



City of Pompano Beach

100 West Atlantic Blvd.
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Detailed Minutes - Final

City Commission

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

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

Tuesday, February 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 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Bishop Charles Ross of Judah NOW Church offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[25-197](#) City Commission Workshop Minutes of January 29, 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 there were no changes to the Agenda.

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. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**[25-196 Tags for Life Program](#)**

Mayor Hardin announced a special presentation featuring the Tags for Life Program. He said Doug Brightwell, the director of Broward County Animal Care, will provide a brief introduction to the program, which is related to pet adoption and animal welfare.

Mr. Brightwell introduced the "Tag for Life" program, which allows pet owners to keep the same tag number for their pets for life, simplifying the registration process. Starting in May, the annual license fee will be \$25 if the pet is microchipped and registered; otherwise, it will be \$55. Free wellness clinics offering vaccinations and microchips will be held on March 7th at the Carver Ranches Library in West Park and on March 21st at Tyrone Bryant Park in Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Brightwell emphasized the importance of pet licensing, which will be more actively enforced, and encouraged residents to register their pets. Additionally, Broward County Animal Care is an adoption agency for stray animals.

Mayor Hardin praised Mr. Brightwell's efforts to highlight the animal care programs.

The Special Presentation 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:

Kenneth Arnold, 170 SE 13th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, raised concerns about city oversight of recreational programs, citing past discussions on board investigations, coaching appointments, and facility designs. He questioned whether his concerns would be addressed. He then submitted documentation to the

City Clerk for the record.

William Bahmer, Cypress Isles, Pompano Beach, FL, criticized inadequate law enforcement in Cypress Isles and Garden Isles, describing a vehicle break-in where BSO responded late and failed to process fingerprints. He reported ongoing car burglaries and urged stronger public safety efforts.

Tundra King, 124 NW 15th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, called attention to homelessness along Blount Road and urged the city and county to take responsibility. She also questioned the affordability of new homes in the Northwest section, stating that prices far exceed the area's median income.

Comr. Perkins acknowledged concerns about Blount Road and confirmed challenges in securing truly affordable housing, noting that new market-rate apartments remain out of reach for many residents.

Jackie Moreland, 1526 NW 7th Lane, Pompano Beach, FL, thanked Mario Sotolongo, the Code Compliance Director for addressing city code issues in Canal Point and the Cultural Affairs Department Evening of Gospel - a Black History Month event. She opposed relocating the E. Pat Larkins Center, urging expansion instead, and requested an update on the Braggs-Criswell substation. She also criticized the high cost of new homes in Hunters Park, calling for true affordable housing.

Suzan Machado, 111 Briny Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, raised concerns about enforcement of new state laws on concrete restoration. She reported that her building's restoration project was halted and its scope reduced, warning of future structural issues. She suggested a city peer review process to compare engineering reports and ensure proper repairs.

Comr. Fesik asked if the City could enforce state building regulations. City Attorney Berman explained that inspectors are certified by the state and have sole enforcement authority. In response to another question, he stated that resident notification rules fall under state condo laws, which the City does not duplicate.

Vice Mayor Fournier asked if the City reviews multiple engineering assessments when condo boards choose less extensive repairs. City Attorney Berman said the building department only ensures submitted plans meet code requirements and does not compare different assessments.

Mike Skversky, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, praised a \$50,000 donation to assist the homeless and a local realtor for park cleanup efforts. He urged the City to install a water fountain at Alsdorf Park, opposed parking fees for residents, and criticized poor accessibility at the Senior Center. He called for prioritizing improvements for seniors over new development projects.

Brian Campbell, 2637 East Atlantic Boulevard, #1060, Pompano Beach, FL, invited the Commission to 2025 Young Men's Summit on March 5 at Blanche Ely High School, celebrating Adimu Men of Excellence's 25th anniversary. He thanked the City for its support and grant funding and invited officials to a step show on March 15th and an anniversary banquet on May 16th.

Comr. Perkins requested that the City Manager explore purchasing a table for the 25th anniversary gala, noting that tickets are \$75 per person.

Wayne Vereen, 2420 NW 7th Street, Pompano Beach, FL thanked the Commission for supporting the Black History Month parade and program, recognizing local leaders and organizations. He emphasized the importance of unity in the community.

Carlene Duncan thanked Commissioner Perkins for organizing the parade but criticized a committee member for publicly addressing concerns instead of doing so privately. She called for unity and mentioned her work feeding the homeless, offering business cards for those interested in donating.

