

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, June 10, 2025

1:00 PM

Commission Chamber

City Commission Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Rex Hardin, Mayor called the City Commission meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Pastor Larry Trotter of Florida Coast Church offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Kervin Alfred, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[25-392](#) Joint Special Workshop of City and CRA Minutes of April 22, 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.

[25-393](#) Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of May 13, 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 inquired with City Manager Harrison about any changes to the Agenda, and Mr. Harrison affirmed that there were none.

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed concerns over Item 14, noting that the issues she raised at the prior meeting hadn't been adequately addressed. She indicated uncertainty about her vote if forced to decide today and suggested tabling the item to respect everyone's time. She then made a motion to table Item 14, which was seconded by Comr. Fesik.

The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes:Fesik

Perkins

Fournier

No:Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Hardin

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

CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION

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

Mayor Hardin announced that Items 4 and 6 would be pulled for City Commission discussion.

A. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

[25-395 Broward Healthpoint's Stay Healthy Together initiative](#)

Mayor Hardin introduced Melida Akiti, Corporate Transformation Executive from Broward Healthpoint to speak about their Stay Healthy Together initiative.

Ms. Akiti highlighted that Broward Health is the largest public health system in the northern area and expressed concerns about individuals accessing healthcare at traditional facilities. To address this, they will deploy two mobile vans in the community for two years, ensuring

healthcare access is more convenient. On July 12th, they will host a large healthcare event featuring doctors, nurses, and social services. Following the event, the mobile vans will be stationed at selected locations for three days each week over eight weeks, targeting areas with high emergency room visits and low insurance coverage. They aim to provide healthcare access to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay, and sought collaboration with local officials to support the initiative.

Comr. Perkins inquired about the date and location of the event scheduled for July 12th. Ms. Akiti informed her that the event would run from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, but attendees were expected to arrive between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM for a presentation. Additionally, there would be 600 bags of food and fresh produce available for distribution.

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed gratitude to Ms. Akiti for her contributions to the community and for including Pompano Beach in the event, noting they would see her on July 12th.

The Special Presentation was READ AND PRESENTED INTO THE RECORD.

B. PRESENTATION

[25-399](#) Internal Audit Activity Report - March 2024 through April 2025. Deusdedit C Kiyemba, Internal Auditor will provide an activity report covering the past 14 months.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Deusdedit C. (DC) Kiyemba)

Mayor Hardin introduced Deusdedit (DC) Kiyemba, the Internal Auditor, who will present the internal audit activity report covering March 2024 through April 2025.

Mr. Kiyemba stated that the auditing activities conducted include the completion of one audit project involving three GO Bond projects totaling over a million dollars, as well as technical assistance with contracts and agreements.

Mr. Kiyemba expressed gratitude to city officials and staff for their cooperation, which facilitates the audit process. He emphasizes the importance of feedback from the commission on the audit activities. The report provides a dashboard for quick reference and a detailed section regarding each project's background, risk ratings, and follow-up on previous audit recommendations.

The audit process includes meetings with department heads to discuss objectives and scope, as well as a thorough review and follow-up to ensure implementation of recommendations. Projects are rated for risk, with an aim to achieve low-risk ratings after corrective actions have been completed. The report also mentions ongoing consultations with city staff on various processes and the involvement in strategic city planning.

Vice Mayor Fournier sought clarification on procurement issues related to fire trucks and vehicles, noting

potential conflicts between old policies and new ordinances. She referenced an email discussing these inconsistencies and asked Mr. Kiyemba if there were plans to address them in the coming year. Mr. Kiyemba confirmed that a Commission workshop is being organized to discuss aligning the ordinances, resolutions, and administrative policies.

Vice Mayor Fournier raised a question about the relationship between new ordinances and existing administrative policies, particularly whether new ordinances override older policies. She expressed interest in understanding how to address any inconsistencies that might arise from this. Mr. Kiyemba responded, indicating he planned to collaborate with the Purchasing Director, accounting, and the City Attorney to review the existing policies and ensure they aligned with the new ordinances, in coordination with the City Manager.

Comr. Fesik inquired about the accessibility of the presentation, mentioning that the audience might not have seen everything. She asked if there were any key points or conclusions that should have been emphasized for public understanding. Mr. Kiyemba responded by stating that he had provided the report to the City Clerk, implying it would be available for reference.

Comr. Perkins inquired about the color coding of the report, specifically asking if being "low in the green" was good or bad. Mr. Kiyemba clarified that green indicated everything was fine and no action was needed, as errors had been corrected. Yellow signified that further action was needed in about six months, while red indicated immediate action was required within the next 90 days, usually with cooperative efforts to address the issues.

Comr. Perkins asked Mr. Kiyemba about the late activity report and his performance evaluation. Mr. Kiyemba explained he was not ready for the evaluation due to the ongoing recruitment of a staff auditor and the implementation of a new audit management system. Now that the staff auditor had been hired and the system was operational, he completed the activity report and was ready for the evaluation. However, he did not have any updates on when it would be presented.

Comr. Fesik sought clarification regarding a finding on page 27 of the document related to construction change order requests for the Senior Activity Center project. She noted that there were a total of 117 requests, which were broken down by different projects, construction companies, and dollar amounts. Specifically, she wanted to understand the dollar amount listed in a column of table four, which mentioned the total cost effect of the affected change order requests. She was trying to determine whether this amount reflected how much over budget the project was or if it indicated something else. Mr. Kiyemba confirmed the page number and project referenced.

