

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, March 25, 2025

6:00 PM

Commission Chamber

City Commission Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Rex Hardin, Mayor called the City Commission meeting to order at 6:02 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

Apostle John L. Mohorn of Word of the Living God Ministries offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[25-234](#) Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2025

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Hardin announced that the agenda will be amended to include a proclamation honoring Women's History Month. Beverly Kelly and others are expected to accept this proclamation, which will be addressed first under the proclamations section of the meeting.

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

CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION

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

Mayor Hardin announced that Items 1 and 2 would be pulled for Commission discussion.

A. PROCLAMATIONS**[25-297](#) Women's History Month**

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation declaring March as Women's History Month in the City of Pompano Beach. Beverly Kelly and members from the Kappa Kappa Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated were present to accept the proclamation. The Mayor then called Comr. Perkins to come forward to say a few words.

Comr. Perkins expressed gratitude for distinguished women in the community, highlighting their hard work and contribution. He acknowledged the contributions of Ms. Swan, a retired school teacher and mentor, who inspired other members of the sorority. Comr. Perkins emphasized the City's support for their goals and thanked the women present for their efforts.

The Proclamation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

[25-227](#) Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation declaring March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Pompano Beach. The Mayor emphasized the significance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness, highlighting it as a valuable opportunity to raise awareness and educate the public about the critical nature of early detection and screening for colorectal cancer. He also reminded everyone to prioritize their health, stating that each individual is unique and deserves care and attention.

The Proclamation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

25-226 Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Pompano Beach. Nicholas Hessing with Children's Services Council of Broward County accepted the proclamation and thanked Mayor Hardin and the Commission for proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. He emphasized the importance of safe and nurturing communities for children's development. This year is notable for Pompano Beach as they are introducing a promised neighborhood grant at Blanche Ely High School to support family strengthening. Additionally, they are starting asset-based community development in the Collier City area, providing micro-grants to empower communities with untapped resources and talent. Mr. Hessing encouraged anyone with questions to reach out for more information about their initiatives.

The Proclamation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

25-237 Blanche Ely Boys Basketball Team Championship Recognition

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation on behalf of the City Commission congratulating the Blanche Ely High School Boys' basketball team on their 2025 FHSAA Class 5A state championship victory. The Mayor urged all residents to recognize and celebrate the remarkable achievements of the student-athletes and the contributions of Head Coach JR. McNabb. He also acknowledged Principal Tavures Williams for her leadership and dedication, which have greatly honored the community. He concluded his remarks with congratulations to the student-athletes for their well-deserved accomplishments. The Mayor then invited Principal Williams to come forward to say a few words.

Principal Williams thanked Mayor Hardin, the City Commission, and the community for supporting the students and the coaching staff. He recognized Coach McNabb and his team for their dedication to developing the young men, highlighting their achievement of winning a state championship. He encouraged the audience to engage with the students, who excel academically as well. The coaches, including Coach Kelvin McNabb, Coach Derrick Martin, Coach Jonas, and Coach Gibbons, were praised for their commitment and countless hours spent training the athletes. Principal Williams concluded by expressing pride in both the coaches and students.

Coach Kelvin McNabb and Principal Williams called the students and coaching staff forward and presented them with trophies and plaques for their achievements. The following are the names of the students who were present to receive the trophies:

Robert Donald

Jaylen Jonas
Caleb Corbett
Jordan Corbett
Haven Hannah
Dilon Hannah
Dari Williams
Tyrese Lucas
Justin Snell
Anthony Emmanuel
Jayden McNabb

Comr. Perkins congratulated the team on their achievements and announced that championship rings are being worked on as a token of appreciation. She thanked the players for their hard work and the coaches for their support. Additionally, she informed everyone about a parade scheduled for Saturday, April 5th, at 10:00 AM to celebrate the championship team and encouraged everyone to participate in the celebration.

The Proclamation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

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:

Catherine Payne, 775 NW 16th Place, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concern about repeated off-leash dog attacks in the Canal Point neighborhood. She described multiple incidents involving her dog, including one that resulted in a dislocated hip and another requiring treatment for multiple puncture wounds. She stated that despite posted leash and cleanup rules, enforcement is lacking. She suggested installing garbage cans, dog waste bag stations, and increasing park ranger visibility to encourage responsible pet ownership and prevent further incidents.

City Manager Harrison suggested Ms. Payne connect with Robert McCaughan, Public Works Director, to assist her on the matter.

Comr. Perkins asked what measures are currently in place for handling off-leash dog incidents and how BSO responds to such situations. She also suggested installing dog waste bag stations in the area to help prevent future occurrences.

Jocelyn Jackson, Pompano Beach, FL, thanked Kevin McNabb, his brother JR McNabb, Fire Chief Pete McGinnis, and the entire Fire Department for their involvement in supporting youth in the Northwest community. She highlighted the importance of providing children in poverty-stricken areas with skills and opportunities through mentorship and trade programs. She emphasized the impact of community investment in reducing gun violence and drug use by giving young people positive pathways. She also encouraged a tour to

the area to better understand the community's needs and the importance of continued support and development.

