



# City of Pompano Beach

100 West Atlantic Blvd.  
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

## 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, June 9, 2026

1:00 PM

Commission Chamber

### City Commission Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

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

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Commissioner Audrey Fesik  
Commissioner Beverly Perkins  
Commissioner Rhonda Sigerson-Eaton  
Commissioner Darlene Smith  
Vice Mayor Alison Fournier  
Mayor Rex Hardin

#### INVOCATION

Pastor Larry Trotter of Florida Coast Church offered the invocation.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[26-378](#) Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2026

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Hardin announced that Item 3 would be stricken from the Agenda. He then inquired with Acting City Manager Earl Bosworth whether there were any other changes to the Agenda. Mr. Bosworth confirmed that there were none.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION**

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

Mayor Hardin announced that Items 1 and 2 are on the Consent Agenda. They were not pulled for City Commission discussion and can be discussed under "Audience to be Heard".

**SPECIAL NEWS**

Mayor Hardin addressed recent legislation passed in Tallahassee regarding proposed homestead exemption changes, warning that, if fully enacted, the City would stand to lose an estimated \$17 to \$20 million in recurring annual revenue. He emphasized that this was not a minor adjustment and called for discipline and foresight in response. He outlined his framework for addressing the financial challenge, stating that the City would conduct a thorough line-by-line budget review to identify areas to trim, reduce, and streamline while growing the tax base through new investment and development. He made clear that the City would protect services, amenities, and residents' quality of life and would not balance the books on their backs. He directed Acting City Manager Earl Bosworth to relay to the City Manager that staff should immediately identify options for budget reductions, potential revenue enhancements, and voluntary contract efficiencies for discussion at the June 23 budget workshop. He expressed confidence that Pompano Beach would overcome the challenge through hard work, smart planning, and shared purpose, and noted that the matter would be on the November ballot.

**A. SPECIAL PRESENTATION****[26-357](#) Update from Community Foundation of Broward**

Mayor Hardin introduced the Community Foundation of Broward presentation and welcomed Dr. Jennifer O. Flannery Anderson and her colleagues. Dr. Flannery Anderson introduced the Community Foundation of Broward's board chair, Jonathan Allen, before sharing her portion of the presentation.

Mr. Allen provided introductory remarks about the Community Foundation of Broward. He explained that a community foundation was a grant-making public charity comprised of a collection of charitable funds dedicated to improving lives in a defined geographic area. He described the foundation's endowment structure, which included both undesignated and

designated endowed funds, and outlined six key areas of operational excellence: mission, structure, governance, resource development, stewardship, accountability, grant making, community leadership, donor relations, and communication. He shared key statistics, noting the foundation had approximately 591 funds, \$370 million in total assets, 70 community builders who had each given more than \$1 million dollars, \$20 million granted over fiscal year 2024-2025, 190 legacy society members, \$76 million in new gifts or promised gifts over those two fiscal years, a ranking among the top 100 community foundations, and \$510 million in promised estate assets. He used the Mary Porter Fund as an example of perpetual giving, noting that a \$44 million grant in 2012 had issued over 463 grants totaling \$26 million while maintaining its \$44 million balance. He also presented the power of a \$50,000 fund, explaining how an initial gift at a 5% annual grant rate could yield approximately \$25,226 in grants over 10 years while maintaining the fund balance, and over 20 years could grant nearly \$51,000 while keeping the fund at over \$52,000. He cited Oakland Park, Lauderhill, and Tamarac as cities that had already established such funds before turning the presentation over to Dr. Flannery Anderson.

