

City of Pembroke Pines, FL

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



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

6:30 PM

Regular Commission Meeting (Item 21 has been moved and re-numbered as Board of Appeal Item #1) Item BA- ADD-1 was added to the agenda on 12/18/2024.

Commission Chambers

City Commission

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

6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

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 Zachary Kopelman, Founder of Stars Before Dark.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was performed by Zachary Kopelman, Founder of Stars Before Dark.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE PULLED FROM AGENDA

There were no items pulled from the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS:

ITEMS AT THE REQUEST OF THE PUBLIC

Ed Degelsmith, 1500 NW 86th Terrace, Pembroke Pines, FL addressed the Commission about the ordinance relating to access roads and parking compliance.

Mayor Castillo responded to the resident by explaining the reason for the ordinance and encouraged the resident to address the matter further with Assistant City Manager Mike Stamm and City Manager Dodge.

Gil Lerner, 1958 NW 74th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL addressed the Commission relating to the parking ordinance. Mr. Lerner also addressed the Commission about a code violation he reported and said that he felt the matter had not been resolved.

City Manager Dodge responded to the resident confirming the issue of flooding in his yard and said the City Engineer found no violation with respect to Mr. Lerner's property.

Mayor Castillo stated there would be an onsite meeting setup with the City Manager, Chief of Police, Assistant City Manager Mike Stamm, and the City Engineer to address the matter further.

Commissioner Schwartz stated he went to Mr. Lerner's property several months prior and found Mr. Lerner to be out of compliance at his residence.

ITEMS AT THE REQUEST OF THE PUBLIC Continued

Robyn Vegas, Executive Director for Business of the Arts of Broward, 1063 SW 122nd Place, Miami, FL addressed to present information on the importance of public arts via PowerPoint Presentation.

PRE-1

PRESENTATION NO.1: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO NICOLE BURRELL (BROWARD HOUSE CFO) RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 1, 2024, AS WORLD AIDS DAY IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

Mayor Castillo and Commissioner Rodriguez read the proclamation and presented it to Nicole Burrell in recognition of World AIDS Day on December 1, 2024, in the City of Pembroke Pines.

Mayor Castillo and Commissioner Rodriguez took pictures with Ms. Burrell.

Nicole Burrell, CEO for Broward House, addressed the Commission and spoke about the services they provided at their housing facility, and about outreach initiatives the program supports to educate the public about the AIDS epidemic.

PRE-2 PRESENTATION NO. 2: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL ANNOUNCE THE WINNER OF THE 2025 WINTER FLORIDA PREPAID SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE SPONSORED BY THE PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER SCHOOL FOUNDATION, INC.

Mayor Castillo along with Principal Bayer of the Pines Charter High School, announced Ty Otero as the recipient of the Prepaid Scholarship Fund sponsored by the Pembroke Pines Charter School Foundation.

COMMISSION AUDITOR REPORT:

CA-1 COMMISSION AUDITOR ITEM 1: COMMISSION AUDITOR PRESENTATION

- RISK ASSESSMENT AND AUDIT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025
- REPORT #CA-01-24 GRANT COMPLIANCE ANALYSIS, PHASE VI
- REPORT #CA-02-24 TAKE-HOME VEHICLES AUDIT
- REPORT #CA-03-24 NIST CYBERSECURITY FRAMEWORK ASSESSMENT

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to defer Commission Auditor Report - CA-1 and bring the item back at the January 15, 2025 meeting as a regular item with commission consensus for a workshop before the January meeting . The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Daniel O'Keefe, Commission Auditor for the City of Pembroke Pines, introduced Senior Manager, Eddy Casteneda, and presented the Audit Plan for the 2025 Fiscal Year via PowerPoint Presentation. Mr. O'Keefe also presented information from the Grant Compliance Analysis, and the Take-Home Vehicles Audit.

Commissioner Schwartz requested to take Item 13 out of order from the consent agenda.

Vice Mayor Good spoke about the audit plan and said he would like more in-depth auditing services presented to the City Commission.

Mayor Castillo spoke in support of a more robust audit plan.