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.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

1. [25-168](#) Request of ratification by City Commission for emergency procurement of wastewater main repairs from DBF Construction in the amount of \$278,978.56.
(Fiscal Impact: \$278,978.56)

(Staff Contact: Nathaniel Watson)

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

2. [25-176](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A STATE REVOLVING FUND AMENDMENT 2 TO LOAN AGREEMENT SW062440 BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Mondy Claude)

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. 2025-80

3. [25-195](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR BROWARD COMMUTER RAIL NORTH PROJECT FROM THE PROPOSED SOUTH FORT LAUDERDALE STATION AS PART OF THE BROWARD COMMUTER RAIL SOUTH PROJECT TO THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LINE; ACKNOWLEDGING POTENTIAL STATION LOCATIONS IN DEERFIELD BEACH, POMPANO BEACH, OAKLAND PARK AND FORT LAUDERDALE; ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT TO ENHANCE MOBILITY IN THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Earl Bosworth)

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. 2025-81

4. [25-188](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND OR CITY COMMISSIONERS TO FILL THE POSITIONS ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP TERMS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-82

5. [25-189](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING **LYNNE MITCHEM** TO THE SAND AND SPURS ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF ANNE WARD, ALTERNATE 1; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE JULY 1, 2025; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-83

D. REGULAR AGENDA

6. [25-199](#) 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 TEN-8 FIRE & SAFETY, LLC TO PURCHASE A PIERCE STOCK ENFORCER 189” PUC PUMPER TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,098,950.00; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: \$1,098,950.00 (Lease financing with TD Bank))

(Staff Contact: Peter McGinnis/Allison Feurtado)

Peter McGinnis, Assistant Fire Chief requested approval for the second of two fire trucks, as previously planned, to be added to the fleet and put into service.

Mayor Hardin invited public input on the item.

Mike Skversky, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, asked about the condition of the old fire trucks. Mr. McGinnis explained that they are over 10 years old, costly to maintain, and have exceeded the fleet replacement score of 15, prompting their replacement. When asked about their disposal, he stated that the city has typically auctioned them but is also considering trade-ins to offset costs. The final decision is still being evaluated.

Ed Phillips, 384 NW 19th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed support for the Fire Department’s growth and efforts toward inclusion. He emphasized the city's rapid expansion and stated that if a new fire truck is needed to keep up with that growth, it should be approved.

Jackie Moreland, 1526 NW 7th Lane, Pompano Beach, FL, questioned why the fire truck purchase was being discussed again, stating that at the last meeting, it was indicated that the trucks had already been secured and paid for. She sought clarification on whether this approval was for a second vehicle or both. She acknowledged the importance of safety but expressed concerns about spending priorities, emphasizing that while fire trucks are necessary, communities are also struggling, and funds should be allocated wisely.

There being no further speakers, Mayor Hardin concluded public input and welcomed further Commission

discussion.

Vice Mayor Fournier stated that both fire trucks were included in the 2025-2026 capital budget but were purchased early, violating procurement rules. She confirmed with Fire Chief McGinnis that the first truck had been paid for, with a vendor penalty incurred for late payment. She emphasized the need for transparency in large purchases and proposed a workshop to review the procurement ordinance, noting the city's policies may allow workarounds that bypass Commission approval.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, to hold a workshop to discuss procurement practices. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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. 2025-84

7. [25-185](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND NATIONAL METERING SERVICES, INC. TO INSTALL NEW METERS AND BACKFLOW DEVICES AS NEEDED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for a year - Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond, Series 2024)

(Staff Contact: Nathaniel Watson)

Nathaniel Watson, Utilities Field Superintendent, presented the item stating it is a project related to the change-out of the meter system. This initiative follows the approval of a previous item and aims to address over 20,000 meters currently in operation. The plan proposes an aggressive approach to efficiently manage the replacement, ensuring the fulfillment of a bond obligation previously established.

Mayor Hardin invited public input on the item.

Ed Phillips, 384 NW 19th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, stated that the initiative being discussed is great.

However, he inquired about when the bond was approved and whether it is part of the regular bond. Mayor Hardin clarified that the bond in question is a revenue bond specifically from the Water and Sewer Department.

Mr. Phillips expressed concerns about the number of bonds and the process of issuing and paying them, especially as the city may initiate bonds for other projects in the future. He inquired about the installation of certain work, specifically who would be responsible for it. Nathaniel Watson responded that National Meter and Company would install the meters and backflow devices on behalf of the City.

Mr. Phillips emphasized the importance of hiring local residents, particularly African Americans, for community work. He said that providing job opportunities can help prevent and address homelessness. He advocates for companies to prioritize hiring from the neighborhood when undertaking projects.

There being no further speakers, Mayor Hardin concluded public input and moved on to Commission discussion; however, no one commented further on the item.

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. 2025-85

8. [25-193](#) 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 ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. TO PURCHASE A HYDRAULIC TELESCOPIC CRANE TRUCK (BOOM TRUCK) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$320,255.00; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$320,255.00 - Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond, Series 2024 Proceeds)

(Staff Contact: Nathaniel Watson)

Nathaniel Watson, Utilities Field Superintendent, presented a proposal for procuring a boom truck, which is essential for servicing raw water wells and pump lift stations. He highlighted that this vehicle plays a crucial role in maintaining critical systems. Watson also mentioned that the purchase would result in significant financial savings of over a hundred thousand dollars. Given the current high demand for boom trucks due to ongoing development, he expressed that it is a fortunate opportunity for the city to secure this vehicle at a reduced cost.

Mayor Hardin invited public input on the item.

Mike Skversky, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach FL, inquired about the new boom truck, questioning whether it is an addition or a replacement for an older truck. Mr. Watson explained that the current truck would be retired as it has reached the end of its useful life and will be traded into the fleet department for auction. Mr. Skversky suggested checking the trade-in value against auction potential, to which Mr. Watson responded that the fleet department typically manages this to ensure maximum return.

