



City of Pompano Beach

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Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Detailed Minutes - Final

City Commission

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

Gregory P. Harrison, City Manager
Mark Berman, City Attorney
Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

6:00 PM

Commission Chamber

City Commission Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Pastor William Carson offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[26-178](#) Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of January 13, 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 no items would be pulled under the Consent Agenda for City Commission discussion.

A. 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:

Nehemiah O'Neal, 2621 NE 7th Terrace, Pompano Beach, FL, explained that he had been attending the E. Pat Larkins Center, where he felt comfortable due to his background. He asserted that approximately one year ago, he was removed from the facility and believes this decision was based on misperceptions about his race. He stated that the exclusion has prevented him from accessing meals and services he considers essential, particularly as he has begun attending college. He characterized the situation as defamation of character and colorism and requested the opportunity to return to the center. The Mayor advised him to follow up with the City Manager's office for further review.

Angel Ortiz, 123 NE 7th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, stated that he was speaking on behalf of the Pompano Beach Youth Football Program, the Pompano Eagles. As a lifelong resident, he expressed support for the park's continued use for youth football, noting its long-standing presence in the area. He emphasized that the program provides a constructive, safe environment for youth, promotes discipline and responsibility, and keeps participants engaged in positive activities. He urged consideration of the program's community benefits and requested that the children be allowed to fully use the renovated park facilities.

In response, Comr. Sigerson-Eaton clarified that there was no intention to eliminate youth football at North Pompano Park. She reaffirmed her long-standing support for the program and stated that the City's goal is to maintain youth football while balancing community concerns through cooperation and compromise.

Joshua Wilson, President of the Pompano Eagles, identified himself as a coach with 15 years of experience with the Pompano Tigers and Pompano Eagles, as well as a semi-professional team at the park. He stated that he was speaking to seek and provide clarity, not in anger, and emphasized the positive impact of youth sports on community well-being, family engagement, and child development. He noted that the Pompano Eagles serve hundreds of young participants each year and use sports to promote discipline, responsibility, and personal growth.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton clarified that there are no plans to shut down the Pompano Eagles or the City's youth football programs. She stated that the speaker had received incorrect information, reaffirmed her support for the program, highlighted recent investments in park improvements, and offered to meet with stakeholders and Parks and Recreation staff to address concerns.

Lenny Gradwell, 3740 Park Central North, Pompano Beach, FL, emphasized the importance of the youth program, describing youth sports as a positive conduit for personal development and community support, particularly for children from challenging backgrounds. He expressed concern that discussions regarding noise could negatively impact the program and noted broader trends in which community spaces have been reduced elsewhere. He requested open communication and compromise with city officials to address concerns while preserving the program. He encouraged officials to attend a Pompano Eagles game to observe the program's positive, inclusive community environment firsthand.

William Clancy, long-time coach of the Pompano Eagles, expressed strong support for the program and concern about reports that the team might be relocated to another park. He stated that any issues related to music or noise could be easily resolved through communication and emphasized that he had attempted to request a meeting to address such concerns. Mr. Clancy underscored his commitment to the program, the community, and the youth it serves, and requested open dialogue rather than relocation.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton stated that there are no plans to move or eliminate the Pompano Eagles. She acknowledged the need for a reasonable compromise on music volume, apologized for any missed communication, reaffirmed her support for youth sports, highlighted recent park improvements, and expressed her willingness to meet with coaches and families to address concerns collaboratively.

Michael Skversky, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, began by honoring the recent passing of John Joseph Geer Jr., whom he described as a principled, fair, and honorable individual with a distinguished career in public service, including decades as a U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General officer. He shared personal remarks reflecting Mr. Geer's integrity, dedication, and lasting impact.

Mark Intregila, 1401 S. Ocean Boulevard, Pompano Beach, FL, addressed a city infrastructure issue concerning traffic islands installed on A1A. He noted that three of the four islands have since been removed due to safety concerns, including increased accidents and hazards for vehicles and pedestrians. He questioned the planning and costs associated with both the installation and removal of the islands and urged the City to exercise greater caution when accepting and implementing projects that may appear cost-free but have unintended consequences.

Jeff Hussey, 440 NE 20th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, stated that he was speaking on behalf of the Pompano Eagles. He explained that although his family resides outside the city, his son chose the program because it offered a safe, supportive environment, strong coaching, and positive peer relationships. He emphasized the lasting value the program has had for his family and noted that noise is an expected condition when living near parks and community facilities. He requested open communication and cooperation to ensure that concerns are addressed without negatively impacting the hundreds of children who benefit from the program.

