

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, April 22, 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 6:03 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

Rev. Ronald Perkins, Senior Chaplain, offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[25-262](#) Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2025

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Hardin announced that Item 8 would be stricken from the agenda, but a presentation from Jason Bruchou, the Chief Operating Officer of the Miami Sharks Rugby Club, will be added.

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

CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION

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

Mayor Hardin announced that Item 2 would be pulled for City Commission discussion.

A. PROCLAMATIONS**[25-286](#) Mental Health Awareness Month**

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation declaring May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Pompano Beach. He encouraged all residents to actively participate in raising awareness and understanding of mental health and mental illness, emphasized the importance of reducing stigma and discrimination associated with these issues, while also advocating for the provision of appropriate and accessible mental health services for everyone in the community. Following the proclamation, he presented it to Dr. Joseph Oravec, CEO of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Broward County Advocacy Group, and invited him to speak to the audience.

Dr. Oravec expressed deep appreciation for the proclamation recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month, highlighting the importance of sharing personal stories to break down stigma and foster hope. He noted that NAMI Broward, as the nation's oldest grassroots mental health organization, offers free evidence-based programming, support groups, and outreach without requiring insurance or a diagnosis. Despite limited funding, NAMI is committed to serving all communities in Broward. Dr. Oravec invited local businesses and city departments to participate in the Stigma-Free Workplace initiative and encouraged attendance at the NAMI Mental Health for All Walk on October 4th at Nova Southeastern University, emphasizing that together, the community can build a stronger and healthier Broward County.

The Proclamation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

[25-284](#) Teacher Appreciation Week

Mayor Hardin read a proclamation declaring May 5th to May 9th, 2025, as Teacher

Appreciation Week in the City of Pompano Beach. This proclamation expressed heartfelt gratitude to all teachers in Pompano Beach and throughout Broward County. Brian Campbell, the chairman of the Pompano Beach Education Advisory Committee, received the proclamation on behalf of the Broward County School Board.

The Proclamation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

B. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

25-370 Special Presentation by the Miami Sharks Rugby Club

Mayor Hardin introduced Jason Bruchou, the Chief Operating Officer of the Miami Sharks Rugby Club, to give a presentation. Mayor Hardin also noted his connection to the local Pompano Beach Rugby Club.

Mr. Bruchou announced that the team has signed a significant agreement, making them Florida's first professional rugby team. They have been operating in a league for eight years and are now in their second season, based out of Inter Miami Stadium. Mr. Bruchou highlighted the team's international diversity, with players from multiple countries. He invited the community to attend the games and noted that there are three home games left in the season, including one on Sunday at 9:00 PM and two on May 16th and May 30th at 7:30 PM. He also expressed gratitude to the Mayor and City Commission for their support.

Mayor Hardin expressed his gratitude and acknowledged the team's success in rugby, complimenting their efforts in representing the community. Although he admitted that he might not wear the rugby gear often due to feeling out of shape, he appreciated their support for Pompano Beach and celebrated their achievements in the sport.

The Special Presentation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

25-283 Special Acknowledgement of Pompano Beach Educators

Mayor Hardin acknowledged the special recognition for Pompano Beach educators and thanked the Education Advisory Committee for organizing it. He encouraged everyone to appreciate teachers for their vital role in shaping the future. He then called Brian Campbell to come forward and proceed with the presentation.

Mr. Campbell invited his fellow committee members to join him in honoring the distinguished educators and school staff from Pompano Beach schools. He highlighted their dedication to nurturing students and supporting the community. He then called up the honorees in attendance to be recognized as Teachers of the Year and Employees of the Year from their respective schools, and they were as follows:

Teacher of the Year	Employee of the Year	School
Andrea Love-Johnson	Juanita King	Blanche Ely High School
Brandy Scott	Gladys Cebailos	C. Robert Markham Elementary
Shantell Goldsby	Kyle Freeman	Charles Drew Elementary
Jacqueline Schulman	Kathy Doku	Cresthaven Elementary
Iris L. Jones	Bobby Jean Allen	Cross Creek School
Vitra Boodoosingh	Anna Rokicki	Crystal Lake Middle School
Cynthia Louissant	Julie St. Claire	Cypress Elementary
Ireen Noel	Sharmain Lindsay	Cypress Run Education Center
Stephanie McDougan	Maria Tello	McNab Elementary
Julie VanHoose	Lori Beard	Norcrest Elementary
Lesley Hitch	Brian Goodstein	Palmview Elementary
Mayra Lozada-Ocasio	Darrin Hines	Pompano Beach Elementary
Spencer Brown	Cieio Reyes-Estrella	Pompano Beach High School
Michael B. Miller, Jr.	Willie Brown	Pompano Beach Middle School
Alicia McIntosh	Kedra McKeithen	Sanders Park Elementary

Special recognition was given to Vice Principal Sheena Rowe, from Blanche Ely High School, who was selected as Vice Principal of the Year 2025 and Principal Robert Gibson, from Palmview Elementary School, who received the Principal Leadership Award 2024/2025 from the District.

Dr. Jermaine Fleming, Assistant Superintendent, expressed gratitude for the support of local educators and highlighted the strong partnership between the City and the School Board. He emphasized the quality of the district's schools and recognized Ms. Kathy Doku from Cresthaven Elementary for being a finalist for employee of the year.

The Special Presentation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

[25-295](#) Actuarial Valuation Report

Presentation of the Actuarial Valuation Report for the City of Pompano Beach General Employees' Retirement System as of October 1, 2024, as prepared by Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC and presented by Mr. Todd Green, Board Actuary.

Mayor Hardin invited Patricia White, the City's Controller, to introduce the actuary.

Ms. White introduced Todd Green from Kavanaugh McDonald, Consultant LLC, who presented the actuarial evaluation for the Pompano Beach General Employees' Retirement System as of October 1, 2024.

Mr. Green discussed the October 1st, 2024, valuation of the general employees' retirement system. He outlined the importance of actuaries in assessing the financial health of public sector pension plans by evaluating the balance between assets (funds held in trust) and liabilities (future benefit payments). Actuaries conducted analysis by comparing data year-over-year, focusing on three key demographic assumptions: turnover, retirement timing, and mortality. Mortality, he noted, significantly impacted costs-higher life expectancies could

lead to increased pension expenses.