There being no further speakers, Mayor Hardin concluded public input and welcomed further Commission discussion.

Vice Mayor Fournier inquired about the \$422,000 allocation for a boom truck in the approved capital budget. Mr. Watson confirmed that it is part of the capital outlay and is also funded through water and wastewater revenue bonds.

Vice Mayor Fournier inquired about the purpose of a specialized truck used by the City, questioning whether it is intended for managing flooded areas, stormwater, or wastewater, particularly noting its connection to wastewater bonds. Mr. Watson explained that the truck serves both water and wastewater systems. Specifically, the City operates 81 pump lift stations, with pumps placed deep within wet wells. The truck plays a crucial role in extracting these pumps for maintenance, especially when clogs occur, ensuring that the system runs efficiently. Additionally, it is also utilized for the raw water system, which consists of 25 raw water wells, facilitating maintenance and testing of those pumps as well.

Vice Mayor Fournier clarified that the purchase of a new vehicle is to modernize and maintain efficiency, as it is a replacement for an older truck. Mr. Watson confirmed that the current truck has reached the end of its lifespan, making the new purchase necessary to sustain operational capacity.

Vice Mayor Fournier asked where the savings of \$100,000 and the funds from auctioning an old vehicle would be allocated. Mr. Watson responded that the proceeds would go back into the utilities fund for further improvements to the utility system.

Comr. Fesik inquired about the current status and future needs of boom trucks within the Utilities Department. Mr. Watson informed her that the department currently operates two boom trucks, one of which is used in utility field operations, while another will eventually be utilized at the water treatment plant.

Comr. Fesik followed up with a question about the typical lifespan of these trucks and how close the existing vehicles are to their end of life. Mr. Watson explained that the trucks usually last around 15 years, although this can vary based on their usage. He also noted that the department is investing significantly in maintaining the current truck, leading him to suggest that it would be prudent to acquire a new vehicle rather than continue pouring resources into an aging asset.

Comr. Fesik asked about the remaining lifespan of another truck, whether it is at half-life or less, to which Mr. Watson responded that he would estimate it is probably at half-life.

Comr. Fesik raised a question regarding the potential need for additional trucks to address these challenges. She suggested considering the acquisition of three trucks in preparation for the upcoming year. In response, Mr. Watson clarified that the current discussion was not related to vacuum trucks, which are typically used during flooding situations. He explained that the City already has a fleet of those and follows a procurement process for them.

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. 2025-86

9. [25-104](#) **P.H. 2025-21: (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 LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND DANIA PIER MANAGEMENT CORP., TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE CITY'S FISHING PIER BAIT SHOP; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$108,000)

FIRST READING: FEBRUARY 11, 2025



Strategic Plan Initiative

(Staff Contact: Mark A. Beaudreau)

Mark Beaudreau, Recreations Director, informed that there were no changes since the first reading.

Mayor Hardin invited public input, being none, he opened the floor for Commission discussion.

Comr. Fesik stated that an organization reached out to her after the last meeting and stated that they would have an interest in providing this service to the City. She continued by asking if the contract has a severability clause where they can terminate the contract if they find a better vendor. Mr. Beaudreau stated that all contracts have a severability clause, but he did not feel that there is any reason to do so as the vendor has been providing great service. Mr. Beaudreau said that after this term is up, they can put out a solicitation.

Vice Mayor Fournier pointed out that she previously stated that if this was put out to bid, they may have found someone else to provide the service without the City paying so much. She emphasized that she wants to see these types of contracts going out to bid in the future.

Comr. Fesik inquired if there was any way to have the contracts be for shorter terms instead of three years. Mr. Beaudreau stated it can be explored, however, most vendors want a longer contract to have some stability.

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. 2025-26

10. [25-141](#) **P.H. 2025-29: (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 SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND CIRCUIT TRANSIT, INC., PROVIDING FOR MICRO TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: \$325,656 - \$135,147 FDOT; \$190,509 City)

FIRST READING: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

(Staff Contact: Jeff Lantz)

Jeff Lantz, Parking Manager, stated that this is the second reading on the item, and there have been no changes since the first reading.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item and invited further Commission discussion.

Vice Mayor Fournier and Commissioner Perkins expressed their interest in making changes to include their districts in the ongoing discussions. In response, Mr. Lantz acknowledged their request.

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. 2025-27

11. [25-142](#) **P.H. 2025-36: (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 THE TABLE OF CONTENTS OF CHAPTER 155 BY MODIFYING REFERENCES IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 9, "DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION," TO INCLUDE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CODE PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 155.3708, "DOWNTOWN POMPANO BEACH (DP) OVERLAY DISTRICT" TO AMEND THE PERMITTED USE AREAS IN TABLE 155.3708.H.1.a." TO BE CONSISTENT WITH OTHER TABLES AS APPROVED; BY AMENDING THE "TABLE OF CONTENTS," OF ARTICLE 4 TO UPDATE ESTABLISHED SECTIONS WITHIN SAID ARTICLE; BY AMENDING SECTION 155.4201.E.2 TO REFERENCE PERMITTED USE TABLES THAT MAY CONTROL OR GOVERN OVERLAY DISTRICTS OR PLANNED DEVELOPMENTS TO PROPERLY REFLECT CURRENT STANDARDS; BY AMENDING PART 5, "TERMS AND USES DEFINED," OF ARTICLE 9, "DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION" TO INCLUDE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED DEFINITIONS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 4; BY AMENDING APPENDIX, A: "CONSOLIDATED USE TABLE," TO MODIFY SAME TO ELIMINATE DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THE APPENDIX AND THE ARTICLE IT REFERENCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

FIRST READING: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

(Staff Contact: Max Wemyss)

Max Wemyss, Principal Planner, stated that there have been no changes since the first reading, but did wanted to highlight that this is a corrective ordinance that does not result in any change to operations or the way the code is applied.