Mr. O'Keefe responded with the option for him to meet with each member of the City Commission to find out what projects they would like the auditors to focus on.

Commissioner Rodriguez asked for clarification on the difference between the Commission Audit report presented and Item 13. The Commissioner also inquired about how the auditor's name change would impact the city contractually.

City Attorney Goren responded about the existing contractual relationship between the city and Moore Stephens Lovelace (MSL). Mr. Goren said the request of Item 13 was for a name change from MSL firm that was transitioning to the Forbis firm.

Vice Mayor Good made a point of clarification and said the presentation was for the City Commission to approve the audit plan for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year.

Mayor Castillo weighed in the matter.

Commissioner Rodriguez made the recommendation to bring the item back as a workshop for further discussion prior to the approval of the audit plan.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke about his previous experiences with

working with the Commission Auditor and spoke in favor of the deferral and workshop item.

AFTER THE VOTE WAS TAKEN:

Mr. O'keefe inquired if the Commission Auditor had the permission to continue to work on projects from the previous year.

Mayor Castillo said the auditor could continue the audits without objection.

Vice Mayor Good inquired if the audits referenced would be taken out of the previous Fiscal Year's budget.

Mr. O'keefe confirmed the audits would be billed with carryovers from the 2023-24 budget.

APPEALS OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT DECISIONS:

REQUEST FROM CARLOS & KARLA LEYVA TO APPEAL THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT DECISION PERTAINING TO RESIDENTIAL ZONING VARIANCE ZV(R) 2024-0076 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11920 TAFT STREET.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to grant the appeal based on Section 155.301 C of the Code to allow the variance to continue for (3) three years. If the property is sold before the (3) three years end, the object must be removed immediately. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Hernandez

Nay 1 - Commissioner Schwartz

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Mayor Castillo, to affirm and uphold the decision of the Board of Adjustment. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye 1 - Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 4 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Hernandez

PRIOR TO THE 1st VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read the Appeal Item ZV(R) 2024-0076 into the record concerning the Leyva residence located at 11920 Taft Street, referenced section 155.311 of the city's code, and stated the rules of the road for the appellate procedure with regards to residential variance appeals. The record evidence that was provided to the Board of Adjustment was legally presented to the Commission, the evidence was permissible to be used by the appellant's attorney, and by the city's staff for the record.

Scott Golden, Esquire, 3107 Sterling Road, Suite 201, Fort Lauderdale, FL addressed the Commission on behalf of the appellant. The variance request was to allow a canopy over a portion of the appellant's driveway in front of their home to address issues during inclement weather and safety concerns for the resident who had stability/mobility issues. Mr. Golden referenced a letter presented to the Board of Adjustment concerning the matter from the resident's healthcare provider. He stated the work was performed by a licensed professional engineer and he also presented pictures of the Leyva's residence that was displayed on the overhead screen. (Letter and pictures presented were included in the backup to the agenda item).

Mike Stamm, Assistant City Manager/Planning and Economic Development Director, addressed the Commission as the overseer of the Board of Adjustment and the Planning and Zoning Board. Mr. Stamm stated the city's Land Development Code provided a process for residents to seek relief from compliance regulations.

The appellants received code violations for work on their property that were done without permits and then later applied for those permits with the Building Department to meet the compliance requirements. There were four variances brought before the Board of Adjustment and three side setbacks were approved. However, the variance for the canopy was denied.

There were members of the public who spoke on the residential variance at the BOA meeting referenced in the draft minutes included in the backup to the variance item. Mr. Stamm stated the canopies referenced by the appellant's attorney were also done without a permit and read from section 155.300 with regards to the Board of Adjustment's authority to grant variances. Mr. Stamm concluded by saying granted variances did not absolve the homeowner from obtaining permits to meet

compliance requirements.

Mayor Castillo inquired if the resident would have been permitted the canopy if he applied for the permit before the work was completed. Mayor Castillo also inquired if any carport would be permissible at the residence.