Continuing, Mr. Green emphasized crucial economic assumptions related to funding retirement: salary modeling and the discount rate. Salaries were essential in calculating benefits, while the discount rate projected future earnings of plan assets, helping to balance costs within the retirement plan. He explained the funding equation, showing how contributions and investment income counterbalanced benefit payments and expenses. Notably, 60 to 70% of benefit funding came from investment income, allowing for lower overall costs compared to Social Security, which relied solely on contributions.

Mr. Green discussed the valuation of the retirement plan, noting that projected benefit payments would grow over \$50 million before eventually declining to zero. Current statistics indicate there were 570 active members and 511 retirees, with an average age of 47 years for active members and an average salary of around \$80,000. The average benefit for retirees was just over \$36,000. He highlighted historical contributions dating back to 2015, revealing changes in assumptions since 2016 that had increased costs. The assumed rate of return had been reduced from 8% to 7.25%, aligning with more realistic expectations for asset growth. A benefit improvement in 2021 was also noted, with contributions remaining steady that year except for increases due to the reduced discount rate and adjustments in mortality rates.

Mr. Green explained that the funded ratio had remained steady since 2016, primarily due to changes in assumptions rather than asset performance. He broke down the sources of the unfunded accrued liability, identifying \$48 million from market volatility, \$30 million from assumption changes, and \$46 million from benefit changes.

The amortization schedule for the unfunded accrued liability suggested that contributions would remain near \$12 million and were expected to increase to around \$15 million. Notably, the unfunded liability was decreasing, which indicated that contributions were effectively paying off the liability. The plan was currently at a 70% funded ratio, with a positive outlook for improvement after 2030. Mr. Green concluded by encouraging questions and referring to the detailed evaluation report from October 1, 2024, for further information.

Mayor Hardin invited the Commission to comment on the presentation.

Vice Mayor Fournier highlighted that people were living longer, leading to an increase in life expectancy reflected in mortality tables. Additionally, assets were expected to earn slightly less, while salaries were on the rise. Mr. Green confirmed this information.

Vice Mayor Fournier inquired about the stability of the 7.25 rate. Mr. Green confirmed that it was expected to stay stable but noted that the board ultimately decided on the assumed rate of return.

Vice Mayor Fournier discussed the impact of amortization of benefit changes, indicating that by 2030, the effects would start to be noticed as the current benefits would be fully paid off. Mr. Green confirmed this statement.

Mayor Hardin inquired about the average rate of return on assets over the past 20 years. Mr. Green responded that he did not have that specific information readily available but noted that since 2014, the return had been

over 8%. He suggested that while the current rate was likely above the assumed rate, future returns were not expected to match the high returns from the 1990s, which saw rates in the high twenties for several years.

Mayor Hardin addressed the issue of a reduced rate of return assumption affecting not just general employees but also departments like fire and police. He suggested that maintaining the return rate at 8% could put them in a favorable position. Mr. Green added that lowering the discount rate might actually enhance the chances of achieving better financial outcomes.

Mayor Hardin questioned the financial benefits of lowering the discount rates for the plans. Mr. Green explained that the fixed income portion of the plan was significantly impacted by changes in interest rates. Historically, rates had been much higher, but since the 2008 recession, the assumed rates of return have decreased. Currently, fixed income investments, such as 10-year TBIs, yield much lower returns (around 4.5%) compared to past rates (9-10%). In closing, Mr. Green emphasized the importance of addressing these financial challenges proactively. Paying upfront could prevent greater costs in the future due to accrued interest. By amortizing losses, the City would incur costs either way, but addressing them early is financially wiser than postponing and facing increasing interest payments later.

The Special Presentation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

C. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

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

Kevin Granville, retired Major from the Broward Sheriff’s Office and current conference chair for the 49th Annual National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Training Exhibition, requested city support to host the NOBLE National Memorial March in Pompano Beach on August 9, 2025. The march would begin at the E. Pat Larkins Community Center and end at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, with an estimated 1,000 to 1,500 participants. He asked for traffic control, EMS support, and general coordination. He also invited the City to become an official conference partner and provided a sponsorship packet highlighting events such as the Women’s Symposium, Youth Conference, and Civil Rights Brunch. Mr. Granville noted Pompano Beach’s long-standing support of NOBLE and emphasized the symbolic importance of hosting the march in the city.

Mayor Hardin thanked Mr. Granville and expressed full support for the NOBLE Memorial March. He directed him to work with staff member Mark Beaudreau on permitting and logistics and stated that the event would further elevate Pompano Beach’s presence and commitment to law enforcement and community unity.

Comr. Perkins also thanked NOBLE for selecting Pompano Beach and praised the organization’s work, particularly its positive influence on the youth. She stated that she would ensure community presence along the march route and confirmed her full support, offering assistance with planning and coordination.

Vicente Thrower, Pompano Beach, FL, asked for clarity on the level of financial support being requested for the NOBLE event. He then shifted to a separate matter and requested that the City formally recognize the

legacy of volunteer firefighters who served the Northwest community under the leadership of Mr. Thurston and others. He suggested adding this history to the City's website and called for better documentation of city events, questioning the absence of professional photography at major ceremonies. He emphasized the need to use city resources for proper coverage and promotion of community milestones.

Mayor Hardin responded that the City could recognize all volunteer firefighters, noting there had previously been a volunteer firehouse near Lyons Park that served the area and that such recognition could extend citywide.

Comr. Perkins stated that it is important to acknowledge the volunteer firefighters, particularly those who worked out of the station in Collier City. She emphasized the difference between paid service and volunteer work and said the contributions of those individuals should not be taken lightly. She suggested recognizing them formally and proposed engaging with the current occupants of the former fire station to explore ways they could also honor that legacy.

Luca Fagetti, 4015 West Palm Aire Drive, Pompano Beach, FL, submitted a letter from Palm Aire Association No. 10 opposing the Oaks project. He criticized the City Attorney's past attempt to remove a density-limiting covenant, claiming it favored a foreign speculator and lacked transparency. He questioned the City's communication with residents and cited the CORE project as an example of misleading promises, warning that taxpayers still don't know the true impact of these developments.