Mayor Hardin opened the floor for public input.

Ed Philips 384 NW 19th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, inquired whether the ordinance would impact the innovation district. Mr. Wemyss explained that this ordinance was strictly to correct the reference tables to reflect changes that were previously made. He stressed that there were no new applications within this ordinance. Mr. Wemyss provided some examples of corrections to tables and Appendix A that would be made through this ordinance.

Mike Skversky, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, asked if this was all related to downtown, to which Mr. Wemyss explained that this ordinance pertained to the whole code. Mayor Hardin informed that this was just housekeeping.

Dominique Lewis, 400 NE 2nd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, asked for more transparency when it comes to the overlay district and gave examples of issues he has encountered in regard to the overlay district changes.

There being no further speakers, Mayor Hardin concluded public input and invited Commission discussion on the item.

Comr. Fesik echoed Mr. Lewis's remarks about transparency with the overlay district and also expressed a desire to see more information available online.

Vice Mayor Fournier said she understood that this item is housekeeping but wanted to inquire about Urgent Care/24-hour Healthcare Facilities being allowed as a special exception in the Transit-Oriented Overlay (TO). Mr. Wemyss explained that would have been something that was already adopted, stating that the TO is unique and is treated the same way as a planned development. Any TO district may permit the uses that are listed under the TO heading, but the two TO districts have their own use-regulating tables. Mr. Wemyss stated that he did not know off the top of his head if that specific use was permitted in both the downtown overlay district and the east overlay district, but could get the answer for Vice Mayor Fournier.

Comr. Fesik asked if all overlay district changes come before the Commission. Mr. Wemyss said that any text, map, or code amendments would come before the Commission.

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. 2025-28

12. [25-172](#) P.H. 2025-35: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 155, "ZONING CODE," OF THE POMPANO BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING SECTION 155.3505. TRANSPORTATION (T), TO MODIFY HEIGHT STANDARDS, SETBACKS AND TREE MITIGATION AREAS AND LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 155.4207. VOCATIONAL OR TRADE SCHOOL TO PERMIT THE USE IN THE TRANSPORTATION (T) ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

FIRST READING: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

(Staff Contact: Jean Dolan/David Recor)

Jean Dolan, Development Services Department, noted there were no changes since the first reading of the item.

Mayor Hardin invited public input on the item.

Anne Bosworth, 4015 W. Palm Aire Drive, Pompano Beach, urged the Commission to delay action on the item related to the Air Park until environmental studies are completed. She expressed concerns about bundled approvals and emphasized the need for transparency, stating that decisions should be made based on full information rather than emotional appeals.

Heather Gilchrist, 1341 SE 9th Avenue, Pompano Beach, sought clarification on the zoning text amendment affecting the Air Park, questioning its impact on environmental reviews and future projects. Ms. Dolan confirmed that the amendment only governs how projects are reviewed and does not alter land use or development rights. Ms. Gilchrist requested assurances that the changes would not bypass pending environmental studies, which staff guaranteed would proceed as planned.

Marilyn DeMartini, 1110 NE 27th Avenue, Pompano Beach, stressed the importance of completing environmental studies before approving any changes at the Air Park. While supporting Barrington Irving's school, she opposed developing environmentally sensitive land for the project and urged the Commission to explore alternative locations.

Mike Skversky, 1630 SW 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, asked whether turtles on the property would be safely relocated. He recounted a conversation with a concerned resident who had seen him on TV and wanted assurance that the turtles would be protected. Staff confirmed that they were aware of the tortoises and that no harm would come to them from any action related to the item.

There being no further speakers, Mayor Hardin concluded public input and welcomed further Commission discussion.

Comr. Fesik acknowledged that the item is a text amendment but noted that it includes changes to setbacks, building heights, landscaping, and tree mitigation requirements, which could impact future developments. She suggested postponing the item until September 9th, when related reports are expected, to ensure all necessary information is available before moving forward.

Comr. Smith suggested postponing the item until the environmental study is complete. However Mayor Hardin stressed the need to set a specific date.

Comr. Fesik expressed surprise that a consultant had already been scheduled without her knowledge, given her strong interest in the project, and requested to be kept informed moving forward.

Ms. Dolan clarified that there is currently no contract in place with the consultant, who is scheduled to visit for a property review. She also mentioned that the consultant lives in Comr. Fesik's district.

City Attorney Berman clarified that, because the item is an ordinance, it must be postponed to a specific date to avoid additional costs for re-advertisement. The Commission agreed to reschedule it for the September 9th meeting.