Vice Mayor Fournier requested that the Parks and Recreation Director, Scott Moore, and the City Manager provide clarification regarding any complaints, investigations, or probation status related to the program. Mr. Moore stated that there are no plans to move the Pompano Eagles and that he was unaware of any such discussions, and expressed his willingness to meet with stakeholders. Comr. Fesik requested clarification on noise complaints and emphasized the importance of resolving issues collaboratively while dispelling misinformation. Comr. Perkins also requested any information about moving the Eagles to another park.

The allotted 30 minutes for Audience to be Heard had ended, so Mayor Hardin announced that all remaining speakers would be heard after the Regular Agenda.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hardin requested a motion to Approve/Adopt Items 1 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. [26-164](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE FDOT DISTRICT FOUR (4) AMENDMENT NUMBER THIRTY-FIVE (35) TO INCLUSIVE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD A1A (SOUTH OCEAN BLVD.) FROM MILE POST 8.874 AND MILE POST 8.929; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Rob McCaughan)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-64

2. [26-168](#) 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 O'REILLY AUTO ENTERPRISES LLC TO PURCHASE AFTERMARKET VEHICLE PARTS AND SUPPLIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00 AS IDENTIFIED AND APPROVED IN THE FY 2026 BUDGET;

PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: \$250,000 annually)

(Staff Contact: Rob McCaughan)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-65

3. [26-162](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19, AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM, LOAN AGREEMENT NO WW0624E, TO FINANCE DEEP INJECTION WELL 2; MAKING FINDINGS; AUTHORIZING THE LOAN APPLICATION; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE LOAN AGREEMENT; DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES; AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE LOAN AGREEMENT; PROVIDING ASSURANCES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE..
(Fiscal Impact: Reduction of \$373,000 (from the original amount of \$10,604,695))

 **Strategic Plan Initiative**

(Staff Contact: Renuka Mohammed)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-66

4. [26-172](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A STUDENT RIDE-ALONG AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS D/B/A CORAL SPRINGS REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARAMEDIC AND EMT STUDENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Peter McGinnis)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2026-67

C. REGULAR AGENDA

5. [25-444](#) **P.H. 2025-57: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 155, "ZONING CODE," OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 155.4209, "INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH CARE USES" TO FURTHER DEFINE LISTED USES AND STANDARDS FOR SEPARATION FROM RESIDENTIAL USES AND FOR OVERNIGHT TREATMENT, AND TO CREATE A NEW USE FOR HOSPITAL-BASED OFF-CAMPUS EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS IN ARTICLE 9, "DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION," PART 5, "TERMS AND USES DEFINED,;" BY AMENDING APPENDIX A: "CONSOLIDATED USE TABLE," TO REFLECT EXISTING AND NEW HEALTHCARE USES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

POSTPONED FROM JANUARY 13, 2026

FIRST READING: DECEMBER 9, 2025

(Staff Contact: Jean Dolan/David Recor)

Jean Dolan from the Development Services Department indicated there were no changes from the first reading.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Patrick Barthelemy, a congregant of the First Haitian Baptist Church of Pompano Beach and noted that many church members reside in the city. He referenced his prior comments at the December 9, 2025 meeting and reiterated his support for the proposed project, citing the community's need for increased access to healthcare services. He urged city leadership to consider the project's benefits and expressed hope for its approval.

Rick Bunn, 360 SE 15th Avenue, stated that he was speaking in opposition to the proposed change to city zoning regulations, which he viewed as an important protection for residents. Drawing on his experience serving on boards and committees, he argued that the applicant had not demonstrated the hardship required for a variance, noting that the property's zoning restrictions were known at the time of purchase. He further stated that comparable facilities exist nearby and emphasized that residents rely on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Commission to uphold existing protections. He urged the Commission to consider the broader implications

of altering setback requirements citywide and to maintain existing codes.

Jamie Bunn, 2681 NE 22nd Court, Pompano Beach, FL, stated that the property was purchased with full knowledge of its zoning restrictions and expressed concern that approving the request would constitute a sweeping policy change with broad citywide implications. She emphasized that the proposed 24-hour emergency facility would be incompatible with the surrounding residential neighborhood, citing limited space, pedestrian activity, and existing community uses. She argued that the location is unsuitable and unnecessary, warned that approval could encourage similar future proposals, and urged the Commission to consider the long-term impact on neighborhoods and community character before making its decision.