Mike Stamm, Assistant City Manager/Planning and Economic Development Director responded the permit would have been denied because they would have encroached into the setback. He referenced the pictures presented as evidence and said the garage had been removed by the previous owner, and stated no carport could legally be placed at the residence.

Commissioner Rodriguez inquired when Mrs. Leyva had her surgery and then inquired about the distance between the carport, the front door, and the possibility that Mrs. Leyva could still get wet during inclement weather.

City Attorney Goren clarified that the responses of the Commission inquiries are responses and not testimony for the record.

Carlos Leyva, 11920 Taft Street, responded how his wife would be able to get inside her residence without getting wet.

Mr. Golden also responded about Mrs. Leyva's health concerns and that the residents would be willing to keep the canopy up on a temporary basis to allow the resident time to recover.

Mayor Castillo inquired if the variance could be granted on a temporary basis.

City Attorney Goren responded that it was possible but there was a challenge due to the Board of Adjustment's decision being based upon a request for a permanent variance.

Commissioner Schwartz asked for the City Clerk to share his screen with the audience and Commission and then spoke about the video for the Board of Adjustment meeting where the variances were considered. The Commissioner then requested to inquire if certain questions were asked during the BOA proceedings.

Mr. Stamm responded that he was unable to post the link.

City Attorney Goren responded that the chair of the Mayor for the Board

of Adjustment controlled the proceedings under the city's code relating to the land development regulations and the Commission would be asking questions for clarification purposes.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke on the item and referenced pictures included in the backup. The Commissioner asked about certain questions that may have been asked at the BOA meeting and Assistant City Manager Mike Stamm provided responses based upon his recollection at the meeting.

Mr. Leyva responded about the stamped concrete at his residence being painted for the record.

Commissioner Hernandez sympathized with the resident on the record.

City Attorney Goren clarified for the record that Mr. Stamm would be responding to the Board of Adjustment's guidance for making decisions referencing the city's code.

Mike Stamm, Assistant City Manager/Planning and Economic Development Director read the third criteria in which the Board of Adjustment would not grant a residential variance for the record.

Mayor Castillo inquired if the matter had been considered sufficiently.

City Attorney Goren responded that the matter could not be sent back to the Board for reconsideration, the final determination would be made by the City Commission, and then the Broward courts if further escalated by the resident.

City Attorney Goren also responded about not having a provision in the city's code with regards to granting temporary or conditional variances.

Mike Stamm, Assistant City Manager/Planning and Economic Development Director stated there were no provisions in the city's code with respect to granting temporary variances.

City Attorney Goren said there was no premise or basis for the Board of Adjustment to grant a temporary variance based on the city's code.

Mr. Leyva stated he would accept the terms of keeping canopy if granted on a temporary basis for the record.

Commissioner Schwartz inquired if the structure was erected prior or after the residents surgery.

Mr. Leyva responded that the structure was erected just before his wife's surgery.

PRIOR TO THE 2nd VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Commissioner Rodriguez spoke in favor of granting the temporary variance.

Mike Stamm, Assistant City Manager/Planning and Economic Development Director made the recommendation to grant the temporary variance based upon letter C of the city's code previously referenced for a three year period.

Vice Mayor Good spoke to make a friendly amendment to the item.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke on the item with regards to compliance with the building's code.

Mr. Stamm read section 155.301(C) into the record.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

BA-1 BOARD APPOINTMENT NO. 1: COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT BARNETT AS A MEMBER TO THE CITIZEN'S BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD.

Commissioner Hernandez announced Scott Barnett as a board appointment to the Citizens Budget Advisory Board for District 4.

BA-2 BOARD APPOINTMENT NO. 2: COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF CAROLINA VEIRA AS A MEMBER TO THE CITIZEN'S BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced Carolina Veira as a board appointment to the Citizens Budget Advisory Board for District 3.

Carolina Veira, 1590 NW 159th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL expressed a brief word of the thanks to the City Commission.

BA-3 BOARD APPOINTMENT NO. 3: COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM HUFF AS A MEMBER TO THE CITIZEN'S BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced William Huff as a board appointment to the Citizens Budget Advisory Board for District 3.

