City of Pompano Beach

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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 23, 2026	**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 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

Byron Schortinghouse of Church of the Nazarene offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

26-399 Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of June 9, 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 inquired with City Manager Harrison whether there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Harrison confirmed that there were none.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Agenda be APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. 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 3 and 4 would be pulled for City Commission discussion.

A. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

26-389 **2026 Nick Creola Heroes in the Community Awards**

Mayor Hardin introduced Rafael Katz, the Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, to present the Nick Creola Heroes in the Community Awards to the recipient, Tim Bentley.

Mr. Katz, standing in for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board chairman, Richard Leys, described the Nick Creola Heroes in the Community Award as recognizing individuals who embodied the values of dedication, service, leadership, and commitment to helping others. He highlighted Tim Bentley's many years of volunteering, coaching multiple sports across various age groups, and his unwavering commitment to young people in the community. He emphasized that Mr. Bentley's impact went far beyond wins and losses, extending to shaping the lives of countless young athletes. He then presented the 2026 award to Tim Bentley on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the City of Pompano Beach.

Vice Mayor Fournier shared personal remarks about Mr. Bentley, stating that as a parent who spent considerable time at the park with her young children, she had never been there without seeing him present. She said his impact was truly immeasurable and affirmed that he was very worthy of the honor.

The Special Presentation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

26-413 **2026 Broward Sheriff’s Office Annual Award Recipients**

Mayor Hardin introduced the 2026 Broward Sheriff's Office Annual Award recipients. He highlighted the significance of the awards, emphasizing that they represented dedication to protecting neighborhoods, solving crimes, embracing innovation, and keeping the community safe. He read the names of the eight Life Saving Award recipients, presented the Grand Cordon Unit Achievement Awards to the Real Time Crime Center and the Area Two Criminal Investigations Unit, recognized the Pompano Beach Patrol K-9 Unit as Unit of the Year, and named Deputy Daniel Kutlus as Deputy of the Year for the entire BSO agency.

Major Dave Ellwood thanked the City Commission for the opportunity to recognize the deputies, detectives, and sergeants. He clarified that the awards being presented were for the entire year of 2025 and had been given out approximately a month prior. He explained that each lifesaving story represented a rigorous committee review process, stressing that the Life Saving Award was not given lightly and that recipients had literally saved lives. He also highlighted the significance of the Deputy of the Year award being presented to a Pompano deputy across the entire BSO agency, calling it a remarkable achievement, and thanked the Lieutenant Colonel for attending the ceremony.

The Special Presentation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

B. PROCLAMATION

26-398 **Boys & Girls Club Week June 22nd through June 27th, 2026**

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation declaring June 22nd through June 26th, 2026, as Boys & Girls Club Week in the City of Pompano Beach. He noted their 60-plus years of service and impressive statistics, including a 97% high school graduation rate among club members, and thanked the club director for their work in the community. Leonca Woods, Club Director for the Boys & Girls Club of Broward County, accepted the proclamation and was offered to address the audience.

Ms. Woods thanked the City on behalf of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County and the Thomas D. Stefanos Club campus in Pompano Beach for their continued support. She invited attendees to visit the Boys and Girls Club to see the positive work being done there, then concluded her remarks by wishing everyone a great day.

The Proclamation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

ITEM 9 MOVED BEFORE CONSENT AGENDA

At the end of the presentations, Mayor Hardin announced that Agenda Item 9, which pertains to health insurance with Aetna, would be moved up on the agenda before the consent items due to time constraints. He sought the Commission's consent to make this change, and there was consensus to move the item up on the agenda.

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:

Chilee Moore, 5214 NE 19th Terrace, expressed concern about dangerous speeding in her neighborhood, which she said had worsened since a Walmart relocated to the area. She noted that her street was one of the few without speed bumps and that residents could hear cars revving their engines at 48th Street and speeding all the way to 15th Street in broad daylight. She emphasized that elderly people and children regularly use the street and urged the City to install a speed bump for community safety. In response, Comr. Sigerson-Eaton clarified that there was a formal process involving Broward County traffic engineers, that a speed study would need to be conducted, and that there was already a long queue of pending studies before any speed table installation could occur.

David Miller thanked the Commission for attending his events, including a birthday celebration for the country at the Sample McDougald House and a Juneteenth event he personally hosted. He mentioned that it was Men's Mental Health Month and that he had held an exercise on the theme of "freed hands," which generated meaningful conversation. He also referenced an art exhibit on display and announced that in November, he planned to host an exhibit honoring Native Americans. He praised the Cultural Affairs Department and, in an advisory capacity as what he described as a Cultural Arts ambassador, suggested that city leadership seek counsel from men with names like Tom, David, Willy, and Michael, implying that individuals by those names in the community would offer valuable ideas and guidance as the City approached the month of August.

Marquise Smith addressed the Commission regarding a property she owns at 611 NW 2nd Terrace. She acknowledged that the City had made progress in cleaning up debris left in a city-owned alleyway adjacent to a newly constructed building, but noted that a mound of dirt remained unlevel and that debris still cluttered the dead-end entryway. She commended the city workers who had responded to her earlier complaints, but stressed that more improvement was needed. She also raised concerns about ongoing prostitution activity in the alleyway, commending BSO officers for improvements in the area while suggesting that fencing be installed to block access and further deter illicit activity. She expressed appreciation for the no-trespassing signs that had been posted and framed her comments not as criticism but as a public notice of conditions in the area.