Comr. Fesik sought clarification on the referenced table labeled "total cost of affected construction change order requests," specifically asking whether the dollar amounts listed were over budget or represented the total costs of the project. Mr. Kiyemba indicated that the amounts could refer to costs both within and beyond the budget. The commissioner then confirmed that only two change orders did not go through the City Commission. Mr. Kiyemba responded by suggesting that all change orders were presented to the City Commission at some point.

The 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:

Jennifer Thomas-Sassone, SE 11th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, commended the City for its focus on future development, but a disturbing incident involving a homeless woman and her pregnant dog on Atlantic Boulevard highlights urgent, unmet needs in our community. Despite BSO involvement, no help was provided, raising concerns about available resources, enforcement of public camping laws, and support for vulnerable residents. As the city plans for growth, it must first address foundational issues like homelessness, police authority, and the DMV situation to ensure current residents are not left behind.

Comr. Fesik noted that while the DMV may be beyond the City’s control, this is a good moment to pause, reassess efforts, and explore improvements. The incident highlights the need for stronger support and outreach, especially when a person seeking help receives less attention than their pet. That imbalance is troubling and must be addressed.

Vicente Thrower was deeply concerned by the conduct and rhetoric of the County Sheriff, particularly his recent press conference, which appeared to target the longstanding and respected Thurston family of Pompano Beach. The Sheriff’s comments were not only disrespectful but dismissive of the contributions and history of families who have built this community. Mr. Thrower urged the City Commission to clarify where it stands on the study for its own police department, as the residents deserve leadership that respects their legacy and serves their best interests.

Lisa Golitz, 1340 South Ocean Boulevard, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concerns about the newly installed median in front of the Waldorf, which obstructs access to her driveway when large delivery trucks are present. On one occasion, Ms. Golitz had to exit her vehicle, stop traffic, and enter the oncoming lane just to reach her home. The median also creates a hazardous merge point for residents entering Renaissance 1, offering limited space for safe left turns. Additionally, pedestrian safety along A1A is inadequate-crosswalks are poorly lit, and there are no flashing lights to enhance visibility at night. From Atlantic Boulevard to 12th Street, there are no pedestrian lights, and only one light at 13th, making this stretch a dangerous, high-speed zone. She suggested installing flashing crosswalk signals, like those in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, to improve both safety and traffic calming.

Comr. Fesik noted that the City has recently approved illuminated crosswalks for South A1A. While she does not have an exact installation timeline, they are in progress and will be implemented.

Matthew Walsh, 2306 East Atlantic Boulevard, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed that running a business in Pompano Beach can be challenging, particularly when it comes to accessing available commercial spaces. Many valuable properties remain vacant, not due to a lack of interest from local entrepreneurs, but often because they are being held for larger, out-of-town developers. He believed there is an opportunity for the City to support small businesses by encouraging the use of these spaces, possibly through vacancy taxes or similar

measures. Additionally, recent permit requirements for private events have raised concerns about added burdens on local business owners. He requested that the City consider policies that promote inclusion and provide greater opportunities for small, community-based enterprises to thrive.

Mike Skversky, 1630 Southwest 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, raised concerns about the Community Redevelopment Agency's (CRA) property acquisitions in the Northwest area. He cited instances where the CRA paid significantly inflated prices for small properties compared to recent sales. He called for an investigation into these purchases and also questioned new permit requirements for private events within the CRA district, viewing both as a misuse of taxpayer money.

Rodrick Phillips, 2620 Northwest 10th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, extended an invitation to the Commissioners and Mayor for the Exit 36 Homeless Mental Health Drug Addiction Awareness Day event on November 29th. Mr. Phillips expressed gratitude to those who voted for the public financing initiative and specifically thanked Vice Mayor Fournier for her support. He also commended the BSO on their recent efforts in addressing the homeless situation, noting their engagement with individuals in the JMAW area.

Mary Phillips, 384 Northwest 19th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, announced the Education Crime Employment and Business Forum on Thursday, June 26, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, at the E. Pat Larkin Center. The free event, moderated by attorney Chris Smith, will feature panels on education funding, felon rights, job opportunities, and small business grants. Ms. Phillips also inquired about adding a ballot initiative for a new district and advocated for rebuilding the E. Pat Larkin Center at its current site for parking benefits.

David Miller, 2621 Northwest 13th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, invited the City Commission to his art exhibit at the Cultural Center Library and highlighted his cross-generational event planning. He introduced the terms "met out" (meeting fatigue) and "taxed out," expressing the latter as a serious concern for District 5 property owners. Mr. Miller concluded by inviting the commission to the Circle of Brotherhood's Gun Violence Breakfast on Saturday, June 21, at 8:00 AM at Greater Antioch Baptist Church.

Rev. Margaret Luster, 632 Northwest 20th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, urged the City Commission to address the neglect of the city's northwest side. She called for the proper recognition of a historical marker at Pompano Beach Cemetery and the preservation of historic buildings on Martin Luther King Boulevard. Rev. Luster criticized the Community Redevelopment Agency's expansion beyond its original scope, which she believes diverted resources. As a homeowner's association president, she also expressed concerns about unauthorized developments and called for improved code enforcement and engagement with residents to combat the area's declining appearance.