Dr. Flannery Anderson returned to speak about the foundation's work across Broward County, describing its focus on critical community issues, including kids aging out of foster care, middle school challenges, the gender achievement gap, special needs early intervention, affordable housing and homelessness, maternal and infant health, and arts and culture. She highlighted that the foundation had been particularly focused on the gender achievement gap, funding research with the school district that revealed the issue began as early as kindergarten rather than middle school. She proudly announced that the Community Foundation of Broward had been working with the Florida Children's Initiative and the local organization Pompano Rise to bring a Harlem Children's Zone to the Northwest Pompano community, the Blanche Ely and Sanders Park neighborhoods, noting that the project had been in development for nearly three years and had received funding. She described partnerships with various organizations, including the City of Fort Lauderdale's Bahia Mar development model, in which a portion of each unit sale was designated for a community fund, suggesting that Pompano could consider a similar approach with incoming developments. She shared that over the past 10 years, the foundation had granted almost \$1.5 million to organizations within the city, listing numerous beneficiaries, including the Exchange Club, Volta, Bravo Theater, the Pompano Beach Arts Foundation, and others. She described the health hub established around Markham Elementary School, including food distributions, health screenings, employment opportunities for parents, and the successful effort to get a bus stop added near the school after hearing directly from parents. She concluded by highlighting the Lead with Love mural project, including one mural in Pompano Beach's historic district, and expressed excitement about continuing to partner with the city. She introduced team member Sherry Brown Grossner as a born-and-raised Pompano Beach champion within the foundation's staff.

Following the presentation, Mayor Hardin thanked the Community Foundation for their incredible work throughout the County and acknowledged the foundation's long-term commitment to the community.

Comr. Perkins expressed sincere gratitude for the Community Foundation's programs, noting how needed they were in the community, especially for struggling schools like Markham Elementary. She recalled the school's challenges, including a collapsed roof, the use of portable conditions, and the need to cook at Blanche Ely High School and bring the food back. She acknowledged that the school had been going through a great deal and expressed deep appreciation for the foundation's support. She also made a personal note to Jonathan Allen, telling him that she had initially mistaken him for his father, Attorney George Allen, who had been a mentor to her and was from her family's hometown.

**The Special Presentation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.**

**26-397 Special Proclamation honoring Michael Rada**

Mayor Hardin introduced Rob Wyre, Vice-Chairman of the Pompano Beach Economic Development Council (EDC), to present Michael Rada, the City's Building Official with a proclamation in honor of his collaboration with and commitment to the Pompano Beach Economic Development Council during his 27-year career with the City of Pompano Beach.

Mr. Wyre, filling in for Tommy DiGiorgio, chair of the Council, who was unable to attend, read the proclamation honoring Michael Rada on behalf of the Pompano Beach Economic Development Council. He noted that the proclamation had been unanimously approved by the EDC in April 2026. He read through the full proclamation, recognizing Mr. Rada's unwavering commitment and distinguished 27-year service career, his rise from housing inspector to building official, his leadership in creating an industry-leading building department, and his contributions to the economic vitality and growth of Pompano Beach. On a personal note, he shared that he had served as chief operating officer at the Isle for many years, was present when Mr. Rada took the position he was now leaving, and personally attested that Mr. Rada had transformed his department. He congratulated Mr. Rada and sincerely thanked him.

Mr. Rada expressed his honor and humility at being recognized. He offered a fond farewell to the Commission and city staff, expressing his appreciation for making his career with the city a memorable one, stating that the memories would stay with him for the rest of his days. In the manner he was accustomed to with his own staff, he shared words of wisdom, encouraging professionalism, enthusiasm, strength, courage, respect, honor, and perseverance. He stated he would look back on his time with the city with a smile, grateful for the opportunities and rewards of a job well done, and closed by blessing all those in attendance.

Jay Olsen, a representative from the Building Department, presented Mr. Rada with a plaque-frame for the proclamation for his new trophy room.

Mayor Hardin personally noted that he had known Mr. Rada for many years and that Michael

had helped him on personal projects, thanking him for his experience, knowledge, and dedication to the City.

**The Special Presentation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.**

## **B. PROCLAMATIONS**

### 26-276

#### **Alzheimer's Awareness Month**

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation declaring June 2026 as Alzheimer's Awareness Month in the City of Pompano Beach, encouraging residents to learn the warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, support those affected, and participate in research efforts toward prevention, treatment, and a cure. Terri Coburn, a Broward County Alzheimer's Association Volunteer, accepted the proclamation and was invited to speak to the audience.

Ms. Coburn stated that she had volunteered with the Alzheimer's Association since 2015, educating the public in Broward County about the early signs of Alzheimer's and mild cognitive impairment, inspired by her mother's diagnosis at age 58. Recently, she returned from a trip to Washington, DC, where she and 75 Florida advocates, including three individuals with mild cognitive impairment, met with lawmakers to support the ASAP Act, which seeks Medicare coverage for blood tests that can detect Alzheimer's up to 15 years earlier. She expressed excitement about the potential of early detection to stop the disease and noted that advocates who had been participating in infusion treatment protocols for 2 years were now in remission. Ms. Coburn also announced the Broward Walk to End Alzheimer's on December 5 at Nova, encouraging Pompano Beach to form a team and support fundraising efforts.