Mark Intregila, 1401 S. Ocean Boulevard, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed opposition to the proposed for-profit, stand-alone emergency facility on land not zoned for such use. He noted that the City denied the variance, the Zoning Commission recommended against the change, and local health professionals opposed it, yet the Commission advanced the proposal at the first reading. He argued that the facility primarily serves profit motives, pointing out potential redundancy with hospitals and the unintended withdrawal of Broward Health from a local clinic. He urged the Commission not to approve a citywide zoning change, emphasizing that private enterprises should follow established variance procedures rather than altering rules to suit their interests.

Elizabeth Debolt, 2560 NE 22nd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concern about the proposed emergency facility near her home. She noted that her neighborhood already faces challenges, including proximity to a drug rehabilitation center, and raised worries about increased noise, ambulance traffic, and medication storage. She emphasized that residents were not adequately informed and urged the Commission to consider the impact on children and the community before approving the project.

Ramon Feliciano, 111 Briny Avenue, Unit 22, Pompano Beach, FL, spoke in support of the proposed healthcare facility. He emphasized that the community is growing and aging, and increased access to emergency care would benefit residents. While acknowledging neighbors' concerns, he stated that the facility is a hospital, not a commercial enterprise, and argued that additional healthcare options are a positive asset rather than a detriment to the community.

Melissa Weekley, 2680 NE 23rd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, raised concerns about the privately initiated zoning amendment that would allow 24-hour emergency rooms by right, without city-led planning, independent analysis, or public review. She noted that a prior variance request was denied by the Planning and Zoning Board, and staff confirmed no study assessed the need for additional ERs or their suitability near residential areas. The amendment could permit smaller or non-contiguous sites, reduce buffers, and allow operational changes without further oversight. Ms. Weekley emphasized that the intent is not to block healthcare, but to preserve the City's ability to control the location and impact of off-campus emergency facilities and urged the Commission to maintain the current zoning rules.

James Scott, 2761 NW 4th Court, Pompano Beach, FL, spoke in support of the proposed emergency facility. Representing the Pompano Cowboys, he emphasized that injuries to children often occur outside regular hours and that a quick-response facility with minimal wait times would better serve the community. He urged the Commission to prioritize the safety and well-being of local youth and support additional healthcare access.

Danny Massa, 2840 NE 23rd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, raised concerns about the proposed item, noting that the property is 57 feet from the nearest residence, covers 55,000 square feet, and would require approximately 200 parking spaces based on occupancy, none of which are available on-site. He emphasized that insufficient parking and turnaround space could create traffic and safety issues. While supportive of healthcare and community services, he urged the Commission to consider whether the property is suitable and functional for the proposed use.

Rob O'Neal, 2611 NE 22nd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed opposition to the 24-hour emergency facility. He argued that the location and size are unsuitable, noting the nearby urgent care options and questioning the need for additional services. He emphasized that the proposal appears financially motivated rather than driven by community need and urged the Commission to consider alternative uses for the property that would be less disruptive to the neighborhood.

Corey Thompson, 216 NW 4th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, spoke in support of expanding urgent care options in the city. He emphasized the importance of providing residents with accessible healthcare choices and stated that decisions should prioritize community needs rather than respond to external pressures or threats.

David Miller, District 5 resident, expressed concerns about the proposed off-campus emergency facility. He noted that the concept is unclear to him and raised potential traffic impacts, including frequent ambulance use on local streets. He clarified that he was not instructing the Commission on how to vote but was highlighting the possible effects on neighborhood streets.

Vicente Thrower expressed concern over a previous speaker's remarks, stating that accusations of personal gain or bias toward commissioners were inappropriate. He emphasized that volunteers and community members, including local youth, contribute without compensation and urged speakers to focus on the issues rather than make personal attacks.

Jocelyn Jackson spoke in support of adding urgent care facilities. She emphasized that, given the prevalence of other 24-hour businesses and services in the area, accessible healthcare is a necessary and practical resource for residents of all ages, particularly seniors and families with children.

Alan, 2491 NE 22nd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, raised concerns about the proposed facility's location. He noted insufficient street lighting, limited parking, and logistical challenges, emphasizing that his concerns relate to the site's suitability rather than the concept of urgent care itself.

Owen Gall, 1012 N. Ocean Boulevard, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concern about the proposed 24-hour standalone emergency facility. He emphasized that, given the community's homeless and drug-use challenges, a hospital-based emergency room with full specialists is preferable to a for-profit standalone facility, which may not adequately address complex medical needs or indigent care.

