

City of Pembroke Pines, FL

*City of Pembroke Pines
Charles F. Dodge City Center
601 City Center Way
Pembroke Pines, FL 33025*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

6:30 PM

Regular Commission Meeting, Item 45 was revised, and Exhibit 9 was added to Item 31 on 6-16-2025.

Commission Chambers

City Commission

*Mayor Angelo Castillo
Vice Mayor Michael A. Hernandez
Commissioner Thomas Good Jr.
Commissioner Maria Rodriguez
Commissioner Jay D. Schwartz*

6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Mayor Angelo Castillo, Vice Mayor Michael A. Hernandez, Commissioner Thomas Good Jr., Commissioner Maria Rodriguez, and Commissioner Jay D. Schwartz

Also present: City Manager Charles F. Dodge, City Attorney Samuel Goren, and City Clerk Debra E. Rogers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eden Sereg.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was performed by Eden Sereg.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE PULLED FROM AGENDA

45. **[PULLED BY ADMINISTRATION]** DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE POLICE AND FIRE PENSION BOARD, FOR A TWO YEAR TERM, WHICH WOULD EXPIRE IN JUNE 2027.

City Clerk Rogers announced Item 45 was pulled by administration.

PRESENTATIONS:

PRE-1 PRESENTATION NO. 1: POLICE PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY

Mayor Castillo called on Police Chief Vargas to introduce the ceremony.

Police Chief Vargas formally placed Officer Rivas in his new leadership role.

Mayor Castillo administered the Oath of Office, swearing in Officer Gerald Rivas, who was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Sergeant Rivas was given the opportunity to express his thanks to the Mayor, Commission, Chief Vargas, family, friends, and colleagues, and took pictures to commemorate the occasion.

PRE-3

PRESENTATION NO. 3: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO ALFREDO OLVERA RECOGNIZING JUNE 2025 AS LGBTQI+ PRIDE MONTH IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

Mayor Castillo and Commissioner Schwartz read and presented a proclamation to Alfredo Olvera, recognizing June 2025 as Pride Month in the City of Pembroke Pines.

Mr. Olvera expressed his gratitude for the proclamation and for recognizing Pride Month in the City of Pembroke Pines.

He then took pictures with the Mayor and Commission to commemorate the occasion.

PRE-2

PRESENTATION NO. 2: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO SHAUNA HICKS-LEE, DIVERSITY & HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, RECOGNIZING JUNE 19, 2025 AS JUNETEENTH DAY IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

Mayor Castillo and Commissioner Good read and presented a proclamation to Shauna Hicks-Lee, recognizing June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth Day in the City of Pembroke Pines.

Ms. Hicks-Lee thanked the Mayor, Commissioner Good, Assistant City Manager Sorensen, and Ms. Sorensen's staff for their assistance in organizing the Juneteenth celebration. Mr. Ram Tewari, a member of the Diversity and Heritage Board, was present with Ms. Hicks-Lee to receive the proclamation and they took pictures with the Mayor and Commissioner Good.

PRE-4 PRESENTATION NO. 4: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL ISSUE A PROCLAMATION TO THE RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZING JULY 2025 AS NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

Mayor Castillo and Vice Mayor Hernandez read and presented a proclamation to Assistant City Manager Sorensen on behalf of the Recreation and Cultural Arts Department, recognizing July 2025 as National Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Pembroke Pines.

Assistant City Manager Sorensen spoke about some of the events being held in the city parks and highlighted a few upcoming events on the Department's monthly calendar, including the opening of the Dream Park Community Center.

ITEMS AT THE REQUEST OF THE PUBLIC

Mayor Castillo acknowledged the members of the public who submitted request to speak forms for Items 29 and 30 and recommended that they speak when those items were opened for discussion.

COMMISSION AUDITOR REPORT:

Christie Clements, Managing Director with Forvis Mazars, and Eddy Castaneda, Senior Manager of the Commission Auditors Office, presented the internal audit report requested by the Commission regarding OMI, doing business as Jacobs. The audit focused on billing operations, customer service, revenue collection, monitoring, and reporting.

The auditors discussed recommendations based on five key observations from the report:

- Develop and communicate specific performance expectations for OMI. Enhance documented internal standard operating policies and procedures.
- Enhancing review, approval, and analysis over utility billing.
- Monitoring manual billing adjustments performed by billing personnel.
- Delayed bank reconciliations related to customer water utility payments.
- Identify and formalize specific and generally expected metrics for the call center functions.

The auditors noted the inability to track customer service performance due to a lack of automated systems and recommended Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), which are standard in call centers.

Mayor Castillo thanked the auditors for their review and spoke about the importance of key performance measures from a macro perspective. The mayor noted there was a cost associated with indicators to create the customer service measurables, so the information reflected was factual. He said he was glad that management agreed with the findings in the audit and that he looked forward to seeing the recommendations implemented in the next contract.

Vice Mayor Hernandez thanked the auditors and asked about best practice recommendations related to the second observation in the report. Ms. Clements explained that the review process should be formally documented, detailing who performs the reviews, their frequency, items reviewed, and procedures for handling matters that fall outside those defined expectations. Currently, the vendor's reports are informational, and do not include actions taken which should be consistently documented.

Vice Mayor Hernandez spoke in favor of implementing a better call center and inquired about the software management for customer service calls and complaints. The Vice Mayor also inquired if call center costs were typically the responsibility of the vendor and included in the contract. Additionally, he asked about water billing complaints from his constituents and inquired if the auditor reviewed the main reason why certain matters such as double billing cycles would occur.

Ms. Clements explained the call data and complaints are currently being recorded as notes in an excel spreadsheet submitted to the city. She added that if a vendor provides call center services, the software is generally included, depending on contract terms. The process of billing was also addressed in compliance with OMI's contract and said miscellaneous adjustments fell under the high/low reports. Ms. Clements mentioned the risk assessment is coming up at the end of the year and that a deeper dive could be made with the data analytics at that time.

Administration Direction:

Vice Mayor Hernandez requested the city's website to be updated to include a Frequently Asked Question number to reduce confusion, especially to aid elderly residents by making information more accessible.

