



City of Pompano Beach

100 West Atlantic Blvd.
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Detailed Minutes - Final

City Commission

Rex Hardin, Mayor

Beverly Perkins, Vice Mayor

Rhonda Eaton, Commissioner

Cyndy Floyd, Commissioner

Andrea McGee, Commissioner

Tom McMahon, Commissioner

Gregory P. Harrison, City Manager

Mark Berman, City Attorney

Asceleta Hammond, City Clerk

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

6:00 PM

Commission Chamber

City Commission Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Rhonda Eaton
Commissioner Cyndy Floyd
Commissioner Andrea McGee
Commissioner Tom McMahon
Vice Mayor Beverly Perkins
Mayor Rex Hardin

INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Greg Fitch, Psychology and Hospital Chaplain offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Asceleta Hammond, City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[22-392](#) Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2022

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkins, seconded by Commissioner McGee, that the Minutes be APPROVED. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkins, seconded by Commissioner McGee, that the Agenda be APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

No items were pulled for City Commission discussion

A. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**[22-396 Dune Planting Progress Update](#)**

Mr. Lee Gottlieb of the South Florida Audubon Society gave an update to the City Commission pertaining to the Dune planting progress on Pompano Beach.

Robert McCaughan, Director, Public Works Department, introduced Mr. Lee Gottlieb of the South Florida Audubon Society, who spoke about the City's beach. He has coordinated all the volunteers and corporate sponsors necessary for the adopted Dune Program. He will provide the progress being done and the potential projects to come.

Lee Gottlieb, South Florida Audubon Society provided a short presentation on the Program, which is a citizen volunteer based coastal Dune restoration project. Adopt a Dune through partnerships with the Community will be the facilitator of a continuous Dune along the entire Florida coastline and beyond. It will also create a sustainable and resilient coastline, the Adopt a Dune portal, and the volunteer-based model will encourage, educate, and facilitate the restoration and protection of the coastline. He provided their guiding principles as well. The opportunity to be part of the solution will create an environment where a sense of ownership enhances the goal of successfully protecting the shoreline. He then provided a list of accomplishments by Adopt a Dune in the City of Pompano Beach, since the year 2016. In addition, he mentioned a number of organizations that are engaged in partnership with Adopt a Dune, which some are non-profit organizations to complete the various projects, along with other for-profit organizations that partnered in restoration of the Dunes. He stated that there are 13 sites, 650 students and adult volunteers engaged, 3,400 volunteer hours, over 65,000 sea oats, 3,000 diversity plants and currently they are focusing on removing large invasive plants, specifically scaevola, which is taking over the beaches in South Florida.

Finally, Mr. Gottlieb recognized the City of Pompano Beach, which has been one of the strongest partners that he has worked with throughout the Coastal Cities. He thanked Mayor Hardin, Comrs. McGee, and Eaton, City Manager Harrison, Assistant City Manager Donovan, as well as Public Works Director McCaughan, and staff, Anthony Orlando, and Leroy McPherson, Environmental Services, Juan Puente and Beth Dubow, who all contributed greatly to the project. It has been a pleasure and honor to work in the City of Pompano Beach and

their goal is to continue to restore the Dunes throughout the City.

Mayor Hardin appreciated Mr. Gottlieb's work, and indicated the difference the sea oats make to preserve the City's beach, is astounding. It is a cost effective measure to keep the beach and protect the landward assets.

Comr. McGee thanked Mr. Gottlieb for being involved and being available, which has contributed to making this program successful. Anytime there were questions as to what is being done, Mr. Gottlieb was available to answer or explain. This was a good partnership, and she is pleased the City got involved to restore the historic Dune line to get the coastline to how it was naturally working.

Mayor Hardin thanked everyone who was involved in this project to make this happen, and for the partnerships both with government and corporate organizations.