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.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hardin requested a motion to Approve/Adopt Items 1-3, 5, and 7-9 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. [25-384](#) 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 WILLIAM JOSEPH SIMPLOT AND JOAN CONNORS, 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. 2025-154

2. [25-385](#) 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 WILLIAM JOSEPH SIMPLOT AND MICHAEL MRACHEK, 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. 2025-155

3. [25-386](#) 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 JOHN AND LAURA HAUF AND HOWARD SCOTT AND JONI BETH KHANI, 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. 2025-156

4. [25-373](#) 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 1 TO LOAN AGREEMENT SW0624B0 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: Nathaniel Watson/Mondy Claude)

Mayor Hardin announced that the item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Vice Mayor Fournier and Commissioner Fesik.

Vice Mayor Fournier inquired about delays in the permitting process from the Army Corps of Engineers. Nathaniel Watson, Acting Utilities Director, explained that personnel changes within the Army Corps had impacted their progress. However, he confirmed that there was now an active person processing the permit, and they were also working through the City's permitting process simultaneously.

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed that they were still waiting for a response or action from the Army Corps, and Mr. Watson affirmed that, to his knowledge, that was indeed the case.

Vice Mayor Fournier discussed the permitting difficulties faced by the 6th Terrace Bridge due to changes in personnel at federal agencies like the Coast Guard and Army Corps. She questioned how the City could improve the process, given its investment in lobbyists. Gregory Harrison, City Manager, responded by clarifying that lobbyists did not influence the permits, as the process was handled by administrative personnel with engineering backgrounds who adhered strictly to established procedures. He emphasized the importance of ensuring all details were correctly managed to move the projects forward.

Vice Mayor Fournier acknowledged the detailed processes involved in city applications and emphasized the importance of submitting them properly to facilitate progress. Mr. Harrison shared his experience that involving lobbyists often led to delays rather than assistance.

Vice Mayor Fournier emphasized the need for increased communication and advocacy regarding the 6th Terrace Bridge project. She noted that active resident involvement had helped generate pressure on relevant agencies. The Vice Mayor expressed concern that without community interest, submissions might be overlooked, leading to delays in responses. She encouraged being proactive in communication to ensure the project received the necessary attention.

Comr. Fesik raised a concern about a project description that incorrectly depicted North Riverside Drive instead of South Riverside Drive during low tide in the accompanying image. She requested clarification on the project's actual location. Mr. Watson clarified that the construction will take place from Southeast 3rd Street to Southeast 8th Street, along South Riverside Drive to Hibiscus Avenue, involving new catch basins, an extended storm water system, and a new pump station.

Comr. Fesik expressed her concerns about the clarity of loan agreements mentioned in the agenda, specifically SW0624B0, and suggested that indicating the respective districts or providing brief descriptions related to familiar projects would help residents understand the items better. Mr. Watson confirmed that the discussed item pertains to District 1, while the next item will be for District 4.

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

Comr. Perkins expressed her support for Comr. Fesik's request for identifying agenda items by district, noting that she had requested this about two years ago. She acknowledged that it had not been implemented yet. She wished the Commissioner good luck.

Vice Mayor Fournier mentioned that Comr. Perkins has repeatedly requested that this information be added, which is helpful for district-specific items, even though some items are citywide and not applicable to districts. She noted that relevant information was previously available but has since disappeared and suggested finding a way to reintroduce it, acknowledging that it may not be comprehensive and could cause confusion.

Comr. Fesik noted that Item 4 has a broad application not just to a particular area but also to the Army Corps of Engineers and staff. She wanted to ensure that everyone is aware of the revised timeline for project completion. Mr. Watson confirmed her statement.

Mr. Watson discussed the loan delay but expressed hope for moving the project forward. He mentioned working with someone and expressed concern about potential changes affecting progress. He highlighted the ongoing efforts to obtain the necessary permit. Comr. Fesik acknowledged Mr. Watson's hard work on the project.

Comr. Perkins requested the identification of districts on the agenda to help people better follow discussions. She noted that many individuals struggle to keep up and often ask about specific districts, like District 4. Including district identifiers in the agenda would allow interested individuals to focus on relevant items.

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. 2025-157

5. [25-374](#) 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 WW062470 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: Nathaniel Watson/ 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. 2025-158

6. [25-375](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE FDOT DISTRICT FOUR (4) AMENDMENT NUMBER THIRTY-TWO (32) TO INCLUSIVE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD A1A (SOUTH OCEAN BLVD.) FROM MILE POST 9.031 AND MILE POST 9.072; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(Staff Contact: Robert McCaughan)

Comr. Fesik requested clarification on a resolution concerning landscaping maintenance by the Waldorf Astoria on A1A. She expressed neighborhood concerns about potential traffic impacts due to ongoing construction in the area, which is already experiencing bottlenecks. She then asked for an explanation to residents, emphasizing that the resolution involves only a small piece of land and is unlikely to affect A1A traffic.

Robert McCaughan, Public Works Director, presented a site plan for the Waldorf Astoria Residences to clarify a landscaping amendment. He explained that the project, located on A1A with the Atlantic Ocean to its east, will only impact the existing sidewalk and swale area. The sidewalk will be shifted to the curb's edge, with landscaping placed on its east side. Mr. McCaughan emphasized that no work will occur in the median or interfere with A1A traffic lanes.