Commissioner Schwartz thanked the auditors for the report and spoke about how the cost to send the city's old utility bills went up, and how the bills became crowded with information. He mentioned how the city had struggled with keeping up with financial and cultural trends and expressed concern with splitting call centers for different vendors. Commissioner Schwartz additionally spoke about the residents being able to call the city and speak with a live person on the phone.

Administration Direction:

Commissioner Schwartz encouraged city administration to explore the best options for the city without the high-profile, sterile environment type of call center.

Ms. Clements responded to Commissioner Schwartz's inquiry that the audit analysis was completed within four and a half weeks of the original requested date.

Commissioner Schwartz commended the auditors and recommended having a workshop to discuss the city-wide use of an automated system for incoming calls and suggested simplifying the city's website and phone numbers for easier access to specific departments.

Commissioner Rodriguez thanked the auditors for the report. She mentioned to the city manager about the audit report for OMI being provided the Monday before the June 18, 2025, Commission Meeting and inquired if any of the recommendations were included in the OMI/Jacobs contract being presented before the commission for approval. City Manager Dodge responded that some of the comments were incorporated in the contract, such as KPI's, and said the call center software is being worked on and would be addressed at a later date.

Commissioner Rodriguez spoke about communications in the city and highlighted how customer service would be a prime example for the residents to see how their tax dollars are working and their role in addressing resident concerns.

Commissioner Good expressed satisfaction with the report provided to the Commission and appreciated the proactive identification of areas for improvement to better serve city residents.

Mayor Castillo addressed resident concerns regarding water bills, including duplicate payments and high usage. He mentioned that the city conducts home visits to check for potential leaks that may contribute to increased charges. In cases of meter misreads, he explained that credits are issued to correct the billing. He also acknowledged ongoing issues with customer service calls but emphasized that the city would be responsible for the cost of such services, which should be considered during contract negotiations.

APPEALS OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT DECISIONS:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Castillo thanked Norman Taylor for his 18 years of dedicated service on the Planning and Zoning Board and extended his best wishes for the future.

BA-1 MAYOR CASTILLO WISHES TO APPOINT HEIDI JONES AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY THE DEPARTURE OF ALTERNATE MEMBER NORMAN TAYLOR. THIS APPOINTMENT WILL CREATE A VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, WHICH WILL BE PUBLICLY ADVERTISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD PROCEDURES.

Mayor Castillo appointed Heidi Jones as the City-Wide alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Board. He also announced an upcoming vacancy on the Board of Adjustment, which would be advertised accordingly.

BA-2 MOTION TO APPOINT LISA STEWART TO FILL THE REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL MEMBER VACANCY OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AHAC).

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to appoint Ms Lisa Stewart to fill the real estate professional member vacancy on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC). The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye** 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz
- Nay** 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Mayor Castillo read BA-02 into the record by title, to appoint Lisa Stewart as the Real Estate Professional Member to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA:

2. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ADD FOUR (4) EARLY RELEASE DAYS TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR PURSUANT TO THEIR DESIGNATION AS SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO SO NOTIFY EACH OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSORS.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

3. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # RE-25-04 "LOADING DOCK MODIFICATION AT THE CHARLES F. DODGE CITY CENTER" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, ABBOT CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,600.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

4. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LVT FLOORING IN VARIOUS AREAS OF THE PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER SCHOOL ACADEMIC VILLAGE - BUILDING "U", FROM MILLIKEN SERVICES, LLC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$73,262.90, WHICH INCLUDES A 10% OWNER'S CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,660.26, UTILIZING PRICING ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA ALTERNATE SOURCE CONTRACT # 30161700-24-SRCWL-ACS, VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT # 061323-MAC, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(5) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) SUMMER SCHOOL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY FOR THE 2025 SUMMER SCHOOL YEAR.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

7. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TEXTBOOKS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR FROM THE FLORIDA SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$518,530.00 FOR ALL SEVEN CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER SCHOOLS SITES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(7)(J) OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

8. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # RE-25-02 "BUNKER SAND REPLACEMENT AND TEE RENOVATION AT PEMBROKE LAKES GOLF COURSE" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, SSS DOWN TO EARTH OPCO, LLC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$245,370.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

9. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE AND TO AWARD RFP # PD-24-03 "VEHICLE CONVERSION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM" TO TECHOPS SPECIALTY VEHICLES, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$146,023.45.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

10. MOTION TO APPROVE UTILIZING THE PRICING ESTABLISHED BY THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING GROUP (CO-OP) RFP # 08-07-24-11, FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES WITH U.S. ECOLOGY TAMPA, INC., A REPUBLIC SERVICES COMPANY, IN AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$140,000, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(6) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

11. MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2025-2026 PEMBROKE PINES/ FSU ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL K-12 COMPREHENSIVE EVIDENCE-BASED READING PLAN.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

12. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE FROM CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES LLC, FOR ACCESS TO THE I-READY DIAGNOSTIC PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$178,340.15 WHICH INCLUDES SOFTWARE LICENSES, INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, TO HELP ASSESS AND IMPROVE STUDENTS' MATH AND READING LEVELS AT THE PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER SCHOOLS FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 35.18(C)(7)(A), 35.18(C)(7)(H), 35.18(C)(7)(I) AND 35.18(C)(7)(J) OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

13. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # TS-25-09 "SOLARWINDS RENEWAL" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/ RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, V-CLOUD TECH, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$42,489.13 FOR AN INITIAL ONE-YEAR PERIOD.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

14. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # TS-25-10 "CHROMEBOOK CARTS AND NEWLINE SMARTBOARDS" IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS SHOWN BELOW:

EARTHWALK COMMUNICATIONS NOT TO EXCEED \$35,496
ASF PRODUCTIONS, INC. NOT TO EXCEED \$178,415

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

15. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) PANASONIC TOUGHBOOKS AND RELATED ACCESSORIES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM LAW AND ORDER TECHNOLOGY, LLC. IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,256, UTILIZING PRICING ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA ALTERNATE CONTRACT SOURCE # 43210000-23-NASPO-ACS "COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, PERIPHERALS, AND RELATED SERVICES", VIA THE STATE OF MINNESOTA CONTRACT # 23019, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(5) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