William (Bill) Huff, 16287 Mariposa Circle S, Pembroke Pines, FL thanked the Mayor and City Commission briefly.

BA-4 BOARD APPOINTMENT NO. 4: COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF RAUL RUIZ AS A MEMBER TO THE CITIZEN'S BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD.

Commissioner Schwartz announced Raul Ruiz as a board appointment to the Citizens Budget Advisory Board for District 2.

Raul Ruiz, 8640 Pasadena Boulevard, Pembroke Pines, FL thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve.

- BA-5** BOARD APPOINTMENT NO. 5: COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF KENNEDY ROSARIO AS A MEMBER TO THE CITIZEN'S BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD.

Commissioner Schwartz announced Kennedy Rosario as a board appointment to the Citizens Budget Advisory Board for District 2.

Commissioner Schwartz thanked all of the residents who applied to the various boards and thanked the City Clerk for her collaborative efforts to spread awareness about the board vacancies.

Kennedy Rosario, 1000 Saint Charles Place, Pembroke Pines, FL addressed the Commission briefly.

- BA- AD D-1** BOARD APPOINTMENT NO. ADD-1: COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN HALSTON AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD.

Commissioner Schwartz announced Brian Halston as a regular member board appointment to the Education Advisory Board for District 2.

Brian Halston, 11010 NW 16th Street, Pembroke Pines, FL addressed the Commission about his professional experience and qualifications.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. MOTION TO APPROVE SUBMISSION OF THE 2025 APPLICATION TO THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC. FOR CONTINUED SERVICES THROUGH OLDER AMERICANS ACT GRANTS TITLE IIIB AND IIIE. MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT JA125-10-2025 BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES/SOUTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER AND THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC. TO PROVIDE OLDER AMERICAN ACT TITLE IIIB AND IIIE SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025, TO DECEMBER 31, 2025 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$462,059.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

Nay 0

2. MOTION TO ACCEPT A RECIPROCAL CROSS ACCESS EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ALMC REAL ESTATE, LLC.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

Nay 0

3. MOTION TO RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S APPROVAL FOR THE EMERGENCY ENROLLMENT OF NINE (9) POLICE RECRUITS ATTENDING POLICE ACADEMY CLASS #365 AT BROWARD COLLEGE, INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC SAFETY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$43,875.00, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

Nay 0

4. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FIFTY (50) SETS OF BUNKER GEAR FROM BENNETT FIRE PRODUCTS COMPANY, INC., FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$164,477, UTILIZING PRICING ESTABLISHED BY THE LAKE COUNTY CONTRACT #22-730B, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

Nay 0

5. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # RE-24-09 "SHADE STRUCTURES AT MAXWELL PARK AND JOSIAS DOG PARK" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, SHADE AMERICA, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,137.00, WHICH INCLUDES A 10% OWNER'S CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,467.00.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

Nay 0

- 6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 04, 2024, PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

Nay 0

- 7. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF PRACTICE AND DUTY AMMUNITION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING UNIT AND SWAT TEAM FROM LAWMEN'S & SHOOTER'S SUPPLY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$364,190.29, UTILIZING PRICING ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA TERM CONTRACT # 46000000-21-STC "DEFENSE PRODUCTS", PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

Nay 0

- 8. MOTION TO APPROVE THE DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND PEMBROKE ALMC REAL ESTATE, LLC FOR EXTENSION AND INSTALLATION OF WATER, SEWER, AND LIFT STATION FACILITIES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

Nay 0

- 9. MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PEMBROKE PINES ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, ACADEMIC VILLAGE AND FSU ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARDS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE FLORIDA SCHOOL RECOGNITION PROGRAM (A+) FUNDS.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

Nay 0

10. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # TS-24-18 "ANNUAL RENEWAL FOR CITRIX SHAREFILE" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, VCLOUD TECH, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$71,442.50 FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

Nay 0

11. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # TS-24-15 "VEEAM SOFTWARE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE RENEWAL" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, VCLOUD TECH, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$73,644.62 FOR AN INITIAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