Comr. Fesik expressed concern regarding the proposed sidewalk realignment closer to A1A due to an existing traffic bottleneck in the area. She requested a pause on the landscaping amendment for the Waldorf Astoria to gather residents' and first responders' feedback, questioning if the landscaping could be moved further onto the property to avoid narrowing the public right-of-way. Mr. McCaughan clarified that the right-of-way's width is fixed by FDOT regulations for traffic and drainage, making widening impossible without property acquisition. He reiterated that the amendment only shifts the sidewalk to accommodate the Waldorf Astoria's landscaping plan, similar to other properties, and will not impact traffic lanes. Comr. Fesik, however, remained concerned about the cumulative effect of development on traffic flow and the visual narrowing of the right-of-way from a pedestrian perspective.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Andrew Young, 1340 South Ocean Boulevard, Pompano Beach, FL, a resident adjacent to the Waldorf Astoria development, expressed significant concerns about its impact on A1A traffic and safety. He highlighted existing congestion from a new center median that has reduced lanes and impeded emergency vehicles, advocating for its removal. Mr. Young also raised safety concerns about the proposed landscaping height, fearing it would obstruct visibility for drivers entering and exiting nearby properties.

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

Comr. Fesik raised further concerns about the proposed landscaping amendment for the Waldorf Astoria. While acknowledging the landscaping is a required element for development, she questioned allowing its placement within the FDOT right-of-way to fulfill the developer's requirements. Comr. Fesik expressed apprehension that moving the sidewalk closer to A1A would put pedestrians nearer to traffic, despite a required buffer. She also emphasized resident concerns, particularly from those at the five-star residences, regarding traffic congestion and pedestrian safety in the bottlenecked area, highlighting a strong dislike for the existing median. Comr. Fesik stated she could not support the amendment without a more comprehensive review, including input from residents and first responders, to address the long-term impact on traffic flow and emergency services.

Vice Mayor Fournier inquired about previous modifications to medians south of Atlantic, noting ongoing traffic concerns despite past adjustments. It was confirmed that the median in question was shortened by 50 feet due to complaints from Renaissance II residents regarding turn lane access, and another near Emerald Tower was also adjusted. While the Ritz-Carlton median was temporarily removed, its return post-construction is anticipated. Vice Mayor Fournier expressed a desire to personally assess the site to distinguish between temporary construction-related issues and permanent access problems caused by new developments, emphasizing that new projects should not impede existing properties' clear access.

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

Yes: Sigerson-Eaton
Smith
Hardin

No: Fesik
Perkins
Fournier

7. [25-376](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A RECIPROCAL USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

(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. 2025-159

8. [25-383](#) 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 MEDLINE INDUSTRIES, LP TO PURCHASE MEDICAL SUPPLIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$200,000 per year)

(Staff Contact: Peter McGinnis)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-160

9. [25-401](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING **JACKAY HAWKINS** TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, AS ALTERNATE APPOINTEE OF COMMISSIONER DARLENE SMITH, FOR A TERM TO BE CONCURRENT WITH THE TERM OF THE APPOINTING OFFICIAL; 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. 2025-161

E. REGULAR AGENDA

10. [25-364](#) **P.H. 2025-54: (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 155.3501., "TRANSIT ORIENTED (TO)," AND BY AMENDING BUILDING TYPOLOGY AND PLACEMENT REGULATING DIAGRAM: "TOWNHOUSE BUILDING TYPE A AND TYPE B," TO MODIFY AUTHORIZED ACCESS TO TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN TRANSIT ORIENTED ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

FIRST READING: MAY 27, 2025

(Staff Contact: Max Wemyss)

Max Wemyss, Principal Planner, introduced the item, stating that this is the second reading of the ordinance and there have been no changes since the first reading.

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

Comr. Fesik expressed uncertainty about whether certain minor issues from the previous reading had been addressed internally, given that there were no changes to the ordinance. Mr. Wemyss replied, explaining that the current ordinance structure does not allow for amendments to sections unrelated to the ordinance itself. He emphasized that while setbacks within overlay districts could be discussed, any modifications would require starting over with a new ordinance rather than amending the current one.

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. 2025-44

11. [25-78](#) **P.H. 2025-55: (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 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH AND CENTRAL SQUARE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC FOR SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES OF THE CITY'S NAVILINE ERP (ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING) SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: A five-year total of \$1,207,573)

(Staff Contact: Allison Feurtado/Gene Zamoski)

Allison Feurtado, Finance Director, sought approval for a five-year renewal of the agreement with Central Square, the provider of the City's ERP system. This system is vital for daily operations, encompassing areas such as financial management, payroll, permitting, code compliance, and utility billing. It is foundational for multiple departments and has played a crucial role in ensuring the continuity of essential city services. Renewing the agreement provides stability, ongoing vendor support, and the opportunity to enhance and scale city services. This long-term commitment is aimed at preventing service disruptions and maintaining the integrity of the City's administrative and financial functions.

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

Comr. Fesik began by inquiring about the duration of the Naviline's implementation within the City, highlighting its extensive use. Ms. Feurtado responded that the system has been in operation for over 20 years.

Comr. Fesik followed up by asking if the program had undergone any modifications, to which Ms. Feurtado confirmed that regular upgrades have been made. Comr. Fesik then suggested that the system operates more like a software as a service model, and Ms. Feurtado agreed with this characterization.

Comr. Fesik inquired about the availability of comparable programs and potential discounts for a five-year commitment. Ms. Feurtado acknowledged that a discount exists. When Comr. Fesik pressed for clarification, Ms. Feurtado suggested there could be a 25% discount for committing to the five-year plan, although she admitted uncertainty about the exact figure.

Lastly, Comr. Fesik asked if there were any comparable systems to Naviline that had been observed. Ms. Feurtado confirmed that nothing comparable had been identified.