Mike Skversky, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, offered an apology to Comr. Fesik, praising her husband's work as a cancer scientist and commending both of them. He dismissed previous comments as baseless. He then criticized the planned full closure of the McNab Bridge, urging the city to keep one side open during construction to avoid major traffic issues. He warned that detours to Atlantic Boulevard or Cypress Creek Road would lead to hundreds of complaints and potential delays for emergency services. He cited a past incident where seconds made the difference in saving a life and expressed concern that the closure could result in preventable deaths.

David Miller, 621 NW 13th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, invited the Commission to several upcoming community events. He announced a dedication ceremony at McNair Park on April 1st honoring local sports legends featured in a mural by artist Steven Taylor. He also invited everyone to an Earth Day event at the community garden on April 22th, which will include meditation, light refreshments, and art activities. Additionally, he promoted "Spectrum Expressions," a three-day autism awareness event at the Sample-McDougald House from April 23th-25th, with a public event on Friday, April 25th. He concluded with a light-hearted complaint about speed bumps on 27th Avenue.

Pat Anderson, 2650 NE 14th Street, spoke about her ongoing concerns regarding alleged code harassment affecting her property and referenced a May 2, 2022 trial involving Michael Pizzi. She urged the public to view the March 25, 2025 Commission meeting on YouTube for more information. She mentioned a related court case scheduled for April 25, 2025, involving her property and alleged irregularities with public records and permitting. She also addressed City Manager Harrison and City Attorney Berman directly, referencing documentation she claimed to have regarding a voided permit and broader issues dating back to 2017.

Jackie Moreland, 1526 NW 7th Lane, Pompano Beach, FL, thanked Code Compliance Director Mario Sotolongo for his prompt responses and efforts in Canal Point, noting his effectiveness and dedication. She congratulated the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Blanche Ely High School basketball team. She requested that Commission meetings be held at 6:00 PM instead of 1 PM to allow greater community participation, especially for those who work during the day. She also asked the city to consider installing speed bumps in Canal Point to slow traffic and reiterated her support for the Braggs-Criswell substation project.

Vicente Thrower, Pompano Beach, FL, raised concerns about ongoing truck congestion near Hopewell, describing it as a serious safety hazard. He noted that while city staff respond when contacted, the issue persists, especially at night. He urged Mayor Hardin and the City Manager to take decisive action, such as installing barricades or requiring the warehouse to add a guard gate, warning that someone could be seriously injured if the situation continues unchecked.

Mayor Hardin stated that consistent enforcement is needed in the area to address the ongoing issue of truck congestion and ensure public safety. He added that issuing tickets and towing vehicles would likely lead to quick improvements, noting that such enforcement tends to be effective in that area.

Mr. Thrower urged the Commission to reconsider conducting a survey to evaluate law enforcement services and explore the feasibility of establishing a City police department. He emphasized that residents deserve

transparency on service quality and costs. He also called for the creation of another minority seat on the City Commission and asked that the matter be raised during the meeting.

Comr. Perkins stated she has raised concerns about truck congestion for the past three to four years and noted that increasing ticketing has not resolved the issue. She reported contacting BSO multiple times without lasting results and questioned what further steps the city should take to ensure the trucks are removed, asking the City Manager for guidance on how to move forward.

Major Dave Ellwood stated he was aware of the location and had previously discussed it with Comr. Perkins. He confirmed that enforcement occurs regularly and offered to prepare and share a report detailing the number of citations issued in the area.

Comr. Perkins asked about police visibility. Major Ellwood explained that while they prioritize visibility, deputies are often tied up responding to calls, which can last 30 to 40 minutes or longer, especially when backup is needed. This limits visibility across multiple zones. He acknowledged the concern and noted ongoing discussions about increasing personnel to help address the issue.

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed concern that no clear resolution or actionable plan had been presented to address the truck parking issue. She noted a disconnect between ongoing enforcement efforts and continued problems and questioned what structural or collaborative solutions, such as installing barricades or working with nearby businesses could be implemented to reduce reliance on BSO and achieve more effective results.

Major Ellwood stated that enforcement efforts would be increased in the affected area. He said he would evaluate the situation further by reviewing the number of citations issued and vehicles towed, assess the location, and then report back to the City Manager for further discussion.

Vice Mayor Fournier noted that similar issues exist on Blount Road near the homeless shelter, where enforcement efforts lead to temporary improvements, but conditions eventually deteriorate again. She emphasized the need for structural or creative solutions-such as fencing or other deterrents-beyond enforcement and encouraged the City to think outside the box to implement lasting measures.

Comr. Fesik agreed with Vice Mayor Fournier, stating that relying solely on BSO for truck enforcement is unfair given their already strained resources. She suggested the city share responsibility and explore code compliance solutions, including potential fines for the associated business. She acknowledged staffing limitations but asked the City Manager to consider additional support or enforcement strategies as a stopgap.

City Manager Harrison stated that, from a legal standpoint, the current solution is increased enforcement. He confirmed the City will focus on that approach for now, while Major Ellwood evaluates the situation further and provides additional recommendations.

