. Mr. Berman explained that law firms

conduct thorough conflict checks before agreeing to representation. If a conflict were to arise, it would be disclosed to the City, and a waiver might be sought, a matter that would typically be presented to the commission. He clarified that in this instance, no conflicts of interest have been identified.

Comr. Fesik asked Ms. Sibble who prepares the monthly reports for the CRA Board Meetings and what they contain. Ms. Sibble responded that Mr. Tran or Ms. Vasquez of the CRA staff are responsible for preparing those reports, which typically include expenditure activity.

Comr. Fesik asked who authorizes CRA expenditures and what is the threshold before it requires board approval, Mr. Harrison confirmed that he authorizes these expenditures. He stated that the threshold for expenditures is \$200,000, aligning with the City's purchasing procurement policy. Mr. Berman further clarified that for legal fees, due to the unpredictable nature of such costs on a project of this magnitude, there is no set estimated cap.

Comr. Fesik questioned payments to Bilzin Sumberg in 2024, amounting to \$401,541.16. Concerns were raised as to why this payment was not reported in CRA board information, particularly in comparison to previous checks from August 14th, 2024, which were each for \$96,948.24. It was questioned whether the CRA board or City Commission has the right to know the total expenditure on the project. A commitment was made to investigate the discrepancy.

In response to a previous query about the cost of repurposing the existing City Hall, it was noted that a memo from June 13, 2024, indicated an estimated \$28 million in construction costs for adding 42,450 square feet, along with \$6 million for temporary space, totaling \$34 million. The estimated completion time for this project was 18 to 24 months.

Historical data was presented by Comr. Fesik, showing that from 2012 to 2022, the CRA invested over \$48 million in capital projects in the core redevelopment area and provided local businesses with \$650,000 in incentives. An additional \$46 million was spent on the streetscape improvement project along Atlantic and Dixie.

Clarification was sought regarding the authority being granted to the City Contract Administrator beyond the selection of public or private financing. It was confirmed that the approval includes parameters such as a not-to-exceed amount of \$137 million, an estimated interest rate of 5.2%, and a total cost over 30 years of approximately \$268 million. The annual lease payment was estimated at \$9.1 million over 30 years. It was emphasized that these parameters would not be significantly modified without further commission approval, ensuring financial prudence and protecting taxpayer interests.

Invoices from Bilzin Sumberg highlighted research related to: delegation of spending powers, potential sunshine rules, management committee provisions, unforeseen delays, strategy meetings and negotiations.

Mr. Berman addressed a question about a management committee, clarifying that it is not currently utilized in the project. He offered to provide further details on this or any other specific concerns in a private meeting.

Comr. Fesik then articulated her agreement with Vice Mayor Fournier's assessment of RMA's involvement in

the project and expressed concern about a perceived network among the legal team, RMA, ULI (Urban Land Institute), and Bilzin Sumberg, citing repeated appearances of the same names. She advocated for RMA's removal from the project.

Comr. Fesik then highlighted a lack of transparency and detailed public discussion regarding the project's details. She emphasized the importance of financial transparency and proposed a full audit of potential conflicts of interest before proceeding. She made a motion to table the current item and revisit the comprehensive May 14th agenda to ensure all aspects are thoroughly discussed.

Comr. Fesik stated she would support public financing of the project, if presented as a standalone vote, to save taxpayer money. However, she expressed a lack of confidence in the City Contract Administrator's ability to manage millions of dollars without greater transparency and checks and balances, citing instances where the administrator allegedly failed to disclose fees to the CRA Board or City Commission, provide timely notification of a referee appointment, and offer direct answers regarding project marketing.

Mr. Berman advised that postponement would require a definite date and warned that delaying the decision could jeopardize the City's ability to take advantage of the more favorable public financing option, as market conditions are time-sensitive. Ms. Sibble was deferred to for further input on this matter.

Mr. Harrison and Ms. Sibble would review the appropriate timeframe for them to gather the requested information. She also asserted that all the terms and conditions within the financing ordinance are essential for securing public financing and cannot be selectively removed, as determined by expert bond counsel.

Mr. Berman clarified that the agreements currently under review are form agreements, not the final executed documents. He assured the Commission that any final agreements would bear his signature, signifying his review and approval as to their form.