Tundra King, 124 NW 15th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, thanked Pompano Beach firefighters and paramedics for saving her brother's life during a medical emergency on April 10th. She shared that he collapsed outside their mother's front door with severe chest pains and, unable to dial 911, called a family member instead. She credited the emergency responders' quick actions with saving his life and expressed her deep gratitude on behalf of her family. She specifically thanked Chief McGinnis and acknowledged the difficult and critical work of police and fire personnel.

Jackie Moreland, 1526 NW 7th Lane, Pompano Beach, FL, thanked city staff for responding to her emails and expressed ongoing concern about truck congestion on NW 15th Street. She described the area as dangerous, stating that trucks continue to block the road while waiting to access a nearby business. She acknowledged increased BSO presence but questioned whether higher fines alone would solve the issue. She urged the City to take further action to resolve the problem and also requested updates on the Braggs-Cristwell Substation, stating she remains committed to being involved and ensuring the issue is not forgotten.

Nancy Robin from Habitat for Humanity thanked the City for its continued support of affordable housing and introduced Peteria Frazier Stone, a Cypress Elementary teacher and new homeowner. Ms. Stone expressed gratitude for being able to remain in Pompano Beach near her students and family and shared that she recently opened a tutoring center to support local children and ESOL families. She urged the City to continue supporting Habitat's work to help more teachers stay in the community.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hardin requested a motion to Approve/Adopt Items 1, 3-7, and 9 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. [25-290](#) Consideration of a request by Laurance E. Gray to transfer ownership of Block 15, Lot 7, Plots 2 and 1 in the South Lawn to James Higgins
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Robert A. 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.

2. [25-194](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND BROWARD COUNTY TO USE A DESIGNATED PORTION OF ALSDORF PARK AS A STAGING AREA FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Mark Beaudreau)

Comr. Fesik mentioned the relevance of the park being in the district, referencing recent master park meetings. She expressed her intention to give Mr. Beaudreau the opportunity to explain the agenda item in his own words.

Mark Beaudreau, Recreation Director, stated this is a straightforward agreement with Broward County regarding the extension of existing projects, particularly the Deerfield Ion Project and others. The agreement has been in place for the past year and is being extended to accommodate new upcoming projects.

Comr. Fesik further inquired about the item to clarify its purpose, and Mr. Beaudreau confirmed that it was unrelated to the City and was instead backed by another governmental agency.

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Resolution / Consent Agenda

be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-109

3. [25-267](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND HOLA MUNDO!, LLC FOR BILINGUAL SUMMER CAMP FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 4 THROUGH 13 AT THE MAIN PUBLIC BEACH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: City to receive \$3,000 as compensation for use of City property.)

(Staff Contact: Mark A. Beaudreau)

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. 2025-110

4. [25-268](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND LIVING WATER SURF SCHOOL, LLC FOR INSTRUCTION IN OCEAN AWARENESS AND SURFING FUNDAMENTALS TO CHILDREN AGES 5 THROUGH 16 AT NORTH OCEAN PARK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: City to receive \$4,125 as compensation for the use of City property and services.)

(Staff Contact: Mark A. Beaudreau)

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. 2025-111

5. [25-278](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A DOCKING EXTENSION AGREEMENT AMONG PERRY W. ABRAMS AND KIMBERLY ABRAMS AND ANDREW PILLEY AND VICKY PILLEY, AND THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: John Sfiropoulos)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-112

6. [25-279](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A DOCKING EXTENSION AGREEMENT AMONG PERRY W. ABRAMS AND KIMBERLY ABRAMS AND TODD LAPOINTE AND JILL LAPOINTE, AND THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: John Sfiropoulos)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-113

7. [25-266](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN BROWARD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH TO PROVIDE COST SHARE SUPPORT OF WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS THROUGH THE NATURESCAPE IRRIGATION SERVICE TO WATER UTILITY CUSTOMERS AND AUTHORIZE BROWARD COUNTY TO CONDUCT SPECIFIC TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES REQUIRED AS PART OF LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION SYSTEM EVALUATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$54,044.76 for NIS program and not to exceed \$57,123.45 for RIR program; 5 years term)

(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.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-114

8. [25-296](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 1163 AND SENATE BILL 954 WHICH REQUIRE MUNICIPALITIES TO ALLOW CERTIFIED RECOVERY RESIDENCES IN A MULTIFAMILY STRUCTURE AND REQUIRE MUNICIPALITIES TO ALLOW CERTIFIED RECOVERY RESIDENCES IN ALL DISTRICTS ZONED MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE PARTIES; 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, that the Resolution / Consent Agenda be STRICKEN. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

9. [25-285](#) 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. 2025-115

E. REGULAR AGENDA

10. [25-260](#) Consideration to Dual Name NW 27th Avenue “Rev Evander Derico Sr Avenue.”
(Fiscal Impact: \$500 provided by requester)

(Staff Contact: Robert McCaughan)

Robert McCaughan, Public Works Director, presented a proposal to dual-name Northwest 27th Avenue as Reverend Evander Sr. Avenue. The street is located between Atlantic Boulevard to the south and Northwest 16th Street to the north. If approved, this proposal would return for a formal resolution at a future meeting. McCaughan concluded by mentioning that there are family members in the audience who wish to speak on the matter.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Rev. Evander Derico Jr., 5310 NW 9th Terrace, Pompano Beach, FL, spoke about the early history of Collier City, noting that before it was developed, five pioneer families-Dairy, Dixon, Perry, Carr, and Wiggins-lived in the area now known as Booby Trap. He shared that Rev. Derico Sr. was a leader in voter registration, sidewalk petitions, and community advocacy in the 1950s and 60s through the Concerned Community organization. He highlighted Rev. Derico’s role in founding churches, including one converted from a gas station where he served as pastor for 27 years, and emphasized his lasting impact on the neighborhood.

Queen Derico-Herbert, a retired business owner and lifelong Pompano Beach resident, spoke in support of renaming NW 27th Avenue in honor of her father, Reverend Evander Derico Sr. She shared that he lived on 27th Avenue for 32 years and was a civic leader in Collier City. He helped establish the area’s volunteer fire department and led voter registration efforts alongside his wife and children. She cited newspaper articles highlighting his work advocating for paved streets and public safety in the 1960s. Ms. Herbert noted that many city streets have been named after community leaders and urged the Commission to recognize her father’s legacy in the same way.