Vice Mayor Fournier asked about Parcel I, which was identified as a challenging site for development due to infrastructure costs. Ms. Dolan confirmed that while development is possible, it is unlikely due to high expenses involved.

Further discussion addressed zoning setbacks, height restrictions, and airspace regulations, with Ms. Dolan explaining that aviation engineers determine these complexities rather than zoning officials. It was confirmed that the changes would not impact areas outside the Air Park.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Ordinance / Regular Agenda be POSTPONED to the September 9, 2025 City Commission Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

13. [25-125](#) **P.H. 2025-28: (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 ALAN JAY AUTOMOTIVE MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR

PURCHASES OF NEW MUNICIPAL VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Cost will be the approved Adopted Capital Outlay)

(**Staff Contact:** Robert McCaughan)

Robert McCaughan, Public Works Director, provided a brief overview of the agreement with Allen J Automotive Management, which extends the contract until January 12, 2027. The contract includes light trucks, vans, and SUVs, with no obligation to purchase. He stated that the City plans to use the contract for vehicles listed in the capital outlay, prioritizing electric vehicles in line with the 2023-2025 strategic plan.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier confirmed that the piggyback agreement extends through 2027 and asked whether the City evaluates other pricing options before making purchases. Mr. McCaughan stated that while staff checks for better deals, the contract is based on statewide volume pricing, making lower prices unlikely. He clarified that the agreement allows, but does not require, the City to purchase vehicles through this contract, including electric and other light-duty vehicles as needed.

Comr. Fesik questioned whether other piggyback agreements or local vendors were considered for vehicle purchases. Mr. McCaughan said the City has used other contracts, including the Sheriff's, but statewide agreements typically offer better pricing and faster procurement. Comr. Fesik emphasized the importance of reinvesting locally and suggested exploring competitive bids instead of continually extending the piggyback contract. Mr. McCaughan noted that seeking new bids could delay purchases and limit availability but agreed to assess the costs of issuing a separate bid.

Mayor Hardin asked about the cost of bidding locally instead of using the piggyback contract. Mary Rivero, Procurement Director, explained that while the City can solicit local bids, the piggyback contract provides statewide bulk pricing, often yielding better deals. She clarified that even with the contract in place, the City could still seek quotes from local vendors.

Earl Bosworth Assistant City Manager, agreed to provide an estimate of the staff time and costs involved in issuing a competitive bid.

Vice Mayor Fournier asked whether the piggyback prices were locked in. Mr. McCaughan confirmed that pricing fluctuates due to market conditions, tariffs, and vehicle availability, with some prices listed as "TBA."

Vice Mayor Fournier also confirmed that multiple piggyback agreements exist, including a Sheriff's contract, and that staff could evaluate which offers the best deal before making purchases.

Comr. Smith confirmed that approving the piggyback contract does not obligate the City to purchase any vehicles.

Comr. Fesik requested a list of planned purchases, and staff assured that large-dollar items would still require Commission approval.

Mr. McCaughan also clarified that while the contract is through Tallahassee, vehicles may be sourced from various dealerships, potentially including local vendors.

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. 2025-29

14. [25-198](#) P.H. 2025-38 (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 AN ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF LICENSOR'S INTEREST IN PARKING LICENSE AGREEMENT AMONG THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, LEASE FLORIDA POMPANO LLC, AS ASSIGNOR, AND WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS ASSIGNEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Jeff Lantz)

Jeff Lantz, Parking Manager, informed that in November 2020, the City entered into an agreement with Wells Fargo Bank to use the parking lot located at 199 North Ocean Blvd. On December 6, 2024, Wells Fargo agreed to a sale with Lease Florida Pompano, LLC. Mr. Lantz explained that Lease Florida Pompano, LLC wishes to continue with the terms of the original agreement for the continued use of public parking. This agreement consists of 76 parking spaces and staff believe this is essential for the continued support of businesses in the area.

Mayor Hardin invited public input, being none, he opened the floor for Commission discussion.

Vice Mayor Fournier, emphasized that public parking is a problem near the beach, but she has some concerns with the agreement. She recalled the agreement with Sands Harbor, where the item failed at the Commission

meeting, but parking permits were issued anyway and she wanted to know how that happened. Mayor Hardin urged the Vice Mayor to stay on the topic of the presented item. However, Vice Mayor Fournier insisted that her questions be answered before she could make a decision on the item at hand.

Mark Berman, City Attorney, informed that after reviewing the code, he advised the City Manager that it was within his authority to issue these permits and that it originally didn't need to go before the Commission at all.

Vice Mayor Fournier and City Manager Harrison engaged in a heated discussion about the incident. City Manager Harrison proclaimed that he does not treat his employees the way that he was just treated and that they have mutual respect for each other. He does not feel that is what is currently happening on the dais and urged the Commission to be kind and respectful. Vice Mayor Fournier countered that Mr. Harrison had treated her with disrespect by giving her misleading information and said there is a culture of disrespect. Vice Mayor Fournier emphasized that the City Manager works for the Commission.

