



# 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, May 12, 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 Gary McLamore of Jesus Supernatural Life Center offered the invocation.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[26-356](#) City Commission Budget Workshop Minutes of April 14, 2026

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

[26-354](#) Special City Commission Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2026

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

[26-355](#) Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of April 28, 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 by a unanimous voice vote.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION**

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

Mayor Hardin announced that Item 1 would be pulled for City Commission discussion.

#### **A. PROCLAMATIONS**

##### [26-275](#) **National Safe Boating Week**

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation declaring May 16th through May 22nd, 2026, as National Safe Boating Week in the City of Pompano Beach and urged all residents and visitors to practice safe boating habits, wear life jackets at all times while on the water, and take advantage of available safety education resources to ensure a safe and enjoyable boating season. Members of the Pompano Beach U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary - Flotilla 34 were present to accept the proclamation.

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

##### [26-298](#) **Mental Health Awareness Month**

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation declaring May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Pompano Beach and urged all residents in our community to commit to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illnesses, reducing stigma and discrimination, and promoting and providing appropriate and accessible services for all people. Judy Albelo of the

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Broward County Advocacy Group accepted the proclamation. She was then invited to address the audience.

Ms. Albelo thanked the City of Pompano Beach, including the Mayor, commissioners, and city staff, for dedicating a month to raising awareness of mental health. She emphasized that such actions help destigmatize mental health issues and demonstrate to people facing mental health challenges that they are not alone, which she described as incredibly important.

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

[26-299](#) **Water Reuse Week**

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation declaring May 17th through May 23, 2026, as Water Reuse Week in the City of Pompano Beach and encouraged all residents, businesses, and institutions to help protect our shared water future by using reclaimed water wisely and conserving water every day. Renuka Mohammed, Utilities Director, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Pompano Beach Utilities Department. She was then invited to address the audience.

Ms. Mohammed introduced Phil Hyer, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, and Nathaniel Watson, Field Superintendent, who were present with her. She thanked the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commission for recognizing Water Reuse Week and acknowledged the City's commitment to sustainability and water conservation. Ms. Mohammed provided extensive details about the City's reuse program, Oasis (Alternative Supply Irrigation System), which was initiated in 1989 to protect the Biscayne Aquifer and the eastern wellfield from saltwater intrusion while conserving potable water. She explained that the reuse water meets all regulatory requirements and serves the City's golf course, parks, traffic medians, and over 1,600 residential customers in both Pompano Beach and Lighthouse Point. She also mentioned the completion of the Harbor Village reuse expansion project, which provided access to more than 500 additional customers, and emphasized how every gallon of reuse water saves drinking water for future generations while addressing population growth and climate change challenges.

Mayor Hardin thanked Ms. Mohammed and expressed that the entire City Commission would welcome expanded reuse infrastructure throughout the city if funding were available.

City Manager Harrison then called for recognition of Phil Hyer, announcing his retirement after 41 years of service.

**A motion was made that the Proclamation be READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

### **B. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**

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

**Vincent Pavlovsky**, 328 N. Ocean Boulevard, Pompano Beach, FL, thanked the Commission, the Mayor, and especially Comr. Fesik for their diligence in addressing safety issues at the Bermuda House condo association, including street lights, turtle lights, and sidewalk problems. He praised how quickly the entire project was completed within a month after he sent an email about the dangers, and he commended the contractor for their accommodating work and acts of kindness, such as helping an elderly resident cross the street safely.

Comr. Fesik expressed appreciation for Mr. Pavlovsky's attendance and highlighted the importance of recognizing the hard work and kindness of staff and workers.

**Pat Anderson** presented a painting she had created and discussed issues related to 24th Street, the Grand Canal, and tampering with property records. She expressed concerns about Zip codes and house numbers being altered on Broward County Property Appraiser records, mentioned ongoing Value Adjustment Board disputes, and referenced problems with permit inspections and a damaged pink church. She indicated the matter might go to federal court and touched on voting and redistricting issues.

**Tangi Jackson**, 841 NW 6th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, addressed a Facebook post by Vice Mayor Fournier regarding Kodak Black, explaining that while negative incidents from over two years ago were being highlighted, positive contributions, such as giving dirt bikes to children, were being ignored. She shared how Kodak Black had given her grandson a dirt bike, noting that her daughter had served eight years in the U.S. Army. Ms. Jackson emphasized the principle that leaders should build people up rather than tear them down, and she thanked the Commission for recognizing the contributions of Sharon Stone-Walker and Sarahca Peterson to the community.