Comr. Fesik asked City Attorney Berman, based on his review of City ordinances and resolutions, whether there were any legal options the City could pursue to strengthen enforcement or take greater control over recurring truck parking issues.

City Attorney Berman said code compliance handles private property violations, while traffic enforcement falls

under law enforcement. He noted the city amended an ordinance in 2022 to allow towing tractor trailers from residential zones and said he would review the current situation to see if further action is possible. He welcomed input from BSO and is open to updating the code if needed.

Wayne Vereen, 2420 NW 7th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, thanked BSO for their efforts in improving street conditions and addressing homelessness, especially in District 5. He expressed support for positive change in the city but urged the commission to respect District 4, Commissioner Perkins, and the community's voice regarding upcoming projects. He emphasized the importance of preserving the E. Pat Larkins Center and prioritizing affordable housing.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. [25-225](#) 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 T E P M, INC. FOR THE USE OF THE NORTH EXTERIOR WALL OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 135 NE 1ST AVENUE FOR THE PAINTING OF A MURAL PURSUANT TO THE COMMISSIONED ARTIST PROGRAM; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: \$10.00)



Strategic Plan Initiative

(Staff Contact: Ty Tabing)

Vice Mayor Fournier asked City Attorney Berman whether property owners partnering with the City on public art installations retain the right to place signage, including political or personal messages, near murals. She expressed concern that such signs could imply City endorsement. Mr. Berman responded that current agreements require the mural to be maintained and not altered but do not restrict adjacent signage. He stated that he could review and revise the agreement language to address these concerns. Vice Mayor Fournier requested that such provisions be added to prevent unintended implications.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, to postpone the item to the April 8, 2025 City Commission Meeting.

Ty Tabing, Cultural Affairs Director, stated that there was some urgency, as the artist would be in the region for the next couple of months. He noted the goal was to complete the installation while the artist was available and suggested that the item could be posted for the next commission meeting.

Comr. Perkins asked about using local artists for mural projects. Mr. Tabing said most projects are open to local and national artists, though this one was unique as the artist approached the city directly. He noted the \$15,000 budget is funded by \$5,000 from the Public Art Committee and \$10,000 from the Department of Cultural Affairs. Comr. Perkins encouraged more outreach to local artists.

Comr. Fesik noted the artist's popularity, referencing similar murals in Nashville that attract large crowds and social media attention. She requested that the City consider plans to manage potential pedestrian traffic and avoid issues like blocked entrances, suggesting precautions be in place before final approval.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton clarified that the mural would cover only a section of the north-facing wall of Kelly's Chemicals, not the entire wall. She confirmed it is a pedestrian-facing area with no impact on traffic and that the mural will feature wings at street level for photo opportunities. She asked for confirmation that the agreement with the property owner would specify use of just that portion of the wall.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, that the Resolution / Consent Agenda be POSTPONED to the April 8, 2025 City Commission Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fesik

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-100

2. [25-235](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING **STEVEN HJELMEIR** TO THE POMPANO BEACH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, AS APPOINTEE OF COMMISSIONER DARLENE SMITH, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 26, 2028; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

Comr. Fesik expressed concern that District 1 currently lacks representation on the Economic Development Council (EDC), despite her efforts to appoint a member. She explained that the EDC's bylaws limit appointments to three-year terms, which do not align with commission terms, and noted that other commissioners have appointees. City Attorney Berman clarified that the EDC is an independent nonprofit, and the city cannot change its bylaws. Comr. Fesik requested a meeting with EDC Chair Tommy DiGiorgio and encouraged District 1 residents to contact her with concerns.

Vice Mayor Fournier said it was frustrating that Comr. Fesik could not appoint a representative and noted all other boards allow appointments. She supported exploring options to ensure District 1 has representation, including potentially pulling all commission appointees from the EDC.

Comr. Perkins agreed with both commissioners, stating she would also be concerned if she could not appoint someone. She said the EDC should reconsider its stance if it wants to continue working with the city. Mayor Hardin explained the EDC's reason was to avoid political influence by keeping appointee terms at three years, regardless of election outcomes.

City Attorney Berman added that the EDC believes its nonpolitical structure is key to its effectiveness and independence, allowing it to focus on long-term goals. He said it is ultimately the EDC's decision to make, and while he would review the issue, he was not optimistic about any changes unless the EDC chooses to revise its structure.

Comr. Perkins urged City Attorney Berman to carefully consider legal options, rather than give a quick answer, and explore possible actions the Commission could take. She supported Vice Mayor Fournier's suggestion to withdraw all Commission appointees from the board.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Fesik, to table the nomination.

The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fesik

Perkins

Fournier

No: Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Hardin

Comr. Fesik said she received the EDC email late and was present at their meeting but was ignored. She expressed frustration with ongoing hostility since election day and called the situation personal and disappointing. She urged the City to do better.

Mayor Hardin acknowledged Comr. Fesik's concerns but emphasized that the Economic Development Council is a separate organization with a longstanding role. He said it would not be appropriate to block another commissioner's appointment over the issue and noted he heard no comments at the downtown meetings regarding anyone's absence.

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed disappointment that key downtown meetings were scheduled during Broward Days, a time when commissioners are expected to be away fulfilling official duties. She emphasized that meetings in her district should be coordinated with her availability and stated that the scheduling conflict reflects a broader issue.