Nay 0

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

- (A) Ericks Consultants, Inc. - Legislative Consulting Services - Renewal
- (B) Lawrence J. Smith, P.A. - Legislative Consulting Services - Renewal
- (C) SmartCop - Public Safety Automatic Records Management - Renewal
- (D) Smith, Bryan & Myers, Inc. - Legislative Consulting Services - Renewal
- (E) Transdev Fleet Services, Inc. - Fire Department Fleet Maintenance - Renewal
- (F) Tyler Technologies, Inc. - Enterprises Resource Planning (ERP) SaaS - Renewal

ITEM (G) WILL NOT BE RENEWED; 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:

- (G) Kitchen Gallery & Design, Inc. - Kitchen & Bathroom Cabinet Fabrication & Installation for the Housing Division - Non-Renewal

A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve Item 12 C, E, F and G on consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

15. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # TS-24-14 "EXAGRID HARDWARE SUPPORT RENEWAL" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, V-CLOUD TECH, INC IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,615.02.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

- 16. MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHARTER SCHOOL 2024-2025 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR THE PEMBROKE PINES ELEMENTARY, FSU ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND ACADEMIC VILLAGE CHARTER SCHOOLS; THE 2024-2025 PROACTIVE DISCIPLINE GUIDES FOR THE ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND FSU ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOLS; THE 2024-2025 PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOKS FOR THE ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, FSU ELEMENTARY AND ACADEMIC VILLAGE CHARTER SCHOOLS, INCLUDING THE DISCIPLINE MATRIX AND THE BROWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE ACADEMIC VILLAGE; THE 2024-25 PAEC PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CATALOG FOR FSU ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL; AND THE CHARTER SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICY FOR 2024-2025.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

Nay 0

- 17. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # PSPW-24-06 "ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, MAVERICK UNITED ELEVATOR LLC, IN THE AMOUNT NOT EXCEED \$33,990 FOR MONTHLY MAINTENANCE AND ANNUAL INSPECTION SERVICES AND TO ESTABLISH UNIT PRICING FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

Nay 0

- 20. MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST TO ADVERTISE SOLICITATION(S):

- CS-24-01 "KITCHEN & BATHROOM CABINET FABRICATION & INSTALLATION FOR THE HOUSING DIVISION
- (B) PSUT-25-04 "WASTEWATER TRANSMISSION SYSTEM HYDRAULIC MODEL"
- (C) PSUT-25-02 "REVOLUTION 84 RM BOOM TRUCK"
- (D) PSUT-25-03 "GALLEGOS WATER VAC TANK TRAILER"
- (E) TS-25-02 "WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT"
- (F) TS-25-01 "NETWORK GEAR INFRASTRUCTURE AV CAMPUS"

A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve Item 20 A, B, E and F on consent The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

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

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(G) Kitchen Gallery & Design, Inc. - Kitchen & Bathroom Cabinet Fabrication & Installation for the Housing Division - Non-Renewal

A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve item 12 A, B and D passed unanimously. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Commissioner Rodriguez spoke about sections A, B, and D of Item 12. The Commissioner made a recommendation to have a workshop to prioritize items that the Commission would like to bring forth before the beginning of the next Legislative Sessions.

Commissioner Rodriguez made a second recommendation to look at the return on investments for each of the lobbying firms which could also be included in the internal audits.

The recommendations were agreed by consensus without objection.

13. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MSL, PA, ASSIGNING THE AGREEMENT TO FORVIS MAZARS, LLP.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve item 13. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Vice Mayor Good read Item 13 into the record by title, spoke about why he was not in favor of supporting the item, and that the support would be pending the corrections previously stated under the item for the Commission Auditor Report.

Mayor Castillo spoke on the item and also about the option of a Request for Proposal (RFP) at a later date.

Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Rodriguez spoke on the item.