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. 2025-45

12. [25-387](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING _____ TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 12, 2028; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

Applicants

Barbara Armbrister-Boynton, **Incumbent** - District 5
Mona Silverstein, **Incumbent** - District 5
Jeffrey Spiro - District 1
Abel Crean - District 2

Other Board Memberships

0
0
0
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. Commissioner Perkins nominated Barbara Armbrister-Boynton. The motion to appoint Barbara Armbrister-Boynton carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-162

13. [25-388](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING _____ TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 12, 2028; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

PLEASE REFER TO FILE ID NO 25-387 ABOVE FOR APPLICANTS.

(Staff Contact: Kervin Alfred)

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

Enactment No: RES. No. 2025-163

14. [25-343](#) **P.H. 2025-49: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING THE FORM OF A GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH EACH SERIES PROJECT, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; APPROVING THE FORM, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, OF A MASTER TRUST AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE FROM TIME TO TIME THEREUNDER OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; APPROVING THE FORM OF A SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT, SUPPLEMENTING THE MASTER TRUST AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT RELATING TO ONE OR MORE SERIES OF CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION TO BE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE MASTER TRUST AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZED HEREIN; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OF TAX EXEMPT AND/OR TAXABLE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION EVIDENCING AN UNDIVIDED PROPORTIONATE INTEREST OF THE OWNERS THEREOF IN BASIC RENT PAYMENTS TO BE MADE UNDER A MASTER LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT (CIVIC FACILITIES MASTER LEASE PROGRAM) BY THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, SUBJECT TO THE PARAMETERS SET FORTH HEREIN, INCLUDING THAT THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SUCH CERTIFICATES SHALL NOT EXCEED \$137,000,000, ALL AS MORE FULLY

DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A TRUSTEE UNDER THE MASTER TRUST AGREEMENT, AS SUPPLEMENTED; APPROVING THE FORM, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION, OF A MASTER LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT (CIVIC FACILITIES MASTER LEASE PROGRAM) RELATING TO THE SERIES PROJECTS; APPROVING THE FORM, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION, OF A LEASE SCHEDULE TO BE DELIVERED IN CONNECTION WITH EACH SERIES PROJECT; APPROVING THE FORM OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE AGREEMENT; APPROVING THE FORM OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT TO BE DELIVERED IN CONNECTION WITH EACH GROUND LEASE; AUTHORIZING THE DELEGATED, NEGOTIATED SALE OF EACH SERIES OF THE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (CIVIC FACILITIES MASTER LEASE PROGRAM) SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED HEREIN AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN PARAMETERS OF SUCH SALE; APPROVING THE FORM, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, OF A CERTIFICATE PURCHASE CONTRACT RELATING TO EACH SERIES OF THE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (CIVIC FACILITIES MASTER LEASE PROGRAM) SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO THE PARAMETERS SET FORTH HEREIN; AUTHORIZING OBTAINING A COMMITMENT FOR A MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY AND/OR RESERVE ACCOUNT SURETY BOND SECURING A SERIES OF THE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (CIVIC FACILITIES MASTER LEASE PROGRAM) SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED HEREIN AND THE EXECUTION OF RELATED AGREEMENTS WITH THE INSURER; APPROVING A FORM OF PRELIMINARY OFFERING STATEMENT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FINAL OFFERING STATEMENT AND RELATED MATTERS RELATING TO EACH SERIES OF THE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (CIVIC FACILITIES MASTER LEASE PROGRAM) SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED HEREIN; APPROVING THE FORM, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION, OF A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE AND RELATED MATTERS RELATING TO EACH SERIES OF THE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (CIVIC FACILITIES MASTER LEASE PROGRAM) SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED HEREIN; AUTHORIZING ALL REQUIRED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE SERIES OF CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (CIVIC FACILITIES MASTER LEASE PROGRAM) SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$137 million (excludes premium or discount) to be financed over 30 years, anticipated maximum annual debt service of \$9.1 million over 30 year financing term. Savings of \$100 million over 30 year financing term as compared to private financing option approved June 20, 2024 in the Downtown Master Development Agreement.)

(Staff Contact: Suzette Sibble)

FIRST READING: MAY 27, 2025

Suzette Sibble, Assistant City Manager, presented the item requesting approval of financing documents for the construction of civic facilities in the new downtown area. This involves the City directly financing these facilities, rather than through the previously approved private financing mechanism, which is projected to save approximately \$100 million over a 30-year term. She confirmed that there have been no changes to the form documents since their first reading.

Mayor Hardin sought public input on the item.

Susan Machado, 111 Briny Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, criticized the lack of clarity in the agenda item's description, noting that its two pages of legalistic language failed to identify the specific project or district it pertained to until the very end. She advocated for more accessible language in official documents, emphasizing that taxpayers deserve to understand how their funds are being allocated.

Responding to concerns about clarity, Mr. Alfred stated that the City's website provides additional information in layman's terms for public understanding, with a direct link available on the third page of the agenda.

David Miller, 2621 Northwest 13th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, reiterated the difficulty in understanding the complex language used in official documents, echoing Comr. Perkins' earlier sentiment. He suggested that Pompano Beach, given its evolving identity as a pedestrian-friendly city within a limited 24-square-mile downtown area, should study other cultures' architectural and urban planning solutions for tight spaces and high foot traffic, particularly those unaccustomed to extensive 18-wheeler transit. Mr. Miller emphasized that cultural studies often provide practical solutions to complex urban challenges, advocating for their increased consideration in planning decisions.