This matter was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD

B. PROCLAMATIONS

[22-387](#) **National Gun Violence Awareness Day**

Mayor Rex Hardin proclaimed June 3, 2022 as "National Gun Violence Awareness Day" in the City of Pompano Beach. Susan El Sheikh, Volunteer Lead for the Broward County Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in American accepted the proclamation on behalf of the organization. Also in attendance were members Cristina Rodrigues and Elizabeth Weigard.

Susan El Sheikh, Volunteer for the Broward County Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America (MDAGSA), thanked Mayor Hardin and the City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach, on behalf of MDAGSA, for issuing the proclamation declaring June 3, 2022, "National Gun Violence Awareness Day." She mentioned that after the news from Buffalo, New York, Milwaukee, Laguna Woods, California, and Uvalde, Texas, if people need a proclamation to become aware of gun violence, then they are not paying attention. She cited the reason for the Gun Violence Awareness Day to take place on the first Friday in the month of June each year. She then provided information on the various programs that MDAGSA is involved in to educate the public on the need to be aware of the dangerous impact gun violence can have in the community and especially on children.

This matter was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD

C. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

Mayor Hardin announced that it was time for “Audience To Be Heard” and offered the following guidelines: Once your name is called, please come forward to the podium in front of the commission, state your name and address for the record. Speakers will be limited to three minutes to speak on any item of concern or interest, including those items pulled from the Consent Agenda. In addition, he asked speakers not to speak on any items on tonight’s agenda, as they will have that opportunity to do so when that item comes forward. Lastly, he requested that speakers refrain from any emotional outbursts in either support or non-support of the speaker’s comments.

The following persons were called to speak:

Introduction of Candidate for Circuit Court Judge - Tamar N. Hamilton, PA, Candidate for Circuit Court Judge, 8747 NW 50th Street, Lauderhill, FL 33351, introduced herself as a candidate running for Circuit Court Judge in Broward County, Group 51. On August 23, 2022, she is asking for the City’s support to vote for her to be the next elected Circuit Court Judge in Broward County. She is a practitioner in Broward County with her office in the City of Lauderhill. She is an Adjunct Law School Professor at St. Thomas University School of Law, and has served the community in the areas of wills, trusts, and probate matters. She has had the privilege to go throughout the County as well as the City of Pompano Beach, to educate the public on the importance of estate planning, and preparing wills. She enjoys serving the community in these areas and desires to continue to do so as she makes her journey to the bench.

Gun Violence - Vicente Thrower, 1890 NW 6th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, inquired about the potential of a meeting with the City Manager to obtain a Comprehensive Plan on what should be done to protect the citizens of Pompano Beach from gun violence. He mentioned that something should be done to get the Broward Sheriff’s Office (BSO) to “beef up” security at the grocery stores and the schools to protect the residents of the communities from any kind of gun violence.

Mayor Hardin mentioned that he is aware that BSO is always patrolling the City streets trying to keep the City safe. Of course, all the Schools have the appropriate School Resource Officer and Deputy at each school.

Mr. Thrower complained that the Blanche Ely High School has a lack of security personnel there. Therefore, he is asking that the Commission looks into the safety of children going and coming from schools, as well as the libraries.

Mayor Hardin reiterated that BSO is patrolling the streets and that there is a limit as to how far the City can go and not become a lock down police state. He agrees the City should be ever so vigilant. Notwithstanding, he will check into the Blanche Ely High School situation that Mr. Thrower reported on.

Appreciation for Assistance Received - Jocelyn Jackson, Pompano Beach, FL, thanked City Manager Harrison for assisting her with the windows program during her melt down incident in his office, as she is still grieving her father’s death. She also thanked Assistant City Manager Bosworth for his patience with her to try to find a home for one of the organizations that has been in the City for the last 3 years.