**Minnie Frazier**, 2630 NW 13th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, emphasized the need to focus on pressing community issues, including homeless veterans, children in need of food, rising gasoline prices, and healthcare challenges. As a 77-year-old longtime resident who had witnessed Pompano Beach's development from dirt roads, she urged leaders to channel their energy toward meaningful causes and choose different approaches to achieving their goals.

**Ula Foster** defended Kodak Black by comparing his actions to those of current political leaders, arguing that his charitable work for poor people should be appreciated rather than criticized. She emphasized that Kodak

was a young man who had risen from humble beginnings in Golden Acres and questioned why negative judgment was being passed on someone who had done extraordinary things for the community, while elected officials with questionable behavior held higher office.

**Delvin King**, 2601 Northwest 12th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, announced his intention to investigate facility use in Pompano Beach to ensure proper documentation and procedures are followed, drawing on his experience uncovering illegal facility use in Broward County schools. Regarding the Kodak Black situation, he suggested that anyone holding keys to the city should be subject to background updates when arrested, noting that his own background had been thoroughly examined. He encouraged moving past the controversy while acknowledging Kodak's positive community work.

**Joan Florenzano** complained about problems at the dog park, expressing frustration with the lack of response from Scott Moore and other officials despite paying annual fees. She detailed issues with a broken gate, people not following rules, verbal harassment from other users, and the need for better enforcement of park regulations. She had reached out multiple times for help and was seeking immediate action to fix the gate and improve park management.

**Vicente Thrower** introduced the concept of "Pompano First," urging the Commission to prioritize local residents and businesses in future development and policy decisions. He expressed concerns about demographic changes in areas like Sixth Street and the need to create jobs rather than just approving attorney requests for various projects. He referenced potential tax reform impacts and cautioned against repeating mistakes made by other cities, such as Dania Beach, with the Spirit Airlines building.

**Jocelyn Jackson** commented on what she characterized as disrespectful treatment of Kodak Black by Vice Mayor Fournier. She argued that Kodak had invested time, resources, and heart into uplifting the community across all nationalities and accused the vice mayor of talking down to the Black community while benefiting from their tax dollars. Jackson called for accountability in leadership and emphasized that the community would no longer remain quiet about perceived disrespect and hypocrisy from elected officials.

Vice Mayor Fournier clarified her position regarding the awarding of the Key to the City, stating she has no personal connection to Mr. Black, the recipient. She expressed concern that her comments were misunderstood and emphasized her right to hold different views on the standards for awarding such honors. The Vice Mayor mentioned that many residents she represents are upset about the decision-making process, which she feels lacked proper consultation and voting. She reaffirmed her support for community contributions but reiterated that her remarks focused on the process rather than Mr. Black himself.

### **C. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Hardin requested a motion to Approve/Adopt Items 2 through 4 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. [26-234](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN APPROPRIATIONS CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE BROWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO SUPPORT THE SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM IN PREVENTING YOUTH VIOLENCE, GANG PARTICIPATION, ANTI-BULLYING AND OTHER PRO-SOCIAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
(Fiscal Impact: \$23,000.00)

(Staff Contact: Joshua Watters)

Mayor Hardin mentioned that Comr. Perkins had pulled the item for discussion.

Comr. Perkins expressed her support for the proposed summer camp but requested clarification about whether the \$23,000 was coming from the City's budget.

Joshua Watters, Budget Director, confirmed that the funds would come from the City's budget and explained that they historically budget for this program annually in a non-departmental account, noting that the FY26 amount was \$23,000, the same as FY25, while FY23 and FY24 were slightly less at \$20,000.

Comr. Perkins acknowledged it was a Pompano Beach program and asked whether the City was also paying for SROs and if BSO was contributing anything. Mr. Watters clarified that SRO payments were handled through their BSO contract, with the City paying for 16 SROs and one SRO supervisor as part of their payment to BSO for police services.