**The Proclamation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.**

### 26-388 Proclamation in honor of Sydney Salas

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation honoring Sydney Salas for her efforts to raise awareness of Chiari Malformation. He recognized her courage, advocacy, and outstanding efforts to raise awareness of Chiari malformation through her nonprofit, Chiari's Little Warriors. He expressed appreciation for her commitment to supporting children and families and stated he looked forward to walking with her at the September 19, 2026 event. Ms. Salas accepted the proclamation and was invited to speak to the audience.

Ms. Salas, a 14-year-old resident and founder of Chiari's Little Warriors, introduced herself and explained her condition - Chiari malformation type one - in which the brain is too large for the skull, causing it to push down on the spine and preventing cerebrospinal fluid from reaching the head. She shared that four years prior, she had undergone major decompression brain

surgery and that since then, her fear had been transformed into a purpose. Through Chiari's Little Warriors, she had been raising awareness and educating people about the condition. She noted that the organization had recently partnered with Joe Maggio to help raise awareness and that she had just released her first coloring book to help teach children about Chiari malformation. She reminded those present that the Walk for Chiari was scheduled for September 19 and offered to pass out flyers with more information.

**The Proclamation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.**

### **C. PRESENTATION**

[26-394](#) Presentation of Internal Audit Activity Report Memorandum 26-03 for completed and ongoing audit projects, technical assistance, as well as follow up for implementations from previous audit project recommendations covering the 13-month period from May 2025 through May 2026.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)



#### **Strategic Plan Initiative**

**(Staff Contact: DC Kiyemba)**

Mayor Hardin introduced Internal Auditor DC Kiyemba to present the Internal Audit Activity Report Memorandum 26-03, covering a 13-month period from May 2025 through May 2026.

Mr. Kiyemba thanked the City Commission for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Pompano Beach. He expressed appreciation to the city manager, city attorney, city clerk, assistant city managers, and all city staff who cooperated during the audit process, as well as to his own team members, Mike Hewitt and Magyori Esparza Estrada. He noted that the city charter required the internal auditor to present an audit plan and related activity to the City Commission at least once a year, and that the current report fulfilled that responsibility. He presented three primary areas of work during the 13-month reporting period. He reported that the long-term debt service compliance audit found no findings, commending the finance, accounting, and treasury teams involved. He also noted that external audit assistance for fiscal year 2026, related to the fiscal year 2025 financial report, also yielded no findings, thanks to various department personnel who managed and ran grant programs. He reported that the payroll audit resulted in five findings and that implementation of recommendations had begun, with a full progress report to follow in the next reporting period. He described the technical assistance function, in which his team proactively reviewed draft contracts submitted by departments to recommend changes that enhance controls or improve contract terms. He reviewed follow-up items for which recommendations from seven previously reported audits had not been fully implemented, noting that the activity report included the current status of each. He then outlined five current and upcoming projects, including an annual risk assessment process that would serve as the basis for a risk-based audit plan, and noted that the City Commission would be invited to participate when ready. He concluded by expressing appreciation for the opportunity to serve the citizens and the City of Pompano Beach.

After the presentation, the Mayor thanked Mr. Kiyemba and his staff for their efforts and noted for the public

that the full report was available online as part of the backup documentation.

**The Presentation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.**

**D. 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:

**Kim Heise**, identifying herself as a Florida wildlife artist and conservation advocate from Parkland. She urged the Commission to protect the land surrounding the Pompano Air Park, explaining that it had recently been stripped of conservation easements and rezoned based on incomplete environmental assessments conducted by the potential developer—a clear conflict of interest. She described how she joined a group of botanists and other professionals on April 27 to conduct their own independent survey of the land, and reported that their findings were starkly at odds with the developer's reports. She presented photos and a map highlighting areas of pristine scrub habitat, noting the discovery of numerous gopher tortoises, active burrows, and state-endangered plants, including Delaney's golden aster. She emphasized that the scrub habitat was globally imperiled and extremely rare throughout the state, and respectfully asked the Commission to reconsider its previous decision and bring the matter back for further discussion, including the new findings.