Car Shows and Special Events - Ms. Jackson stated that over the weekend there was a huge car show in Atlanta, Georgia. They picked 5 top Chevy cars in the world, and the City of Pompano Beach had one of those top five, which the car is from Novel aka Norvelle Power. She recalled the times that the City held antique car shows, and mentioned that perhaps this could be brought back and the City could host a car show here. She concluded that there is a need to get people involved, and to do this is to bring different events to the City to attract money. She believes the City is the “hottest thing going on in Broward County.” Therefore, the City needs to get united in this economic downturn. She commended Mayor Hardin for practicing team work in trying to bring the different events to the City. This is not just an eastside or a westside City, but one City. She thanked Mayor Hardin for working to bridge the gap. She mentioned that for the event coming up on June 11, 2022 she would like to see the entire City unite as one to attend the event.

Update from Ashanti Cultural Arts Program - Linda Houston, CEO/President, Ashanti Cultural Arts, 3499 Oaks Way, Pompano Beach, FL, distributed a small packet to the Commission, in which there is a brochure on the events and programs of the Ashanti Cultural Arts. She shared pertinent information on the “Turn Around” arts program that the City has funded for Ashanti Cultural Arts. She invited everyone to attend the event planned at the Markham Elementary School, and to enjoy some great African drumming, dancing and story telling by the youth. Art is the catalyst to improve learning, and literacy in children. She thanked the City Commission and City Management for all they have done and continue to do to improve the community, and mentioned that wherever she goes, Pompano Beach makes a great conversation.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hardin requested a motion to Approve/Adopt Items 1-3, without City Commission discussion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkins, seconded by Commissioner McGee, that the Consent Agenda be APPROVED/ADOPTED. The motion carried unanimously.

1. [22-380](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS ON STATE ROAD A1A FROM SUNSET LANE TO SE 1ST STREET; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Fernand Thony/Horacio Danovich)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkins, seconded by Commissioner McGee, to APPROVE/ADOPT the item under the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2022-149

2. [22-386](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 22-57, AND GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO BROWARD COUNTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUS SHELTER #1533; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: John Sfiropoulos)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkins, seconded by Commissioner McGee, to APPROVE/ADOPT the item under the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2022-150

3. [22-383](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THE LAWSUIT AGAINST WALGREENS BOOTS ALLIANCE, INC. AND WALGREEN CO. (WALGREENS), AS PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ONGOING OPIOID LITIGATION CASE; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THIS SETTLEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Approximately \$2,079,927.00 paid to the City over a period of 18 years.)

(Staff Contact: Mark E. Berman)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkins, seconded by Commissioner McGee, to APPROVE/ADOPT the item under the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2022-151

E. REGULAR AGENDA

QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDING

Mark E. Berman, City Attorney, advised that Item 4, is listed under Quasi-Judicial Proceeding and is quasi-judicial in nature; therefore, anyone who wishes to testify must be sworn in and may be subject to cross-examination by the City Commission or any other interested party. The individuals addressing the City Commission must state his or her name, whether he or she has been sworn, and understands the rules which govern these proceedings. Thereafter, Mr. Berman outlined the order in which they would follow: City staff would make its presentation for each item, followed by the applicant or any other person(s) wishing to speak, closing argument, and the Commission's discussion.

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

4. [22-372](#) **P.H. 2022-61: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, ABANDONING A SIX FOOT UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY BETWEEN NE 31ST STREET AND NE 33RD STREET, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3207 N. FEDERAL HIGHWAY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Jean Dolan/David Recor)

Jean Dolan, Development Services Department, presented the item and stated it is a request to abandon a 6-foot wide utility easement within a lot located at 3207 North Federal Highway. There are no utilities located within that easement. The applicant intends to develop the property into a mixed-use development that will include 285 dwelling units and 4,164 square feet of commercial use. A Site Plan was approved for this development on December 15, 2021. The proposed buildings encroach upon the easement; therefore, this abandonment request must be approved in order for the project to proceed. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of this item at its hearing on April 27, 2022.