Mayor Hardin clarified that the downtown meetings were scheduled well before Broward Days and that city

staff had notified all commissioners in advance. He stated that if any commissioners chose not to attend, it was their decision, but the staff fulfilled its responsibility to inform them.

Comr. Fesik said commissioners were notified about the meetings but not consulted, and emphasized the need for better communication and respect. She asked City Manager Harrison to improve scheduling transparency and include commissioners earlier, noting confusion around events like Broward Days and frustration with ongoing communication issues.

Discussion ensued about Broward Days and scheduling.

Comr. Smith requested the Commission move forward with her nomination to the Economic Development Council. She noted she previously served a three-year term and is now filling her own vacancy. She added that if changes occur in the future, adjustments can be made, but the seat should be filled now.

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

Yes: Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Hardin

No: Fesik

Perkins

Fournier

D. REGULAR AGENDA

QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDING

Mark E. Berman, City Attorney, advised that Item 3 is listed under Quasi-Judicial Proceeding and is quasi-judicial in nature; therefore, anyone who wishes to testify must be sworn in and may be subject to cross-examination by the City Commission or any other interested party. The individuals addressing the City Commission must state his or her name, whether he or she has been sworn, and understands the rules which governs these proceedings. Thereafter, Mr. Berman outlined the order in which they would follow: City staff would make its presentation for each item, followed by the applicant or any other person(s) wishing to speak, closing argument, and the Commission's discussion.

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

3. [25-231](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FLORIDA INDOOR RACQUET CLUB PLAT LYING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ATLANTIC BLVD. ACROSS FROM NW 33RD

AVENUE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Jean Dolan/David Recor)

Jean Dolan, Development Services Department, stated that this is a proposed plat for a five-acre parcel situated on the south side of Atlantic Boulevard, directly across from Northwest 33rd Avenue. The property has a land use and zoning designation of commercial recreation.

The plat restricts the property to six tennis courts, two of which are outdoors and four within a 27,000-square-foot building. A conceptual site plan was provided with this plat application, and a formal site plan is currently under review by the Development Review Committee. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of this plat with two conditions, both of which have been met.

Mayor Hardin invited the Applicant to provide input, however the Applicant declined. He then invited the public to provide input on the item.

Michael Skversky, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, inquired about the proposed development, questioning whether it would actually happen. Ms. Dolan clarified that the County adopts plats, which are then transferred to the City once criteria are met. Ms. Skversky asked if the developer would proceed with the current plan or make changes in the future. Ms. Dolan noted that the plat has a restriction, and any changes would require altering the note on the plat.

In response to Mr. Skversky's question regarding zoning changes, Ms. Dolan clarified that this item is not a zoning change but a plat, which describes the property and does not create entitlements. She noted that the Applicant can build other things by simply changing the note on the plat.

Mayor Hardin asked Mr. Skversky whether he had been sworn in, to which Mr. Skversky replied that he had been sworn in.

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

City Attorney Berman inquired whether all legal requirements for plat approval had been met by the Applicant. Ms. Dolan confirmed that they have indeed been satisfied.

Vice Mayor Fournier commented on the phases of review that the plat application has already gone through. However, she was informed it is still undergoing review by the Development Review Committee (DRC) for the final site plan. Eventually, this site plan will be submitted to Planning and Zoning for further consideration.

Comr. Fesik sought clarification on whether the property was being separated from a larger property. Ms. Dolan responded by explaining that the plat defines the boundaries of the specific site, indicating that it pertains to the piece of property owned by the current owner.

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-98

END OF QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDING

4. [25-229](#) 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 TOPLINE RECREATION, INC. TO PURCHASE TRASH RECEPTACLES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: \$513,620.88)

(Staff Contact: Russell Ketchem)

Russell Ketchem, Director of Environmental Services, presented a piggyback agreement for the purchase of new waste receptacles aimed at modernizing the City's waste management. The existing stone containers were purchased in the 1990s, many of which still bear recycling decals from funding received from the state. The initiative is part of a long-term goal to improve the City's infrastructure. Approximately ten years ago, a trial was conducted with several containers on the beach, which showed that the selected brand held up well compared to others tested. Over the years, the City has gradually acquired more of these durable containers and is now ready to enter into a contract to replace old receptacles citywide.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed surprise at the cost of half a million dollars for garbage cans. She asked Mr. Ketchem about the number of containers in the city and how many needed replacement. Mr. Ketchem responded that there are nearly 700 containers, each costing about a thousand dollars. He noted that they cannot replace all the containers at once and that the contract would help lock in prices over two to three years.

Vice Mayor Fournier inquired about the budget allocation, specifically how it will appear over time. Mr. Ketchem informed her that \$225,000 is currently allocated for this, categorized under special supplies. Next,

she referred to the procurement agreement for acquiring these cans over the next few years, and Mr. Ketchem confirmed her remarks.