16. MOTION TO APPROVE THE ONE YEAR RENEWAL WITH VENDOR RENAISSANCE LEARNING, INC., FOR THE USE OF THEIR SOFTWARE LICENSES TO HELP IMPROVE STUDENTS' MATH AND READING LEVELS AT THE PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,572.36 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 35.18(C)(7)(A), AND 35.18(C)(7)(I) OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

17. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ACALETICS PRODUCTS, SERVICES AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FROM THE SOLE SOURCE VENDOR, EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,167.95 FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 35.18(C)(3), 35.18(C)(7)(H), AND 35.18(C)(7)(J) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

18. MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2025-26 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, PANHANDLE AREA EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIUM ("PAEC") AND THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AS THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE PEMBROKE PINES - FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

19. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MILLER LEGG & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES IN AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

20. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4, 2025, BOARD NIGHT WORKSHOP AND REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

21. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2027 FIRE RESCUE TRUCKS FROM MATHENY MOTOR TRUCK CO. FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$795,752, UTILIZING PRICING ESTABLISHED BY THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION'S (FSA) BID # FSA25-VEF19.0 , PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(5) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

22. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND ONE-YEAR RENEWAL WITH VENDOR IXL LEARNING, INC., FOR ACCESS TO THE IXL LEARNING SOFTWARE PROGRAM THROUGH SCHOOL SITE LICENSES TO HELP ASSESS AND IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN MATH, ENGLISH & LANGUAGE ARTS, SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES AT THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOLS, ACADEMIC VILLAGE CHARTER SCHOOL, AND FSU ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL, FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-26, IN AN AMOUNT OF \$86,701.25, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 35.18(C)(7)(A), AND 35.18(C)(7)(I) OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

23. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (SOLAR SALT) ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS FROM MORTON SALT, INC., UTILIZING THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING GROUP (CO-OP) ITB #2025-013-NP FOR AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$146,280.00 PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(6) OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

24. MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST TO ADVERTISE SOLICITATION(S):
- (A) PSUT-25-07 "WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UNIT 1 REHABILITATION"
 - (B) PSUT-25-08 "WATER TREATMENT PLANT UNIT B REHABILITATION"
 - (C) CS-25-03 "PROPANE WET FUELING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES SHUTTLE BUSES"
 - (D) PSPW-25-09 "CITYWIDE LITTER CONTROL AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES"
 - (E) PSPW-25-10 "ACADEMIC VILLAGE COOLING TOWER"

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

25. MOTION TO RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER’S APPROVAL TO AWARD IFB # TS-25-02 “WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT” TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/ RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS SHOWN BELOW:

ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS NOT TO EXCEED \$12,780.41
TPRO SERVICES, LLC NOT TO EXCEED \$68,514
SHUTTLES PRO NOT TO EXCEED \$736

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

26. MOTION TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONTRACTS DATABASE REPORT:

(A) AT&T DW Holdings, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Enterprises, LLC - PRI Services - Renewal

(B) Comcast of South Florida II, Inc. - Basic Cable and Broadcast TV for Pines Point and Pines Place - Renewal

(C) Hyland Software, Inc. - OnBase SaaS Solution and Cloud Service - Renewal

(D) Imagine Learning LLC - Student Online Services - Renewal 2025-2026

(E) Keylite Power and Lighting Corp. - Services and Maintenance for the City's Fire Station Alerting System - Renewal

(F) Polydyne, Inc. - Purchase of CLARIFLOC A-3333P Polymer - Renewal

(G) Prolime Corporation - PSUT-21-05 Lime Sludge Removal and Hauling at the Water Treatment Plant - Renewal

(H) Randy S. Katz, D.O., P.L. - Interim Medical Director - Renewal

(I) Trane U.S., Inc. - A/C Maintenance Services at Academic Village - Renewal

(J) Vigilant Solutions, Inc. - ESA - License Plate Reader - Annual Hosting and Software Subscriptions & Maintenance - Renewal

ITEM (K) WILL EXPIRE WITH NO RENEWAL TERMS AVAILABLE, THEREFORE, NO COMMISSION ACTION IS REQUIRED AS IT IS PRESENTED FOR NOTIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.29 (F) OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE:

(K) S. Katz, Inc. - Medical Director - Non-Renewal

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

27. MOTION TO APPROVE AN ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT WITH MICROSOFT AND THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS ESSENTIAL MICROSOFT SOFTWARE PRODUCTS FOR THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER SCHOOLS, FROM INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$42,844.08 FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(7)(I) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

28. MOTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH R&M SERVICE SOLUTIONS, LLC., TO PROVIDE VALVE EXERCISING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM, UTILIZING PRICING ESTABLISHED BY THE TOWN OF JUPITER ITB # W2423, NOT TO EXCEED \$198,975, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(5) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

1. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH SOLE SOURCE VENDOR, COMMERCIAL ENERGY SPECIALISTS (CES) FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE NEXGEN CHLORINE GENERATOR RETROFIT AT THE ACADEMIC VILLAGE POOL, IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$140,282.92, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(3) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to approve Item 1. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Commissioner Good read Item 1 into the record by title and requested clarification regarding the sole source vendor procurement process.

City Manager Dodge deferred to Mark Gomes, Procurement Director, who explained the procedure for sole source vendors. Mr. Gomes explained that departments are required to submit justifications for requesting a sole source procurement, along with a sole source letter from the vendor. He also mentioned that a "Notice of Intent to Award Sole Source" is posted on the city's e-procurement platform, giving other vendors the opportunity to respond. If no alternatives are presented, the city may proceed with the sole source vendor.

Commissioner Good asked if there were any other instances in which a no-bid procurement is publicly noticed, aside from sole source vendors. Mr. Gomes responded that the city code includes various procurement exemptions, such as emergencies, professional services, and health services, which typically would not have multiple bids.

- 5. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND S KATZ, INC. FOR MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES FOR THE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE ANNUAL FEE OF \$41,706.08.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to approve Item No.5. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Commissioner Rodriguez read Item 5 into the record by title and asked when the services were last put out for bid.