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

Yes: Eaton
Floyd
McGee
McMahon
Perkins
Hardin

END OF QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDING

5. [22-351](#) **P.H. 2022-59: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 100, "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS," OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 100.01, "MINIMUM RIGHT-OF-WAY," TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS FOR REQUIRED RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH IN CERTAIN DESIGNATED AREAS, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 155, "ZONING CODE," OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 155.5704., "FRONTAGE AND ACCESS," TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIFIC UTILITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPERTIES IN CERTAIN DESIGNATED AREAS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

FIRST READING: MAY 10, 2022**(Staff Contact:** Jean Dolan/John Sfiropoulos)

Jean Dolan, Development Services Department, presented the item and stated the Proposed Text Amendment is to recognize 2 areas in the northwest community that currently do not have public roads or dedicated utility easements. There were no changes since First Reading of the Ordinance.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkins, seconded by Commissioner McGee, that the Regular Agenda/ Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Eaton
 Floyd
 McGee
 McMahan
 Perkins
 Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2022-476. [22-379](#) **P.H. 2022-62: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RELATING TO MCNAB PARK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Nguyen Tran/Sarah Mulder)

Sarah Mulder, Project Manager, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), presented the item and stated that she will present the conceptual Master Plan for the McNab House and Botanical Gardens. She mentioned that the overhead presentation is available on the CRA's project website. She then provided details on the presentation on the McNab House, the intent and purpose of the relocation of the house, and the economic impact. In addition, she mentioned the current site conditions of the McNab Park. Continuing, Ms. Mulder mentioned the concerns and how CRA is addressing these, as well as the goals for the Park, and provided pictures of the Master Plan. There are 2 phases to the project;. Phase 1 is the McNab House courtyard and garage, Phase 2 is conceptually designed until the master operator is brought on board. She added that there will be additional public engagement and outreach for this phase as they begin fine tuning the details after the operator gets on board.

Finally, Ms. Mulder presented the next steps, which will include applying for grants, the master operator RFP (Request for Proposal), which is due June 9th, and the rankings, which will be brought before the Commission in July, negotiations will begin in the 4th quarter with the contract to be determined. The restaurant construction will be contingent upon the proposers' submittal. On Phase 2, there will be another round of community input regarding the design. They will continue to identify funding, finalize the Phase 2 Site Plan, and then go into permitting and construction, as well as to continue to check into property acquisition for parking.

Tom Terwilliger, 3160 NW 1st Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, complained that the CRA only talks about money and commercialization of the property. He mentioned that the Robert L. McNab Park is a World War II veteran's memorial park, donated to the City by the McNab family in honor of a World War II family veteran and all other veterans who gave their lives in service for their country. The plaque in the Park does not mention anything about a commercial bed and breakfast property. He provided information on what he recalled when the various discussions started and continued about the McNab House property. He concluded that the McNab House project is wrong and bad and asked that the veterans and others to stand with the World War II heroes.

Mayor Hardin noted that the Park area will be opened to the public and so the entire site will not be used for commercialization but will maintain its Park status. In addition, there was strong support from the McNab family for this concept being presented.

David Miller, 2601 NW 13th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, mentioned this is his first time seeing anything regarding the McNab House since it was moved. He mentioned that he has been helping with programming at the McNab House and they had a few successful events, that made it diverse. He mentioned that he also likes how the City is energizing the Community Park. He said he does bring value to the community, as cultural ambassador, with the inception of some of these projects.

He enquired if City employees would be operating the Park.

Mayor Hardin responded that this is the City of Pompano Beach's property being leased to the CRA and will remain a public park, maintained by the City with a commercial restaurant on the property. The City will maintain the Park portion and the restaurant will be privately maintained.

Greg Harrison, City Manager mentioned that the private proposer may propose to take care of the garden themselves along with the other property. It cannot be determined at this time what exactly the proposers will send to the City in June.

Jocelyn Jackson, Pompano Beach, FL, asked if the grant funding will be for the entire project or is it only for the sector outside of the red marked areas on the map.

Ms. Mulder responded that it would be for the public portion, which is the botanical garden to be specific.

Ms. Jackson concluded that the project is beautiful and the children can go on field trips to the area when it is completed.