Rev. George Derico, the fourth child of Rev. Evander Derico Sr., spoke in support of renaming NW 27th Avenue to honor his father’s legacy. He recalled the early days of Collier City, when there were no paved streets, sidewalks, or streetlights, and shared how his father worked with Mr. Wade Horn to secure land for a community park. He credited Rev. Derico with helping bring sidewalks and lighting to the neighborhood and asked the Commission to recognize his father as other community leaders have been honored, by renaming the street from Atlantic Boulevard to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Dajayica Derico spoke in honor of her great-grandfather, Rev. Evander Derico Sr., emphasizing that his legacy represents the often-overlooked contributions of local Black leaders. She described his deep commitment to faith, education, and community service in Collier City, highlighting his role in forming the volunteer fire department, leading voter registration efforts, and supporting youth through education. She credited him with community improvements such as paved streets, sidewalks, streetlights, and the development of McNair Park. She urged the City to recognize him as a local hero whose impact deserves acknowledgment during Black History Month and beyond.

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 Item for Consideration/Discussion be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

11. [25-276](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND WEEKLEY ASPHALT PAVING, INC. FOR ASPHALTIC CONCRETE PAVEMENT SURFACING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
(Fiscal Impact: \$1,946,895)

(Staff Contact: Robert McCaughan)

Robert McCaughan, Public Works Director, presented the item, stating this is a second amendment to the City's contract with Weekly Asphalt Paving Inc., extending its term until April 30, 2026. All other contract terms and conditions will remain unchanged. The contract is primarily used to implement the City's five-year paving plan.

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

Vice Mayor Fournier emphasized the importance of paving and inquired whether the discussed amounts pertained to additional funding or simply aligned with the existing plan through 2026. Mr. McCaughan clarified that the mentioned amount related to the previous contract, which was not tied to new funding. He noted that the funding was separate and acknowledged comments raised at a recent budget workshop regarding proposed increased funding in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Vice Mayor Fournier mentioned that the company had been working on repaving in the Garden Isles neighborhood, specifically where a sewer main had collapsed on SE 3rd. She noted feedback from a resident regarding the quality of the repaving, which appeared wavy and might have required further attention. She requested an examination of the work to determine if it was complete or if additional layers needed to be

applied.

Comr. Fesik inquired about the contract extension for the road paving work, seeking information on the contractor's accomplishments and the fiscal impact. She also looked for a timeline and clarification on whether this contractor was the primary paver for the City. Mr. McCaughan confirmed that while they were primarily responsible for the City's five-year paving plan, other projects were handled by different departments, such as engineering and utilities, which also included paving work as part of specific projects.

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. 2025-116

12. [25-253](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$291,914.00 FOR THE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS TO SIGNALIZE THE NE INTERSECTION OF MLK BLVD. AND NW 18 DRIVE, PURSUANT TO THE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND CALVIN, GIORDANO & ASSOCIATES, INC. (CGA) FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: \$291,914)

(Staff Contact: Dr. Tammy Good)

John Sfiropoulos, City Engineer, mentioned that Broward County Traffic Engineering has evaluated the intersection of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and NW 18th Avenue, concluding that signalization is needed. As part of the item, a northbound right turn lane will also be designed on NW 18th Avenue. The agenda item covers engineering design, regulatory permitting, and bid preparation by Calvin Giordano & Associates.

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

Comr. Perkins expressed her enthusiasm for this project, which has been in the works for four years, to install a traffic light, noting that the current signal is just a pedestrian signal. Mr. Sfiropoulos confirmed her statement.

Comr. Perkins discussed the need for improvements due to accidents in the Golden Acres community and mentioned an upcoming new development that would increase traffic. She inquired about potential road closures, to which Mr. Sfiropoulos replied that there would be no road closures at that time, as the current activities were focused on design work and regulatory permitting.

Comr. Perkins asked if there would be any traffic slowdowns or homes affected in the future. She requested to be informed in advance if such situations arose. She also inquired whether surrounding residents would be made aware of what was happening in the area.

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed her excitement about this project and acknowledged the challenges involved in completing such projects. She emphasized the importance of addressing the pedestrian signal at SE 9th Street and Cypress Road, noting the increased traffic in the area. She pointed out the long timelines typical for these types of projects and suggested keeping the pedestrian signal issue on the radar.

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. 2025-117

13. [25-247](#) **P.H. 2025-44: (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 LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND PB KIOSK, LLC FOR THE CITY'S BEACH CONCESSION KIOSK LOCATED AT 20 N POMPANO BEACH BLVD.; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Annual Minimum Rent Revenue \$60,000)

FIRST READING: APRIL 8, 2025

(Staff Contact: Mark Beaudreau/Cassandra LeMasurier)

Cassandra LeMasurier, Real Property Manager, stated that there had been no changes since the first reading but clarified an error in her presentation from the last meeting. She noted that the existing kiosk is actually 551

square feet, not 451, as previously stated, because the earlier figure did not include the restroom area.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Chris Lavin, a longtime Pompano Beach business owner, spoke on Item 13 and shared that he was unaware of the opportunity being discussed until it was mentioned by friends. He operates an organic juice and vegan restaurant near Powerline Road and expressed interest in future opportunities at the beach. He asked that local business owners be better notified about such opportunities so they can participate.

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

Ms. LeMasurier explained that while not required by the City's Procurement Code, the City issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) due to the prominence of the location. The RFP was advertised twice in the Sun Sentinel, posted on the City's website, and sent to 121 vendors registered under the relevant commodity code in the City's electronic bidding system. She encouraged all Pompano Beach business owners to register as bidders on the City's Contracts and Procurement webpage, noting that it is free and is the best way to receive future solicitation notices.