Mike Skversky thanked the Mayor for defending him at a previous meeting, recounting that several people had contacted him about it. He then transitioned to commenting on a prior agenda item related to microloans, stating that the biggest issue with such programs was proper qualification, drawing on his background teaching mortgage brokers. He stressed that failure to qualify applicants correctly undermined the entire program. He then promoted a production of *The Color Purple* performed in the auditorium at the Pompano Beach library, 50 W. Atlantic Boulevard. He described the show as approximately two and a half hours long with a fifteen-minute intermission, running until July 3rd on nearly every remaining night. He praised the performers as exceptionally talented and deserving of far greater compensation, encouraged the public to attend, and provided guidance on finding tickets online by searching for "The Color Purple Pompano Beach."

Adam Abutna, spoke on behalf of the Islamic Center of South Florida, located five minutes from City Hall, where he serves on the board. He expressed sincere appreciation on behalf of his congregation for the work the mayor, vice mayor, and commissioners performed in the service of the Pompano Beach community. He acknowledged that public service required long hours, thoughtful decision-making, and deep commitment to residents' well-being. He described his faith community as rooted in service, compassion, and civic responsibility, and expressed pride in being part of Pompano Beach's diverse community, pledging to continue contributing positively to it.

Vicente Thrower came forward and declared that eliminating MLK Day as a city holiday was not an option for his community, urging every commissioner and the city manager to consider it completely off the table during budget discussions. He then raised a separate concern about the City's social media and photography coverage at official events. He questioned why city staff were not actively capturing photos during meaningful moments at meetings, pointing out that when a commissioner was recognized, no dedicated city photographer stepped forward. He stated that he expects to see tangible results from the money spent on communications and social media functions.

David Hall reflected on the budget workshop that had preceded the meeting, expressing concern that, despite calls for strategic, forward-thinking approaches, the discussion quickly devolved into protecting favored events like Jazz Fest, July 4th celebrations, and holiday lights while targeting consultants like RMA for cuts. He argued that the City's beach and its revenue-generating events would not exist without the CRA and RMA, which he said delivered a twenty-to-one return on investment. He cautioned against laying off city employees, noting that approximately 30% of the City's roughly 1,000 employees were Pompano Beach residents, and that letting them go would compound the financial strain already anticipated from upcoming tax cuts. He also pushed back against talk of replacing employees with artificial intelligence, questioning how those residents would meet their financial obligations. He then defended City Manager Harrison, arguing that his salary, divided among the City's population, amounted to only $3.33 per resident per year, while his leadership had secured over $100 million in bonds. In closing, Mr. Hall handed Mr. Harrison a $20 bill, saying it was enough to cover six commissioners' share of the manager's costs, though Mr. Harrison declined to accept it.

Chakka McFadden informed the Commission about a community outreach event she was organizing on June 27th, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at Hunters Manor Park. The event was designed to serve the unhoused population by providing resources, including food, clothing, phone access, health insurance information, mental health support, and housing assistance, such as connections to transitional housing. She invited the mayor and commissioners to attend. Comr. Perkins suggested that she connect with Cassandra Rhett, who coordinates much of the City's homeless outreach work, to encourage collaboration and expand the event's impact.

Delvin King expressed frustration that BSO officers who received awards at the meeting left without receiving any formal recognition from the City - no certificate, plaque, or tangible token of appreciation. He found this inconsistent with the City's stated commitment to valuing law enforcement, particularly given ongoing discussions about a four-year contract with BSO. He called on the City to ensure future award ceremonies included something officers could take home as a lasting memento. Second, echoing Mr. Thrower's earlier comments, he criticized the City's reliance on smartphones for official event photography, contrasting it unfavorably with the City of Coral Springs, which he said used proper camera equipment and professional lighting. He connected this issue to broader concerns about accountability among city staff, suggesting that some employees were working remotely when they should be present, and called on the City to raise its standards - especially as it pursued major initiatives like a new City Hall.

9. 26-419 **P.H. 2026-42: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: $15,652,996)

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

Lisa Sonego, Human Resources Director, introduced representatives Marc Rodriguez and Shawna Whittingham of the Gehring Group, the City's employee benefits consulting firm. Ms. Sonego explained that the Gehring Group provides ongoing consulting services for the City's employee benefits program and had assisted the City throughout the competitive procurement process for employee medical insurance. She invited Mr. Rodriguez to present the evaluation committee's recommendation.

Marc Rodriguez of the Gehring Group summarized the competitive solicitation process conducted for the City's employee medical insurance program. He explained that the request for proposals was issued through the City's Procurement Department and generated responses from multiple insurance carriers offering both fully insured and self-funded options. Mr. Rodriguez stated that an internal evaluation committee composed of Human Resources, Finance, and administrative staff independently reviewed and scored each proposal, with the Gehring Group serving as technical advisors. Finalists also participated in in-person presentations before the committee completed its evaluation.

Mr. Rodriguez reported that Aetna received the highest overall evaluation score. He explained that, unlike the City's current fully insured Florida Blue plan, which proposed a 5 percent premium increase, Aetna's fully insured proposal would reduce overall premiums by approximately 2.7 percent, representing estimated annual savings of $371,000. He noted that the proposal maintained the City's fully insured funding structure, thereby preserving the insurer's assumption of financial risk while avoiding additional exposure for the City.

Mr. Rodriguez further stated that Aetna's proposal significantly improved provider network stability by restoring access to Broward Health and Memorial Healthcare, which were no longer participating in the City's existing Florida Blue network. He advised that approximately 99 percent of the providers currently utilized by city employees would remain in-network under the Aetna plan, thereby minimizing disruption to employees while expanding access to local healthcare providers. He also noted that the proposal included a second-year rate guarantee, providing additional budget certainty for the City. Based on these factors, Mr. Rodriguez stated that the evaluation committee unanimously recommended awarding the employee medical insurance contract to Aetna, subject to City Commission approval.