Mayor Hardin mentioned that it is a public Park, which should be free, but there may be portions within there that would require a fee. For example, if Parks and Recreation is having an event there may be a charge, but that is yet to be determined.

Comr. McMahon addressed some of the concerns mentioned earlier. With regard to the memorial site, he worked with the CRA Director and the entire McNab family to ensure that the memorial is saved and that the World War II veterans are acknowledged in a much nicer way than they currently are at the Park. The historical value of the McNab House should be preserved and communicated to the generations to come. The McNab House was used in the 1920's as a shelter, and it is the first home in the City to have electricity. To say this has no historical value is insulting to the people who founded the City. The history and memorial site will be included and it will continue to be a beautiful botanical garden for the public to utilize, as well as the Park amenities to include a playground, the tennis courts, and other activities that are being looked at. He thanked Ms. Jackson for her comments, which he thinks is an important part of the project. He also thanked staff for doing an incredible job for bringing this all together. It is far better and nicer than he has envisioned for Pompano Beach. This will be a true destination spot for the City and there is no other park similar to this one in the City. Finally, he said this is a tremendous opportunity for the City to improve upon.

Comr. McGee mentioned that from the discussions that the Commission has had with the developers and what she has had with the cultural arts opportunities, something that is common in botanical garden type setups are more like touring exhibitions, sculpture gardens, and these types of things, which could be events that would create excitement and reason for people to check out the garden on different occasions. People could come and re-explore as the seasons change out and the exhibits change out. It will be a beautiful experience that each time a person goes it would create reasons to return to the garden.

Comr. Eaton stated it is a great project. She mentioned that her daughter had rented a place nearby this location and when her granddaughter was approximately 3 years old the area was no place for her daughter to take her child at any time. There were people who were just hanging out, and from the observation of them they were either high on drugs or drunk. They were sleeping on the Park equipment and on the slides, so the Park could not be utilized as it should. This will be a beautiful Park similar to some of these "oasis of calm" that she has visited in other cities, which were just beautiful. This park will be utilized more than anticipated. She appreciates that the City will retain the veterans' plaque, and even enhancing that. She is in favor of the project and hopes the City will be able to get the grant money to further enhance the Park.

Vice Mayor Perkins asked what would be the total cost of the project.

Ms. Mullder responded that the botanical garden portions will be just under \$15 million.

Vice Mayor Perkins indicated that history is so important and she wished the City could have preserved the history that was on Hammondville (Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard) where they will be constructing the new downtown MLK. The history was demolished and destroyed. This shows how the City can preserve something if they so desire and can destroy if they can. She complained that is what has happened in the northwest community. In fact, there is only one museum the Ely House.

Mayor Hardin reminded that the Ali House is also one of those historical sites in the area that was preserved.

Continuing, Vice Mayor Perkins mentioned that initially, she had voted against the project under discussion, however, she plans to bring something forward pertaining to the Northwest community to see if funding can be realized for that as well.

Mayor Hardin reiterated that the City will maintain the veterans' plaque. The City respects the veterans, and thanks the veterans.

Comr. McGee indicated that she is excited as this will be the first historical site in the District 1 area. It will be an enhancement to all the new development that is taking place in the area.

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

Yes: Eaton
Floyd
McGee
McMahon
Perkins
Hardin

7. [22-384](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING **RAY LUBOMSKI** TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AS ALTERNATE #2 FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 11, 2025; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

APPLICANTS:

Ray Lubomski, Alternate 2/**Incumbent** - District 3
Richard Dally - District 3
Derek Lewis - District 3
Louis Riva - District 3
Carmen Jones - District 4

(Staff Contact: Asceleta Hammond)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkins, seconded by Commissioner McGee, that the Regular Agenda/ Resolution be ADOPTED and to insert the name RAY LUBOMSKI. Commissioner McMahon nominated Ray Lubomski. The motion carried unanimously.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2022-152

8. [22-385](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING **DEREK LEWIS** TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF LISA FERRERI, ALTERNATE #3; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 11, 2024; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

PLEASE REFER TO FILE ID NO 22-384 FOR APPLICANTS.