**Ryan Xu** spoke about the Pompano Air Park, raising ethical concerns about removing the ESO designation. He claimed that the Kimley-Horn survey misrepresented the site by failing to accurately assess the scrub areas and by incorrectly labeling the habitat as degraded. Mr. Xu, who visited the site, described it as pristine, highlighting the presence of state-endangered plants overlooked in the survey. He emphasized that scrub habitat comprises less than one percent of Broward County's land and cannot be recreated, unlike mangroves or wetlands. He noted that parcels three and four, which were not designated for development, had their protections removed, and criticized the absence of alternative solutions in the Airpark Master Plan, such as wildlife fencing. Mr. Xu suggested that FAA regulations could be met through habitat management rather than destruction, citing successful conservation efforts at other airports. He urged the city commission to prioritize residents' concerns about pollution, noise, and air quality, and to preserve part of the property for future generations while balancing business interests with community needs.

Comr. Fesik thanked Ms. Heise and Mr. Xu for surveying the land and noted her ongoing concerns about the Air Park expansion. She emphasized her goal of balancing growth, land preservation, and safety. She then asked City Attorney Berman about the protocol for reconsidering the issue with new information. Mr. Berman confirmed that staff could bring it back, and she could motion for reconsideration. Comr. Fesik expressed her intention to pursue this process with the new environmental information.

**Vicente Thrower**, speaking for himself and Pastor McLamore of the Pompano Clergy, expressed frustration over the City's lack of acknowledgment for previous requests from the Northwest community for community benefit agreements, similar to those in Fort Lauderdale. He urged the city to implement such arrangements for the Northwest community and raised concerns about unfair treatment of Black-owned businesses in the City's contracting processes. He requested a meeting with the Mayor and the City Manager's Office to discuss these issues, and the Mayor agreed.

**Jocelyn Jackson** addressed the Commission regarding Comr. Perkins' comments about a food truck on her investment property on MLK Boulevard, a historically Black area. She emphasized her commitment to supporting local entrepreneurs and criticized Comr. Perkins for publicly discussing her family in relation to the food truck issue. Ms. Jackson called for fair enforcement of the food truck ordinance and requested that similar incentives given to developers be extended to small Black businesses in the area.

Comr. Perkins briefly responded, implying that some individuals sought drama to feel important.

**Delvin King**, 2601 NW 12th Street, directed his comments primarily to Mayor Hardin, beginning by asking whether the Mayor had recently met with developers and Kerriann, which the Mayor denied knowing about. Mr. King then asked about an ongoing issue and lawsuit in Palm Aire, and City Attorney Berman explained that the City had been sued in connection with an approximately 45-year-old agreement regarding development in Palm Aire. Mr. Berman clarified that the City was not advocating for or against development, but was seeking a judicial decision on whether it was still bound by the old agreement. Mr. King then asked the Mayor whether he was pushing for development in Palm Aire, to which the Mayor responded that he represented the entire city and was not pushing for development in any specific area. Mr. King concluded by issuing a statement to city officials and commissioners, insisting that no one should visit Palm Aire to discuss affordable housing or development while an active lawsuit is ongoing.

#### **E. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Hardin requested a motion to Approve/Adopt Items 1 and 2 under the Consent Agenda.

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

1. [26-390](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF A CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH CURRENTLY KNOWN AS NW 3RD STREET BOUND BY POWERLINE ROAD ON THE WEST AND NW 21ST AVENUE ON THE EAST TO A DUAL DESIGNATION OF NW 3RD STREET AND LUERENNA H. HOLLEY STREET WITH LUERENNA H. HOLLEY STREET TO BE DISPLAYED MORE PROMINENTLY ON THE UPPERMOST PORTION OF THE SIGNAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
(Fiscal Impact: \$500 provided by requester plus cost of signage TBD)

(Staff Contact: Rob McCaughan)

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

**Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-121**

2. [26-393](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE FIREFIGHTER I CERTIFICATE PROGRAM TAUGHT AT BLANCHE ELY HIGH SCHOOL BY POMPANO BEACH FIRE RESCUE PERSONNEL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
(Fiscal Impact: \$11,000 in revenue)