Suzanne Bell, 2720 NE 23rd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concern about the proposed zoning change. She noted that residents purchased homes expecting the surrounding commercial areas to remain consistent with current zoning. The change, driven by a private entity, could negatively affect property values and quality of life and set a precedent for future variances. She highlighted that the proposal allows a

freestanding ER fewer restrictions than urgent care, bypassing long-standing review processes, and urged the Commission to respect the Planning and Zoning Board's six-to-one recommendation against the change.

Michael Skversky, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, offered alternative suggestions for the use of the property. He proposed restoring the site to its former use as a bowling alley or relocating the proposed facility to a different area of the city where emergency services might be more appropriate due to traffic accidents. He also questioned prior city expenditures and suggested reconsidering future large capital projects.

Cindy Corbett-Elder, 2361 NE 15th Terrace, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed her gratitude for the 6:00 PM meeting, allowing more residents to speak. She emphasized the importance of following the planning process and zoning codes, stating that the property's current zoning does not fit the proposed use. Ms. Corbett-Elder urged the Commission to listen to citizen concerns, noting that the area is not safe to walk in. She called for a vote against the proposal, citing staff recommendations against the project, and reiterated the need to plan medical facilities in more suitable locations.

Dennis Hefferon, 627 NE 11th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed appreciation for the 6:00 PM meeting time, allowing community input. He emphasized adherence to the City's planning and zoning processes, noting that the property was purchased with knowledge of its zoning and that the proper process was not followed. He urged commissioners to vote against the proposal, stressing the importance of maintaining consistent and common-sense planning practices.

Shannon Bunn, 2681 NE 22nd Court, Pompano Beach, FL, emphasized that the proposed zoning change is driven by a single private applicant, not by community health needs. While acknowledging the benefits of freestanding ERs, she noted that the proposed location and citywide code changes are excessive and unnecessary, given existing ERs and a nearby trauma center. She highlighted the lack of traffic studies and planning analysis, urging caution before altering the code for one applicant.

Susan Hines, 2660 NE 23rd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, asked whether a thorough analysis had been conducted to justify the proposed citywide zoning change. She emphasized that data demonstrating overcapacity, long wait times, or unmet community health needs should guide such a significant decision, rather than emotional reasoning. She noted no such analysis had been presented.

Gigi Doubek, 3236 NE 5th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, noted that the Planning and Zoning Board did not approve the project. She expressed concern that reintroducing it through a zoning text amendment bypasses the advisory board's independent review, undermining confidence in the land-use process and the consistent application of zoning laws. She requested that her objection be entered into the public record.

Mike Wier, 2200 NE 25th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, emphasized that his R1-zoned neighborhood is intended to provide a safe, pleasant environment, with adjacent B1 zoning protecting property values and quality of life by limiting business types. He expressed concern that reducing the 500-foot buffer for certain businesses would negatively impact the neighborhood. Mr. Wier noted that Avalon Harbor residents have repeatedly voiced their concerns to the Commission, and he highlighted the proximity to Lighthouse Point, which prioritizes residential preservation. He suggested that if the Commission disregards neighborhood preferences, residents should have the option to reconsider their municipal affiliation.

Anne Bosworth, 4015 W. Palm Aire Drive, Pompano Beach, FL, emphasized that the discussion should focus on the proposed code change rather than individual healthcare needs. She acknowledged the value of freestanding emergency rooms but noted that the applicant purchased the property knowing its zoning. Ms. Bosworth stressed that altering the code for one entity sets a precedent and bypasses resident input. She clarified that the issue is not the need for healthcare, but whether the location and code change are appropriate.

Ron Thurston, 571 NW 21st Court, Pompano Beach, FL, spoke on behalf of seniors and neighbors, emphasizing the need for accessible healthcare for safety and peace of mind. He highlighted concerns about traffic and emergencies, noting that Broward Health had withdrawn from the community, leaving residents without adequate local care. Mr. Thurston urged support for a 24/7 facility within Pompano Beach to ensure timely access for residents.

Kelvin Adams, 171 NW 17th Court, Pompano Beach, FL, emphasized that healthcare access is needed throughout Pompano Beach, not just in one area. He stressed the need for timely care for all residents and noted that emergency response should take priority over minor inconveniences, urging support for a local facility.

Tina Solley, 2651 NE 22nd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, noted that residents were not adequately informed about the proposed text amendment and raised concerns about the property's size and suitability for a 24-hour emergency facility. She highlighted that other ERs already exist nearby and questioned the appropriateness of adding another in this location.