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

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Resolution / 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. 2026-114**

2. [26-337](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH,

FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND FLORIDA CHAMPION FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC. TO UTILIZE ATHLETIC FIELDS IN VARIOUS CITY PARKS TO CONDUCT A SEMI-PRO ADULT FOOTBALL PROGRAM; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Scott Moore/Kaitlyn Kerr)

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Resolution / Consent Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

**Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-115**

3. [26-336](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND BROWARD COUNTY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE BROWARD RAPID ALERT AND INFORMATION NETWORK (RAIN); PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$10,000 annually)



Strategic Plan Initiative

(Staff Contact: Renuka Mohammed)

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Resolution / Consent Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

**Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-116**

4. [26-342](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AMONG BROWARD COUNTY, THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND OTHER BROWARD COUNTY CITIES RELATING TO SHARING THE RESOURCE BURDENS OF THE SYSTEM-WIDE NPDES MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM PERMIT AND TO AUTHORIZE BROWARD COUNTY TO CONDUCT SPECIFIC TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES REQUIRED BY THE FIFTH FIVE-YEAR PERMIT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$164,399 over 5 years)



Strategic Plan Initiative

(Staff Contact: Renuka Mohammed)

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Resolution / Consent Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

**Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-117**

#### **D. REGULAR AGENDA**

5. [26-324](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A POLICY DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND STAFF TO RESERVE ALL REMAINING PLOTS AT THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CEMETERY FOR SALE ONLY TO RESIDENTS OF THE CITY; TO RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF PLOTS SOLD TO ANY PERSON; AND TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR TRANSFER OF CEMETERY PLOTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

**POSTPONED FROM APRIL 28, 2026**

(Staff Contact: Rob McCaughan)

Robert McCaughan, Public Works Director, introduced himself and noted that Cemetery Manager Terrance Nelson was also present for questions. He explained that at the last Commission meeting, they had discussed limiting cemetery plot sales because they were running out of space, with approximately 600 plots remaining for both cremation and full burial. He stated that the Commission had been unanimous about limiting sales to residents only. Mr. McCaughan referenced a recent individual who had purchased 32 plots, which raised questions about limiting the number of plots sold per person. He reported that Mr. Nelson had researched other municipal cemeteries and found that while most did not limit the number of plots, three cities (Boca Raton, Hallandale Beach, and Dania Beach) limited sales to two plots per person, which they recommended as their policy. He also explained that they handled many transfers between individuals that required Commission approval for accountability, so they were recommending a \$295 transfer fee, with the requirement that transferees must be Pompano Beach residents.

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

Comr. Perkins asked for clarification about the transfer process, specifically whether she would be charged \$295 to sell her own plot. Mr. McCaughan confirmed this was correct, explaining that the City would charge the fee to cover administrative costs since many hands had to touch the transaction to finalize transfers. Comr. Perkins then asked about the individual who purchased 32 or 33 plots and whether he would have to pay the transfer fee. Mr. McCaughan confirmed he would, unless he transferred the plots back to the City, in which case they wouldn't charge the fee.

Tracy Lyons, Deputy City Attorney, then advised the Commission that under existing ordinance, the City

already had the right of first refusal for any transfers at the municipal cemetery, meaning the City would be notified and could exercise this right.

**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. 2026-118**

#### **E. 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.

#### **F. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

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

May 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

June 9, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

#### **G. REPORTS**

##### **City Manager's Report:**

City Manager Harrison announced that the Environmental Services Department, Code Compliance Division, and Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) would conduct a Clean Streets Project in the Liberty Park, Kendall Green, and Pompano Estates neighborhoods. Mayor Hardin thanked staff for the coordinated effort and encouraged public awareness of the initiative.

##### **City Attorney's Report:**

No report.

##### **City Clerk's Report:**

City Clerk Alfred updated the Commission regarding municipal election and referendum costs following attendance at a Broward County Supervisor of Elections workshop. Mr. Alfred explained that estimated costs for placing a referendum question on a general election ballot had been significantly reduced from prior projections. He advised that participating in a countywide general election could cost approximately \$50,000 to

\$70,000, while conducting a standalone municipal election would still approach \$200,000 because the City would bear all operational expenses independently. Mayor Hardin thanked Mr. Alfred for advocating on behalf of the City regarding election fee concerns.