Comr. Fesik noted that she previously suggested a shorter-term extension to the agreement which would give the City time to come up with alternative solutions. She mentioned that she shared some of the suggestions she had given to Mr. Harrison and Mr. Lantz; but emphasized that workarounds should not occur in the future, as they undermine the Commission. Additionally, she asked Mr. Lantz how long the parking agreement is for. Mr. Lantz informed it is a 3-year lease and explained that there is 1 year left of that 3 years. Comr. Fesik asked if the contract had renewals and if the cost was \$4000/month. Mr. Lantz responded that a new agreement would have to come before the Commission, and Lease Florida Pompano would need to want to continue with the terms and cost, which is currently \$4000/month.

Comr. Fesik asked how many spaces are provided, to which Mr. Lantz said 76. Comr. Fesik asked how much the lot makes and Mr. Lantz replied around \$40,000 annually, as this lot is not as busy as the Oceanside lot. Comr. Fesik expressed that she believes that the rate will go up and inquired if there was a way to purchase the property or do a longer-term lease. Mr. Lantz informed that the owners have no interest in a longer lease, and he believes they will possibly develop the lot in the future.

Comr. Fesik stated she would treat Mr. Harrison with respect, but that respect also means being forthcoming with information.

Vice Mayor Fournier asked if there are any parking permits sold for this lot, to which Mr. Lantz replied no, it is all public parking. Vice Mayor highlighted that if the owner decides to develop, the City will lose 76 public parking spaces.

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. 2025-31

Meeting went into Recess at 8:10 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened at 8:16 P.M.

15. [25-177](#) **P.H. 2025-37: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND 20 NORTH OCEANSIDE OWNERS, LLC; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: 45% net revenue split to owners, 55% to the City)

(Staff Contact: Jeff Lantz)

Jeff Lantz, Parking Manager, presented an Ordinance concerning an agreement between the City and 20 North Oceanside, LLC. An amendment, referred to as Ordinance 2024-26, was approved by the Commission in March 2024. The properties involved, known as the Beach Lot or Parcel A, currently offer about 180 paved parking spaces alongside 130 additional spaces on an adjacent grassy area.

Mr. Lantz informed of the Applicant's plans for a project starting in fall 2026, which will add 140 public parking spaces. Additionally, a license agreement has been approved for 200 parking spaces on the former St. Martin Church site, expected to be completed soon. The private sector has contributed about 300 new public parking spaces east of the Intracoastal Waterway. City staff is working on approvals for a new parking garage on the barrier island as a long-term solution and promoting a micro-transit system to address parking demand, which is crucial for supporting local businesses, residents, and visitors.

Mayor Hardin invited public input on the item.

Dominique Lewis, 400 NE 2nd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, inquired whether the City has conducted a transparency review and competitive bidding for a project involving leasing parking from a private property owner in a beach area. Mayor Hardin confirmed that competitive pricing is not necessary in this case, and

stated that the project will not go through a bidding process.

There being no further speakers, Mayor Hardin concluded public input and welcomed further Commission discussion.

Comr. Fesik raised concerns about the financial impact of losing parking revenue due to construction, questioning how the loss would be compensated. Mr. Lantz responded that alternative arrangements include utilizing the St. Martin Church lot and nearby private parking spaces, as well as promoting micro-transit options.

Comr. Fesik discussed the need for additional parking due to a large number of spots being lost. She inquired if there are alternatives to constructing a parking garage, which may not be completed in time. Mr. Lantz responded that he is actively seeking solutions and mentioned his efforts in finding land options, including contacting the owner of the St. Martins Lot and the Hampton.

Comr. Fesik acknowledged the value of this chance and noted that the absence of parking would be missed for some time.

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. 2025-30

16. [25-190](#)
- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING_____TO THE SAND AND SPURS ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF LYNNE MITCHEM, ALTERNATE 2; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE JULY 1, 2025; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

<u>Applicants</u>	<u>Other Board Memberships</u>
Lisa Nothardt - District 3	0
Mary Fleck - District 3	0

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Resolution / Regular Agenda be ADOPTED. Vice Mayor Fournier nominated to appoint Mary Fleck. The motion to appoint Mary Fleck carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-87

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:

Debra Campbell, 1950 NW 4th Ct, Pompano Beach, FL, stated that she was representing the Pompano Beach Women's Club. She announced that the club is celebrating its 115th year and will be hosting a Women's History Month Luncheon on March 27, 2025, from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM at their clubhouse. This year's theme, "Moving Forward Together: Women, Educating and Inspiring Generations," honors women who have made significant contributions to the community. She stated that the club will recognize outstanding women, including first-time position holders in their respective fields. Honorees include a BSO sheriff's officer, Kaylee Washington Bryant, Dolores Bullard, Rosa Cordes, Kathleen Dempsey, Anne Hollady, Elizabeth Massey, Jean McIntyre, Marianne McCoy, Comr. Beverly Perkins, Ernie Steen Price, Carolyn Smith, Peggy Stevenson, and Lee Waldo. Additionally, the Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Ms. Gwen Leys, the club's treasurer. She encouraged the Commission and residents to attend, stating that tickets are \$35 per person until March 22nd.

Vicente Thrower, Pompano Beach, FL, requested that the City initiate a study on the feasibility of creating a municipal police department. He cited recent shootings in the northwest area and concerns over the level of service provided by BSO. He asked the Mayor and City Manager how to begin the process of conducting a study to determine if the City could benefit from establishing its own police force.