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

Comr. Fesik thanked staff and the evaluation team for identifying an opportunity to reduce healthcare costs while maintaining employee benefits. She asked whether employees would experience any changes in coverage or services under the proposed plan. Mr. Rodriguez explained that the benefit design would remain substantially unchanged, with employees receiving the same level of coverage while benefiting from an expanded provider network and lower overall costs. Comr. Fesik noted that the proposal appeared to provide meaningful savings without reducing employee benefits.

Vice Mayor Fournier requested additional information regarding the evaluation process, noting that the agenda materials did not include comparative information regarding the other proposals received. She confirmed that Holy Cross Hospital would remain in the provider network and asked whether the reported savings would benefit both the City and participating employees. Ms. Sonego explained that the City's existing employee premium-sharing structure would remain unchanged; however, because total premiums would decrease, employees enrolled in family coverage would also see lower premiums.

Vice Mayor Fournier also asked whether employees had been consulted during the evaluation process. Ms. Sonego explained that employee outreach had not occurred during the procurement due to the cone-of-silence requirements applicable to the competitive solicitation. She advised that, following Commission approval, Human Resources and the Gehring Group would conduct employee education and enrollment activities before the October 1 implementation date. Ms. Sonego emphasized that the City's objective throughout the procurement was to maintain existing benefits while securing more favorable pricing and restoring access to local hospital systems. Vice Mayor Fournier acknowledged that changing insurance providers can be disruptive, but noted that the extensive provider overlap and the restoration of local healthcare networks substantially reduced the impact on employees.

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

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hardin requested a motion to Approve/Adopt Items 1, 2, and 5 under the Consent Agenda.

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

1. 26-412 Approval to award ITB26-036 Carbon Dioxide, Liquid, Bulk Delivery (Co-operative Bid) to the responsive, responsible bidder Airgas USA, LLC, to establish an annual contract. The estimated annual cost to the City for carbon dioxide is $220,000.
(Fiscal Impact: $220,000)

Strategic Plan Initiative

(**Staff Contact:** Renuka Mohammed)

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

2. 26-376 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 AND SERGIO MARRERO AT 1727 NE 39TH STREET TO OCCUPY A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY RELATED TO AN EXISTING PRIVATE FENCE ALONG 39TH STREET; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(**Staff Contact:** John Sfiropoulos)

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. 2026-123

3. 26-396 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND CENTURY INDUSTRIES, LLC TO PURCHASE A MOBILE BANDSTAND STAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: $228,737)

(**Staff Contact:** Scott Moore)

Mayor Hardin announced that Item 3 had been pulled from the consent agenda at the request of staff.

City Attorney Berman explained that the item required a minor administrative correction to the contract. He stated that the agreement had originally been identified as a service contract when it was, in fact, a purchase contract. Mr. Berman advised that the contract title had been corrected, the vendor had agreed to the amendment in writing, and no substantive changes had been made to the agreement.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier stated that she had also requested the item be pulled for discussion to clarify that the agreement involved the purchase of a new Showmobile rather than the procurement of services.

Scott Moore, Recreation Director, confirmed that the item was for the purchase of a replacement Showmobile.

Vice Mayor Fournier recalled that the purchase had been discussed during the previous budget process and asked about the condition of the existing unit and the City's plans for its future use. Mr. Moore explained that the current Showmobile was nearing the end of its useful service life but would continue to be used until the new unit was delivered, which was expected to take approximately 9 to 10 months. He stated that staff would evaluate the condition of the existing Showmobile upon delivery of the replacement and determine whether it remained suitable for continued use.

Vice Mayor Fournier suggested that if the existing Showmobile remained serviceable, the City should consider retaining it as a backup asset rather than disposing of it. She emphasized the importance of maximizing the value of existing City assets and encouraged staff to evaluate whether continued maintenance and occasional use would provide long-term operational benefits. Mr. Moore agreed that staff would assess the equipment before making a recommendation.

Comr. Fesik commented on the existing Showmobile and noted that it continued to appear functional during community events. She suggested that staff evaluate anticipated repair costs before the upcoming budget process to determine whether extending the existing unit's useful life would be financially practical. Comr. Fesik also recommended exploring opportunities to generate revenue by renting the Showmobile to other municipalities or organizations for special events. Mr. Moore advised that the new Showmobile had been designed with sponsorship and advertising opportunities in mind, including dedicated banner display areas intended to generate additional revenue through sponsorships and event partnerships.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton asked several questions regarding the design and functionality of the replacement Showmobile, including its retractable roof system, overall size, lighting capabilities, and operational efficiency. Mr. Moore explained that the new unit incorporates a fully automated roof system that can be opened and closed remotely, allowing staff to secure the stage quickly during inclement weather. He noted that the replacement unit is the same size as the existing Showmobile, includes upgraded lighting and generator capabilities, and is fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act by adding an accessibility lift. Mr. Moore further stated that, unlike the existing unit, the new Showmobile can be deployed and operated by a single trained employee, resulting in improved efficiency and reduced staffing requirements.

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-124

4. 26-407 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND SOUTH FLORIDA TECHNICAL COLLEGE PREPARATORY, INC. FOR THE USE OF THE CITY'S VACANT ATHLETIC FIELD FOR FOOTBALL PRACTICE ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(**Staff Contact:** Scott Moore)

Mayor Hardin announced that Item 4 had been pulled at the request of Comr. Smith, on behalf of a member of the public.

Comr. Smith explained that a resident had expressed concerns regarding the condition of the proposed athletic field and requested an opportunity to address the Commission.

Jocelyn Jackson came forward and stated that the parcel adjacent to the Boys & Girls Club had previously been used as a temporary hurricane debris staging area. She expressed concern that the property may still contain debris or unsuitable soil conditions and questioned whether the field had been adequately tested and prepared for athletic use. Ms. Jackson suggested that additional site improvements and testing should be completed before allowing organized sports activities on the property. She also questioned whether alternative locations, including School Board-owned facilities, could better accommodate the proposed program.