(Staff Contact: Asceleta Hammond)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkins, seconded by Commissioner McGee, that the Regular Agenda/ Resolution be ADOPTED and to insert the name DEREK LEWIS. Commissioner McGee nominated Derek Lewis. The motion carried unanimously.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2022-153

9. [22-388](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING **MARY LOU RUDERMAN** TO THE RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF DEDRICK WATKINS, ALTERNATE #2; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON MAY 14, 2023; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

APPLICANTS:

Brooke Johnston - District 1

Tanya Manfredi - District 1

Mary Lou Ruderman - District 1

Richard Dally - District 3

(Staff Contact: Asceleta Hammond)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkins, seconded by Commissioner McGee, that the Regular Agenda/ Resolution be ADOPTED and to insert the name MARY LOU RUDERMAN. Commissioner McGee nominated Mary Lou Ruderman. The motion carried unanimously.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2022-154

10. [22-391](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING **DONNA CHILDREY** TO THE UNSAFE STRUCTURES AND HOUSING APPEALS BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF GAIL A. DEANGELIS, REAL ESTATE

PROPERTY MANAGER; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2024; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

APPLICANTS:

Toshia R. Drummond, **Real Estate Broker** - Plantation

(Staff Contact: Asceleta Hammond)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Perkins, seconded by Commissioner McGee, that the Regular Agenda/ Resolution be ADOPTED and to insert the name DONNA CHILDREY. Commissioner Floyd nominated Toshia R. Drummond and Commissioner McGee nominated Donna Childrey. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Eaton
McGee
McMahon
Hardin

No: Floyd
Perkins

Enactment No: RES. No. 2022-155

F. ADDITIONAL AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

Mayor Hardin announced that there were no additional persons to speak under Audience to be Heard.

G. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

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

June 14, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting
June 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. - City Commission Budget Workshop
June 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

H. REPORTS

Gregory Harrison, City Manager - Birthday Wishes - Mr. Harrison announced that Comr. McGee will be celebrating her birthday on June 1, 2022. Everyone wished her Happy Birthday when it comes.

Commendations - Mr. Harrison announced that the South Florida Business Journal, which is a periodical that can be found online, carried an article on the City of Pompano Beach. The Human Resources and Risk Management team submitted an application answering questions to this periodical about the wellness of its employees, resulting in the City winning 3rd place for Employers of our size in South Florida. So, a shout out to Eddie Beecher, Director of the Human Resources and Risk Management team for this accomplishment.

Continuing, Mr. Harrison announced that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection made an excellent report for the City's Water Treatment Plant. A shout out to Randy Brown, Director of Utilities Department, and his team.

Mark Berman, City Attorney - No Report.

Asceleta Hammond, City Clerk - No Report

Commissioner Rhonda Eaton - Installation of Street Lights - Comr. Eaton stated that the residents in Cresthaven are noticing the street lights that are beginning to be "marked out." She mentioned that the decorative street lights will be going into the entire District 2 area, that is the Highlands, Cresthaven, North Kendall Green, and Leisureville. There is a bit of delay in supplies, but it will happen, though not as fast as she would like. There will be a leeway in where they will place the actual poles within 5 feet or so on either side. If anyone thinks this is a problem, they can contact her by email: Rhonda.Eaton@copbfl.com or phone: 954-786-4625.

Cresthaven Civic Association Meeting - Comr. Eaton announced that the next Cresthaven Civic Association meeting will take place on the second Thursday of June, 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Charlotte Burrie Center.

Commissioner Cyndy Floyd - Homeownership Workshop Event - Comr. Floyd reported that they had a Homeownership Workshop on May 19th which was highly successful. She was sorry not all the Commissioners could attend. It was a great event, and the community has expressed interest to see more of these types of workshops.

Successful Concert Event - Comr. Floyd reported that the Evelyn "Champagne" King concert was awesome and she is looking forward to more things like this to happen.