**Comr. Fesik's Report:**

Comr. Fesik reported concerns raised by residents regarding water pressure issues in the McNab Road area near McNab Elementary School. She requested staff review ongoing utility and bridge-related construction impacts and improve communication with affected residents. Comr. Fesik also expressed concern about businesses negatively affected by redevelopment and construction activities, requesting additional city outreach and promotional support to help struggling businesses during ongoing projects. Mr. Harrison requested the names of affected businesses so staff could follow up directly.

Comr. Fesik then addressed concerns regarding consultants associated with the city and referenced incidents involving a consultant in another municipality. She stated that she had reviewed public records and police reports and expressed concern regarding consultant conduct and oversight. Comr. Fesik further raised questions about the City Manager's annual performance review timeline and the provisions in the City Manager's employment agreement. She noted differences between the 2017 and 2022 contracts regarding termination and severance provisions and requested clarification from the City Attorney on those changes.

**Comr. Fesik made a motion to place the City Manager's performance review on the next City Commission agenda and requested a written legal clarification regarding contract provisions, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Fournier.**

Ms. Lyons stated that she will inform City Attorney Berman about the contract situation. She believed it was not an oversight, as the terms in the contract appeared to have been agreed upon by the parties and voted on by the Commission. She suggested that Mr. Berman could provide further clarification.

Vice Mayor Fournier clarified that she had received an email indicating the review was scheduled for June 9 because the City Manager would be out on vacation during the May meeting, but since Mr. Harrison was present, she supported moving it to May 26 to get back on the historical schedule of conducting reviews in the first quarter of the calendar year.

Comr. Smith questioned whether there was enough time to prepare a review.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton asked about the original plan for June 9 and expressed support for moving the review earlier.

Mr. Harrison clarified that there had been confusion about dates - he would be on vacation from June 1-10, so June 9 wouldn't work anyway, and confirmed he would be available for May 26.

Ms. Lyons stated that she was informed by Human Resources Director Lisa Sonogo that the review materials could be prepared for the requested meeting date.

Mayor Hardin stated he regularly communicated performance feedback to the City Manager and, therefore, he would not support the motion.

**The Commission further discussed the timing and necessity of the review before the motion ultimately failed on a 3-3 vote, Commissioners Fesik, Perkins, and Vice Mayor Fournier voting yes and Commissioners Sigerson-Eaton, Smith, and Mayor Hardin voting no.**

Comr. Fesik stated that elected officials have a duty to provide oversight and expressed concern about delays in conducting required reviews and obtaining information on city operations. She also raised questions regarding the CRA, the City Manager's role as CRA Executive Director, and historical actions related to RMA consulting contracts and CRA operations. Comr. Fesik requested additional clarification from the City Attorney regarding the appointment process and authority associated with those roles.

Comr. Fesik continued by outlining what she described as repeated 3-3 Commission deadlocks on matters involving transparency, consultant oversight, CRA governance, and financial accountability. She requested that McNab House and Botanical Gardens be placed on next week's agenda (CRA Board Agenda) for detailed public discussion and stated that residents deserved greater access to information regarding major CRA projects and expenditures.

Comr. Fesik mentioned an upcoming fashion show featuring the designer, CurtisC, who created dresses for attendees. She highlighted a quote from Ms. Jackson on leadership: "Leadership without accountability becomes entitlement." Comr. Fesik agreed with this perspective and expressed concerns about the current lack of accountability and its impact on entitlement, emphasizing the challenges of providing necessary answers to those they serve. She concluded by wishing everyone a great weekend.

#### **Comr. Perkins' Report:**

Comr. Perkins requested that the downtown development project be discussed at next week's meeting and emphasized the importance of public discussion rather than relying solely on written reports. Comr. Perkins acknowledged Haitian Flag Day and Haitian Heritage Month and requested that a proclamation recognizing the Haitian community be prepared for the upcoming Commission meeting. She also inquired about a residential fire in her district and requested confirmation that displaced residents had received assistance. Mr. Harrison confirmed the Red Cross had assisted the residents and that city staff remained in communication with the property owner.

Comr. Perkins then discussed concerns related to RMA and noted that the firm had reportedly been terminated in Coconut Creek. She also expressed concern about morale and personnel turnover within the Utilities Department, noting that residents and employees had raised concerns about workplace conditions and management practices. Mr. Harrison advised that personnel matters should be addressed administratively through his office, while Comr. Perkins maintained that the issue warranted public discussion due to community concerns.