Comr. Fesik shared concerns from residents and a local developer about the kiosk proposal, citing confusion over contract terms and lack of notice. She questioned why only four applicants responded to a prime beachfront opportunity and suggested future solicitations be promoted more broadly, not just through the eBid system. She also noted that nearby residents are weary from ongoing construction and want the space to remain publicly accessible, with many preferring a simple grab-and-go option over another restaurant.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton addressed concerns raised on social media and clarified that the proposal is for a grab-and-go establishment, not a full-service restaurant. She stated that the applicant plans to build a new \$2 million facility with restrooms and a kitchen, replacing an old storage shack. She emphasized that the intent is for families and beachgoers to easily get food and sit outside, and noted the agreement includes rent and a share of sales over a 20-year term, which she viewed as a good deal.

Vice Mayor Fournier noted that many residents and business owners often say they were unaware of available opportunities and suggested the City do more to promote them through social media. She recommended launching a campaign to encourage local businesses to register in the system and use the City's active platforms not just for renderings and project updates, but also to ensure broader awareness of solicitations and reduce confusion moving forward.

Comr. Smith suggested that a press release about the eBid registration process be sent out by Sandra King and recommended including the information in commissioners' electronic newsletters to help inform constituents about how to register and access city opportunities.

Comr. Fesik said she supports the grab-and-go idea but is concerned about the size of the new building and added construction delays. She visited the site and felt the existing structure needs repairs, but not a full rebuild. While she appreciated the \$2 million proposal, she questioned whether a smaller-scale upgrade might have

been more appropriate.

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

Fournier

Hardin

No: Fesik

Enactment No: ORD. No. 2025-35

14. [25-210](#) **P.H. 2025-43: (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, TO REDUCE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS TO DEVELOPMENT WITHIN REAR YARD CORNER TRIANGLES, BY AMENDING SECTION 155.4303., "STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES," TO MODIFY THE STANDARDS FOR A GAZEBO; BY AMENDING SECTION 155.5203., "LANDSCAPING," TO APPLY GENERAL LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS TO PLANTS MAINTAINED WITHIN A REAR YARD CORNER TRIANGLE; BY AMENDING SECTION 155.5302., "FENCES AND WALLS," TO ELIMINATE REQUIREMENTS FOR STANDARDS RELATED TO REAR YARD CORNER TRIANGLES ADJACENT TO WATERWAYS AND MODIFYING REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO SEAWALLS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 155.9301., "REAR PROPERTY LINE AS RELATED TO MEASUREMENTS," TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO REAR YARD CORNER TRIANGLES AS A MEASUREMENT FOR REAR PROPERTY LINE WHEN ABUTTING THE HISTORIC DUNE VEGETATION LINE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

FIRST READING: APRIL 8, 2025

(Staff Contact: Max Wemyss)

Max Wemyss, Principal Planner, presented an update on the ordinance during its second reading, noting that minor changes were made. He highlighted the addition of a struck-through graphic to the structured text and mentioned a response to a change requested by a representative from the Marine Advisory Board. He also requested the adoption of his previous presentation for this final reading.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, to approve the item, as amended.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Elaine Jenkins, SE 13th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, stated that chickees and gazebos are built on legs and do not obstruct views. She added that residents do not have a full waterway view from their homes and must walk to the dock, countering claims that such structures block visibility. She questioned whether commercial properties are held to the same site visibility triangle requirements as residential properties, noting that some commercial sites appear to have large obstructions near the seawall.

City staff clarified that the site visibility triangle applies to all properties abutting the waterway, residential and commercial.

Robert Kite, 940 SE 4th Avenue, spoke in support of amending the sight line regulations for waterfront properties. He stated that while sight lines have gradually changed over the 25 years he has lived on the water, structures like tiki huts have not caused significant visibility issues. He cautioned that strict enforcement could lead to costly removals of landscaping and features that residents value and have invested in, potentially creating conflict between homeowners, the City, and the building department. He encouraged the City to view the amendment as a way to give residents more usable space and avoid widespread pushback.

Ivan Usztiz supported removing the sight visibility triangle requirement, stating it would improve property use, support outdoor living, and increase property values. He noted that many existing structures are already out of compliance and that enforcing the current rules could create conflict. He argued that removing the requirement would allow for more outdoor features like tiki huts and kitchens, boost tax revenue, and promote fairness between waterfront and non-waterfront properties. He emphasized that the rear yard poses no safety risk and that the change would offer more design flexibility.

Don Smith, 170 SE 13th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, spoke in favor of eliminating the sight visibility triangle requirement, stating that enforcing it would require the removal of hundreds of backyard structures along the water. He warned that such enforcement would cause more issues than it solves and argued that residents should be allowed to use their backyards freely. He cautioned that uneven enforcement could raise legal concerns and urged the Commission to pass the amendment and move on.

Frank Pelly, Chair of the Marine Advisory Board, stated that out of approximately 3,200 waterfront residential properties in Pompano Beach, about 2,200 are currently in violation of the sight visibility triangle rule, yet only five citations have been issued. He noted that most violations involve landscaping rather than structures and emphasized that residents are largely not reporting each other. He referenced riparian rights, clarifying that a property owner's view extends straight out along their property lines, not across a neighbor's yard. He urged the Commission to recognize the waterfront community's position and pass the amendment.

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

Comr. Smith stated that although no one in District 5 lives on the water, she received a detailed email from resident Chris Zermine raising valid concerns about removing the sight triangles. She requested a postponement of the second reading to allow time for research and to visit waterfront properties, as she has never personally seen the rear of a waterfront lot. Therefore, Comr. Smith motioned to postpone the item to the May 13, 2025, City Commission Meeting, which was seconded by Comr. Sigerson-Eaton.

Vice Mayor Fournier emphasized that more than a year of work and community engagement had gone into the proposed change, including meetings with over 100 attendees. She noted that while there have been some dissenting voices, many residents who initially opposed the change realized it would benefit them once she pointed out existing noncompliant items in their yards. She acknowledged Comr. Smith's desire to learn more, but she questioned whether a vote to postpone would change her position, given the extensive outreach already done.