City Manager Harrison responded that only vegetative debris had been temporarily staged on a portion of the site following Hurricane Irma and that the area had not been used for construction debris or other hazardous materials. He stated that the property had previously been used for athletic activities by various organizations and advised that the proposed agreement would authorize temporary use of the field for adult football practices only until construction of the Ultimate Sports Park begins later in the year. Mr. Harrison emphasized that staff had evaluated the site before recommending approval of the agreement.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Michael Skversky expressed support for allowing athletic organizations to use city facilities, provided that appropriate user fees are charged and liability protections are in place. He stated that organizations using city athletic fields should contribute financially for their use and ensure that appropriate agreements are executed to protect the City from liability.

Tangi Jackson addressed the Commission and stated that although hurricane debris sites are intended to receive only vegetative material, non-vegetative debris can occasionally become mixed into collection areas. While expressing support for recreational opportunities, she recommended that the property be tested or otherwise evaluated to ensure public safety before athletic use.

Isaiah Martinez, representing South Florida Technical College, spoke in support of the agreement. He advised that members of the football program had already been using the field for offseason training and described the playing surface as safe and suitable for athletic activities. Mr. Martinez stated that the facility had provided valuable opportunities for student-athletes and noted that the arrangement was intended to be temporary. He urged the Commission to approve the agreement to allow the program to continue utilizing the field.

Russell Ketchem, Environmental Services Director, commented on the property's history. Mr. Ketchem confirmed that the site had been temporarily used following Hurricane Irma for the collection of vegetative debris for a brief period. He explained that after debris operations concluded, the property was thoroughly cleaned using multiple screening and raking operations before being completely sodded. Mr. Ketchem stated that the field had been restored and affirmed that no hurricane debris remained on the site.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier noted that Hurricane Irma had occurred several years earlier and observed that the agreement involved the temporary use of the field by adult college athletes rather than youth sports participants. She confirmed with staff that the proposed practices would not conflict with activities at the adjacent Boys & Girls Club and stated that she supported maximizing the use of city recreational facilities whenever they were not otherwise occupied. Vice Mayor Fournier expressed support for the temporary agreement, citing the absence of safety concerns and the benefit of providing recreational opportunities.

Comr. Perkins recalled the City's response following Hurricane Irma and stated that the debris staging area had been properly cleaned and restored. She noted that children currently use the adjacent Boys & Girls Club fields regularly without issue and expressed confidence that the property is safe for temporary athletic use. Commissioner Perkins stated that providing recreational opportunities for young adults while the Ultimate Sports Park is under construction was an appropriate use of the property.

Comr. Fesik clarified that the agreement authorized the property only for athletic practices and not for competitive games. She noted that, under the agreement, any future games held at city facilities would be subject to the City's established rental fees.

Scott Moore, Recreation Director, confirmed that any games would likely be held at other city athletic facilities and would be subject to the applicable fees.

Comr. Smith stated that her primary concern had been ensuring the safety of the athletic field after hearing public concerns. After receiving clarification from staff about the property's condition, she expressed satisfaction that the field was safe for use and indicated her support for the agreement.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton expressed support for the future development of the Ultimate Sports Park and asked staff how compliance with the agreement would be monitored to ensure that only adult college athletes used the field. Mr. Moore responded that Parks and Recreation staff would periodically inspect the site to verify compliance with the license agreement and confirmed that the agreement was limited to South Florida Technical College.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton also asked whether the coaching staff would be subject to background screening. Mr. Moore explained that background screening requirements applicable to youth athletic organizations did not apply because the agreement involved adult college participants, although the college may conduct its own screening procedures.

Mayor Hardin requested confirmation that appropriate insurance coverage and liability protections were included in the agreement. City Manager Harrison advised that each participant would be required to execute a hold harmless agreement before using the facility. City Attorney Berman confirmed that the arrangement differed from youth athletic agreements because it constituted a license agreement for adult college practices rather than a youth sports program. Mr. Harrison further noted that the proposed use was consistent with a previous license agreement involving another adult athletic organization that had utilized the property under similar terms.

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-125

5. 26-401 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE BROWARD COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BY ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR MODIFIED FEE SCHEDULE REDUCING THE ORIGINAL PROVIDED FEES FOR SERVICES RELATING TO THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(**Staff Contact:** Kervin Alfred)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-126

ADDRESSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BSO DEPUTIES' AWARDS RECOGNITION

City Manager Harrison requested to address comments made earlier during the meeting concerning recognition of BSO personnel. Mr. Harrison explained that statements made during public comments did not reflect the full circumstances surrounding the recognition of the deputies and requested that BSO provide clarification for the record.

Major Ellwood explained that the deputies referenced during public comments had already been formally recognized by the Broward Sheriff's Office through an official awards ceremony. He stated that the deputies received departmental certificates and service ribbons consistent with BSO's recognition program. Major Ellwood advised that the recognition presented by the Sheriff's Office constituted the appropriate official commendation for their service and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to acknowledge the deputies' accomplishments before the Commission and the community.