Vice Mayor Fournier noted that the contract totals \$500,000, to which Mr. Ketchem agreed but expressed doubt about reaching \$225,000, indicating that replacing the containers is a time-consuming process. Furthermore, Mr. Ketchem noted that while some options are cheaper, they do not have a long lifespan. He emphasized that their product, tested over a 10-year period, is a better long-term investment compared to less durable alternatives.

Vice Mayor Fournier suggested that Canal Point will need these durable cans soon.

Comr. Perkins inquired whether they were discussing receptacle replacements, to which Mr. Ketchem clarified that they would be swapping out concrete ones.

Comr. Perkins expressed a desire to discuss new locations later. She notes the presence of a company called Top Line Recreation Incorporated in Deltona, Florida, with Sonia Perkins as president and Terry Perkins as vice president, clarifying that they are not related to her.

Comr. Fesik commented on the challenges of finding durable metal receptacles for trash near the beach, highlighting the costs associated with longevity. She inquired about the expected lifespan of the new containers, referencing the previous ones from the 1990s. Mr. Ketchem confirmed that the current containers put out 10 years ago are still usable, although they may not look great. He also noted that aluminum options were considered but were too costly.

Vice Mayor Fournier discussed the importance of having garbage cans in public areas, specifically along Flagler Avenue. She shared her belief that visible garbage cans encourage people to dispose of their litter properly, despite differing opinions on their effectiveness. The Vice Mayor highlighted the positive feedback she has received from the community regarding the addition of garbage cans and suggested that they should be placed in areas where littering is a problem. She emphasized the need for these cans to be maintained on city property. Overall, she sees the initiative as beneficial for her district.

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

Yes: Fesik

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-99

5. [25-169](#) **P.H. 2025-39: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$195,000.00 FOR ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING THE OPERATION OF A COMMUNITY TRANSIT CIRCULAR SERVICE, AND CONFIRMING THE CITY'S MATCHING CONTRIBUTION IN AN AMOUNT OF \$195,000.00; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$195,000.00 Grant Revenue with \$195,000 City match for up to 3 years)

FIRST READING: MARCH 11, 2025

(Staff Contact: Jeff Lantz)

Jeff Lantz, Parking Manager, presented the item, stating this is the second reading of the Ordinance. He noted that there have been no changes since the first reading.

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

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

Yes: Fesik

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2025-32

6. [25-161](#) **P.H. 2025-42: (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 PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC FOR ODOR CONTROL AND CORROSION SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$500,000 in a year, and the total agreement amount not to

exceed \$2,500,000.00)

(Staff Contact: A. Randolph Brown)

Randolph Brown, Utilities Director, presented the first reading of an Ordinance to piggyback on a Lee County contract for a specific chemical used in the wastewater system. This chemical plays a crucial role in mitigating hydrogen sulfide levels, helping to prevent corrosion in the pipes. Additionally, the City's contract with Broward County requires maintaining a certain level of hydrogen sulfide before it enters their facility, and this chemical aids in meeting that requirement. The proposed contract will be locked in for five years, ensuring stable pricing despite any potential increases in chemical costs, making it a beneficial agreement.

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

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

Yes: Fesik

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2025-33

7. [25-233](#) Consideration for choosing a Director, Alternate, and Second Alternate to attend and vote at any Board of Directors or General Membership Meeting of the Broward League of Cities where they represent the City of Pompano Beach.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

City Clerk Alfred stated the Broward League of Cities bylaws require each city to appoint a director, alternate, and second alternate for league meetings annually. He noted that last year, Comr. Sigerson-Eaton was appointed as director, with former Vice Mayor Andrea McGee as alternate and former Comr. Moss as second alternate. He then handed the floor over to the Mayor for nominations.

Mayor Hardin restated the need for a director, an alternate, and a second alternate to represent the City. He commended Comr. Sigerson-Eaton for her previous performance and nominated her to serve again as the director. The Mayor then asked if there were any further nominations for the director position.

Comr. Fesik expressed that her recent visit to Tallahassee inspired her to deepen her involvement with the Florida League of Cities; therefore, she looks forward to opportunities available within similar organizations. In response to Comr. Fesik 's desire to serve, Comr. Sigerson-Eaton proposed nominating her as an alternate.

Mayor Hardin emphasized that while everyone can attend the regular meetings of the Broward League of Cities, they also have the option to attend the board of directors' meetings. He clarified that although they wouldn't be able to actively participate in the discussions at the board meetings, their attendance is encouraged if they choose to go.

Vice Mayor Fournier questioned Comr. Sigerson-Eaton about attendance at recent meetings, noting that a primary member should find an alternate if unable to attend. Comr. Sigerson-Eaton admitted she missed the September meeting due to a personal situation involving her mother's health and acknowledged that the October meeting was canceled. She reflected on her overall good attendance record and mentioned uncertainty about which alternate she could have contacted. The Vice Mayor acknowledged the explanation and pointed out that no alternate was present for the November meeting.