Comr. Perkins also discussed concerns about the Ultimate Sports Park project and stated she intended to inform residents about what she considered an unfair procurement process. She also raised concerns about

illegal dumping throughout the Northwest community and requested enhanced enforcement efforts and possible reinstatement or expansion of incentive programs for reporting dumping violations.

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

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton echoed concerns regarding illegal dumping citywide and encouraged residents to report violations so Environmental Services staff could respond appropriately.

Russ Ketchum, Environmental Services Director, explained that the city's reward program for reporting illegal dumping remained active; however, successful enforcement actions required witness participation and testimony. Mr. Ketchum also stated that the City and BSO were identifying repeat offenders and expanding enforcement tactics.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton discussed challenges associated with bulk waste disposal, multifamily properties, and repeated code violations, emphasizing the need for continued resident cooperation and enforcement. She also announced the upcoming Cresthaven community meeting and Memorial Day events.

**Comr. Smith's Report:**

Comr. Smith shared her enthusiasm regarding the positive influence BSO will have this summer, particularly through the summer camp designed for youth. She expressed her gratitude for BSO's commitment to supporting young people in Pompano Beach. She then praised BSO and Fire Rescue personnel for saving the life of a woman whose vehicle entered a canal on May 1, 2026, in District Five. Comr. Smith described how first responders entered the water, rescued the driver, and ensured her safe recovery. She also encouraged nonprofit organizations to apply for the Pomp's community grant funding and promoted upcoming FDOT and Broward MPO meetings on transportation projects affecting the City. Comr. Smith concluded by promoting a local charitable fashion event featuring clothing by CurtisC, benefiting the Kappa Foundation of Pompano Beach and the Pompano Beach Women's Club organizations. She then shared a quote from Steve Jobs: "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life."

**Vice Mayor Fournier's Report:**

Vice Mayor Fournier began by expressing concern about the light agenda and the current 3-3 Commission split, which she believed was delaying important work until November and was not proper governance. She focused first on the BSO contract, noting that while there had been rare agreement on a one-year contract duration previously, she was concerned about a memo indicating the City Manager was now moving forward with a four-year agreement instead. She argued for maintaining flexibility given recent studies about BSO at the county level and Deerfield Beach's departure from BSO.

**Vice Mayor Fournier made a motion directing the City Manager to negotiate a one-year extension agreement with BSO. Comr. Perkins seconded the motion.**

Mr. Harrison clarified that his intention was to begin negotiations based on a one-year extension while also exploring longer-term options requested by BSO.

Vice Mayor Fournier read from the City Manager's memo to clarify the confusion, pointing out that it explicitly stated the manager was "now recommending" a four-year agreement and would "proceed accordingly unless otherwise directed by the Commission," which prompted her motion to ensure they negotiated a one-year extension.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton recalled the situation differently, stating that after seeing the consultant analysis showing extreme cost increases for a standalone department that would require raising taxes, she was not in favor of a standalone option. She didn't believe they had actually voted for a one-year extension; rather, there was a consensus to negotiate with BSO because they needed public safety services and should work from the best bargaining position possible.

Vice Mayor Fournier corrected the record by citing the March 24th meeting, where two different motions were made - one by her and one by the Mayor - both for one-year agreements that failed 3-3, demonstrating that both sides had actually agreed on the duration. She emphasized that they were now the only City among the top 11 in the county without its own police department after Deerfield's departure, making them an outlier. She reiterated that everyone had wanted a one-year contract.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton responded that they needed to negotiate the best contract without tying their hands to a specific term, as they needed a contract and had nowhere else to go.

Comr. Smith agreed they shouldn't tie staff's hands in negotiations, noting they couldn't have a standalone department running in one year anyway, so they should let staff negotiate the best possible contract and return with results.

Comr. Fesik shared the Vice Mayor's desire to work together and expressed faith in BSO officers but not in the City's negotiation team. She noted their 2015 contract had a 5% cap, but despite consistent requests from officers for more resources due to city growth, they hadn't provided adequate support. She emphasized officers deserved better facilities regardless of contract length, pointing out the current building had mold and leaks. She supported a one-year approach to maintain flexibility while they evaluated various factors and allowed for proper community discussions.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton noted their current contract was already a one-year extension and argued that, given the expense and 2-3-year timeline for a standalone department, they were essentially locked into BSO. She preferred a longer-term contract for economies of scale, noting there was always a 90-day withdrawal clause, and criticized the idea of negotiating through a committee as unusual and complicated.