Mike Skversky, 1630 Southwest 5th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL, urged the Commission to vote no on the proposed project, citing a fiduciary duty to taxpayers. He argued against the estimated quarter-billion-dollar cost, stating it's an unnecessary expenditure for a new city hall, parking garage, and additional building. Mr. Skversky contended that the project's cost significantly exceeds a more reasonable \$140 million and expressed concern that a "yes" vote would relinquish future Commission oversight. He concluded by asserting that the project is not needed, drawing a parallel to previous, similarly unnecessary bond expenditures totaling \$181 million.

Cindy Duarte, 932 Southeast 10th Court, Pompano Beach, FL, echoed concerns about the lack of clarity in project documentation, stating it was incomprehensible. She criticized the Commission for proceeding despite three commissioners, particularly the one representing the directly impacted district, lacking sufficient information or requesting further evaluation. Ms. Duarte emphasized her support for the redevelopment of the Northwest Corridor, but insisted that such development should align with the desires of its residents, not merely the views of commissioners without direct jurisdictional oversight.

Willie Jones, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed perplexity regarding the proposed relocation of the E. Pat Larkins Center, framing the issue as a conflict between progress and legacy. He emphasized that generational wealth extends beyond finances to encompass historical and cultural preservation. Mr. Jones, who frequently discussed legacy with the late E. Pat Larkins, questioned whether moving the center constitutes erasing history,

culture, and intent for the sake of monetary gain. He urged the Commission to consider the historical implications of their vote.

Betty Larkins, Pompano Beach, FL, advocated for the E. Pat Larkins Center to remain in its current location and undergo necessary renovations there, rather than being moved.

Dominique Louis, 400 Northeast 2nd Street, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concern that the proposed downtown development perpetuates second-class treatment for Black residents, questioning the necessity of a costly new city hall when other cities maintain older structures. He criticized the Commission for approving large projects, like a multi-billion-dollar downtown development, without apparent due diligence or fulfilling basic infrastructure promises, such as sidewalks in his district.

Michelle Grooms, 1589 Northwest 7th Lane, Pompano Beach, FL, expressed concern that the proposed development's benefits are not sufficiently reinvested in the tax-paying citizens. She highlighted issues such as traffic, inadequate sidewalks, flooding, and drainage, arguing that the city should prioritize these immediate needs over extensive development. Ms. Grooms also raised points about landscaping, noting that while trees are aesthetically pleasing, their maintenance burdens an aging population. She urged the Commission to ensure that new businesses do not negatively impact existing residents, especially seniors, and to focus budget allocations on directly supporting the community.

Anne Bosworth, 4015 West Palm Aire Drive, Pompano Beach, FL, criticized the Commission's decisions impacting unrepresented communities, particularly regarding the E. Pat Larkins Center. She asserted that the community's identity is tied to the building, and they should decide its future. She condemned attempts to divide residents and urged the Commission to reconsider actions that override community wishes.

David Hall, Pompano Beach, FL, urged the Commission to "save the taxpayers money" by voting to approve the current financing for the new downtown project. He argued that rejecting the proposed financing would cost taxpayers an additional \$100 million without halting the project's construction. Mr. Hall emphasized that the downtown development has undergone extensive planning and numerous public meetings over 25-30 years, asserting that re-litigating past decisions is counterproductive. He criticized those who remain uninformed about city matters yet offer opinions, while acknowledging the complexity of a multi-billion-dollar project. Drawing on the expertise of a retired developer, he stated that the financing agreement is standard for public-private projects. Mr. Hall concluded by imploring the Commission to act as fiduciaries and vote solely on the financial prudence of the item.

Donald, a visitor, expressed disappointment with the City's proposed multi-million or billion-dollar projects, including a new city hall, when local elementary schools lack basic supplies like crayons-necessitating donations. He urged the Commission to reevaluate its priorities, suggesting the existing building could be repurposed for educational uses such as tutoring.

Wayne Vereen, 2420 Northwest 7th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, urged the Commission to make decisions that reflect the needs of their respective districts, emphasizing the importance of mutual respect and collaboration among commissioners. He stated that Pompano Beach can achieve better outcomes if its leadership works together and prioritizes listening to constituents. Mr. Vereen particularly highlighted the

concerns of District 4 and District 5, asserting that these areas often feel overlooked compared to other parts of the city. He evoked the legacy of the late E. Pat Larkins as an example of a leader who listened to his community, suggesting that such responsiveness would lead to positive results for the Commission, including re-election.

Rev. Margaret Luster, 632 Northwest 20th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, urged the Commission not to demolish the E. Pat Larkins Center, emphasizing its profound historical significance to Pompano Beach, particularly the Northwest area. She asserted that moving the building would erase history, as the physical structure itself embodies the legacy of E. Pat Larkins and his fight for all residents, including key figures like Luther MacNeil and Mr. Johnson, who initiated veteran programs. Reverend Luster highlighted the center's continued importance, noting its use for numerous community events and as a voter registration site by people from all parts of the city. She also warned against accepting incentives that might compromise the community's dignity and questioned the feasibility of relocating the center, stating there is no suitable alternative site large enough to accommodate it and with adequate parking. She concluded by appealing to the Commission to preserve the E. Pat Larkins Center as a testament to Pat Larkins's enduring contributions to the community.

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

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton sought clarification on the current agenda item regarding E. Pat Larkins Center and public financing. Ms. Sibble confirmed the item was solely about financing, with \$10.3 million allocated for a potential E. Pat Larkins Center replacement, but the decision to renovate or rebuild remains separate and would require future commission approval.