E. REGULAR AGENDA

6. 26-400 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A RAILROAD REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY REGARDING THE GRADE CROSSING AND CROSSING TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES LOCATED AT NW 33RD STREET RAILROAD CROSSING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: $864,750.43)

(**Staff Contact:** Rob McCaughan)

Robert McCaughan, Public Works Director, presented the proposed agreement related to the reconstruction of the three-track railroad crossing at NW 33rd Street, located south of the Pompano Beach Tri-Rail Station. Mr. McCaughan explained that the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) had determined that the crossing was in poor condition and required complete reconstruction. Because NW 33rd Street is a city-owned roadway, the City is responsible for the maintenance and repair costs associated with the crossing. He advised that the estimated reconstruction cost was approximately $865,000 and noted that although the railroad manages the work through its contractor, the City is responsible for reimbursing the full cost.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed concern regarding the substantial cost of the project and asked whether the City had received advance notice of the required repairs. She also inquired about available financing options, the urgency of the reconstruction, and whether payment could be spread over multiple years to reduce the financial impact. Mr. McCaughan explained that the City had received notification approximately two years earlier. He stated that staff requested a one-year postponement to better align the project with the City's budget process, which SFRTA accommodated. However, he advised that the governing agreement requires payment within four months after invoicing, eliminating the option of financing or installment payments. Mr. McCaughan acknowledged the significant expense and remarked that the City has limited flexibility because the railroad controls the reconstruction process and associated costs.

Vice Mayor Fournier asked whether additional railroad crossing projects of similar magnitude were anticipated. Mr. McCaughan reported that the City had recently completed repairs to several Florida East Coast Railway crossings, including those at NE 6th Street, NE 10th Street, and NE / NW 3rd Street, each costing approximately $150,000. He explained that railroad crossings are periodically evaluated by railroad companies and reconstructed when necessary, though the timing varies depending on each crossing's condition. He further advised that the NW 33rd Street crossing had not undergone major reconstruction during his approximately 20 years with the City and had recently begun to generate an increasing number of complaints due to its deteriorating condition. Mr. McCaughan confirmed that funding for the project had been incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Improvement Program following receipt of the railroad's notification.

Comr. Perkins recalled previous concerns regarding deteriorated railroad crossings in the Northwest area, specifically referencing the crossing near NW 15th Street. She noted that earlier repairs had required coordination with Broward County and expressed appreciation for the efforts that ultimately resulted in improvements. Comr. Perkins stated that another nearby railroad crossing remained in poor condition and requested that staff investigate its condition and explore options for future repairs. Mr. McCaughan acknowledged the concern and indicated that the crossing in question serves a private railroad spur, which may involve different maintenance responsibilities. He agreed to review the matter further.

Comr. Fesik asked whether staff had received notice of any additional city-maintained railroad crossings that may require reconstruction in the near future. Mr. McCaughan responded that he was unaware of any additional notices regarding city-owned crossings. He noted that crossings located on County or Florida Department of Transportation roadways, such as Copans Road and Sample Road, may receive similar notices, but responsibility for those projects would rest with the respective agencies rather than the City.

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-127

7. 26-414 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 NATIONAL METERING SERVICES, INC. TO INSTALL NEW METERS AND BACKFLOW DEVICES AS NEEDED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: $933,437 for the term of the contract)

Strategic Plan Initiative

(**Staff Contact:** Renuka Mohammed)

Renuka Mohammed, Utilities Director, explained that the Utilities Department was requesting approval to execute a piggyback agreement through an existing competitively awarded contract to provide supplemental installation services for replacement water meters and residential backflow devices. Ms. Mohammed reported that the City previously purchased approximately 19,000 replacement water meters and backflow devices through the 2024 Water and Wastewater Bond Program to improve system reliability and billing accuracy. She stated that National Metering Services had previously assisted the City with the replacement program and successfully installed approximately 3,600 meters while also developing a customized interface that integrated the new metering system with the City's customer billing platform. After the previous agreement expired, Utilities staff continued the replacement program in-house and had completed approximately 6,000 installations, leaving approximately 13,000 meters remaining. She explained that the proposed agreement would provide supplemental contractor support for the installation of an additional 5,000 to 7,500 meters and backflow devices, allowing city staff to continue focusing on daily operations while reducing the replacement backlog. Ms. Mohammed noted that sufficient project funding remained available through the approved bond program and stated that the project supports the City's strategic objective of maintaining and improving critical utility infrastructure.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Marquise Smith, 1320 NW 24th Avenue, asked how the new metering system would affect customers currently receiving estimated water bills. Ms. Mohammed explained that estimated bills are generated when existing meters are not functioning properly and are based on historical consumption. She stated that once a new meter is installed, customers will receive actual usage readings rather than estimated bills and that any necessary billing adjustments or credits would be processed accordingly. Ms. Mohammed further explained that meter replacements are prioritized based on lists generated by Utilities Customer Service, organized by billing cycles and identified meter failures. She advised that customers will receive a notification when their meter is replaced and noted that they may also enroll in the online customer portal to monitor water usage and identify potential leaks.

Ashley Luzik, a resident of Pompano Beach Highlands, addressed the Commission with questions regarding utility billing responsibilities in areas of the city served by Broward County. She described confusion resulting from receiving city sanitation services while water and sewer services were billed separately. Mayor Hardin and Ms. Mohammed explained that although sanitation services are provided citywide by the City of Pompano Beach, portions of the City receive water and sewer service directly from Broward County, which bills those customers separately. Ms. Mohammed offered to review Ms. Luzik's specific account following the meeting to clarify her service arrangements and address any concerns.

Jocelyn Jackson asked several questions regarding the proposed piggyback agreement, the installation of residential backflow devices, and the operation of the electronic metering system. Ms. Mohammed explained that residential backflow devices installed under the program are subject to annual testing and certification requirements established by the State of Florida, while commercial and multifamily devices must also undergo annual recertification by licensed contractors. Mayor Hardin explained that a piggyback agreement allows the City to utilize another governmental entity's competitively awarded procurement process rather than conducting its own solicitation. Ms. Mohammed further explained that National Metering Services had previously performed the City's meter replacement work and that the proposed agreement would continue the existing implementation to expedite completion of the project. She also clarified that the new electronic meters transmit usage data automatically to the City's billing system and that customers would continue receiving bills through the same process as before.