(Staff Contact: Peter McGinnis)

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

**Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-122**

3. [26-368](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING MELISSA SHIFF TO THE POMPANO BEACH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AS APPOINTEE OF VICE MAYOR ALISON FOURNIER, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 14, 2029; 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, that the Resolution / Consent Agenda be STRICKEN. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

**F. REGULAR AGENDA**

4. [26-362](#) **P.H. 2026-37: (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 THREE-YEAR LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE POMPANO BEACH PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 1549 OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, AND THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$8.5 million over three years)

**FIRST READING: MAY 26, 2026**

**(Staff Contact:** Brian Donovan/Lisa Sonogo)

Lisa Sonogo, Human Resources Director, stated that this is the 2nd reading of the ordinance, and no changes have been made to the contract.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier reflected on the first reading of the three-year agreement, expressing concerns about the potential implications of Tallahassee's new legislation on the City's budget over the next few years. She remarked that, while she stood by her previous comments on the agreement, it was crucial to consider budget constraints when entering into any agreement. Ms. Sonogo responded, noting that the negotiating team had prioritized financial considerations throughout the process and had involved union representatives in the discussions. Despite the thorough negotiations, Vice Mayor Fournier emphasized the importance of mindful budget constraints in all agreements and reiterated the need to carefully spend every dollar.

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

**Yes:** Fesik  
Perkins  
Sigerson-Eaton  
Smith  
Fournier  
Hardin

**Enactment No: ORD. No. 2026-28**

5. [26-359](#) **P.H. 2026-39: (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 SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR WELL REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND FLORIDA DESIGN DRILLING CORP., A.C. SCHULTES OF FLORIDA, INC., AND ALL WEBBS ENTERPRISES, INC., TO PROVIDE POTABLE WATER PRODUCTION AND RELATED SERVICES (RLI 25-056); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
(Fiscal Impact: On-demand via Work Assignment)

**FIRST READING: MAY 26, 2026**
 **Strategic Plan Initiative**

**(Staff Contact:** Renuka Mohammed/Phil Hyer)

Phil Hyer, Treatment Plant Superintendent, stated that the Utilities Department seeks Commission approval to execute 3 service agreements under ITB 25-056 for well rehabilitation and maintenance. This is the second reading of the ordinance, and there have been no changes since the first reading.

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

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

**Yes:** Fesik  
Perkins  
Sigerson-Eaton  
Smith  
Fournier  
Hardin

**Enactment No: ORD. No. 2026-29**

**G. ADDITIONAL AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Hardin asked if there were any additional speakers signed up to speak under Audience to be Heard, to which City Clerk Alfred replied there were none.

**H. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

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

June 23, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. - Budget Workshop  
June 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting  
July 14, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

**I. REPORTS****City Manager's Report:**

Acting City Manager Earl Bosworth reported on behalf of Mr. Harrison, noting two primary items. He advised that Clean Streets was scheduled for June 11 in the Avondale and Fairview neighborhoods, as communicated by Mr. Ketchum. He also mentioned that the Park and Recreation Department had distributed information about upcoming June and July events to each commissioner. He then shared positive news about a gun buyback event conducted by BSO at E. Pat Larkins Center the previous Saturday, reporting that 23 guns were

turned in, valued at approximately \$2,100. He expressed appreciation for BSO's efforts.

After Mr. Bosworth's report, the Mayor also expressed appreciation for BSO's gun buyback program, calling it impactful despite the relatively small number of guns collected.

**City Attorney's Report:**

City Attorney Berman provided an update on the PFAS lawsuit, noting that the city had recently received an additional check for \$2,744,000.14 as part of the 3M, which is payment number 3. He reported that the total amount received from 3M, DuPont, BASF, and Tyco for rehabilitation of the city's water facilities had reached \$17,442,802.32, with more funds expected. He noted he would continue to provide updates as additional funds were received. Mr. Berman also informed the Commission that a private individual, through a law firm, was instituting a lawsuit challenging the wording and alleged misleading nature of a proposed ballot question related to the constitutional amendment proposed by the legislature. He clarified that he was not asking the City to join in the lawsuit but was committed to providing updates on that litigation.