City Manager Dodge responded that the item went out for bid several years ago with a previous medical director and called on Fire Chief Rodriguez to provide additional details.

Fire Chief Rodriguez stated that the bid was issued six years ago and that Dr. Steven Katz was and remained the best option for the fire department.

Commissioner Rodriguez then asked if there were any other justifications besides Dr. Katz being the best option. The Chief explained that the city's procurement code includes a medical services exemption that the department had utilized.

Commissioner Schwartz inquired about the limited batch of approved medical directors available to the department. The Chief confirmed the Commissioner's comments about how the process was reviewed annually and that he would bring forward any necessary changes.

QUASI JUDICIAL CONSENT AGENDA:**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:****SECOND READING ORDINANCES:****FIRST READING ORDINANCES:**

29. MOTION TO PASS PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO.2025-06 ON FIRST READING.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO.2025-06 IS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 155, THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, BY AMENDING SECTION 155.401, ENTITLED "ZONING MAP," TO AMEND THE CITY'S ZONING DISTRICT MAP TO RE-ZONE AN APPROXIMATE 40-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF PINES BOULEVARD AND WEST OF SOUTHWEST 145 AVENUE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"; RE-ZONING THE PARCEL FROM THE CURRENT ZONING OF PLANNED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT (PCD) TO MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT (MXD); APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF FORTY-FOUR (44) FLEXIBILITY UNITS; APPROVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESIDENTIAL DENSITY BONUSES; AND APPROVE A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "B," LIMITING RENTS FOR FORTY-FOUR (44) UNITS TO MODERATE LEVEL IN COMPLIANCE WITH BROWARD COUNTY POLICY 2.16.3 AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "C"; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to pass Proposed Ordinance 2025-06 on First Reading . The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Mayor Castillo inquired how the city attorney wished to proceed with Items 29 and 30. City Attorney Goren suggested that because the testimony and evidence which may be offered under the ordinance in place, to read both items into the record and allow the public hearing for both items. Mr. Goren clarified that separate votes would still be applicable.

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Ordinance 2025-06 into the record by title.

30. MOTION TO PASS PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07 ON FIRST READING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07 IS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, CREATING THE PEMBROKE GARDENS MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT (“MXD”) DISTRICT DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR THE APPROXIMATE 40 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF PINES BOULEVARD AND WEST OF SOUTHWEST 145 AVENUE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBITS “A” AND “B,” ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND AND FINAL READING IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 6, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to pass Proposed Ordinance 2025-07 on First Reading . The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Ordinance 2025-07 into the record by title.

City Attorney Goren then provided procedural guidelines for quasi-judicial proceedings. He read Section 155.304 of the City's Land Development Code, which addressed the disclosure of ex-parte communications, the requirement for all individuals testifying before the Commission to be sworn in by the City Clerk, and the applicability of perjury laws to anyone who fails to provide truthful testimony. He also reviewed the rules regarding the presentation of evidence, the conduct of proceedings, and the role of impartial parties.

City Clerk Rogers swore in all members of the public and witnesses who intended to provide testimony on Items 29 and 30.

Commission Disclosures:

Mayor Castillo disclosed that he was contacted by the applicant and had received electronic mail communications, which are part of the public record.

Vice Mayor Hernandez disclosed he was contacted by city staff, the applicant, tenants of the Pembroke Gardens mall, via email, and other residents, all subject to the public record.

Commissioner Good disclosed contact with the applicant and their representative.

Commissioner Schwartz disclosed contact with the applicant, the applicant's attorney, and members of the public via phone, email, and in person.

Commissioner Rodriguez disclosed contact with the applicant, applicant's representatives via phone and in person, and residents via email.

City Attorney Goren clarified that ex-parte communications regarding land use matters were permitted under the City's Code and state law, provided they are disclosed on the record.

Mike Stamm, Assistant City Manager and Director of the Planning and Economic Development Department, addressed the Commission regarding the proposed text and map amendments to the City's zoning code. The applicant was requesting a change from Planned Commercial

District to Mixed-Use District (MXD) to allow residential development within the Shoppes of Pembroke Gardens. The MXD designation allows for both commercial and residential uses, consistent with the City's Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Stamm noted that during the Planning and Zoning Board hearing, only three voting members were present, resulting in a 2-1 vote and failure of the item. He explained the final determination rested with the City Commission since the matter involved an ordinance.

City Attorney Goren clarified that Commission members could pose questions to Mr. Stamm through the Mayor. Attorney Dwayne Dickerson also confirmed he had been sworn in as both counsel and a witness.

Mayor Castillo stated he would pause for questions whenever asked and because there were none, he allowed Mr. Dickerson to proceed with his presentation.

Dwayne Dickerson, Esquire, of Miskell Backman LLP, 14 SE 4th St. # 36, Boca Raton, FL, addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicant. He stated he wanted to submit the PowerPoint Presentation in addition to the relevant evidence and backup materials: this included exhibits, applications, and supporting documents from the Planning and Zoning Board meeting which were also provided for the Commission's consideration. Mr. Dickerson also waived the formal quasi-judicial proceeding to conserve time.

City Attorney Goren clarified that although Mr. Dickerson waived the proceeding on behalf of the applicant, there may be objectors present; therefore, the waiver does not nullify public due process. The evidence submitted was accepted into the record without objection.

Mayor Castillo asked the public in the audience to raise their hands if they opposed the item.

Dwayne Dickerson presented the Pembroke Gardens 527 NW 145th Terrace, Pembroke Pines, FL Rezoning, MXD Guidelines, and Flex Unit Allocation PowerPoint to the Commission which included the request for approval of the following applications:

- Rezoning map amendment to change the zoning designation from Planned Commercial Development to Mixed-Use Development.
- Rezoning text amendment to create the Mixed-Use guidelines.

- Allocation of 44 flex units to allow the residential units to be developed on a parcel with an underlying future land use designation of Commercial.
- Declaration of restrictive covenants for affordable housing units and voluntary commitments.

Mr. Dickerson also explained the Commission would hear the site plan at a later date. The economic and sustainability impacts were also reviewed.