Ms. Sibble also confirmed that Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenue, generated from increased property values in the Northwest CRA, is legally mandated to be reinvested solely within that district, ensuring community reinvestment.

Regarding financing, Ms. Sibble explained that public financing involves the City directly issuing debt, which is projected to save \$100 million over 30 years compared to the approved private financing with Roca Point Partners. She clarified that this public offering would involve the sale of Certificates of Participation to investors, generating funds repaid through downtown revenues (land sales and tax increment), without placing an additional direct burden on city residents. She expressed confidence in the success of such an offering. Comr. Sigerson-Eaton summarized that the vote is only on financing, not the E. Pat Larkins Center's fate, and opting for public financing is fiscally responsible.

Vice Mayor Fournier expressed significant concerns regarding the City's approach to the downtown development and its financing. She contested the narrative that Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenue in the vast Northwest CRA has genuinely benefited its neighborhoods, asserting that most investment has been concentrated in limited areas, leading to a breakdown of trust among residents who feel historically neglected. She sought clarification on the process for approving civic building designs within the Master Development Agreement, specifically asking about recourse if the Commission remains deadlocked. Claudia McKenna, CRA Attorney, explained that if the Commission becomes deadlocked on a design, and the developer deems their disapproval unreasonable, a dispute resolution process will ensue. This process involves direct negotiation,

then mediation. If these fail, the developer could sue the City for unreasonably withholding consent, which means disapproval cannot be based on personal bias but must have a reasonable justification.

The Vice Mayor then critically stated that she would not support the current financing without a transparent process, genuine community engagement, and a clear vision for the downtown. She expressed deep disappointment with the City's perceived strategy of fostering division and lacked confidence in the information provided, emphasizing the need for data and studies reflecting community desires, rather than dictating what they will receive.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by Commissioner Fesik, to postpone the item to the July 22, 2025 City Commission Meeting.

Comr. Fesik supported the postponement, questioning the absence of a termination clause in the Master Development Agreement for a multi-billion-dollar project. Ms. McKenna clarified that the MDA, established after extensive public input, mandates the City's obligation to construct facilities and lacks a termination clause for simple cancellation due to the long-term commitments involved.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton opposed the postponement, arguing that the vote is solely on smart financing and not the civic building designs or the E. Pat Larkins Center. She stressed the financial prudence of proceeding now to save \$100 million in interest, emphasizing that public funding does not burden residents directly.

Comr. Perkins also supported the postponement, expressing deep mistrust in the project's current structure and the City's process. She argued that the financing is inextricably linked to the project's substance, which she believes unfairly impacts her district, particularly concerning the E. Pat Larkins Center. Comr. Perkins contended that the project benefits private interests over community needs and that the current approach fosters division.

Vice Mayor Fournier reiterated her call for a workshop and a more transparent process, advocating for replacing rigid consultants with individuals who prioritize genuine community engagement and a vision beyond a conventional City Hall. She emphasized the need for data to make informed decisions and ensure the project truly serves all residents, especially those in the Northwest community, and preserves history appropriately.

The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes:Fesik

Perkins

Fournier

No:Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Hardin

Comr. Fesik expressed longstanding concerns about the downtown development, noting a perceived pattern of disregarding community input and promoting an old project. She cited a 2008-2009 article about RMA's

controversial involvement in a West Palm Beach redevelopment, suggesting a history of questionable behavior.

Comr. Fesik also questioned the Commission's decision-making process, suggesting that even when decisions come before them, they can be framed to achieve a desired outcome, potentially undermining public will, particularly regarding the E. Pat Larkins Center. She expressed frustration with a perceived strategy of division and distraction, leading to continued community dissatisfaction with the project's costs and lack of impact on residents' immediate needs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fesik, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, to terminate the City's contract with RMA. Commissioner Fesik later withdrew the motion.

Comr. Fesik reiterated her deep dissatisfaction with the process and the perceived lack of transparency, particularly concerning how the project's financing connects to broader concerns like procurement and the ultimate cost to taxpayers.

Comr. Smith clarified the vote was solely on civic buildings funding, not broader infrastructure.

Comr. Fesik expressed significant concern, framing the situation as coercive, with the Commission forced to choose between public or private financing, both of which burden taxpayers. She questioned the legality of this constraint, suggesting a conflict with the City Charter and the possibility of abstaining due to ethical concerns. Mark Berman, City Attorney, clarified that abstention is a violation of state law unless a direct, declared conflict of interest exists, typically financial. He stated that the current situation, though frustrating, resulted from prior commission decisions made with full disclosure, and the vote's sole purpose is to potentially save \$100 million through public financing.

Comr. Fesik maintained her belief in a conflict, citing a lack of clear answers and external legal counsel. She reiterated her view that the process felt "morally bankrupt" and detrimental to the Northwest District. She then stated her intent to refuse to vote, urging two colleagues to join her in denying quorum, calling it an act of leadership to protect the City from an "undemocratic, unaffordable, and untransparent" plan. Mr. Berman reiterated that this would violate Florida law.

Comr. Perkins echoed these sentiments, criticizing the City's leadership and staff for allegedly strong-arming commissioners and creating division. She asserted that the project's complex bundling of issues, including renovations for the E. Pat Larkins Center, is designed to force its passage despite community opposition and her district's unmet needs. Comr. Perkins condemned the lack of genuine engagement and called for the Northwest community's needs to be prioritized.