Mayor Hardin responded that the first step would be to determine the cost of hiring a consultant to conduct a study. He noted that the City had previously reviewed this issue but acknowledged that it had been many years since the last study was conducted.

City Manager Harrison stated that the City has not conducted a police service study in more than a decade but could include BSO satisfaction questions in a citywide resident survey. He noted that resident surveys are conducted periodically and that questions about policing services could be added to the next round.

Comr. Perkins expressed support for conducting a study, stating that BSO lacks community connection in her district. She stated that she has long advocated for a return to a municipal police department, believing it would foster stronger relationships between officers and residents. She cited concerns about crime in her district and questioned whether BSO was doing enough to prevent crime rather than just responding to incidents.

Jocelyn Jackson, Pompano Beach, FL, addressed a social media post by Comr. Fesik, stating that it misrepresented her and caused undue harm. She stated that public officials should be careful about what they post online and should communicate directly before making accusations.

Vice Mayor Fournier questioned City Manager Harrison about a \$195,000 contract awarded to Joja Enterprises without a bid process, citing a past inappropriate event the company sponsored. She stated she was assured the City would not work with them again and criticized the lack of transparency. Mayor Hardin urged against berating staff publicly, but Vice Mayor Fournier insisted prior private discussions had not resolved her concerns. City Manager Harrison defended the contract, stating it was percentage-based, and that the contractor was not fully responsible for the past event. Vice Mayor Fournier remained dissatisfied, arguing the decision reflected poor judgment and a failure in accountability.

Comr. Fesik responded that she had reviewed contracts in detail and that her intention was to ensure accountability in City spending. She apologized for any misunderstanding and clarified a previous misstatement regarding a consultant's CRA contract. In addition, Comr. Fesik raised concerns regarding a specific waiver and release clause found in consulting contracts. This clause essentially requires consultants to absolve the City of Pompano Beach and its employees from liability related to bodily injury, death, or property damage, even in instances where negligence may be involved. The contract also includes provisions that acknowledge the inherent risks associated with consulting work and grants authorization for emergency treatment of the consultants. Moreover, the Commissioner stated while most contracts require three signatures for validity, this particular waiver only has two-the consultant's and Mayor Hardin's. Comr. Fesik questioned the level of risk this presents and whether adequate protections are in place for consultants, highlighting concerns about the City's practices with such contracts.

Tangela Jackson Brown, 881 NW 6th Ave, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concern over the conditions at the cemetery where her father and grandmother are buried, noting missing landmarks and roaming animals. She was also troubled by the demolition of Freeman Funeral Home. She urged the Commission to lead with unity, humility, and prayer, emphasizing the need to work together for positive change.

Anne Bosworth, 4015 W Palm Aire Dr, Pompano Beach, FL, praised Comrs. Smith and Fesik for their accountability and urged other commissioners to be more engaged. She stressed the need for greater oversight of city contracts, arguing that consultants do not always save money, and that transparency and accountability are lacking. She called for a respectful approach to public concerns rather than dismissiveness.

Georganne McKelligett, 1110 NE 6th St, Pompano Beach, FL, raised concerns about traffic and speeding near her home, where a neighbor's dog was recently hit by a car. She noted that the area is heavily traveled by schoolchildren and that increased cut-through traffic from the Atlantic Boulevard project has made conditions dangerous. She urged the City to install stop signs and traffic-calming measures before a serious accident occurs.

F. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

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

March 11, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

March 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

G. REPORTS

City Manager's Report:

No report.

City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Berman stated that the City had received an initial payment of \$99,000 from the national opioid settlement, with funds allocated for the Fire Rescue Department.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Alfred addressed the need for more community involvement in the City's recycling committee, encouraging commissioners to assist in recruiting residents to serve.

Comr. Fesik's Report:

Comr. Fesik announced an upcoming community meeting on March 4th at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, where residents could share concerns about roads, sidewalks, and speeding issues. She thanked BSO for increasing patrols in her district and recognized the efforts of community volunteers working on beach conservation initiatives. She also discussed ongoing concerns regarding contract management and requested greater transparency in financial reporting for city projects.

Comr. Fesik stated she seeks to understand her role and contracts to effectively represent her district and the city. She commented about encountering challenges, including contradictory financial reports about the McNab House-initially stated as \$6.1 million, later clarified to \$2.1 million. Comr. Fesik expressed frustration over a public reprimand for misinformation and emphasized the need for clarity on the McNab House project. Despite multiple requests for information and concerns about communication and canceled meetings, she indicated that they have largely gone unanswered. She noted two contracts related to McNab Park, totaling under \$50,000, were finalized without public notice. Comr. Fesik requested to pause work on the McNab House until receiving complete information, but demolition began without a response from key individuals, apart from Mr. Alfred, who provided some documents. She sought clarification on whether the architects and engineers are included in the \$2.1 million budget.

City Manager Harrison said he did not have the answer to that question but acknowledged the complexity of her request and proposed a meeting to discuss her questions. Comr. Fesik requested a work pause on the McNab House project until the next CRA meeting, requesting weekly updates by Thursday at 5 PM. While she received some information, she found it inadequate, discovering that vendor payments exceeded \$2.2 million. Comr. Fesik criticized the lack of transparency in financial management and called for improved technology integration, specifically mentioning the need for Salesforce, to streamline information retrieval and address existing issues. She acknowledged her learning curve and indicated more questions will arise in the

future.