Brandi Zabadal, a resident of Pompano Beach Highlands, asked whether Broward County customers would also receive upgraded water meters. Mayor Hardin responded that meter replacement schedules for Broward County utility customers are determined by Broward County. He assured residents that the City would continue advocating on behalf of residents experiencing issues with Broward County utility services and encouraged residents to report concerns so the City could assist in coordinating with County staff.

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

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton noted that Broward County has its own meter replacement program and advised residents to contact either Broward County or the City if assistance is needed in resolving utility concerns.

Comr. Fesik asked whether the piggyback agreement produced measurable cost savings compared to conducting an independent procurement. Ms. Mohammed responded that while installation costs under the current agreement reflected increases of approximately 25 to 30 percent compared to the City's previous contract, the overall benefit of the agreement lies in expediting installation of thousands of replacement meters that have already been purchased, reducing estimated billing, restoring accurate customer revenue, and utilizing an existing system integration that the City has already funded. She explained that selecting a different contractor would require developing a new software interface and could delay the replacement program by several additional months.

Comr. Fesik also asked about the City's quality assurance process for water meters and backflow devices. Ms. Mohammed explained that the contractor's responsibilities are limited to installation of the equipment, while annual testing and certification requirements apply to backflow devices in accordance with State regulations. She stated that Utilities monitors compliance through annual certifications and requires replacement when devices fail inspection.

Comr. Fesik requested additional clarification regarding the City's procurement review process for piggyback agreements and asked whether future competitive solicitations could be issued once the current meter replacement program is completed. Ms. Mohammed explained that the using department initially evaluates available contracts before forwarding the proposed piggyback agreement to the Procurement Department for review and processing. She stated that future system replacements could be competitively procured when appropriate but noted that the current circumstances favored continuing with the existing contractor because of the City's previous investment in system integration and the urgency of replacing failing meters. Ms. Mohammed estimated that initiating a new procurement at this stage could delay the project by approximately 6 to 8 months.

Mayor Hardin observed that piggyback agreements can also reduce administrative costs associated with conducting an independent competitive solicitation.

In response to additional questions from Comr. Fesik regarding procurement expenses, City Manager Harrison stated that procurement costs vary depending on the complexity of each project but agreed that utilizing an existing competitively awarded contract generally provides greater efficiency than initiating a separate solicitation. Ms. Mohammed added that, because the referenced contract had been competitively procured only one year earlier, the City expected it to remain more cost-effective than issuing a new solicitation under current market conditions. She further explained that the Utilities Department routinely evaluates cooperative purchasing opportunities and independently procured contracts to determine the most advantageous procurement method for each project.

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-128

8. 26-408 **P.H. 2026-40: (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 THE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (POINT TO POINT) BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND CIRCUIT TRANSIT, INC. TO EXPAND THE MICRO-TRANSIT SERVICE AREA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: Increase of $269,803 per year)

(**Staff Contact:** Jeff Lantz)

Jeff Lantz, Parking Manager, presented a proposed amendment to the City's agreement with Circuit Transit to expand the existing on-demand electric shuttle service. Mr. Lantz explained that the amendment would extend point-to-point transportation service west of the current service area to provide greater access for residents and visitors traveling to and from the beach. He stated that the pilot program would offer free transportation on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, eliminating the need for users to pay for beach parking while helping to reduce traffic congestion and parking demand on the barrier island.

Mr. Lantz presented an overview of the proposed pilot program, explaining that the expanded service would provide on-demand transportation between designated neighborhoods west of the existing service area and the Pompano Beach Fishing Village and beach area. He stated that the initiative is intended to improve mobility for residents, particularly seniors and those without convenient transportation options, while promoting greater equity in access to city amenities. The service would utilize two fully electric vehicles, including a Volkswagen ID and a Ford E-Transit van, with the larger vehicle accommodating additional passengers and beach equipment. Mr. Lantz also explained that designated park-and-ride locations would include the municipal lot near First Baptist Church and City Hall. He noted that the vehicles would be available for sponsorship and advertising opportunities to help offset operating costs and stated that staff would closely monitor operational data, including ridership demand and wait times, throughout the pilot program. He added that the Parking Enterprise Fund would finance the service while staff continue to pursue grant funding opportunities for future expansion.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed support for the expansion, noting that she had previously encouraged extending Circuit service west of Federal Highway to better serve neighborhoods whose residents frequently use the City's beach and recreational amenities. She stated that the pilot program offers residents a convenient alternative to driving and searching for parking while also helping alleviate congestion at the beach. Vice Mayor Fournier described the initiative as an appropriate first step that would allow the City to evaluate ridership data before considering additional service expansions throughout other areas of the community.

Comr. Fesik also expressed support for the proposal and thanked staff for incorporating ideas discussed during previous meetings. She asked about the potential financial benefit of sponsorship and advertising opportunities associated with the shuttle vehicles. Mr. Lantz responded that the City is guaranteed approximately 50 percent of advertising revenue generated through vehicle branding. Comr. Fesik asked whether the expanded service might benefit businesses in Old Town by increasing visitor access. Mr. Lantz agreed that the shuttle's two-way service would encourage both beach visitors and beach-area residents to travel between the waterfront, Old Town, City Hall, the Cultural Arts Center, and other destinations, thereby supporting local businesses and City facilities. Comr. Fesik further commented that the pilot program represents an important opportunity to expand transportation alternatives and improve connectivity throughout the City.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton commended staff for continuing to advance the City's long-term transportation planning objectives by improving connections between eastern and western portions of the community. She expressed hope that additional grant funding could be secured to reduce reliance on Parking Enterprise Fund revenues while recognizing that the service provides a valuable benefit to residents. Comr. Sigerson-Eaton also stated that she would welcome future expansion of the service into additional areas of the City, including District 2, if the pilot program proves successful.

Mr. Lantz clarified that the Parking Enterprise Fund, rather than general taxpayer revenues, would finance the proposed service.