Vice Mayor Fournier inquired if RMA was still involved in the downtown project, given Mr. Berman's statement that the Commission couldn't directly remove them. The City Manager confirmed that RMA is still under contract and consulted as needed for various aspects of the project, stating that they are considered an effective consultant.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fournier, seconded by

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

Yes: Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Hardin

No: Fesik

Perkins

Fournier

F. ADDITIONAL AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

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

Tricia Kind, Martin Luther King Boulevard, Pompano Beach, FL, a volunteer at Our Father's House Family Services, invited the Commission to visit the soup kitchen, noting that no commissioner has visited in over ten years. She highlighted a growing crisis among the working poor in Pompano Beach, stating that many individuals with full-time jobs, even those at major retailers, cannot afford housing and are resorting to living in their cars. Ms. Kind shared a poignant anecdote of a working mother living in her car with two children who declined toys due to lack of space. She urged the Commission to address the critical need for affordable housing and to empathize with the struggles of these essential workers, emphasizing that their inability to afford local rents is a pressing reality.

David Hall, Pompano Beach, FL, addressed the recent discussion about potentially replacing BSO with a city-run police department. While acknowledging BSO's current effectiveness, Mr. Hall cautioned that restarting a municipal police department would incur hundreds of millions of dollars in upfront costs and an additional \$40+ million annually to maintain comparable services. He stressed that without significant revenue generation through the development of every square inch of the city, Pompano Beach could not afford to provide a high-quality police department, implying that a cheap force would lead to inferior service and high turnover. Mr. Hall emphasized that maintaining the current level of law enforcement, especially given BSO's substantial operational time within Pompano, necessitates substantial financial resources.

G. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

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

June 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. - Budget Workshop

June 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular City Commission Meeting

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

H. REPORTS

City Manager's Report:

City Manager Harrison presented the BSO Resource Guide, a valuable informational tool, to the Commission. He then acknowledged Kodak Black's birthday on June 11th, commending him for significant charitable contributions within the city. These include paying rent for 200 Golden Acres residents on two occasions,

distributing air conditioners in the Northwest, and providing 200 motorbikes at Thanksgiving and gifts at Christmas. This recognition aimed to highlight his positive community impact.

City Attorney's Report:

No report.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Alfred reminded everyone via email about the July 1st deadline for financial disclosures.

Comr. Fesik's Report:

Comr. Fesik expressed skepticism about the projected \$100 million cost savings of public over private financing, stating her trust in Roca Point's ability to manage costs, potentially resulting in similar or even lower overall expenditures.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fesik, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, to terminate the City's contract with RMA.

The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes:Fesik

Perkins

Fournier

No:Sigerson-Eaton

Smith

Hardin

Comr. Fesik also requested the City Manager's annual evaluation be placed on the June 24th City Commission meeting agenda, expressing frustration with the delayed process. She concluded by reassuring residents that she would continue to advocate for them against perceived false narratives and manipulative tactics, calling for an oversight committee to ensure transparency.

Comr. Perkins' Report:

Comr. Perkins requested action on standing water at the E. Pat Larkins Center's east entrance and reported on a productive Liberty Park homeowners' association meeting with BSO, Parks and Recreation, and Code Enforcement. Common concerns included speed humps, drug houses, and parking issues. She praised Ms. Marguerite Luster's leadership of the association and announced a clean streets cleanup on June 26th at 9:00 AM for Liberty Park, Kendall Green, and Pompano Estates. Comr. Perkins also voiced strong disapproval about learning of potential BSO changes through the media rather than directly from city staff, reiterating her longstanding support for Pompano Beach to re-establish its own police department for better community

connection and localized control.

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton's Report:

Comr. Sigerson-Eaton extended well wishes to Kodak Black and expressed gratitude for his community contributions. She also commented on the successful Artisan event at the Bailey Contemporary Arts Center (BaCA).

Comr. Smith's Report:

Comr. Smith commended Broward Health's Stay Healthy Together Initiative for assisting uninsured residents. She announced a District 5 Development Services meeting at the Skolnick Community Center tomorrow, June 18th, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, to discuss a proposed land use plan amendment. She then shared a success story about Caroline, a formerly homeless elderly woman living in her car in Pompano. Through collaborative efforts by the City, Cassandra Rett, and Senator Pizzo, a GoFundMe campaign raised over \$9,000, enabling Caroline to secure housing at Heritage Station, a 55-and-older community. Lastly, Comr. Smith reported on her visit to the Artisan event at the BaCA on June 5th, where she was impressed by the artists' talent. She concluded with a quote: "A boat cannot go forward if each rows his own way," encouraging Commission unity.

Vice Mayor Fournier's Report:

Vice Mayor Fournier suggested the Commission review the meeting's rules of conduct on Page 3 of the Agenda, noting that their application should be consistent and uniform to improve meeting decorum. She expressed disappointment that an opportunity for compromise on a recent vote was missed, leading to continued division. She affirmed her commitment to voting in a way that benefits her constituents and ensures fair processes for the City. She also advocated for recognizing the silent contributions of teachers, nonprofits, and volunteers in the community. Finally, Vice Mayor Fournier announced that she is working with a Senator's office to bring a mobile DMV service to Pompano Beach in July at the Emma Lou Community Center, aiming to alleviate a significant pain point for residents.

Mayor Hardin's Report:

Mayor Hardin reminded everyone of an upcoming meeting (Pompano Beach Finance Corporation Annual Meeting) following this one before adjourning.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Rex Hardin, Mayor

Kervin Alfred, City Clerk