Mayor Castillo opened the meeting for public comment and the following members submitted request to speak forms for the item:

Public Speakers in Support:

Ken Rivera, 17302 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines, FL (confirmed with City Attorney Goren that he had been sworn in).

Public Speakers in Opposition:

Salvatore Russo, 924 SW 143rd Terrace #304, Pembroke Pines, FL
Gemisol Landaeta, 978 SW 143rd Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL
Marianela Mendoza, 14343 SW 10th Street, Pembroke Pines, FL
Pedro Martinez, 14372 SW 11th Street, Pembroke Pines, FL
Juan Pinzon, 1042 SW 143rd Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL

Filled Request to Speak Forms (Did Not Speak):

David Barreto, 823 SW 143rd Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL
Abel Coyle, 1081 SW 143rd Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL

Mayor Castillo allowed Mr. Dickerson time for rebuttal after the public comments. Mr. Dickerson stated that many concerns raised by residents would be addressed during the site plan review process. He referenced submitted traffic and parking studies and said he was willing to collaborate with Mr. Pinzon and neighboring residents.

Mayor Castillo explained the procedural next steps regarding the proposed rezoning ordinances.

Vice Mayor Hernandez expressed support for the rezoning but requested additional outreach to surrounding residents beyond standard legal notices. He also mentioned the potential for similar housing solutions in other areas and encouraged Mr. Dickerson to speak with the residents to address their concerns prior to the second reading of the ordinance.

Commissioner Good raised questions regarding deed restrictions, affordable housing mechanisms, school bus pickup logistics, parking availability, and potential conflicts between commercial and residential ownership. He also inquired about mass transit opportunities.

Mr. Dickerson explained that the affordable housing units are rentals with no ownership component. Rental rates for affordable units are determined using HUD guidelines based on Broward County Area Median Income (AMI) data. He noted that school bus routes would be addressed with the School Board through a SCAD letter. He explained the parking analysis showed a surplus due to staggered usage between residential and commercial tenants during peak hours. Mr. Dickerson also responded that the owner and development team are the same and would be in line and compatible with the existing shopping center.

Mike Stamm, Assistant City Manager/Director of the Planning and Economic Development Department responded about opportunities for adding density to corridors and mass transit would be factored into that equation. Commissioner Good asked if there was the ability to get mass transit through the corridor to alleviate some of the traffic congestion and Assistant City Manager Stamm responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Schwartz commented that he watched the Planning and Zoning Board Meetings and expressed thanks for the level of engagement at the meeting and how staff were prepared. He spoke about the process of the Planning board meeting twice a month, so the items on their agenda for discussion aren't rushed. He wanted to ensure the residents that live in the surrounding areas were able to get to and from their homes, rather than relying on the traffic issues to work itself out. The Commissioner commented on the FDOT expansion of I-75 and Pines Boulevard and said he would like to have a more definitive project timeline from Broward MPO so residents can be informed of how they would be impacted.

Commissioner Rodriguez thanked the residents for attending the Commission Meeting. With respect to the traffic concerns, the Commissioner requested information on what the traffic patterns would be like in a Mixed-Use Community. The Commissioner also thanked the developer for working with the city instead of superseding the Commission and placing housing through the live local act. The apartment housing allows options for young families and the elderly community that may be more suitable than a single-family home.

Mr. Stamm commented that the Pembroke Caye Homeowner's Association was not registered with the city so they could be included in the updates, he also referenced the traffic study discussed by Mr. Dickerson and asked that the study be expanded on the record.

AFTER THE VOTE WAS TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren said that the second and final reading of the proposed ordinances would take place at the August 6, 2025, Commission Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 33. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-18
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-18 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA; FORMALLY APPROVING A DECORATIONS POLICY FOR DISPLAYS ON CITY PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE THE DECORATIONS POLICY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-18. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

Enactment No: 3907

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-18 into the record by title.

Commissioner Schwartz asked whether the policy was driven by court legislation enacted between 2015 and 2017, and whether it aimed to codify the legal memorandum provided by the City Attorney's Office.

City Attorney Goren confirmed that the memorandum had been included in the item's backup materials and stated that the resolution was current and consistent with Supreme Court decisions. Mr. Goren also stated the resolution provided the Commission with legal flexibility and constitutional protections established by those rulings. Commissioner Schwartz expressed support for the resolution.

35.

MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-20.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-20 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE PEMBROKE PINES/FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE CHARTER SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,165,549; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-20. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

Enactment No: 3908

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-20 into the record by title.

36. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-21.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-21 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER SCHOOLS SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR THE CHARTER SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,589,907; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-21. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

Enactment No: 3909

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-21 into the record by title.

Commissioner Rodriguez referred to Exhibit 4, Section 170-6, included in the backup, and inquired why West Campus was the only school with an expenditure listed for Intensive English/ESOL. She also asked why similar expenditures were not included for the East and Central Campuses.

Assistant City Manager/Assistant Superintendent Jonathan Bonilla explained that the Principal of West Campus specifically requested the funds to be separately denoted. The East and Central Campuses funded their Intensive English/ESOL programs through their standard 5101 and 5102 K-5th Grade instruction budgets.

Commissioner Rodriguez further inquired whether the students receiving these services at the other campuses were eligible under the K-5th Grade segments. Assistant City Manager/Assistant Superintendent Jonathan Bonilla responded affirmatively.

31. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL, INC., FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY UTILITY SYSTEM AND SERVICES; MAKING SPECIFIC FINDINGS THAT THE APPROVAL OF THIS AGREEMENT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(8) OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good, and seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez for further discussion on adopting a 2 year renewal of the contract to include a workshop to revisit the terms. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good and seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez to remove the second 5-year potential renewal from this contract. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to adopt a 3-year contract. The motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hernandez , seconded by Mayor Castillo, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-13 with a friendly amendment approving a 5-year contract and 5-year renewal agreement with a Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of the vendor due by the second reading of the budget annually. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

Enactment No: 3910

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-13 into the record by title.