When pressed for a timeframe, Mr. Harrison suggested that the second reading of the ordinance is scheduled for June 10th, and staff would be available to address questions between the current meeting and that date. Comr. Fesik has committed to having a list of questions prepared for Mr. Harrison and staff next week.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fesik, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, to postpone the item to the June 10, 2025 City Commission Meeting on first reading.

Mayor Hardin does not support postponing the item as the Commission could vote on it tonight and vote again for the second reading with a period of more than two weeks between meetings to get more information. The bond documents were distributed April 25th.

Comr. Fesik noted that the information was received but not publicly disclosed or distributed in a way that the public could understand. She is seeking guidance on a way to explain this to residents.

Vice Mayor Fournier voiced her frustration with the process, indicating that more time would not resolve the issues. She called for tangible action from the City Manager, including the removal of RMA from the project and a commitment to genuinely listen to residents and the Commission, asserting that doing so would pave the

way for progress.

The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes:Fesik

Perkins

No:Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

Comr. Perkins expressed profound concern regarding the project's divisive impact and the resulting confusion in the northwest district. She attributed this to the project's inception, specifically the exclusion of the district commissioner, and what she perceived as power delegated by the city manager to various individuals, creating a negative public image for Pompano Beach.

Comr. Perkins stated that the City is currently experiencing unprecedented division, which she attributed to the project's emphasis on economic interests rather than meaningful enhancement or wealth creation for the Northwest community. She asserted that meetings have taken place with the intent to undermine and discredit her publicly. Despite these efforts, she reaffirmed her steadfast commitment to advocating for the Northwest district, emphasizing that she has received no personal financial benefit from the project and remains dedicated to the principles passed down by her predecessors.

Comr. Perkins emphasized a notable inconsistency between public opinion and the project's supporting documentation concerning the E. Pat Larkin Center. She reported that the majority of her constituents, including a well-regarded community leader, are opposed to the center's demolition. However, she pointed out that the project's official backup materials indicate that the City Commission and CRA Board had approved and committed to the development of a new City Hall, parking garage, and E. Pat Larkin Center. Additionally, the same documentation suggests there is a lack of support for a new E. Pat Larkin building, creating confusion and raising concerns regarding the project's direction and alignment with community interests.

Comr. Perkins voiced concern regarding the inclusion of a college resource center in the project, clarifying that her community group had advocated for a satellite campus offering college-level courses, not merely a resource center. She disapproved of what she perceived as a misrepresentation of community input by staff and consultants.

She expressed her inability to vote for the project as currently presented, specifically objecting to the demolition and rebuilding of the E. Pat Larkin Center as indicated in the documentation. While supportive of a new City Hall, she adamantly opposed the demolition of the E. Pat Larkin Center. She is seeking clarification on whether she was misinterpreting the presented documents.

Vice Mayor Fournier supports the funding aspect but would like to see more of a civic campus that would offer more value to residents and advocates for a better outreach solution.

Comr. Fesik asserted that the project has been pushed by city staff, CRA staff, city management, and consultants, leading to a process that this approach may constitute a breach of fiduciary and ethical duties to the commission and the public. She advocated for severing ties with the consultant firm, RMA, alleging its pervasive influence and potential conflicts of interest within the City's planning and financing of the project.

Comr. Perkins concluded by stating she would not support the project in its current form due to its perceived fundamental compromises.

Comr. Smith emphasized that numerous public meetings, workshops, and opportunities for public input had already taken place. She stated that she thoroughly reviews agenda items, submitting written questions to the City Manager and consistently receiving answers. Comr. Smith expressed her readiness to vote, asserting that she was up to speed on the issue despite not being on the previous Commission that made initial decisions. She also credited RMA with the current beach development.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton supports public financing to save the taxpayers money.

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: Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

No: Fesik
Perkins

F. 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 called the remaining person(s) who signed up to speak:

Ahola Soto, 1641 Northwest 15th Court, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed deep concern about the bullying and threats faced by her commissioner, stressing that change should come from unity, effective communication, and honesty. She emphasized that change must be planned, affordable, and rooted in genuine care for the community. Ms. Soto highlighted her long-standing connection to the community and worried about the professionalism of local city council members, particularly in light of potentially harmful misinformation that circulated. She insisted that those responsible for spreading such information must be held accountable if it leads to negative consequences.