Comr. Fesik clarified that the ordinance also applies to non-waterfront properties by updating tiki hut height limits to match chickee huts, helping prevent conflicts over structure height. She noted the change would offer consistency and avoid unnecessary violations and emphasized the importance of giving residents more flexibility.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Ordinance / Regular Agenda be POSTPONED to the May 13, 2025 City Commission Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fesik

Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Fournier

Hardin

No: Perkins

15. [25-209](#) **P.H. 2025-41: (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 155.2411., "TREE PERMIT," SECTION 155.2421., "ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENT," SECTION 155.5203., "LANDSCAPING," AND SECTION 155.5204., "TREE PRESERVATION," TO CLARIFY AND INTRODUCE LANDSCAPING INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES AND INCORPORATE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 155.5204., "TREE PRESERVATION," TO CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION REGULATING COASTAL DUNE MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

FIRST READING: APRIL 8, 2025

(Staff Contact: Max Wemyss)

Comr. Fesik expressed a desire to call for a separate vote on the item, although she was not certain about the terminology. City Attorney Berman acknowledged her intention but admitted he was not clear on the meaning of her request.

Comr. Fesik agreed with Comr. Sigerson-Eaton's view mentioned at the prior meeting on separating the two components related to coastal dune management. Comr. Fesik suggested creating a new subsection for better clarity and organization, emphasizing the importance of treating each element distinctly. City Attorney Berman responded by highlighting the guidelines of Chapter 166, which dictated that related subject matters should be included in a single ordinance. He mentioned that the topics at hand-landscaping, tree preservation, and dune management-were interconnected within the broader landscaping code, arguing for their inclusion under one ordinance.

Comr. Fesik mentioned that a new subsection was being created. City Attorney Berman offered to separate the items into two distinct ordinances if the commission desired that.

Comr. Fesik proposed a motion to separate the two components, which was seconded by Comr. Sigerson-Eaton.

Mayor Hardin questioned whether to strike this specific ordinance. City Attorney Berman suggested they could remove it and bring it back later, noting that it had already been advertised for second reading. He confirmed that to proceed, they would need to strike it, conduct a first reading, and then advertise it again, indicating that it would involve two separate ordinances.

Mayor Hardin proposed to strike the item and direct staff based on the discussion.

Comr. Fesik asked if it was possible to separate the items since they had already been addressed; if not, she was fine with amending her motion. Mayor Hardin agreed and invited Comr. Fesik to move forward with her amendment.

Comr. Fesik then amended her motion to strike the item and divide it into two separate agenda items, which was seconded by Comr. Sigerson-Eaton.

City Attorney Berman sought clarification on whether Comr. Fesik wanted to separate the topic of coastal dune management and tree preservation. Comr. Fesik confirmed that she was specifically referring to the subsection.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton expressed a desire for greater incorporation of Florida Statute 163.045 into the city ordinance, as she felt it was currently unaddressed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fesik, seconded by Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Ordinance / Regular Agenda be STRICKEN and divide it into two separate agenda items. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Fournier
Hardin

16. [25-265](#) **P.H. 2025-45: (PUBLIC HEARING 1ST 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 155.3703., "ATLANTIC BOULEVARD OVERLAY DISTRICT (AOD)," BY EXPANDING PERMITTED USES IN THE DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: n/a)

(Staff Contact: Max Wemyss)

Max Wemyss, Principal Planner, introduced the agenda item. He commenced his presentation by providing an overview of the Atlantic Overlay District (AOD), highlighting its significance and unique characteristics. He delved into the Proposed Text Amendment, outlining the changes being considered and their potential impacts. Additionally, he thoroughly discussed the various proposed uses, and the Text Amendment Review Standards, explaining the criteria that would guide the evaluation process for the proposed amendments.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Timothy Hernandez, Pompano Beach Fishing Village, 290 SE 6th Avenue, Delray Beach, FL, expressed concern about the proposal to make a certain use permitted by right near the Fishing Village. He stated that while they initially supported the applicant, but after speaking with staff, they later realized that without special exception status, there would be no way to enforce design standards consistent with the Village's multi-million-dollar investment. He recommended designating the use as a special exception to ensure alignment with architectural, landscaping, and lighting standards and to maintain the family-friendly character of the area.

Vicente Thrower, Pompano Beach, FL, stated that he supports staff's recommendation and believes the proposal should move forward as presented. He emphasized that the investment was made by the people and should be respected accordingly.

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

discussion.

Comr. Fesik stated that she reviewed the Planning and Zoning meeting to better understand the proposal and agreed with Mr. Hernandez's concerns. She praised the design standards established in the beach area and supported the concept of a jellyfish museum as a unique and educational indoor attraction. However, she favored allowing the project as a special exception rather than changing the zoning code entirely, noting the limited number of B-2 properties and the potential implications of a blanket zoning change.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton questioned why the museum couldn't be handled as a special exception. Mr. Wemyss explained that while it could apply to B-2 zoning, the AOD already allows the use and current special exception standards don't address design criteria. He noted that the Architectural Appearance Committee doesn't review facade changes. Comr. Sigerson-Eaton said the proposal seems like a great family-friendly idea but expressed concern about the lack of design details and how zoning classifications were applied. She noted museums are already permitted in nearby B-3 zones.

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed concern about unintended consequences with text amendments but noted that this proposal appears narrow in scope. She emphasized the importance of not making it too difficult for businesses to open and said the example shown did not concern her. She acknowledged the option to postpone but felt the amendment only affects a limited area-specifically museum uses in B-2 zoning within the AOD-since they are already allowed elsewhere.

Comr. Fesik acknowledged that zoning changes have been made in the past to support development, but expressed concern about further adding to the already dense AOD. She questioned the addition of "indoor commercial recreation" and Mr. Wemyss explained that it was included to allow for smaller, undefined indoor uses that could benefit destination areas. While Comr. Fesik supported the business concept, she favored handling it as a special exception rather than amending the overlay district, which she felt was already overextended.

Mayor Hardin supported the concept but expressed concern about allowing the use without requiring upgrades to the building. He emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards in the beach area, especially near future city investments, and said he would prefer the property be rebuilt. Without guarantees for improvements, he stated he would vote no.

Comr. Smith said she was not offended by the proposed building's appearance and felt it could be a great attraction for families and tourists. She noted the changes affect only a small portion of the overlay district and expressed support for allowing unique businesses to use those limited parcels.