Commissioner Good inquired about the terms of the agreement: 5 years, with a 5-year renewal without the item being sent out for bid. The Commissioner also referenced other portions of the agreement regarding the OMI's ability to terminate in 180 days versus the city's requirement to provide 365-day notice. He also spoke about repair expenditures and asked for the historical costs of the expenditures and what the city is required to reimburse. The commissioner asked why the utility complaints were not being addressed in the contract and said the costs should have been factored into the contract presented at the meeting. Under the new services section in the contract, there was a cost for exercising and maintaining valves every 5 years and spoke to Item 29 on the agenda for \$200,000 contracts to perform similar services that were also included in OMI's agreement.

City Manager Dodge explained the contract for Item 29 expired on September 30, 2025, and then OMI would continue the services after the time frame.

Commissioner Schwartz inquired if there was a convenience clause.

Mayor Castillo said the question could have been included in the Monday Night Memorandum.

Commissioner Schwartz asked for a point of clarification concerning the draft document presented to the Commission after June 4, 2025, Regular Commission Meeting. He asked if there were any changes to draft before it was included in the backup of the item. City Manager Dodge responded he did not believe there were any changes regarding the topic.

Discussions ensued regarding the drafted document included in the back up for item 31, Commissioner Schwartz made a point of order, and Commissioner Good spoke about the competitive bidding process "in the best interest of the city". Commissioner Good asked about the factual findings concerning Item 31 pursuant to section 35.18(C)(8) of the city's procurement code.

Mayor Castillo weighed in and asked why the work should be done in the best interests of the city.

Tim Welch, Utilities Director, responded that the item was in the best interest of the city because the contractor had demonstrated over the last 10 years that they could perform the services at a high level and that it would be difficult to transition back to the previous system to complete the work. He recommended moving forward with the current contractor.

Mayor Castillo asked for Mr. Welch to repeat a conversation he had with Mr. Welch concerning the difficulties with changing the renovation plans scheduled for capital improvement projects.

Mr. Welch responded there were a lot of capital projects in process and that it was difficult to keep up with the pace and delivery along with human resource and management obligations should the utility renovations change.

Mayor Castillo also spoke about the option of the 5-year renewal that would be earned based on the work completed by the vendor and Mr. Welch responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Good spoke about the factual findings and read page 5, item 16 included in the back up.

Commissioner Schwartz made a point of clarification concerning issues with the previous vendor that previously performed the services.

Administration Direction:

Commissioner Good continued to read the factual findings section and spoke about the score cards being provided as previously requested by the mayor, to ensure satisfactory performance measures were being taken and said those should be required on a regular basis.

Commissioner Good spoke about the transition of the previous vendor CH2M Hill to OMI within a 3-month time span.

Commissioner Schwartz made a point of clarification concerning the lawsuit with US Water and the cost recovery considered during the litigation.

Administration Direction:

Commissioner Good continued to read the factual findings and asked for a comparative analysis of OMI versus other capable contractors to be provided to the Commission.

Commissioner Good also spoke about fairness and transparency as it relates to the procurement process and the city being mindful of convenience measures that are taken which may erode public trust even if it was unintentional. He asked if the Citizen's Budget Advisory Board should review the no bid contract.

Mayor Castillo said the role of the advisory board was defined by the ordinance, that it was created for and to review the overall spending in the budget, and the item was before the Commission on whether or not to approve. The mayor commented about the utility director's suggestions to keep the vendor on the job who had successfully performed over the last 10 years because public trust could be at greater risk if quality standards were not met and he spoke in favor of the item.

Vice Mayor Hernandez spoke in agreement with the Mayor and Commissioner Good and said there were improvements needed relating to the vendor's customer service. He said he was not in agreement with the vendor being the only vendor that could've provided the service. He spoke about the bidding process for the contractors and said he would vote in favor of the 5-year agreement but would not agree to extend past another 5 years without going out for bid.

Commissioner Rodriguez said she wanted to read her commentary into the record. She said she visited the utility plants, spoke about OMI managing the day-to-day operations, and about utility billing.

Administration Direction:

Commissioner Rodriguez spoke about the city servicing 170,000 residents, she said the vendor had been very responsive and made the recommendation to have a workshop to discuss bid/contract procedures.

City Manager Dodge responded the workshop could be scheduled in August.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke about the history of the matter and the request for support he received to keep US Water around in 2014. He mentioned options he extended to the city. He spoke in support of the

item and spoke in agreement with the workshop to discuss the procurement process.

Commissioner Rodriguez commented on the factual findings section of the contract, stating that some of the references appeared to be based on perception. The Commissioner expressed that other vendors may have been capable of transitioning to provide the operations and services, and that the potential difficulty of transitioning should not be used as a reason for not putting the item out to bid.

32. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-17.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2025-R-17 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE 2025-2029 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (“CDBG”) CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2025-2026 ACTION PLAN; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE CITY’S CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND ACTION PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Good Jr., to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-17. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

Enactment No: 3911

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-17 into the record by title.

Mayor Castillo opened the public hearing.
No members of the public wished to speak on the item.
Mayor Castillo closed the public hearing.

34. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-19.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-19 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO LICENSE AGREEMENT REGARDING PEMBROKE PINES MITIGATION BANK BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND THE WETLANDSBANK COMPANY, LLC.; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-19. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

Enactment No: 3912

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-19 into the record by title.

37. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-23

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-23 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM WINDMILL RESERVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., GENERALLY LOCATED ALONG THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF FUTURE PEMBROKE ROAD EXTENSION AND WEST OF 196TH AVENUE, FOR A NEGOTIATED AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000.00, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION AND TO EFFECTUATE THE ACQUISITION OF SUCH REAL PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-23. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

Enactment No: 3913

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-23 into the record by title.

Commissioner Good inquired about the intended use of the proposed purchase.

City Manager Dodge responded that the property was being considered for environmental purposes.

38. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-24

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-24 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM HOWARD GODOFSKY AND THE ESTATE OF ROBERT F. GLACCUM, LOCATED AT SW 12TH STREET, PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, FOR A NEGOTIATED AMOUNT OF \$501,054.00 PER ACRE, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION AND TO EFFECTUATE THE ACQUISITION OF SUCH REAL PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-24. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

Enactment No: 3914

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-24 into the record by title.

39. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-25

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2025-R-25 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM BRIAN S. GLACCUM, AMPARO GLACCUM, AND THE ESTATE OF ROBERT F. GLACCUM, LOCATED AT 900 SW 196TH AVENUE, PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, FOR A NEGOTIATED AMOUNT OF \$4,750,000.00, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION AND TO EFFECTUATE THE ACQUISITION OF SUCH REAL PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-25. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

Enactment No: 3915

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-25 into the record by title.

40. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-26.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-26 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, COMMITTING TO FUND OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FOR PEMBROKE ROAD AFTER COMPLETION OF THE WIDENING AND EXTENSION FROM DYKES ROAD TO US 27 PROJECT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-26. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

Enactment No: 3916

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-26 into the record by title.

Mayor Castillo inquired about the project's completion date, and Commissioner Schwartz responded that they are scheduled to be completed by 2031.

41. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-27.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-27 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A DRAINAGE EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT (SBDD) FOR THE PEMBROKE ROAD EXPANSION PROJECT (MIRA 001-004); AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-27. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

Enactment No: 3917

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-27 into the record by title.

42. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-28

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-28 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE CITY'S 2025 WATERSHED MASTER PLAN; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-28. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

Enactment No: 3918

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-28 into the record by title.

43. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-29.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-29 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE ILA IN SUBSTANTIAL FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SURTAX INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-29. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

Enactment No: 3919

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-29 into the record by title.

Commissioner Good inquired whether surtax dollars could be used to match funding for the project as a supplement. He also asked if traffic calming initiatives would be eligible under the match program.

City Attorney Goren deferred to City Engineer Karl Kennedy for clarification.

Karl Kennedy, City Engineer, confirmed that surtax dollars could be used as a funding option to complete the project. Regarding traffic calming, he said that he did not believe it was currently eligible for the match program but would follow up to confirm. He added that the surtax funding process differed from the procedure for implementing traffic calming procedures.

Commissioner Good also discussed the possibility of the city utilizing revenue bonds as a funding source to complete projects and potentially leverage those dollars for traffic programs.

City Manager Dodge responded that even though the topic had been discussed previously, the feasibility of using revenue bonds would need to be reviewed by the City Attorney.

Commissioner Schwartz referenced a faux check from the Broward League of Cities presented at a previous commission meeting, highlighting an initial amount of \$3.3 million, followed by \$1.7 million annually. He mentioned that these funds couldn't replace normal project funding but could be used to supplement it. The Commissioner added that revenue bonds were also discussed at the League meeting and recalled that they were not deemed eligible. Instead, a General Obligation (G.O.) Bond would be required. He suggested the city follow up, mentioning that the Broward County Commission appeared to be leaning toward a 'no' vote, and spoke about the formulas and timelines to obtain funding.

Commissioner Good then inquired about the 10% skimming related to community bus operations.

Mr. Kennedy confirmed that the 10% deduction would remain unchanged.

Commissioner Rodriguez asked whether the 10% deduction required justification for the project and whether it imposed a waiting period for funding. She also inquired if the city still had the option to apply for a larger project under the specified terms.

Commissioner Schwartz responded that projects could be earmarked for up to three years and submitted at a later date.

44. MOTION TO ADOPT FIRE ASSESSMENT PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2025-R-30

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2025-R-30 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE RESCUE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA; DESCRIBING THE METHOD OF ASSESSING FIRE RESCUE ASSESSED COSTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-30. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

Enactment No: 3920

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-30 into the record by title.

Commissioner Schwartz inquired about the request for the Fire Department to provide a five-year projection for fire assessment fees.

Fire Chief Marcelino Rodriguez confirmed to the Commissioner that he would provide the report by the first meeting in August.

Commissioner Schwartz also addressed the City Manager regarding the Captain covering rescue duties. He discussed percentage goals related to not moving people and requested quarterly reports on personnel levels to ensure residents are receiving the services they pay for. The Commissioner also mentioned that the Fire Chief is actively working to address staff shortages and reduce the need for overtime.

Commissioner Rodriguez commended the Fire Department and City Administration for limiting the increase of the Fire Assessment to \$1.43, which was significantly less than the previous year. The Commissioner mentioned given the current affordability crisis faced in the country, she was happy that tax dollars were being used as efficiently as possible. The Commissioner also mentioned that one of the fire trucks was purchased using repurposed funds, helping to provide tax relief to residents instead of raising the assessment fees further.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 46.** MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE MILLAGE RATE TO BE ADVERTISED IN THE TRIM NOTICE PUBLISHED BY THE BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER, DUE MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to establish the Millage Rate to be advertised . The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Item 46 into the record by title.

Commissioner Rodriguez reiterated the sentiments she expressed during Item 44, emphasizing her support for the minimal increase in fire assessment rates and the city's decision not to raise the millage rate.

Mayor Castillo recessed the Regular Commission Meeting to open the "We Love Pembroke Pines" Board of Directors Meeting" at 10:42PM.

Mayor Castillo reconvened the Regular Commission Meeting at 11:07PM.

47. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 TO THE WE LOVE PEMBROKE PINES, INC. ORGANIZATION

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Good Jr., to approve a donation of \$35,000 to the We Love Pembroke Pines, Inc. organization. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Item 47 into the record by title.

Commissioner Schwartz mentioned that there was an insurance requirement of \$20,000 and that the organization had received \$15,000 in seed funding on the record. He recommended that the organization reimburse the city the total \$35,000 once it had received donations matching that amount, and that the organization obtains revenues from non-taxpayer sources.

Mayor Castillo disagreed and expressed concern that the nonprofit organization would face financial hardship if the organization was required to reimburse the City for the donation. The mayor added that the Commissioner could make a motion if he wished to do so.

Commissioner Schwartz made a motion for the We Love Pembroke Pines, Inc. organization to reimburse the city \$35,000 once it met the donation threshold. The motion died for lack of a second.

48. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2025, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING IN OBSERVANCE OF YOM KIPPUR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Good Jr., to combine the regular Commission meeting scheduled for October 1, 2025, with the regular meeting scheduled for October 15, 2025. The combined meeting will be held on October 15, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney read Item 48 into the record.