Habitat for Humanity Dedication Ceremony - Comr. Floyd indicated that Donald Smith of Habitat for Humanity asked her to announce a dedication ceremony to take place on June 11th at 8:30 a.m. He is inviting the City Commission to attend, and to congratulate and provide a few words to the new homeowners.

Community Safety Day - Comr. Floyd announced that they will be having a Community Safety Day on June 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Collier City. She invited all the City Commission to come out and help them celebrate this day.

Temporary Housing Effort - Comr. Floyd stated that Deputy Michael Carabine, Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), worked to find temporary housing for a young lady who was evicted. She gave an Atta Boy to Deputy Carabine, who deserved a round of applause for doing this.

Commissioner Andrea McGee - Hurricane Season Begins - Comr. McGee indicated that her birthday is a big day in the State of Florida because it is the beginning of Hurricane season. She encouraged everyone to make sure they are ready for the season. She mentioned that the State of Florida had expanded the disaster

preparedness sales tax holiday, which runs from May 28th to June 10th. This covers supplies, flash lights, radios, batteries and generators under \$1,000, as well as pet supplies, carbon dioxide and smoke detectors, and fire extinguishers.

1st Annual Caribbean Fest - Comr. McGee is excited to announce that on Saturday, June 4th from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Bailey Contemporary Art Center there is going to be the City's first Annual Caribbean Fest. This is quite exciting because her Mother moved to Florida from Aruba and so she would like to see the people come out from different Caribbean Islands, as each island is so unique. She believes this will be a lot of fun.

Commissioner Tom McMahon - Opening of 5th Avenue Bridge - Comr. McMahon reported that the 5th Avenue bridge is open, and he thanked staff for making this happen. He was a little criticized because a big event was not done for the ribbon cutting, however, he wanted to get the bridge open as soon as possible, and it was not about taking time to plan an event for this. The bridge was behind schedule due to COVID-19. He thanked Mayor Hardin for stopping by to assist with cutting the ribbon. The residents in the area are very happy. There are still some final details to be done to include putting in some safety fences, and things like that. He heard from some of the residents that kids were now jumping off the bridge, and urge anyone who sees these kids should call the police, because the canal is shallow and it could be dangerous for those kids.

Neighborhood Protection Plan in Old Pompano Area - Comr. McMahon mentioned that the Neighborhood Protection Plan was designed in 2017, for the Old Pompano area, and the copy he has shows different areas of concern, because it tends to be a cut through due to the way the neighborhood was designed. He wanted to assure the residents in Old Pompano, and in Snug Harbor that he has been working with staff on the plan to alleviate cut through traffic, and to slow the traffic down to create a safer community. Even though things are not happening as quickly as he would like, they are working on this. Mayor Hardin was a big advocate, as he was part of the round-about and speed bumps many years ago that were put in to preserve the neighborhood and making it safer. He is looking forward for additional improvements in the near future.

Vice Mayor Beverly Perkins - 1st Annual MLK Golf Tournament - Vice Mayor Perkins asked Assistant City Manager Earl Bosworth to provide more information on the MLK Golf Tournament.

Earl Bosworth, Assistant City Manager, announced that the golf tournament will take place this coming Friday, May 27th with a Tee Time of 8:20 a.m. and then around 12:00 noon a welcome will be done by Mayor Hardin, followed by a presentation of the trophy, the Pompano Beach Cup. He said that they had a lot of business owners purchasing foursomes, so the turnout should be good.

Vice Mayor Perkins is excited as this will be her first time playing golf.

Speeding in the Community. Vice Mayor Perkins mentioned she has received a lot of complaints from the residents about speeding, and everybody is requesting speed humps on their street. Therefore she asked Captain Stallings, Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) during some time next week to provide her with a report for the last 12 months of how many speeding tickets have been given in the northwest area.