Steve Arnst, 1015 S. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concern about the placement of 24-hour emergency rooms near residential neighborhoods. Drawing on his experience on the Oakland Park City Commission, he emphasized the need for distance restrictions to protect neighborhoods from constant ambulance traffic. He noted that while such facilities are profitable for hospitals and corporations, careful consideration is required to balance community safety with business interests.

Mike Solley, 2651 NE 22nd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, stated that while access to healthcare in Pompano has been adequate for his family, the proposed site is unsuitable for a 24-hour emergency facility. He urged the Commission to vote against the project.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed appreciation for holding the meeting at 6:00 PM to allow public input. She emphasized the Commission's responsibility to protect neighborhoods amid growth and development. She raised concerns that the proposed citywide text amendment allows 24-hour emergency facilities with no distance restrictions from residential areas, no special exception, and no Commission review of site plans. Ms. Dolan noted that while parking requirements exist elsewhere in the code, the new use will require a site plan and compliance with those standards. Vice Mayor Fournier concluded that without stronger review mechanisms, removing these protections for neighborhoods is concerning.

Comr. Fesik expressed appreciation for the public engagement and emphasized that healthcare is important, but so is protecting neighborhoods. She noted that zoning laws give residents a voice in shaping their communities, and a citywide text amendment removing restrictions would eliminate that input. She highlighted concerns that such changes are difficult to reverse and could have unintended consequences, and stressed that residents value quality of life over property investment. She concluded that she cannot support the amendment and believes the City can find better solutions.

Comr. Smith requested clarification on the City's position regarding the ordinance. Ms. Dolan clarified that staff have consistently recommended approval of the ordinance, while the Planning and Zoning Board voted 6-1 against it. She explained that the current code, originally designed in 2015 to address abuses by drug rehabilitation facilities, bundled medical uses together, creating the perception that medical facilities are undesirable. That issue has since been resolved, but the code still imposes unnecessary restrictions on legitimate medical uses. Ms. Dolan emphasized that the vote is on a citywide text amendment, not a specific location, and noted that freestanding emergency rooms must meet site plan requirements, including a 300-foot buffer and a minimum one-and-a-half-acre site, to limit proliferation. Ambulances would not bring patients to these facilities; any ambulance traffic would use main roads, not side streets. Comr. Smith shared observations from a visit to a freestanding ER in Coconut Creek, noting it operated peacefully with minimal traffic or ambulances, even near residential areas. She stressed that medical services are essential, particularly for areas of Pompano without hospitals or urgent care, and reiterated that providing freestanding emergency rooms does not make medical facilities inherently disruptive.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton requested clarification on whether this would affect any property zoned B3. Ms. Dolan clarified that the ordinance applies to any B3-zoned property of at least 1.5 acres and is not site-specific. She explained that building setbacks and buffer requirements still apply, so freestanding emergency rooms (FSERs) cannot be constructed directly adjacent to residential properties. She noted that FSERs are distinct from hospitals or urgent care centers, as they provide only emergency care and have no prior category in the city code. Ms. Dolan emphasized that this text amendment does not override existing hospital regulations, including the 500-foot separation, and is consistent with practices in Deerfield and Lighthouse Point, where similar facilities have been welcomed. FSERs are designed as smaller infill facilities, not large hospitals, and are not intended to bring significant ambulance traffic or emergency incidents to residential streets. Comr. Sigerson-Eaton concluded that while this location may present challenges, the ordinance allows flexibility for privately owned properties and ensures the City can accommodate FSERs where needed, supporting broader access to emergency care. She expressed her support for the amendment.

Comr. Fesik emphasized that this is a citywide zoning text amendment, not a location-specific proposal, and reiterated that the discussion is not about healthcare access, which residents generally support. She stressed the importance of due diligence, noting that other cities' experiences should inform Pompano's approach. She highlighted that both the Planning and Zoning Board and the ZBA had unanimously opposed the proposal, and cautioned that removing local zoning protections through a text amendment sets a difficult-to-reverse precedent. She expressed concern that repeated attempts to pass this amendment, despite consistent resident opposition over multiple years, risk undermining public trust and appear to wear residents down. Comr. Fesik also questioned an unsigned letter of support from the Economic Development Council, emphasizing the need for transparency about who is providing input on land-use matters and how that input relates to the clearly stated positions of affected residents. She concluded by stating her opposition and reaffirming the need to prioritize

residents' voices.