Mayor Hardin continued the process of nominating a director but found no further nominations, leading to the closure of that segment. He then opened the floor for nominations for the alternate position. Comr. Fesik expressed her desire to serve as the alternate, and Mayor Hardin nominated her. With no additional nominations for the alternate position, that segment was also closed. The Mayor asked for volunteers to serve as the second alternate. Vice Mayor Fournier offered to take the position. After confirming there were no further nominations, the Mayor called for a vote. The nominations were approved unanimously by voice vote, and the Mayor thanked everyone for their willingness to serve.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Item for Consideration/Discussion be APPROVED. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

E. ADDITIONAL AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

The remaining persons who signed-up for under Audience To Be Heard were called to speak before the Commission:

Rodrick Phillips, 2620 NW 10th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, commended BSO for addressing homelessness and thanked Vice Mayor Fournier for her hands-on efforts on Blount Road. He praised Comr. Smith for improvements in District 5, including speed bumps and the Johnny Jones mural, and emphasized the importance of accepting change and progress in the city, expressing appreciation for the Commission's ongoing work.

Carlene Duncan [no address provided] expressed frustration with comments made at prior meetings, disputing statements about taxes and property acquisitions. She emphasized the need for community members, especially elders, to have their voices heard without being dismissed or spoken over, and urged better respect

for the lived experiences of longtime residents.

Michelle Grooms, 1589 NW 7th Lane, Pompano Beach, FL, raised concerns about overgrown vegetation, lighting, unleashed dogs, and speeding, especially near a curve by her home at Canal Pointe where a vehicle once crashed into her swale. She urged the City to consider installing a speed bump at that curve. She also highlighted traffic hazards on 15th Avenue caused by trucks entering a local business, describing them as dangerous and suggesting the City requires the business to address its impact on traffic flow.

Mayor Hardin asked Ms. Grooms to connect with City Manager Harrison for assistance on the matter.

Keiaran Williams, 1120 W 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed strong support for the Northwest District Development. She shared that she is a college student and caretaker for her grandfather undergoing cancer treatment, and emphasized her commitment to the City and its future. She acknowledged concerns about preserving community history but encouraged residents, especially youth, to get involved and ask questions, stating that participation is key to shaping and benefiting from the growth of the Northwest District.

F. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

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

April 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. - Special Joint City/CRA Meeting

April 8, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

April 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

April 30, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. - Special Joint City/CRA Meeting

G. REPORTS

City Manager's Report:

City Manager Harrison announced that a purchasing and procurement workshop would be held on April 17th and noted that email notifications would be sent to the Commission. He also encouraged everyone to view the new sign installed on the northwest corner of the Cultural Center property, stating it looked great and would make them proud.

City Attorney's Report:

No report.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Alfred announced that a budget workshop was scheduled for April 16th in the City Manager's large conference room. He also noted that the first Charter Amendment meeting would be held soon to discuss extended terms and term limits, with dates to be provided to the Commission once confirmed.

Comr. Fesik's Report:

Comr. Fesik asked why reports were placed at the end of meetings despite higher attendance at the beginning, noting that Robert's Rules of Order generally places reports earlier. City Attorney Berman explained that the City follows its adopted procedure, which has remained consistent for nearly 30 years, with Robert's Rules only applying when not otherwise addressed. Comr. Fesik acknowledged the explanation but suggested reconsidering the format due to the visibility of updates shared late in the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fesik, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, to align the meeting agenda with the Robert's Rules of Order to have the Commission Report at the beginning of the agenda.

City Attorney Berman explained that the Commission meetings are structured to prioritize official City business, such as ordinances and resolutions, at the beginning while attendance is highest. Reports and updates are placed at the end as they are secondary to the primary purpose of conducting city operations.

Comr. Smith stated that placing Commission comments at the end does not violate Robert's Rules and supported keeping them there, agreeing with Mr. Berman's point that city business and resident concerns should be prioritized earlier in the meeting.

Vice Mayor Fournier said city business includes more than staff agenda items and should reflect commissioners' priorities. She supported moving meetings to 6 p.m. so reports are not shared in empty rooms and expressed openness to adjusting the agenda format.

Mayor Hardin stated that while commissioners' reports are important, moving them to the beginning would delay the City's business. He noted that many residents watch meetings online and stay informed. He emphasized the need to prioritize agenda items, especially when residents or representatives are present to speak on them.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton stated it would be unfair to applicants to hold quasi-judicial hearings late at night and noted that social media is available to share commissioner messages. She said she could not support moving reports to the beginning of meetings.

The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fesik

Perkins

Fournier

No: Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Hardin

Comr. Fesik announced a District 1 community meeting scheduled for April 9th from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at

Emma Lou Olson Community Center. She thanked Assistant City Manager Donovan, Major Ellwood, Captain Franks, and Mr. Beaudreau for quickly coordinating a pedestrian safety plan that restricted traffic on Atlantic and Briny during recent events. She noted the overwhelmingly positive feedback from residents and businesses. She attended the downtown project meeting at the Charlotte Burrie Community Center and invited residents to share feedback from the meeting. She also thanked the City Clerk's office for their responsiveness and requested the City consider technology upgrades to improve access to records and reduce staff burden.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fesik, seconded by Vice Mayor Fournier, to direct the City Manager to investigate the use of Salesforce For Government and other technology to move the City in modern times.