**City Clerk's Report:**

No report.

**Comr. Fesik's Report:**

Comr. Fesik began her report, announcing a community meeting called "A Seat at the Table," scheduled for Monday, the 15th at Miraggio, where developers of the proposed La Plaza project would meet with residents to address questions and concerns. She noted that a link for RSVPs had been posted on social media. She then thanked city staff for responding to community concerns by installing signage on McNab Road and sending an email newsletter to support businesses along that corridor, emphasizing the importance of continuing to support small businesses on both sides of McNab Road during ongoing construction disruptions. She requested that staff provide weekly or bi-weekly updates on the status of paving projects throughout the city, citing emails she had received about post-paving cleanup and flooding concerns. She acknowledged that the paving work in Harbor Village and Avalon Harbor had been well received.

In addition, Comr. Fesik raised the issue of the North Riverside Drive project, thanking Mr. Thony for his work and requesting that a presentation be made at the next meeting to update all stakeholders on the project's status, challenges, and progress, given the multiple agencies and grant funding involved. She mentioned that she had received a memo from Mr. Berman regarding McNab Park, McNab House Botanical Gardens, and the related lease, but stated she still had unresolved questions and planned to examine the matter further at a later time. She expressed frustration at having been publicly criticized for requesting hard financial numbers in the past, only to later learn those numbers were inaccurate. Regarding the City Manager's review, Comr. Fesik confirmed she had seen Mr. Harrison's email and requested clarification on whether the review would be placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Bosworth responded to the inquiry, explaining that the city manager had sent an email, per contractual language, requesting clarification of the evaluation process and deferring to City Attorney Berman for further

context on the contractual language. Mr. Berman explained that the City Manager was requesting a different, potentially more meaningful evaluation process and that, per his contract, the City Manager had the right to propose an agreeable process. He stated that it was ultimately up to the Commission to decide whether to adopt the proposed alternative process.

Comr. Fesik stated on the record that she did not support changing the review process, likening it to changing the rules of a game, and said it would be inconsistent with how all other charter officers were treated. She concluded her remarks by wishing every father a Happy Father's Day.

**Comr. Perkins' Report:**

Comr. Perkins expressed ongoing concern about illegal dumping occurring in the Northwest area of the city, noting it had been a persistent problem for years with no significant improvement. She described the dumping as typically occurring between midnight and 3:00 in the morning and called for stronger measures to deter and catch those responsible. She acknowledged the efforts of staff members Mr. Ketchum and Mr. Sotolongo, but emphasized that more needed to be done. She encouraged residents to report dumping activity and, if possible, to take photos safely. Comr. Perkins also raised the issue of a runway incident at Pompano Air Park that morning, in which an airplane had run off the runway. Referencing a past aircraft incident in the early 1990s in her district, she asked whether the City had an emergency plan to prepare residents for the possibility of an aircraft landing in a residential area, similar to hurricane preparedness plans. She requested that this information be sent to her.

Mr. Bosworth acknowledged he did not know the specifics of any existing emergency plan but committed to gathering that information from appropriate staff and sharing it with the entire Commission.

**Comr. Sigerson-Eaton's Report:**

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton began by reminding Cresthaven residents of a community meeting scheduled for Thursday evening, with Mayor Hardin as the guest speaker. She then extended Father's Day wishes to all fathers. She expressed deep frustration regarding the stalled progress on the Charlotte Burrie Connectivity Project, explaining that city staff had been unable to move forward because the commission had deadlocked 3 to 3 on approving continuing services contracts for architects and engineers. She described these contracts, known as CCNAs, as standard practice that would have given the city immediate access to prequalified firms, reducing red tape and unnecessary delays. She attributed the failed vote to a political disagreement over the city manager's spending authority rather than substantive concerns about transparency or oversight. She emphasized that the Charlotte Burrie Center served thousands of residents and was a vital community asset, now facing unnecessary delays. Comr. Sigerson-Eaton argued that approving the contracts would not have reduced commission oversight, since any project above the financial threshold would still have required a public commission vote. She expressed concern that this situation had created a broken system in which even small community projects would become trapped in avoidable bureaucracy, and that additional taxpayer dollars would be wasted on redundant competitive bidding processes. She formally requested that city staff provide a transparent update on four specific items: the current status of the Charlotte Burrie Connectivity Project, the new timeline for securing architectural services, a full list of all projects currently delayed by the failed vote, and the steps being taken to prevent further delays. She concluded by stating that residents deserved a commission

that prioritized community needs over political disagreements.