Vice Mayor Fournier supported adding healthcare and creating a new category in the code, but expressed concern about how the current provisions were developed. She noted that the one-and-a-half-acre minimum and the absence of a buffer were proposed by the applicant, not based on staff analysis, and that no county- or citywide studies were conducted to determine appropriate lot size, spacing, or standards. She emphasized that the code was shaped to fit a specific site rather than reflecting a comprehensive plan for Pompano Beach. Had staff conducted thorough research and recommended standards citywide, she would support it, but as it stands, the code responds to a single applicant's needs rather than a strategic, evidence-based approach.

Mayor Hardin sought clarification on whether overnight stays at the facility were allowed and whether or not people could be turned away. Ms. Dolan clarified that it is an outpatient facility with no overnight stays. Matthew Scott, representing the applicant, confirmed that patients cannot be turned away for lack of insurance, in compliance with the law. Mayor Hardin inquired whether this was the same proposal heard by the Planning and Zoning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ms. Dolan noted that the proposal differs from what was presented to the Planning and Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals: it now includes a minimum acreage requirement and enhanced buffering, while the Planning and Zoning Board's main concern had been any 24-hour use within 500 feet of residential areas.

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: Perkins

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Hardin

No: Fesik

Fournier

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2026-16

6. [26-119](#) **P.H. 2025-69: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 90, "ANIMALS," BY AMENDING SECTION 90.39, "RETAIL SALE OF DOGS AND CATS," TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF DOGS AND CATS WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

POSTPONED FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, OCTOBER 28, 2025 & DECEMBER 9, 2025

(Staff Contact: Mark E. Berman/Rob McCaughan)

Mark Berman, City Attorney, explained that he amended the ordinance from its previous versions, which no longer allow pet stores to sell cats or dogs. He informed that there is currently one business in Pompano Beach selling those animals in store, and they would no longer be allowed to operate as they currently do should this ordinance pass.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Michelle Lazarow, 2621 NE 10th St., Hallandale Beach, FL, referenced an email she sent to the Commission the night before, which contained a 47-page report from the Attorney General, stating that deceptive pet sales cost lost Floridians \$25 million annually. The report also stated that 80% of puppies sold in Florida come from puppy mills. Ms. Lazarow then shared that the business currently operating in Pompano had 27 fake reviews on Yelp that they were forced to remove, which she relates to the deceptive practices mentioned in the Attorney General report. Ms. Lazarow requested that the Commission amend the ordinance to give the business 90 days to discontinue the selling of cats and dogs, instead of the currently stated 180 days.

Steve Arnst, 1860 NW 40th Ct, Oakland Park, FL, expressed support of the item, stressing that there are too many stray animals and animals being euthanized to allow for puppy mills to have a place to continue their terrible practices.

There being no further public input, Mayor Hardin invited Commission discussion.

Comr. Fesik thanked Mr. Berman for his work on the item. She inquired of Mr. Berman if there was a reason for allowing 180 days vs. 90 days. Mr. Berman stated there was no other reason other than using other cities' ordinances with a 180-day clause. Comr. Fesik expressed her support of the item and would be fine with changing to 90 days.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton wanted clarification on if the current business would need to completely shut down or if they would still be able to operate if this ordinance passes. She also mentioned the store being inspected by animal control and finding no issues. Mr. Berman stated that the store is not forced to shut down; they just could not sell these animals there.

Vice Mayor Fournier thanked Ms. Lazarow for her persistence. **She made a motion to amend Section 90.39 of the proposed ordinance to 90 days, which was seconded by Commissioner Fesik.**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Fournier

Hardin

No:Smith

Comr. Smith stated she is more familiar with breeders than puppy mills. She expressed her discomfort with potentially putting someone out of business when they may not be causing any problems. She asked if the store ever had any violations. Rob McCaughan, Public Works Director, informed that, based on complaints, animal control has visited the store and never documented any issues with the store.

Vice Mayor Fournier explained that hobby breeders can still sell dogs; they just could not sell them at a store. She stated that the Attorney General report was eye-opening, as she never thought of the issue from a consumer perspective.

Comr. Fesik clarified that the current business doesn't just sell animals; they have the means to stay in business through the other pet-related items they currently sell. Comr. Fesik urged those that have never researched puppy mills before to do so; then they can better understand how bad they are.