Comr. Fesik stated she would like the City Manager to look into new technology that integrates with existing systems to streamline operations. She explained that many modern platforms are compatible with each other, allowing for centralized access to contracts, emails, and reporting. This would benefit departments citywide, including Finance Department and the Clerk's office.

Vice Mayor Fournier emphasized the importance of advancing the City's use of technology, suggesting a broader review beyond one department or system. She noted that while the City hires consultants for various projects, more focus should be placed on technological efficiency. She cited the City's leased vehicle program as an example of potential waste, with several vehicles being underutilized, and recommended optimizing usage. She also suggested improving resident-facing tools, particularly in the Building Department, to make processes easier to understand and navigate.

City Manager Harrison noted they already use Salesforce For Government. He stated he would work with the IT director and other staff to develop a clear, easy-to-understand presentation showing how the City currently uses technology and where improvements could be made.

Comr. Fesik asked City Manager Harrison to clarify where Salesforce For Government was currently being used, noting that staff seemed unaware of its implementation. City Manager Harrison responded that the City had some form of the software in use but was unsure of the specific terminology used that led to confusion. He invited Comr. Fesik to meet with him directly to review the system and ensure a full understanding of its capabilities and usage.

Comr. Fesik stated that based on her professional experience with Salesforce since 2008, if the City were actively using the platform citywide, onboarding would have included proper access, logins, and defined parameters. She expressed interest in meeting directly with IT staff to assess how Salesforce for Government is currently used, its capabilities, and how it could be more effectively implemented across departments. She appreciated City Manager Harrison's offer to meet and agreed to sit with him and IT together to gain a full understanding of the City's technological usage and opportunities for improvement.

Vice Mayor Fournier said she did not want a report on current IT use but a broader study on how the City could lead in using technology to improve efficiency and transparency. She gave an example of a free tool that creates searchable transcripts of meetings and noted the City often misses such opportunities. She encouraged setting goals, like reducing the vehicle fleet, and using technology across departments to achieve them.

Comr. Fesik agreed to withdraw her motion to allow for clearer wording and expressed support for holding a technology-focused workshop to move forward.

The motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fesik to host a workshop to explore technology solutions to move the city forward. Motion died due to lack of second.

Comr. Perkins' Report:

Comr. Perkins congratulated the Blanche Ely basketball team on their state championship and reminded everyone about the parade honoring the team on Saturday, April 5th. She also asked about the status of Northwest 15th Street and whether the City was still pursuing taking over the road from the County. City Manager Harrison stated there was no current effort to assume control of the road. Mayor Hardin recalled past discussions and inquiries made to the County but noted no recent updates.

Comr. Perkins requested that the City Manager revisit the possibility of the City taking over Northwest 15th Street from the County. She cited ongoing complaints about speeding and noted that a recently installed sign has not effectively addressed the issue.

Mayor Hardin clarified that "No Trucks" signs had already been installed on Northwest 15th Street by the County, as previously communicated by County Commissioner Fisher. He noted that while enforcement of such restrictions is often challenging, the signage is in place to support police enforcement efforts.

Comr. Perkins recalled pushing for cameras at Apollo Park following an incident five or six years ago and expressed concern that, despite those efforts, cameras are still not in place. She noted a new incident occurred that morning.

A motion was made by Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Vice Mayor Fournier, to place cameras in all city parks immediately for safety purposes.

Gene Zamoski, Chief Information Officer, stated the City budgets for park cameras annually and installs them based on need, prioritizing higher-crime areas. He noted there are about 56 parks, and while full coverage takes time due to procurement and installation delays, cameras are added to new and renovated buildings. He offered to share the list of completed and planned installations for FY2026.

Comr. Perkins emphasized the urgency of adding cameras to Hunter's Manor Park, citing recent violence, including a 10-year-old being shot less than a year ago and a senior citizen attacked that morning. She noted increasing homelessness in the area and the construction of 59 new homes nearby. She criticized delays and budget excuses, stating that safety in the Northwest should be prioritized just like other city projects. She demanded immediate action, stressing that residents feel unsafe and are calling her, not staff.

Vice Mayor Fournier stated that technology could help the city better deploy cameras for maximum safety

impact. She expressed surprise that parks like Apollo Park still lacked cameras despite years of public outcry over gun violence. She rejected cost as an excuse and urged the City to prioritize installing cameras in high-crime areas like the Northwest, suggesting the City redirect funds from less effective spending to focus on community safety.

Comr. Perkins withdrew her original motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Vice Mayor Fournier, to place cameras in all Northwest city parks immediately for safety purposes.

Vice Mayor Fournier suggested exploring the use of CRA funding, similar to how FPI is paid to provide security in Old Town, as a potential way to fund cameras or security measures in the Northwest. She emphasized that if reducing slum and blight qualifies for CRA funding, safety investments should be considered within that scope.

Mayor Hardin invited public comment on the motion.

Dominique Lewis, 400 NE 2nd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, urged the City to use technology more effectively, especially for safety. He criticized unclear information about Salesforce and the lack of planning for park cameras. Referring to a recent shooting, he stressed the need for better data, monitoring, and smarter decisions. He called for collaborative action and modern tools to protect residents and address issues efficiently.