Commissioner Schwartz recommended combining the first and second Commission meetings in October into a single meeting to be held on October 15, 2025.

Mayor Castillo asked whether the meeting should be rescheduled or combined and deferred to City Manager Dodge to for input.

City Manager Dodge responded that the Budget Hearings would be completed by that time and supported the recommendation to combine the two meetings.

REPORTS OF LEAGUE AND MPO REPRESENTATIVES

Commissioner Rodriguez did not have any updates to report. She mentioned the recent installation dinner and noted that the first Board of Directors meeting would be scheduled soon.

Vice Mayor Hernandez shared that he and Commissioner Rodriguez had been sworn in at the League Meeting and thanked City Attorney Goren for the honor.

Commissioner Good reported that he had been selected by his peers to serve on the Executive Committee as the At-Large representative. He stated that the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) had approved the amended budget for the Town Center Mobility Hub at their most recent meeting. He also spoke about funding related to the Elevated Left Turn Lane at Flamingo Road. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) revisited the matter and had since earmarked funds for preliminary study of a rail project along US 27, which could present a future corridor opportunity.

Mayor Castillo weighed in and spoke in support of the preliminary study.

Commissioner Rodriguez also reported that the League of Cities had partnered with the Solid Waste Authority of Broward County to host a forum. She thanked city administration for attending the meeting, despite the city not being a formal participant of the Solid Waste Authority. She stated that a draft of the proposal was available and that a recording of the meeting had been made accessible online.

Mayor Castillo noted that the City Engineer serves as the City's delegate for these meetings to keep the city informed and commented that the draft proposal appeared promising.

Vice Mayor Hernandez expressed appreciation for the subject matter experts who were cited by the Solid Waste Authority and for the proposed draft plan. He noted that many of the recommendations focused on promoting behavioral change through education.

Commissioner Schwartz added that additional opportunities for discussion would be forthcoming.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Goren informed the Commission about the Chapter 164 joint litigation involving Coconut Creek, Deerfield Beach, and Broward County. He stated that the joint governmental meeting had been scheduled for August 28, 2025, at 1:00 PM, and that representatives from the City Attorney's Office would attend on the City's behalf. He reminded the Commission of the previous master plan review that the attorneys had attended in connection with the matter. He clarified that the attorneys were observing the proceedings in an informational capacity, not as active participants.

COMMISSION ITEMS:

49. VICE MAYOR HERNANDEZ - ITEM NO. 1: DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE AN AUGUST WORKSHOP TO REVIEW THE ATTACHED "CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES COMMUNICATIONS PLAN PROPOSED REVISIONS 2025" DOCUMENT PROVIDED BY VICE MAYOR HERNANDEZ.

Vice Mayor Hernandez discussed the White Paper assignment he had been tasked with. He explained that he took a slightly different approach by researching the City's communications plan and proposing revisions, drawing from his experience working with Public Information Officers in Miami-Dade. He expressed a desire to better understand the City's social media policies and commended the Public Safety Departments for their effective communication practices.

Vice Mayor Hernandez also praised City Manager Dodge for the preparation and coordination of City events, such as school graduations, highlighting appreciation of the provided talking points. He spoke about the importance of communications as the city transitioned from a medium-sized municipality to the second-largest city in the county district.

Vice Mayor Hernandez emphasized the vital role of communications departments and recommended that they be given greater authority. He presented several promotional strategies aimed at improving public outreach and proposed that a revised communications plan be brought forward for discussion at a workshop meeting in August.

Mayor Castillo thanked Vice Mayor Hernandez for completing the assignment and spoke on how narratives are shaped over time, noting the evolving ways in which information is accessed. He emphasized that democracy depends on accurate communication from government. He advocated for a collaborative communication approach that includes feedback from residents and businesses. The mayor described the draft document in the backup materials as a strong starting point but acknowledged that it would need adjustments as the City continues to assess public needs and better explain how the City functions. He recommended that the Commission take their time developing the communications policy, through workshop discussion.

Commissioner Schwartz commended Vice Mayor Hernandez on the comprehensive plan and inquired about how the discussions would be organized across multiple workshops. Mayor Castillo suggested presenting examples of best practices to help make the policy better.

Vice Mayor Hernandez expressed his willingness to schedule a workshop and indicated he was not opposed to holding multiple sessions. He requested permission to work with City administration to

coordinate the scheduling of the workshop(s) over the summer hiatus.

Commissioner Rodriguez expressed support for holding a workshop and shared feedback on the proposed communications plan. She advocated for the creation of new social media platforms, the use of sponsored posts and news releases to communicate more cost-effectively, such as the "Dollars at Work" initiative. She also reiterated her support for establishing an intergovernmental affairs position. Commissioner Rodriguez expressed the importance of public communications, citing her personal efforts in producing a newsletter to inform residents of resources available through City, County, State channels.

By consensus, the Commission agreed for Vice Mayor Hernandez to work with administration to coordinate the structure and scheduling of the communications plan workshop(s).

MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING BEYOND 11:30 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to approve extending the meeting beyond 11:30 PM. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

- 50.** COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ - ITEM NO. 1: REVIEW OF THE CITY'S SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY OFFICE TO UPDATE THE CITY POLICY TO CAPTURE NEW SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS WHILE MAINTAINING FULL PUBLIC ACCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY POLICY AND FLORIDA STATE LAW.

Commissioner Schwartz read Item 50 into the record by title and stated that the social media policy should undergo legal review to ensure compliance with any relevant court rulings. He recommended that the City Attorney's Office review the policy and provide updates as necessary.

Commission Agenda Q&A to be forthcoming, as / if / and when available via the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/mtkmvsud>

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Castillo wished everyone a happy summer hiatus during the month of July.

Administration Direction:

Mayor Castillo directed the City Manager to place the city's strategic plan back on the agenda for discussion in order to address potential projects that could be approved at an August Commission Meeting. He also emphasized the importance of prioritizing projects and developing a plan with funding options, despite the original pathway not being approved. The mayor requested recommendations on how to proceed and did so without objection.

ADJOURN - 11:53 P.M.

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES

Debra E. Rogers, CMC
City Clerk