- 14.** MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOURTH AMENDMENT OF THE PARKS ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PRIME ABA BUYER, INC D.B.A. SYNALOVSKI ROMANIK SAYE, LLC TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT VALUE FROM \$250,000 TO \$557,475 TO ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED DURING THE THREE-YEAR RENEWAL PERIOD

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve Item 14. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Commissioner Schwartz read Item 14 into the record by title and spoke about the existing contract not expiring for two more years and said he was not in favor of the fourth amendment to the agreement. The Commissioner made a substitute motion to deny the fourth amendment concerning Item 14.

City Attorney Goren responded about the proper procedure which would be the motion to approve, and the Commissioner would vote no if he wasn't in support of the item.

City Manager Dodge explained the purpose of the item was in preparation of the bid even if the bond referendum was not approved and referenced the Monday Night Memorandum.

Christina Sorensen, Assistant City Manager/Recreation and Cultural Arts Director responded that the item was on the agenda because each of the listed projects required consulting services and needed to expand the "not to exceed" amounts to cover the projects.

Commissioner Schwartz requested to have the Monday Night Memorandums included as part of the back up to the agendas.

City Manager Dodge provided a response concerning the inquiry about no additional projects being procured until the public provided direction.

Commissioner Rodriguez spoke about the Monday Night Memo, about the differentiation between the projects listed in the agreement for Item 14, and the bond project list.

Commissioner Hernandez thanked the Assistant City Manager Sorensen for her efforts to complete projects in within the Chapel Trail community.

A MOTION TO ADD THE PUBLISHED "MONDAY NIGHT MEMO" TO THE ONLINE AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve adding the "Monday Night Memo" to the Online agenda moving forward. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Mayor Castillo spoke on the item.

- 18.** MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SHADE STRUCTURE FROM SHADE SYSTEMS INC. UTILIZING PRICING ESTABLISHED BY ALACHUA COUNTY BID NO. IFB-24-13, FOR A PURCHASE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$105,818.90, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(5) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve Item 18. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve funding (item 18) of this project comes from school funds and not general funds. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye 1 - Vice Mayor Good Jr.

Nay 4 - Mayor Castillo, Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Schwartz, and Commissioner Hernandez

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Vice Mayor Good read Item 18 into the record by title, expressed objection of the project being funded by the city's general fund and that the funds should be taken from the charter school's budget.

City Manager Dodge responded that each of the school facilities were owned by the city and that the charter schools paid a fee. Mr. Dodge said any improvements to the schools and school facilities were paid through the general fund.

Mr. Dodge also responded that there were no funds budgeted for infrastructure projects in the school's budget. He said staff could look at incorporating funds in the schools budget in the future, but it would place a burden on the academic programs.

Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Rodriguez, Mayor Castillo, and Commissioner Schwartz spoke on the item.

City Manager Dodge responded about the need for the project and said there are no funds in the school's budget to complete infrastructure projects. Mr. Dodge also responded about the multipurpose use of the facilities in the community, that the city owns the schools, the school budget pays for the debt/bonds for the school, and not with ad valorem dollars.

- 19. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF POUR IN PLAY SURFACE AND CONCRETE CURBING UTILIZING PRICING ESTABLISHED BY THE OMNIA PARTNERS, PUBLIC SECTOR (FORMERLY U.S. COMMUNITIES GOVERNMENT PURCHASING ALLIANCE) CONTRACT # 2017001135, FOR A PURCHASE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,147.59, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(5) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve item 19. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Vice Mayor Good read Item 19 into the record by title and spoke along the same lines as Item 18.

20. MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST TO ADVERTISE SOLICITATION(S):

- CS-24-01 "KITCHEN & BATHROOM CABINET FABRICATION & INSTALLATION FOR THE HOUSING DIVISION
- (B) PSUT-25-04 "WASTEWATER TRANSMISSION SYSTEM HYDRAULIC MODEL"
- (C) PSUT-25-02 "REVOLUTION 84 RM BOOM TRUCK"
- (D) PSUT-25-03 "GALLEGOS WATER VAC TANK TRAILER"
- (E) TS-25-02 "WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT"
- (F) TS-25-01 "NETWORK GEAR INFRASTRUCTURE AV CAMPUS"

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve Item 20 C and D. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Vice Mayor Good read Item 20C into the record by title and inquired if the purchased boom truck would be utilized by city staff or by contracted employees.