Safety Day at the E. Pat Larkins Center - Vice Mayor Perkins announced that they will be having a Safety Day at the E. Pat Larkins Center on June 8, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., for Hurricane Preparedness

in conjunction with the Pompano Beach Fire Department and Red Cross. She invited all those who can make it, to try to attend and especially since earlier, Comr. McGee mentioned about the beginning of Hurricane Season starting June 1st.

Changes to the City Commission Agenda Program - Vice Mayor Perkins mentioned she observed that the Agenda for the Planning and Zoning Board Meetings, listed under every Agenda item, the District's Commissioner name that item would be affecting. Therefore, she wondered if the same listing could be provided for the Agenda items for the City Commission meetings. In other words, if there is an item on the Agenda, it would indicate District 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 and the Commissioner's name for the respective districts. This will allow residents to see the District that will be affected by that agenda item.

Mayor Hardin mentioned that he is sure staff could do this for some items but there would be some items that are Citywide.

Botanical Garden - Vice Mayor Perkins asked if the City Manager could look into the possibility to put a botanical garden at the new Senior Activity Center. She mentioned that behind the new Center there is a lot of land, west of the building behind the Center. This botanical garden would be some place that public events could also take place.

Mayor Rex Hardin - Eta Nu Education Foundation Fund Raiser - Mayor Hardin announced that a fund raiser is coming up for the Eta Nu Education Foundation, the building located on MLK Boulevard. He would like to see the City purchase a table at this fundraiser. For many years they have partnered with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). This will be held on July 16, 2022, and a table for 10 will cost \$1,450. Shelley Bartholomew, Executive Secretary will find out from those who would like to attend on behalf of the City.

Gun Buy Back for Safety - Mayor Hardin mentioned with the auspices of safety, he reiterated the announcement that on June 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the E. Pat Larkins Center, there will be the Gun Buy Back event taking place. It will be a Citywide gun buy back event. This was done prior, and it is an opportunity to get some guns off the streets, and getting people paid for getting rid of their guns. He thanked the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) for setting this up for the City. There is a chance to get up to \$150 in gift cards. Guns must be unloaded with no ammunition, cylinder and axel must be open and the firearms placed in a secure bag or container. This will dovetail with all the safety events that are happening around the City.

Memorial Day Celebration - Mayor Hardin reminded everyone about the Memorial Day Celebration that will take place May 30th at the parade which will commence at the McNab Park and ends at the Pompano Beach Cemetery. The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and the celebration will start once people arrive at the Park.

July 4th Fireworks - Mayor Hardin reminded everyone to mark their calendars for the July 4th Fireworks celebration.

Denouncing Hate Crime through Gun Violence - Mayor Hardin read a statement that was put out by the African American Mayors on May 16, 2022. Mayor Frank Scott, Jr., of Little Rock, Arkansas and President of the African American Mayors Association released the following statement in response to the mass shooting in Buffalo, New York:

“A self-described white supremacist traveled to a store in a predominately black neighborhood in Buffalo with the intention of killing black residents. He killed 10 people and wounded 3 more. This is a sad reminder that regardless of how far we have come in this country, black Americans continue to be targeted and killed for being Black. This kind of hatred, vitriol and violence will never be stamped out until we address the systemic and prevalent inequities, and racism in this country. America’s Black Mayors urge our fellow countrymen to speak out against anti-black violence and stand with all affected communities. Our prayers go out to the effected families and the greater Buffalo community.”

Mayor Hardin mentioned there is a statement concerning the shooting in Buffalo and he stands with that statement. In Pompano Beach, the residents have been fortunate as it relates to violence in our community. We have had our share of it but, it has never been to that scale similar to what has happened in Buffalo and elsewhere. He considers Pompano Beach a beacon, and while it is not perfect they are getting better. We are much further down the road than we were say 50 years ago, but there is more to go. Violence based on race or any kind of thing like that must be denounced when it happens.

Vice Mayor Perkins thanked the mayor for what he is saying but she wanted to know what is being done different in Pompano Beach to prevent gun violence. They need to do something different from what they have been doing to make a difference.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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