Mayor Hardin thanked staff for the presentation and described the proposal as a positive next step in expanding the City's transportation options.

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

10. 26-395 Discussion and consideration item for the annual performance evaluation for Mr. Deusdedit C. Kiyemba, Internal Auditor.
(Fiscal Impact: To be determined by City Commission)

(**Staff Contact:** Lisa Sonego)

Lisa Sonego, Human Resources Director, presented the annual performance evaluation of Internal Auditor D.C. Kiyemba for Commission consideration. Ms. Sonego explained that the Commission was asked to review the Internal Auditor's performance and determine whether to award a merit increase, which, if approved, would be retroactive to December 21, 2025. She noted that all city employees, including officials who report directly to the Commission, had previously received a 3.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment effective October 1, and advised that the Internal Auditor's current salary was at approximately the 75th percentile of comparable regional internal auditor positions. Ms. Sonego also noted that the Commission had received Mr. Kiyemba's annual report and performance accomplishments for review.

Comr. Perkins commended Mr. Kiyemba for his responsiveness and professionalism, stating that he consistently responds to requests promptly and explains complex audit information clearly. She described his performance as outstanding.

Comr. Perkins made a motion to award the Internal Auditor a 4% merit increase, which was seconded by Mayor Hardin.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton expressed support for the motion and emphasized the importance of maintaining an independent internal audit function. She stated that not every municipality employs an internal auditor and credited Mr. Kiyemba with contributing to the City's consistently strong audit results and overall financial accountability.

Mayor Hardin also praised Mr. Kiyemba's performance, stating that the Internal Auditor plays a proactive role in strengthening city operations by identifying opportunities to improve internal processes before issues arise. He noted that Mr. Kiyemba's work extends beyond traditional compliance reviews by helping departments improve procedures, thereby contributing to the City's favorable external audit results and long-standing financial integrity.

Vice Mayor Fournier acknowledged Mr. Kiyemba's professional performance but stated that, given current budget considerations and ongoing discussions regarding city expenditures, she could not support awarding a merit increase at this time. Vice Mayor Fournier stated that she believed the City should exercise additional fiscal restraint regarding employee compensation under current financial conditions.

Comr. Fesik first thanked Mr. Kiyemba for his assistance in understanding the City's budget process during her first year in office. She stated that he had been responsive, thorough, and instrumental in helping her interpret financial information and prepare for budget discussions. Comr. Fesik expressed appreciation for his professionalism and the quality of his work.

Comr. Fesik then asked City Attorney Berman to clarify the reporting relationship established by the City Charter for the Internal Auditor. Mr. Berman confirmed that the Internal Auditor reports directly to the City Commission rather than to the City Manager, while also working cooperatively with city administration and staff as necessary. He further explained that there is no provision in the city code requiring that communications between commissioners and charter officers be routinely shared with the City Manager, although information may be shared when operational circumstances require coordination among staff.

Comr. Fesik subsequently questioned City Manager Harrison regarding communications between commissioners and the Internal Auditor. She asked whether the City Manager had instructed or expected the Internal Auditor to notify him whenever commissioners requested information. Mr. Harrison responded that he had not directed the Internal Auditor to report such communications and stated that he imposed no such requirement.

Comr. Fesik further stated that, through a public records request, she had discovered an email containing information provided by the Internal Auditor in response to her earlier budget questions had subsequently been forwarded among various city staff members and consultants. She expressed concern regarding the handling of communications between commissioners and charter officers and stated that she expected requests made to charter officers, including the Internal Auditor, City Attorney, and City Clerk, to remain confidential unless disclosure was necessary or specifically authorized. Comr. Fesik emphasized that her comments were not intended as criticism of Mr. Kiyemba's performance but rather to express concerns regarding internal communication practices. She concluded by reiterating her appreciation for the Internal Auditor's professionalism and assistance.

Mayor Hardin thanked Mr. Kiyemba for his continued service and contributions to the City.

A motion was made by Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Mayor Hardin, to award the Internal Auditor a 4% merit increase. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Hardin

No: Fesik
Fournier

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 replied there were none.

G. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

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

July 14, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting
July 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. - Budget Workshop
July 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

H. REPORTS

City Manager's Report:

City Manager Harrison introduced Jay Olsen as the City's Interim Building Official and welcomed him in his new role. Mr. Harrison also reminded the Commission and the public of upcoming Independence Day events, including the Music Under the Stars program on July 3 featuring a USA 250 presentation and the City's Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular on the beach on July 4.

City Attorney's Report:

No report.

City Clerk's Report:

No report.

Comr. Fesik's Report:

Comr. Fesik discussed the City's ongoing parking needs, particularly within the beach area and District 1. She stated that, following previous Commission discussions, she met with local business owners to better understand current and future parking demands, the impacts of redevelopment, and concerns regarding prior commitments made during development of the Fishing Village. Comr. Fesik explained that she independently researched alternative parking technologies and visited automated parking facilities in South Florida to evaluate systems capable of increasing parking capacity while reducing long-term maintenance costs. She described a rack-and-rail parking system that could potentially provide more parking spaces within the same footprint at a lower cost than previously proposed concepts. Comr. Fesik requested that staff evaluate the technology as a possible alternative for future beach parking improvements. City Manager Harrison stated that staff had previously reviewed similar systems and agreed to evaluate the information she provided.

Comr. Fesik next reported on a recent meeting regarding the Airpark and expressed appreciation to staff for arranging the discussion. She advised that community stakeholders are pursuing a partnership with a university to conduct voluntary blood testing in neighborhoods surrounding the Airpark to address concerns about lead exposure. She stated that additional information would be shared as the initiative progresses.