Paul Thompson, Assistant Utilities Director, responded about the intended purpose of the boom truck and that it would be primarily used by the Utilities Division and Facility Contract Services (FCS).

Commissioner Rodriguez spoke about the feasibility review section portion of the Agenda Request Form for Item 20.

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Vice Mayor Good read Item 20D into the record by title and spoke along the same lines of Item 20C.

QUASI-JUDICIAL APPEAL HEARING:

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

21. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-41.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-41 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND FILE THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS REQUIRED UNDER FLORIDA LAW TO CREATE A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION ENTITLED "WE LOVE PEMBROKE PINES, INC."; FURTHER AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THAT THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO FILE FOR 501(C)(3) STATUS FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Vice Mayor Good Jr., to adopt proposed Resolution No. 2024-R-41 . The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

Enactment No: 3891

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2024-R-41 into the record by title.

Mayor Castillo spoke in favor of the humanitarian efforts to help the community through different outreach programs through the non-profit organization.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke about incorporating internship opportunities for students city-wide.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke about establishing a means to keep people from making a profit from the "We Love Pembroke Pines" non-profit organization.

City Attorney Goren responded referencing a memo that described the key factor which was that the legal vehicle created the brand for the discussion.

22. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2024-R-42.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-42 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM A QUESTION TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING TWO HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$250,000,000) AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (WITHOUT REGARD TO ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT OR PREMIUM) OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE BOND REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER AND CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, AND CHAPTER 100, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR THE PLACE AND PLACES WHERE THE BOND REFERENDUM ELECTION IS TO BE HELD; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND DIRECTION TO THE CITY CLERK TO PERFORM CERTAIN DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to amend Proposed Resolution No. 2024-R-42, to remove the Art portion of the Bond, to be funded by the general fund and reduce the bond to an amount of \$230,000,000. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Mayor Castillo, Vice Mayor Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Hernandez

Nay 1 - Commissioner Schwartz

Enactment No: 3892

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2024-R-42 into the record by title.

Mayor Castillo addressed the matter of the bond referendum. He said the top 10 issues were based on the survey and community feedback provided from the previously held Townhall meetings, the development of the draft strategic plan, discussions leading up to the March 2025 Special Election, and the general obligation bond referendum for the Commission's consideration.

City Manager Dodge addressed some of the comments from the public pertaining to the \$120 million allocation of the funds towards the new police headquarters - public safety building via PowerPoint Presentation. He said the costs are estimated and were based upon the current conditions which included confined workspaces, limited storage options, deteriorating elevators, insufficient space for community events, and a lack of parking.

Commissioner Schwartz made a point of order concerning the presentation.

Mayor Castillo responded that the presentation would be available upon request.

Mr. Dodge continued to describe the breakdown of the costs, stating each of items would be sent out to bid, and could be reviewed at that time for options to save funds. The city is planning so the headquarters would meet the departmental needs through the year 2050.

City Manager Dodge also addressed concerns about the golf course. He said it would be beneficial to maintain the golf course as it is the only recreational program that generates funds for the city.

The matter of art advancement was also addressed and Mr. Dodge stated there are things that could be done on an annual basis with the usage of capitol dollars and the city could lean on the Arts and Culture Advisory Board for suggestions.

Affordable/Workforce Housing were initially built in the city to accommodate senior citizens and was eventually opened for younger families at a reduced cost during the pandemic. Mr. Dodge emphasized

all of the funds would not be borrowed at one time, so that each matter could be vetted, and require Commission approval. Mr. Dodge concluded by saying it was up to the residents to decide what they want for their communities.

Mayor Castillo thanked City Manager Dodge and all the Department Heads for all of their efforts and then opened the item for public comment.