Carlene Duncan, identified as Ms. Smoke, expressed her concerns, insisting that she should be heard despite the Mayor's request for her to use the microphone. She defended the actions of BSO on May 14th while

criticizing a member of the audience for speaking against Comr. Perkins. Mayor Hardin reminded Ms. Duncan to be respectful and requested that she cease certain remarks.

Additionally, Ms. Duncan expressed frustration about false allegations made against Comr. Perkins specifically called out Rodrick Philips as a liar. She also confronted Ms. Sibble, asserting that Comr. Perkins did not threaten anyone and criticized the situation. Additionally, she warned Comr. Sigerson-Eaton to avoid yelling in her ear, but if she does, she would peel her ear off.

G. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

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

June 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

June 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. - Budget Workshop

June 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission

H. REPORTS

City Manager's Report:

Greg Harrison, City Manager, presented his report, covering the following topics:

The Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) will host a teen safety symposium at the E. Pat Larkin Center on July 8th. This event aims to provide a learning experience and offer participants community service hours that can count towards high school graduation requirements.

The City's Communications Department received the American Marketing Association's Digital and Social Media Campaign of the Year Award for its "Love Always Pompano Campaign." This economic development initiative successfully boosted local business patronage through special consumer offers and strengthened community goodwill.

Captain Torres will retire on Friday, May 30th. His distinguished career began in 1983 with the United States Marine Corps. In 1996, he joined the Ogle County Sheriff's Office in Illinois, and in 2001, he joined the Broward Sheriff's Office. Throughout his tenure at BSO, Captain Torres held numerous roles, including road patrol, robbery, homicide detective, and various leadership positions, with the majority of his career spent in Pompano Beach.

City Attorney's Report:

No report.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Alfred requested the commissioners to leave their tablets on the dais for software updates.

Comr. Fesik's Report:

Comr. Fesik extended well wishes to the retiring Captain Torres and expressed appreciation to those who had offered insights over the past months, acknowledging that she was listening and valued their input.

Comr. Perkins' Report:

Comr. Perkins invited everyone to two events the following morning: a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the bus loop at Blanche Ely High School at 9 AM, and another at 10 AM for the new tech center at 901 Northwest 10th Street (formerly Old West Side Park/Mitchell/Moore Park). She noted that she had to design her own flyer for the tech center event as it was not widely advertised. Comr. Perkins also requested that Mark Beaudreau contact her regarding concerns from league coaches about new Level 2 background check rules.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton's Report:

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton had no further report except to wish Captain Torres farewell.

Comr. Smith's Report:

Comr. Smith extended well wishes to Captain Torres and also acknowledged the upcoming retirement of Randy Brown, praising his insightful contributions, particularly in the areas of utilities and water. Comr. Smith shared information about the Greater Collier City Civic Association, which provides \$1,500 scholarships to five Collier City students annually, with a second installment contingent on maintaining a 2.5 GPA. Their next banquet is scheduled for June 21st at the Pompano Beach Cultural Center. She thanked Earl Bosworth and the Cultural Arts for arranging that. She also commended the video of Barrington Irving's first BITTS class and the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, highlighting the beauty of the city cemetery and the work done by Terrance Nelson in Public Works and the moving addresses by Pastor Brandon Jones and Army veteran Eric McLamore. She concluded with a quote from Willie Nelson: "Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results."

Vice Mayor Fournier's Report:

Vice Mayor Fournier echoed Comr. Perkins' frustration with designing her own flyers and extended congratulations to Captain Torres and Randy Brown on their retirements. She thanked Ken Stolar and Jim Jankowski for their work on the Memorial Day Crosses at Community Park, noting it as a new tradition for Pompano Beach. Finally, she announced a community meeting scheduled tomorrow, at 7:00 PM at the American Legion.

Mayor Hardin's Report:

Mayor Hardin concluded the meeting by reiterating thanks to Captain Torres and Randy Brown for their "immeasurable service" to the City of Pompano Beach.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 PM.

Rex Hardin, Mayor

Kervin Alfred, City Clerk