Comr. Fesik reiterated she supports protecting the City's investment in the beach area and AOD by requiring commercial properties to meet design standards rather than allowing a blanket zoning change. She noted past efforts to beautify the area, including the pier and upcoming W Hotel, and agreed with Mayor Hardin that future changes should include clear design expectations.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by

Commissioner Sigerson-Eaton, that the Ordinance / Regular Agenda be APPROVED FIRST READING.. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Smith
Fournier

No: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Hardin

17. [25-269](#) **P.H. 2025-46: (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 LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND BLUEWATER MOVEMENTS, INC. TO UTILIZE THE EMMA LOU OLSON CIVIC CENTER, CHARLOTTE BURRIE CIVIC CENTER AND ALSDORF PARK TO CONDUCT ITS ANNUAL POMPANO BEACH SALTWATER CIRCUIT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Mark A. Beaudreau)

Mark Beaudreau, Recreation Director, discussed a new three-year agreement with Blue Water, building on their nine-year collaboration to host a successful fishing tournament series. This series includes events such as the Saltwater Shootout, Saltwater Slam, and Saltwater Showdown, which collectively offer over \$600,000 in cash and prizes. The tournaments are expected to provide significant economic benefits to the City through increased revenue from lodging, dining, and retail, benefiting tourism and anglers alike.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item and invited 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 APPROVED FIRST READING. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Fesik
Perkins
Sigerson-Eaton
Fournier
Hardin

Absent: Smith

18. [25-293](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING _____ TO THE GOLF ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF GARY RUDERMAN; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON MAY 15, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

Applicants

Other Board Memberships

Scott Schoen, **Alternate 1** - District 3
Robert Hendren, **Alternate 2** - District 3
Francis D Santos - District 3
Roy A Wilhoite - District 3

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(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

Vice Mayor Fournier nominated Scott Schoen to fill the unexpired term of Gary Ruderman on the Golf Advisory Board.

Comr. Smith proposed adding Stephen Botek, a nominee from District 5, to the Golf Advisory Board list. She noted his enthusiasm for golf and involvement in local golf courses and believed he would be a valuable asset. Comr. Smith made a motion to postpone the item to allow for Mr. Botek's inclusion in the next vote.

Mayor Hardin noted that Comr. Sigerson-Eaton seconded the motion. City Clerk Alfred confirmed that this appointment is not urgent. Mayor Hardin then acknowledged the motion and opened the floor for further discussion on the postponement.

Vice Mayor Fournier discussed the board's alternates, highlighting their active participation. She suggested that when promoting someone to a board position, it would create an opportunity for an alternate to step up. However, she expressed reluctance to bypass current board members for promotion, emphasizing her support for those who were actively engaged.

Comr. Smith acknowledged that if one of the alternates were appointed, it would create a vacancy for another alternate position. She expressed uncertainty about the postponement process and ultimately decided to withdraw her motion.

Mayor Hardin confirmed that appointing an alternate would lead to an appointment on a future agenda item to fill the resulting vacancy. However, he clarified that there was no guarantee on who would be appointed to the position.

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-118**F. ADDITIONAL AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Hardin asked if there were any additional speakers signed-up to speak under Audience to be Heard, to which City Clerk Alfred replied there were none.

G. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

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

April 30, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. - Special Joint City/CRA Meeting
May 13, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting
May 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. - Special Joint City/CRA Meeting
May 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

H. REPORTS**City Manager's Report:**

City Manager Harrison invited staff to speak about upcoming events and accolades.

Russell Ketchem, Environmental Services Director, highlighted department initiatives in honor of the 55th Earth Day. He shared that 16 rare fruit trees were planted at the Patricia Davis Community Garden, and the department partnered with local schools to support on-campus gardens. They have distributed nearly 500 compost bins to residents, restarted recycling programs at schools and City Hall, and are concluding their annual scholarship program for Pompano Beach students pursuing environmental studies.

Lisa Sonogo, Human Resources Director, announced that the City of Pompano Beach was awarded the 2025 Bell Seal for Workplace Mental Health at the Gold level by Mental Health America. This recognition, achieved by only two in five employers, honors the City's commitment to mental health through its workplace culture, benefits, inclusive practices, and holistic wellness initiatives.

Major Ellwood reported that since implementing an operational plan on April 7, over 40 citations have been issued to semi-trucks, including one for a criminal violation. He credited Deputy Kersey, who has led the enforcement effort and is exploring long-term solutions. Major Ellwood noted that the operation will continue and introduced Deputy Kersey, recognizing his 36 years of service with Pompano Beach Police and the Sheriff's Office, and shared that he will be retiring in June.

Deputy Kersey reported issuing over 550 commercial truck citations last year totaling \$60,715 in fines and questioned whether those fines are being collected. He shared concerns about making Northwest 15th Street a no-through-truck zone, noting that it could impact residents who drive trucks for a living, including families in Golden Acres and along Third Avenue. He emphasized the need for ethical and empathetic enforcement and described challenges such as drivers ignoring signs and GPS systems still directing them through residential routes. Kersey suggested that restricting tractor trailers specifically, rather than all trucks, from 15th Street, between I-95 and Dixie Highway, could be a more balanced solution. He recommended collaboration with the

city attorney and public works to improve signage and enforcement strategies.

Comr. Perkins emphasized the impact of trucks parking and sleeping along Northwest 15th Street, especially in residential areas, and expressed frustration that this issue has continued for years. She reiterated her motion to raise citation fines and stated her intent to increase them to \$500. Deputy Kersey clarified that many trucks are parked west of the overpass, but acknowledged that some, including one near a resident's home on 19th Avenue, are in residential areas. Comr. Perkins stressed that trucks should not be sleeping along 15th Street regardless of location and offered to help BSO find a solution.

City Attorney Berman stated that the requested ordinance change is on the next agenda. He shared that he met with the Chief earlier that day and plans to coordinate with BSO and the Parking Division to identify potential solutions to bring back to the Commission. He explained that ticketing alone has not resolved the issue and collecting fines from out-of-state drivers is difficult. He acknowledged the broader national problem of limited truck parking and said the team would explore creative ideas, including reviewing past federal grant options.

Major Ellwood committed to continued enforcement while seeking creative, collaborative fixes.