Mayor Hardin asked Mr. McCaughan if the current business is buying from puppy mills. Mr. McCaughan said he wouldn't be able to answer that. They inspect the health of the animal in the store and the source certificate that they have on the animal. Mr. Berman further clarified that there is no way for animal control to check if the source certificate is accurate. He informed that his office will be monitoring state legislation to see if any changes are made to address the ongoing puppy mill issue.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton shared her discomfort with potentially hurting the business that is currently operating and suggested possibly grandfathering that business in and putting this ordinance in effect for any new businesses wishing to operate in Pompano Beach. She expressed her concern for possible legal liability.

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
Fournier
Hardin

No: Smith

7. [26-159](#) **P.H. 2026-24: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 97, "NOISE CONTROL," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 97.60, "NOISE DISTURBANCE," TO

PROVIDE FOR ALTERNATIVE ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

FIRST READING: JANUARY 13, 2026

(Staff Contact: Mario Sotolongo/Jill R. Ziluck)

Mario Sotolongo, Code Compliance Director, presented the ordinance and reported that there had been no changes since the first reading.

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

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

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

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2026-17

- 8. [26-48](#) **P.H. 2026-02 (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 SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND MILLER ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR AS-NEEDED REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL SWITCHGEARS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Up to \$150,000 per fiscal year, not to exceed \$450,000 over the contract term)

FIRST READING: JANUARY 13, 2026

⊗ **Strategic Plan Initiative**

(Staff Contact: Renuka Mohammed)

Renuka Mohammed, Utilities Director, presented the ordinance and stated there were no changes from the first reading.

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

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2026-18

9. [26-49](#) **P.H. 2026-21: (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 SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND ELECTRIC POWER SWITCHGEAR, INC. FOR AS-NEEDED ELECTRICAL SWITCHGEAR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: Up to \$150,000 per fiscal year, not to exceed \$450,000 over the contract term)

FIRST READING: JANUARY 13, 2026

 **Strategic Plan Initiative**

(Staff Contact: Renuka Mohammed)

Renuka Mohammed, Utilities Director, presented the ordinance and stated there were no changes from the first reading.

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

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2026-19

10. [26-144](#) **P.H. 2026-22: (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 SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND MILLS ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC. FOR AS-NEEDED ELECTRICAL SWITCHGEAR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Up to \$150,000 per fiscal year, not to exceed \$450,000 over the contract term)

FIRST READING: JANUARY 13, 2026

 **Strategic Plan Initiative**

(**Staff Contact:** Renuka Mohammed)

Renuka Mohammed, Utilities Director, presented the ordinance and stated there were no changes from the first reading.

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

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2026-20

11. [26-145](#) P.H. 2026-23: (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 SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND CARUS LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF CORROSION CONTROL CHEMICALS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(Fiscal Impact: Maximum annual expenditure not to exceed the Utilities Department's annual approved Chemical /Horticultural operating budget)

FIRST READING: JANUARY 13, 2026

(Staff Contact: Renuka Mohammed)

Renuka Mohammed, Utilities Director, presented the ordinance and stated there were no changes from the first reading.

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

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

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2026-21

D. ADDITIONAL AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

The following are the names of additional speakers who spoke under Audience to be Heard:

Brandi Zabadal, District 2, spoke in support of the Pompano Eagles and expressed gratitude that the Commission confirmed the team will remain at North Pompano Park. She highlighted ongoing concerns affecting the community, including locked defibrillators, inaccessible restrooms during games and practices, inadequate field lighting, and insufficient ventilation in the concession stand. She emphasized the importance of equitable access to facilities for all children and noted her ongoing efforts to work with park management and

community directors to address these issues.

Delvin King, 2601 NW 12th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concern about a disconnect between the community and city commissioners, citing limited accessibility and a lack of local offices. He suggested establishing district offices at community centers or libraries to improve communication. He also called for new leadership on the commission to address ongoing issues and emphasized the need for more direct engagement with residents.

E. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

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

February 10, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

February 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

F. REPORTS

City Manager's Report:

City Manager Harrison provided his report, distributing copies of the Notice of Funding Availability for HUD funds under CDBG and HOME, along with a booklet from the building department highlighting significant projects totaling over \$900 million.

City Attorney's Report:

No report.

City Clerk's Report:

No report.