**Comr. Smith's Report:**

Comr. Smith opened her remarks by commending Mike Rada for his leadership and contributions to the city, particularly in building inspections, noting the outpouring of appreciation from staff, the community, and the Economic Development Council at the meeting. She shared that she had received a letter from a woman who had been rescued by BSO from the C-14 canal on May 1st. The commissioner noted that she had requested anonymity but had written a moving letter that Comr. Smith had delivered to Major Ellwood to share with the staff, expressing gratitude for saving her life. Comr. Smith then announced that on June 15th, she would meet with city management, BSO, and representatives from the Collier City Civic Association to discuss issues that arose during Clean Streets, specifically homelessness, drugs, prostitution, and dumping, followed by a street tour of the area. She provided an update on the Southwest 3rd Street multimodal improvement project, which ran parallel to Atlantic between Powerline Road and South Cypress Road, describing it as a 450-day project that would include bike lanes, sidewalk improvements, ADA-compliant curb ramps, updated signage, and a speed reduction from 40 to 35 miles per hour, funded by MAP Broward's Penny for Transportation program. She reported that Costco at the Pump had been approved by the Architectural Appearance Committee after an extensive review process involving approximately four rounds of revisions, and that the project was moving to the Planning and Zoning Board with placement on the June 24th agenda anticipated. She noted that the committee had been strict in its requirements, resulting in a design that was significantly more visually appealing than a typical Costco. She closed with a positive quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "For every minute you are angry, you lose 60 seconds of happiness."

**Vice Mayor Fournier's Report:**

Vice Mayor Fournier addressed several topics in her report. On the city manager's review, she stated that his communication appeared to suggest a process that would not require his presence, something she said had never been done with any other charter officer and which she found inappropriate. She disclosed that she had reviewed his attendance records, noting that he had worked an average of three days per week over the past year while earning over \$2,500 per day, and argued that his presence for a brief performance review was reasonable. She echoed the earlier comments about Clean Streets in Avondale and Fairview on June 11th, encouraging residents in those areas to place items out front for pickup. She urged residents to continue supporting local businesses not just on McNab Road but also on Cypress and near Federal Highway, noting reduced traffic in the area. Vice Mayor Fournier then delivered extensive remarks on the proposed legislation from Tallahassee and its budget implications for the city, expressing support for the mayor's office moving toward greater fiscal sustainability. She clarified that she did not believe other cities were simply watching Pompano Beach, but rather that every city was scrambling to deal with the same challenges posed by the potential ballot initiative. She outlined her vision for the upcoming budget season, centered on three priorities: accountability, technology, and organizational fiscal discipline, explicitly noting that cuts to services were not on her list at that point. She called for evaluating staffing levels, reducing overhead, eliminating wasteful contracts, and leveraging technology for greater efficiency. She stressed that scrutiny needed to start at the top, including a hard look at the City Manager's Office and administrative costs.

Continuing, the Vice Mayor specifically called for reducing the city manager's spending authority that bypassed

the commission, identifying it as necessary for better tracking of taxpayer dollars. She raised concerns about CRA spending, noting that over \$3 million per year was spent on consultants in the Northwest CRA alone and that approximately \$13 million in annual tax revenue was diverted to the CRA. She questioned whether those funds would be better directed toward police, fire, road paving, parks, and other core services rather than new bonds and development projects. She stated her strong belief that the Commission should halt the issuance of any general fund debt not approved by voters, while acknowledging that utility fund debt was a different matter. She called on her colleagues to set aside political divisions and work collaboratively during the budget season, expressing her own intention to do so. She concluded with a quote: "If you make tough decisions, people may hate you today, but they will thank you for generations," and wished Happy Father's Day to all fathers and grandfathers.

**Mayor Hardin's Report:**

Mayor Hardin reiterated his gratitude to BSO for the gun buyback program, noting that some of the guns removed from the streets had made a particularly meaningful difference.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 PM.

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Rex Hardin, Mayor

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Kervin Alfred, City Clerk