Jackie Moreland, 1526 NW 7th Lane, Pompano Beach, FL, said this discussion shows why Comr. Fesik's motion to move reports earlier in the meeting was important so residents can hear meaningful conversations. She said cameras at city parks were long overdue, especially in high crime areas like the Northwest. She criticized spending on items like trash cans while park safety remains unaddressed and urged the City to prioritize cameras where children and residents gather.

Heather Gilchrist, 1341 SE 9th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, stated much of the evening's discussion centered on technology, including the cost and use of cameras to support BSO. She suggested forming a Technology Commission to better assess and implement modern tools, stating that relying on those unfamiliar with current technology is counterproductive. She recommended appointing capable residents to advise on cameras, data use, communication, and scheduling.

Corey Thompson, 2160 NW 4th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, urged the City to install RFID scanners and cameras at parks to improve safety. He warned that the city could face liability if something happens and officials are seen as having taken no action. He encouraged the commission to set aside personal feelings and act decisively on the issue.

Luca Fagetti, Palm Aire in Pompano Beach, FL, questioned why BSO's advanced technology is not being used more effectively in high-crime areas. He expressed confusion about how a \$63 million system could lack coverage in key locations and urged the City to review where cameras are currently placed and prioritize areas with more crime.

Vicente Thrower [no address provider] urged the City to prioritize safety in parks, especially for the elderly. He expressed frustration that requests for cameras have gone unanswered for years and criticized a staff member's earlier response as dismissive. He warned that continued inaction could lead to serious consequences and called for immediate accountability and action.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fesik

Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

Comr. Perkins announced a community meeting on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 6 PM at the E. Pat Larkins Center for District Four residents to discuss the new downtown MLK project. She encouraged residents to attend, ask questions, and stay informed about the changes coming to the area.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton's Report:

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton stated she was reconsidering her position on hiring a consultant to evaluate the cost of converting police services. She said if her comment was sufficient to move the discussion forward, that was fine; otherwise, she would wait.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton announced that the City will host the Broward League of Cities on April 4 at noon at Oceanic. She also congratulated Palmview Elementary Principal Robert Gibson for receiving the Leadership Award from Florida TaxWatch, recognizing his impact on students and education. Gibson was one of five elementary school principals statewide to be honored and was able to nominate a student for an A+ Challenge Match scholarship.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, seconded by Commissioner Fesik, to look at what it would cost to convert back to the Pompano Beach Police Department.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton stated that while she did not see converting law enforcement as a viable option, ongoing public interest warranted an updated study. She suggested the City might need to "bite the bullet" and fund the study to assess where things currently stand.

The motion was withdrawn.

Comr. Smith's Report:

Comr. Smith praised the Blanche Ely state champion athletes and celebrated recent public art installations in District Five, including the McNair Park mural dedication on April 1st and a new piece at the Skolnick Center. She shared positive feedback from the downtown meetings, especially the community engagement at the

Skolnick Center. She thanked CRA staff for their vision and facts and closed with a quote from Helen Keller.

Vice Mayor Fournier's Report:

Vice Mayor Fournier congratulated the Blanche Ely basketball team and announced the April 5th Kester Park Family Fun Day. She canceled this month's community meeting due to the skate park workshop and asked to reschedule the April 17th procurement workshop, citing a busy holiday week. She suggested using the April 16th budget workshop to discuss technology goals. She thanked all involved in the Blount Road cleanup and urged residents to report issues early. She also proposed a joint meeting with federal agencies to resolve delays on the 6th Terrace Bridge project.

Mr. Harrison encouraged Vice Mayor Fournier to set up a meeting with his office to discuss the bridge project.

Vice Mayor Fournier said the City needs a plan to accelerate paving projects in the five-year plan, as the issue affects all districts. She asked staff to explore creative funding solutions. She also revisited the idea of adding another Commission seat and asked about the process, including whether a consultant is required to present redistricting options.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Fesik, to direct the City Manager to hire a consultant to review redistricting the city, specifically to add a minority district.

Mayor Hardin noted the Commission had recently rejected the idea of adding another seat when he previously raised it but agreed to revisit the discussion.

Vice Mayor Fournier suggested using the same process previously used with BSO by asking them to return with cost estimates so the Commission can make an informed decision.

The motion was withdrawn.

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed concern about the downtown project and the layers of costly consultants involved, including RMA, the real estate consultant, and now Roca Point as master consultant. She noted the City is paying Roca Point \$2.5 million annually while still being responsible for infrastructure, property acquisition, and City Hall. She questioned what value Roca Point is adding for that cost and warned of the long-term financial risks of pursuing such large projects without clear financial planning.

Mayor Hardin's Report:

Mayor Hardin encouraged commissioners to meet with City Manager Harrison if they have any questions or concerns about upcoming items. He emphasized that staff is available to help clarify financial details, processes, and concepts before meetings, and urged commissioners to use those resources to ensure they are fully informed.

Mayor Hardin congratulated the Ely Tigers and Principal Williams, praised city staff for organizing the downtown meetings, and thanked them for distributing the postcards that helped ensure strong community

turnout.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Rex Hardin, Mayor

Kervin Alfred, City Clerk