Comr. Perkins asked the City Manager directly how he arrived at recommending four years after initially suggesting one year. Mr. Harrison explained they had met with BSO executive staff, and he would start negotiations at one year to see their pricing and demands, then potentially explore their four-year option to understand all possibilities. He clarified that any contract would have a 90-day cancellation clause, and they wouldn't be locked in permanently.

Comr. Perkins inquired about the negotiating team composition, learning it included Mark Berman, Mr. Harrison, Brian Donovan, Earl Bosworth, Tracy Lyons, and BSO executive staff. She then reiterated her longstanding position in favor of a return to city police, citing inadequate BSO performance in the Northwest district despite having provided numerous tools and resources. She felt BSO was reactive rather than proactive and focused on image over effective policing.

Comr. Fesik asked about contract extension options under their existing agreement. Ms. Lyons indicated they likely had the authority to extend for another year but would need to review the contract details. Comr. Fesik emphasized the need for immediate decisions for budget planning and urged focusing on communication and completing a one-year deal.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton reiterated her opposition to limiting negotiations to one year, arguing it would be a poor negotiating strategy and a disservice to citizens.

Ms. Lyons recommended that the negotiating team pursue both one-year and multi-year scenarios to present the full range of options to the Commission without limiting the negotiating position.

Comr. Fesik suggested a potential compromise involving annual approval requirements for multi-year contracts, but ultimately favored the one-year approach for simplicity.

Vice Mayor Fournier maintained her position that the memo clearly indicated a four-year direction unless told otherwise, and she wanted to ensure they had a properly negotiated one-year option available.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton reminded everyone about legislation that prevents reductions in law enforcement spending, regardless of property tax reforms.

**The motion was called to a vote. It failed with a 3-3 tie. Commissioners Fesik, Perkins, and Vice Mayor Fournier voted yes, and Commissioners Sigerson-Eaton, Smith, and Mayor Hardin voted no.**

Vice Mayor Fournier then transitioned to discussing beach parking, expressing concern about delaying a parking garage until after the November election. She had met with engineering staff about value-engineering options, noting they could potentially deliver a functional parking garage for \$25 million, rather than the \$30-32 million "Taj Mahal" version with expensive cladding. She asked colleagues if they would consider this approach before making a formal motion.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton pointed out that she, the Mayor, and Comr. Smith had voted for staff's parking garage recommendation while the Vice Mayor, Comrs. Perkins, and Fesik had voted against it. She raised concerns about potential breaches of the cone of silence and suggested they might need another RFP process.

Vice Mayor Fournier clarified that she wanted a \$25 million value-engineered option.

Mayor Hardin indicated he would support asking the City Manager to explore options, but wouldn't support a formal motion, believing the manager could handle it administratively.

Vice Mayor Fournier asked Mr. Harrison directly to prepare a memo on a value-engineered \$25 million parking garage and procurement process options.

Mr. Harrison agreed but noted he'd need to consult with the City Attorney regarding the existing exposed contractors from previous RFP processes.

Comr. Fesik discussed her extensive research into parking solutions, including concerns about promised parking spots and potential future hotel development impacts. She advocated for a comprehensive approach that could include community amenities and green space, and expressed strong opposition to any involvement by RMA or its parking consultant.

Vice Mayor Fournier concluded her report by requesting detailed information about RMA's \$31,000 monthly contract with the Northwest CRA, citing concerns about recent incidents involving physical and verbal abuse by an RMA principal and their termination from other municipalities. She ended with a quote: "What we fear most is usually what we most need to do."

#### **Mayor Hardin's Report:**

Mayor Hardin began his report by promoting several upcoming community events, including the Memorial Day Parade and a Willie Nelson concert at the amphitheater. He also recognized local resident Tracy Boyd for organizing efforts to replace deteriorated gravestones belonging to the Ely family at Forest Lawn Cemetery through private fundraising and community support. Mayor Hardin also noted that the personnel referenced earlier in the meeting who were associated with the Boynton Beach CRA were no longer employed by that municipality.

#### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 PM.

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Rex Hardin, Mayor

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Kervin Alfred, City Clerk