Comr. Fesik then expressed concerns regarding reports she had received alleging that city staff or consultants had contacted residents or business owners regarding the upcoming municipal election. She stated that residents should never feel intimidated or pressured because of their political views and questioned whether consultants should remain uninvolved in election activities.

City Attorney Berman responded that staff and consultants generally should remain outside the election process unless necessary to correct factual information.

Nguyen Tran, CRA Director, addressed the comments to state that he had not visited any property owner or threatened anyone. Comr. Fesik acknowledged that she was continuing to review the matter through public records and reiterated that she expected communications between commissioners and charter officers to be handled professionally and respectfully.

Comr. Fesik also thanked Environmental Services staff for their response to excessive sargassum accumulation along the beach and promoted the upcoming Independence Day events.

Comr. Fesik requested that City Manager Harrison place his annual performance evaluation on the agenda before the Commission's summer recess. Mr. Harrison responded that evaluation materials had already been distributed to the Commission in accordance with his employment agreement and stated that he did not intend to alter that process. Comr. Fesik questioned the departure from prior practice and also requested clarification regarding Mr. Harrison's role as Executive Director of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). City Attorney Berman explained that the City Manager assumed that responsibility following action by the CRA Board several years earlier and that no separate written contract was required. Mr. Harrison further advised that his salary is funded entirely by the City's General Fund and not by the CRA. Comr. Fesik requested additional information regarding the allocation of city resources associated with that role. She concluded by encouraging residents to enjoy the holiday weekend safely.

Comr. Perkins' Report:

Comr. Perkins requested additional information regarding the proposed Airpark lead-testing initiative because of concerns about nearby residential neighborhoods. She then announced a Northwest Community Meeting scheduled for June 24 at the E. Pat Larkins Community Center, where representatives from the Broward Sheriff's Office, Code Compliance, Environmental Services, Parks and Recreation, the Housing Authority, and homelessness outreach staff would provide updates and answer questions regarding public safety, illegal dumping, affordable housing, and neighborhood concerns. Comr. Perkins encouraged residents from throughout the City to attend.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton's Report:

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton announced the upcoming Cresthaven Civic Association meeting, noting that representatives from Code Compliance, the Broward Sheriff's Office, and the Broward County Tax Collector's Office would participate. She also wished residents a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July holiday.

Comr. Smith's Report:

Comr. Smith expressed enthusiasm for the planned expansion of Circuit transportation service into District 5. She recognized the Greater Collier City Civic Association for awarding scholarships and laptop computers to local students and congratulated the recipients. Comr. Smith also updated the Commission on the proposed Costco development, noting that the project had advanced through the Architectural Appearance Committee and would next be considered by the Planning and Zoning Board. She summarized a recent meeting with city staff, the Broward Sheriff's Office, and neighborhood representatives to address homelessness, illegal drug activity, prostitution, lighting improvements, and environmental enforcement. Comr. Smith also announced a Broward County program that provides vouchers for children's swimming lessons and concluded by sharing a quote from Anne Frank, encouraging positive community involvement.

Vice Mayor Fournier's Report:

Vice Mayor Fournier promoted upcoming Fourth of July activities and announced that the City's new skate park was expected to open during July. She also announced that her July community meeting would feature Broward County Property Appraiser Marty Kiar and representatives from his office to discuss property tax reform and homestead exemptions. Turning to the City's upcoming budget workshop in July, Vice Mayor

Fournier stated that she believed consulting contracts should be reviewed during budget discussions and expressed support for reestablishing a citizen Budget Review Committee.

Vice Mayor Fournier made a motion directing staff to prepare the framework for reestablishing the Budget Review Committee, with one resident appointed by each commissioner and members possessing finance, accounting, or business experience. Comr. Perkins seconded the motion.

Comr. Perkins noted that the City previously maintained a Budget Review Committee and suggested using the prior structure as a model.

Comr. Fesik supported the motion, stating that residents with relevant financial experience could provide valuable input during what is expected to be a challenging budget cycle.

Vice Mayor Fournier explained that the committee was intended to increase resident participation and provide additional perspectives alongside the City's internal budget task force.

City Attorney Berman advised that additional details regarding the committee's duties, structure, and legal authority would be necessary before implementation and noted that staff could review prior ordinances or committee structures.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton and Comr. Smith expressed that they were not opposed to forming the committee but believed they needed more information before establishing the board.

Mayor Hardin commented that city operations are already conducted transparently and that residents have access to budget information through existing processes.

The motion failed with a 3-3 vote (Yes vote: Fesik, Perkins, and Fournier; No vote: Sigerson-Eaton, Smith, and Hardin).

Continuing her report, Vice Mayor Fournier encouraged residents to attend the Planning and Zoning Board meeting concerning the proposed Costco development, noting that major site plan approvals are considered by that board and are not reviewed by the City Commission. She reiterated her support for creating a Commission call-up process for significant site plan approvals and stated that additional resident participation in major development decisions would improve public confidence.

Additionally, Vice Mayor Fournier expressed significant concern regarding the current dynamics within the city administration, particularly highlighting a sense of defiance from the city manager. She emphasized that this attitude, characterized by a reluctance to adhere to established practices and a disregard for the Commission's input, has led to considerable frustration among both officials and residents. Vice Mayor Fournier argued that such defiance undermines effective leadership and hinders the City's progress. She concluded with a quote, “leaders must be willing to put the ship's performance ahead of their egos.”

Comr. Perkins noted that she would be unable to attend the Planning and Zoning meeting but encouraged commissioners to ask questions regarding the proposed Costco project and its relationship to the existing Costco location.

Mayor Hardin’s Report:

No report.

Following the conclusion of Commission reports, City Manager Harrison wished Mayor Hardin a happy upcoming birthday.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM.

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Rex Hardin, Mayor

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Kervin Alfred, City Clerk