Comr. Perkins' Report:

Comr. Perkins highlighted progress on several projects in District 4, including the upcoming opening of the Mitchell Moore Youth Center and efforts to improve the Pat Davis Garden. She also expressed concerns about the lack of communication regarding CRA property acquisitions in her district and called for greater inclusion of community voices in major redevelopment projects.

Furthermore, Comr. Perkins expressed her deep concern about the state of the city, emphasizing a need for unity and collaboration rather than division. She highlighted the significance of the new Downtown/MLK project and criticized the delegation of control to RMA and Kim Briesmeister, questioning whether the project truly represents the interests of District 4. Comr. Perkins recalled the businesses and homes that were lost in the past due to eminent domain, stressing that the project should reflect the needs of the community. She proposed holding regular community meetings to facilitate open discussions and address concerns, particularly regarding the Northwest area, which she believes is lacking in resources and attention. Comr. Perkins expressed her frustration over the City's priorities, questioning why resources are allocated differently for historical projects compared to those in her district. She called for active involvement from community members, urging them to focus on at least one issue within the district to bring forth positive change.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton's Report:

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton reminded residents about the upcoming "Untapped" event and the Broward Water and Wastewater Services' temporary chlorine disinfection process. She shared a news article naming Pompano Beach as one of the top three cities in Florida for real estate investment and expressed pride in the City's ongoing redevelopment efforts.

Comr. Smith's Report:

Comr. Smith announced that the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) would be hosting a public meeting on road improvements for Northwest 15th Street and 27th Avenue, encouraging residents to attend and provide feedback. She also mentioned upcoming temporary runway closures at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, which could increase air traffic at the Pompano Beach Airpark.

Vice Mayor Fournier's Report:

Vice Mayor Fournier announced a few important updates for the community. Registration for youth softball and baseball is open for just one or two more days, and she encouraged families to sign up online. She emphasized the ongoing need for coaches, inviting anyone interested to volunteer. Additionally, a call for artists has been issued for a new mural in District 3, a project she has been excited about for some time. She shared updates on infrastructure projects in District 3, including utility work in various neighborhoods and swale improvements in flood-prone areas. She also announced her upcoming community meeting at the American Legion and encouraged residents to participate in discussions on tiki huts, zoning and property maintenance regulations. Lastly, Vice Mayor Fournier reiterated concerns about city spending, particularly in relation to contract

oversight and procurement policies.

Mayor Hardin's Report:

Mayor Hardin commended the success of the Tiger Trail Festival and thanked city staff and volunteers for organizing the event. He encouraged residents to participate in upcoming downtown redevelopment roundtable discussions, scheduled at various locations throughout the city. He also addressed misinformation circulating about a supposed \$2 billion bond for downtown redevelopment, clarifying that no such proposal existed.

Mayor Hardin revisited the discussion on whether to explore re-establishing a Pompano Beach Police Department, referencing Mr. Thrower's concerns about BSO. He emphasized that while BSO has served the city well, any consideration of forming a local police force would require first obtaining cost estimates for a consultant study. He acknowledged that no agency is perfect but reiterated his belief that BSO has done a good job overall. He opened the floor for discussion, asking if there was any interest among commissioners in pursuing a feasibility study.

A motion was made by Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Vice Mayor Fournier, to direct the City Manager to look into pricing for a consultant to constitute a Pompano Beach Police Department.

Vice Mayor Fournier clarified the motion was to gather cost estimates for a consultant study, not to hire anyone yet, and that findings would return to the Commission for review. She asked if an old study existed for context and noted that policing concerns were frequently raised by residents. While not advocating immediate action, she supported gathering updated information given the City's significant spending on BSO.

Comr. Fesik supported the study, emphasizing transparency and evaluating costs. She noted that while BSO issues were resolved quickly, comparing expenses with similar cities was necessary. She suggested potential savings could fund initiatives like a real-time crime center or improved technology.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton opposed the study, citing the high costs another city faced after leaving BSO. She emphasized the expense of establishing a police force, including personnel, equipment, and infrastructure. She also warned of the liability burden the City would bear for any police-related incidents, which is currently covered by BSO.

Comr. Fesik supported the study, emphasizing the need for updated information before making decisions. While acknowledging the high costs and liabilities of a police department, she stressed concerns about the condition of BSO facilities, describing issues like mold and leaks. She advocated for reviewing expenditures to ensure funds are allocated efficiently for the benefit of the community.

Mayor Hardin clarified that the discussion was not a criticism of BSO or its local staff, emphasizing that the men and women serving the city have done a great job.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes:Fesik

Perkins
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

No: Sigerson-Eaton

Mayor Hardin proposed a resident survey to gauge public satisfaction with police services, requesting the City Manager to determine costs and feasibility. He emphasized the value of updated input and asked for an email update on potential costs.

Comr. Fesik shared that she conducted a three-question survey during her campaign to gather resident feedback on city strengths, growth opportunities, and concerns. She offered to provide the data, which is still active, to the City Manager and Commission, noting that while responses were skewed toward District 1, they included input from multiple districts.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 P.M.

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