The following members of the public spoke on the item:

David Renshaw 1840 NW 106 Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL

Brandon Carrero, 1571 E. Sandpiper Circle, Pembroke Pines, FL

Stephen Card, 1120 SW 87th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL

Neil Charley, 940 NW 197th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL

Mary Stephens, 1301 NW 192nd Terrace, Pembroke Pines, FL

Barbara Ortis, 1173 NW 122nd Terrace, Pembroke Pines, FL

Al Salvi, resident of Pembroke Pines, FL

Maritza Jorge, 16236 NW 14th Court, Pembroke Pines, FL

Mayor Castillo, City Manager Dodge, and City Attorney Goren responded to the questions raised by the residents.

Each of the Commissioners were permitted the opportunity to speak their thoughts on the purpose of the bond referendum as it relates to bettering the quality of life for Pembroke Pines residents and their decision to vote on the item at the March 2025 Election.

Vice Mayor Good made the recommendation to amend the resolution by breaking it out into five bonds and letting the residents decide on each bond individually.

Mayor Castillo weighed in on the matter.

City Attorney Goren responded about the Commission direction to create the resolution for the bond referendum along with its progress for submittal to the Broward Supervisor of Elections by the first business day

of the new year. Mr. Goren said JoLinda Herring, the city's bond counsel and John and Jerry Ford were participating in the meeting via phone to respond to the questions of the Commission.

JoLinda Herring, Esquire with Bryant, Miller, and Olive addressed the Commission about the time constraints to change the bond referendum by the required deadline of the Broward Supervisor of Elections for the March 11, 2025 Election.

Commissioner Schwartz shared his screen on the overhead and requested to ask questions of the city manager.

Mayor Castillo called for a 3 minute recess without objection.

The meeting reconvened and Commissioner Schwartz asked questions about the breakdown of the costs to build the new police headquarters, city center expansion, senior center expansion/parking, Fahey Park, Fletcher Park, the golf course, and City Manager Dodge responded to the questions of the Commissioner.

Vice Mayor Good spoke about the option to reduce the amount of the bond referendum.

Commissioner Rodriguez and Mayor Castillo weighed in on the matter.

City Manager Dodge responded to the questions of the Commission about reducing the amount of the bond package to get projects completed.

City Attorney Goren spoke with the city's bond, JoLinda Herring to confirm the bond reduction documents would be prepared and sent to staff the following business day to meet the deadline requirements.

JoLinda Herring responded in the affirmative.

A MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING BEYOND 11:30.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve extending the meeting pass 11:30 as required by ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

At 11:20 PM a motion was made to extend the meeting past 11:30PM for the record.

REGULAR AGENDA:

23. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT CITY ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND LOBBYISTS IN THE UPCOMING 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES & APPROPRIATION REQUESTS.

Mayor Castillo read the item into the record by title.

City Manager Dodge spoke about some of the priorities at the desire of the City Commission which was to work on a legacy preference for Charter School Alumni, the removal of utility service providers of obsolete or out-of-service utility hardware, road improvements at Howard C. Forman, and to request state funding for the Pembroke Road Extension to US 27.

Mayor Castillo requested for municipalities to have the option of holding elections in August.

Vice Mayor Good requested funding and reimbursement for School Resource Officers and Crossing Guards.

Commissioner Schwartz requested to ban incineration near populations.

Commissioner Hernandez took a point of personal privilege to wish Commissioner Rodriguez a Happy Birthday.

The following members of the public spoke on the item:

Candice Ericks with Ericks Consultants, Inc. provided a basis for the City Commission to approach their requests for the next Legislative Session.

Lauren Jackson with Ericks Consultants Inc. also addressed the Commission about the new Senate President and some of the initiatives he supports.

Commissioner Rodriguez requested for the insurance crisis to be included in the priorities for the city.

REPORTS OF LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES

Commissioner Schwartz reported the next League Meetings would commence in January 2025.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

COMMISSION ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice Mayor Good brought up a matter under New Business concerning school zones/bus stops. He said parents are parking on other resident's lawns when taking their kids to their designated bus stops which could cause potential altercations and asked for his colleagues to support an ordinance to address the matter.

Commissioner Schwartz weighed in on the matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURN - 12:36 A.M.

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES

**Debra E. Rogers, CMC
City Clerk**