Vice Mayor Fournier suggested organizing a Zoom meeting with the appropriate departments such as code enforcement and parking to gather accurate data, photos, and a map of where truck violations are occurring. She recommended compiling a summary with proposed solutions similar to the City's coordinated approach to the Blount Road shelter in order to better understand the scope of the issue and track enforcement outcomes.

Comr. Fesik supported Vice Mayor Fournier's suggestion for a coordinated meeting and added that zoning and development review staff should be included to address how the City plans for traffic and deliveries as it grows. She emphasized that businesses requiring truck access should not disrupt residential neighborhoods and said it was time to fix the issue of trucks parking and sleeping in residential areas.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton requested that any signage updates also include the Highlands area between Dixie Highway and Federal Highway. She noted that GPS systems are directing trucks through residential streets because those roads were previously classified as arterial feeder roads. She asked if the City could work with the County to update the designations and help redirect trucks to proper industrial routes that would avoid disturbing neighborhoods at night.

City Attorney Berman stated that the City already restricts tractor trailer parking in residential areas and that they are subject to towing unless parked for less than 24 hours. He explained that under Chapter 316 of the Florida Statutes, particularly Section 316.008, cities have limited authority to regulate specialized traffic on city streets. He said his office would review what changes are legally possible and ensure that any actions taken remain within the scope allowed by state law.

Comr. Fesik suggested exploring a secondary solution by identifying land in Pompano Beach that could serve as a staging area for trucks. She noted that while some parcels are currently tied up in discussions, they may be unused and could potentially be repurposed for temporary parking until deliveries are scheduled.

Mayor Hardin stressed continued enforcement.

Comr. Perkins stated that the immediate issue is trucks sleeping overnight in neighborhoods, which should be addressed first. She emphasized that GPS systems may guide drivers through certain areas but do not instruct them to park and sleep. She suggested the City prioritize stopping overnight truck parking before addressing truck traffic related to businesses and routing.

City Attorney's Report:

No report.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Alfred noted that Scott Schoen's promotion to full membership on the Golf Advisory Board has created a vacancy for the Alternate 1 position. Based on previous discussions, the Alternate 2 member will be promoted to Alternate 1, and staff will locate Stephen Botek's application for consideration at the next meeting.

Comr. Fesik's Report:

Comr. Fesik thanked Chief McGinnis and the Fire Department for their response to a recent heart attack incident at a local business, which resulted in saving the man's life. She noted that the incident sparked interest in AED access, with the business owner planning to purchase a used unit and provide training. She suggested the City consider leveraging its procurement capacity to offer subsidized AEDs and training to small businesses, potentially through grants. She also thanked staff who supported both the Hunters Manor Park event and the Kiwanis-led Easter Sunrise Service, highlighting their early morning dedication. She announced a District 1 meeting scheduled for May 12th from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Emma Lou Olson Civic Center.

Comr. Perkins' Report:

Comr. Perkins reported on a successful event at Hunters Manor Park, attended by over 800 residents with two live bands. She expressed gratitude to the Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments but noted that the Broward Sheriff's Office was absent, leaving attendees curious. On a somber note, she mentioned the passing of Benjamin Miller, a retired school teacher who served on city boards, and highlighted the proclamation issued in his honor during Black History Month. His funeral services are scheduled for Saturday in Deerfield Beach, Florida.

Lastly, Comr. Perkins commented on disrespectful behavior by a consultant, stating that if it continues, she would request immediate contract termination. She asked City Attorney Berman whether there are disciplinary policies for contracted consultants. City Attorney Berman explained that while there are no disciplinary procedures for external contractors, contracts often include clauses allowing termination for cause or convenience and may include expectations for professional conduct. Comr. Perkins expressed frustration over being insulted by an RMA consultant and said she felt unsupported. She emphasized that her focus remains on delivering results for her district, particularly the new downtown project, and reiterated her dedication to the community.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton's Report:

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton announced that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan public meeting will be held on Thursday, May 1st at 6:00 PM at the Highlands Community Center. She noted she is looking forward to the event and that exciting developments are ahead.

Comr. Smith's Report:

Comr. Smith said it was wonderful to see the Habitat homeowners present and commended Habitat for Humanity for helping residents achieve homeownership. She announced that the Community Appearance Committee's volunteer beach cleanup will take place on May 10th from 9:00 AM to noon, meeting at 8:45 AM near the former Sandbar Snacks location at 20 N. Pompano Beach Boulevard. She shared a positive experience using the Circuit shuttle with her husband for a date night in East Pompano, highlighting local businesses and encouraging residents to use the app for convenient beach access. She closed with a quote from Will Rogers.

Vice Mayor Fournier's Report:

Vice Mayor Fournier announced that the streets in the Avondale and Fairview neighborhoods will be cleaned on May 15th, which is sooner than initially planned. She expressed gratitude to Russell Ketchem for making this possible. Also, she announced that her April community meeting will be held at Emma Lou Olson Center at 6:30 PM due to roof work at the American Legion. The meeting will cover the Parks Master Plan and youth sports. She supported Comr. Perkins' concerns about dysfunction and lack of Commission support, criticized the Mayor's handling of a matter at a recent CRA meeting, and requested better calendar coordination and a monthly report of contracts signed by the Mayor and City Manager to improve transparency.

Comr. Fesik addressed comments from the prior CRA meeting, stating her concerns and questions reflect those of her district and are not personal attacks. She said she has been subjected to unfair criticism simply for representing her constituents and stressed that dialogue and transparency are essential. She reiterated her April 6 request to Mr. Harrison about CRA social media posts and shared his response, affirming he took responsibility. She also criticized the optics of recent public comment procedures, arguing some speakers appeared to receive preferential treatment without time limits or opportunity for Commission rebuttal. She concluded by thanking residents for their support and affirmed her commitment to respectful, resident-focused service.

Comr. Perkins clarified that during Commission reports, she should be able to yield time to someone like a staff member or consultant. Mayor Hardin confirmed this is allowed and explained that his reason for inviting Ms. Briesemeister to speak was because she is a city consultant, not just a member of the public. He distinguished that audience members must use the "Audience to Be Heard" section, but commissioners may include city staff or consultants in their report time.

Mayor Hardin's Report:

No report.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM.

Rex Hardin, Mayor

Kervin Alfred, City Clerk