Comr. Fesik's Report:

Comr. Fesik addressed two topics: first, the Oceanside parking garage and fishing village area, explaining that she had met with residents, business owners, and HOAs following previous meetings. She stated that, while there was pressure to reconsider her decision, she would only support what made sense for the community as a whole. Comr. Fesik noted that the original fishing village project was supposed to include markets, parking garage, green space, and walkability from the Intracoastal to the beach. She then raised concerns about the City's concurrence contract process, questioning the scope change thresholds, the dollar increase limits, and when contracts should return to the Commission for review rather than go through automatic approval. When Mayor Hardin questioned whether this information wasn't already in the existing policy, Comr. Fesik expressed frustration about being shut down when seeking information and mentioned contracts for unapproved budget projects. She ultimately decided not to pursue the motion further and concluded by thanking meeting attendees, announcing a WhatsApp group for announcements, scheduling her next district meeting for February 11, and wishing a happy birthday to Comr. Perkins and herself.

Comr. Perkins' Report:

Comr. Perkins reported that she had sent a letter to BSO regarding a January 13 incident at 920 NW 8th Avenue, where police officers were captured on video beating and kicking a resident on the ground. She explained that she had waited to hear from city staff and BSO but received no response until speaking with the chief, who said he could not provide information due to an ongoing investigation. Comr. Perkins expressed concern that when the incident aired on local news, neither the City nor BSO addressed the community publicly, and she worried that silence would deepen community mistrust. She emphasized that the Northwest Community felt neglected and demanded that BSO address the situation, stating the video was going viral and the issue would not go away. Comr. Perkins concluded by thanking everyone for attending the MLK celebration in Pompano Beach.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton's Report:

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton announced that there were issues with defective street light globes, as other cities had also experienced, with lights going out all at once in some areas. She reported that City Engineer John Sfiropoulos was working with FPL and that an in-person meeting was scheduled for February 12. She provided her cell phone number (954-547-7179) for residents to report streetlight issues and expressed her desire to meet with coaches and boosters from the Eagles organization to find a compromise on noise complaints from approximately 600 residents in nearby apartments.

Comr. Smith's Report:

Comr. Smith reported on an increase in fires during the last quarter of 2025, particularly three condo fires in District 5, leading her to dedicate her December newsletter to fire safety. She announced that Fire Chief McGinnis would hold fire safety training at the Skolnick Center on March 4, welcoming other districts to join. Comr. Smith shared positive news that citywide crime decreased by 13%, with 405 fewer crimes reported and homicides down 39% across all categories. She praised BSO for keeping the community safe and highlighted the January 15 Community Court graduation ceremony where 23 people completed programs that helped them find work and housing. Comr. Smith concluded with an MLK quote about choosing love over hate.

Vice Mayor Fournier's Report:

Vice Mayor Fournier began by noting the meeting was shorter than usual, then announced resuming community meetings at the American Legion next month, and wished a happy birthday to Comrs. Fesik and Perkins. She provided updates on the Six Terrace Bridge RFP being reissued, with bids due February 9, and requested scheduling of the previously voted-upon procurement workshop, which hadn't occurred in almost a year. Vice Mayor Fournier then delivered a lengthy commentary on the City's development deals, using a presentation about "The Pomp" development to illustrate the gap between promises and reality. She detailed how the original renderings showed crystal lagoons, lakes, Publix, and entertainment districts that never materialized, while the developers moved on to other cities like Virginia, where they provided a \$15 million check to that community. She criticized the lack of accountability among developers and expressed frustration that the beach parking situation has become a crisis due to failed leadership. Vice Mayor Fournier also criticized the Atlantic Boulevard lane reduction project as a failure, creating gridlock and affecting the Old Pompano neighborhood

with cut-through traffic. She also advocated for protecting residents' interests, fixing roads, maintaining green space, focusing on affordability, and avoiding debt for projects that future generations didn't request. She then concluded with a quote stating, "He who controls the fool's gold controls the fools."

Mayor Hardin's Report:

Mayor Hardin responded to Vice Mayor Fournier's comments, disputing her claim that the parking garage cost \$12 million more than alternatives, stating that city staff had corrected this on the record. He defended the City's standards for beach-area construction and countered accusations of squandering taxpayer dollars by pointing to the City Hall project, which cost taxpayers an additional \$100 million due to votes by the Vice Mayor and others. Mayor Hardin argued that private developers on private property could build what they were entitled to build within city guidelines, and that until recently, the City had a good track record of attracting investment. He thanked everyone involved for the great MLK day celebration and wished a happy birthday to Comrs. Fesik and Perkins. He concluded by addressing Major Ellwood about the BSO incident, expressing frustration that the Commission learned about the serious incident involving a deputy kicking someone through television news rather than being notified directly, calling it an unacceptable communication failure.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Rex Hardin, Mayor

Kervin Alfred, City Clerk