

# City of Pembroke Pines, FL

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

**6:30 PM**

**6:30 PM (or at such time as the Organizational Meeting ends)**  
**Regular Commission Meeting. Item #8 Exhibit A was revised on**  
**pages 2 and 3, and republished. CERTIFIED election results**  
**3/19/2024 added. Item #4 Pulled by Administration.**

**Commission Chambers**

## **City Commission**

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

**6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER****ROLL CALL**

**Present** 4 - Mayor Angelo Castillo, Vice Mayor Thomas Good Jr., Commissioner Jay D. Schwartz, and Commissioner Maria Rodriguez

Also present: City Manager Charles F. Dodge, City Attorney Samuel Goren, and City Clerk Marlene D. Graham.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited during the Organizational Meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**PRE-1 [24-0215](#)** PRESENTATION NO. 1: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNER OF THE DISTRICT 3 NATALIE BELMONTE GREAT YARD AWARDS FOR MARCH 2024. MR. & MRS. MURDOCK.

Mayor Castillo, Commissioner Rodriguez, and Assistant City Manager/Planning and Economic Development Director Mike Stamm presented the Great Yard Award to the Murdock family for District 3.

**PRE-2 [24-0236](#)** PRESENTATION NO. 2: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO NICHOLAS HESSING FROM THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY RECOGNIZING APRIL 2024 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

Mayor Castillo and Commissioner Schwartz read and presented the proclamation to Nicholas Hessing in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Week in the City of Pembroke Pines.

Nicholas Hessing addressed the City Commission on behalf of the

Children's Services Council of Broward County.

**PRE-3** [24-0237](#)

PRESENTATION NO. 3: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO KERRY-ANN BROWN AND THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM (GAL) VOLUNTEERS PROCLAMING APRIL 2024 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

Mayor Castillo and Commissioner Rodriguez read and presented the proclamation to Kerry-Ann Brown and the Guardian Ad Litem volunteers.

Kerry-Ann Brown thanked the Mayor and City Commission for the recognition and encouraged members of the public to become volunteers.

#### **VICE MAYOR APPOINTMENT 2024-2025**

**1.** [24-0298](#)

MOTION TO APPROVE THOMAS GOOD, JR. AS VICE MAYOR FOR 2024-2025.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay** 0

**PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:**

Mayor Castillo read Item 1 into the record by title.

**AFTER THE VOTE WAS TAKEN:**

Mayor Castillo discussed the following organizational announcements:

The National Anthem would be performed by a student, who is a musician after the Pledge of Allegiance at each Commission Meeting.

There would no longer be a need to ask a question through the Chair to

the City Manager or City Attorney.

Commission participation with the Mayor for presentations.

Vice Mayors serving as the City's delegate to the Miramar Pembroke Pines Chamber of Commerce.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies for businesses are required to have either the Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, or a staff member in attendance.

A Monday evening Memo where the Commission would present their questions in advance so that staff are able to have responses prepared for the items being discussed on the agenda. Hard copies are to be provided via the City Clerk on the Dais at each Commission Meeting.

Accuracy and decorum with regards to points of clarification and accurate statements in Commission discussions.

Town Hall meetings based on resident and business stakeholder feedback to inspire comprehensive strategic plan for staffing, commission review, and adoption. Town Hall meetings would allow for comments from the Commission and from members of the public.

## DISTRICT 4 INTERIM COMMISSIONER

2. [24-0289](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM COMMISSIONER FOR PEMBROKE PINES DISTRICT 4.

Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion, seconded by Mayor Castillo, to create a process that anyone in District 4 may apply with an application form, resume and interview, excluding at this time the Form 6 requirement. No action was taken. The motion was superseded by the following:

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Mayor Castillo, to defer item to the next meeting on April 17, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Mayor Castillo read Item 2 into the record by title.

City Attorney Goren read section 3.11(D) of the City's Charter pertaining to vacancies; forfeiture of office; filling of vacancies into the record. City Attorney Goren explained that there is a special election scheduled for November, 5, 2024 to fill the vacant seat for District 4. The process discussed for Item 2 was to fill the District 4 seat on interim basis until the special election was held if the City Commission chose to do so.

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

City Attorney Goren responded to the questions of the Commission about developing a procedure for the interim seat with regards to background checks and the requirement to file the form 6.

Reopening the qualifying period for the District 4 vacancy was also discussed.

City Attorney Goren explained the vote to develop the procedure would be a draft and adopt resolution for the process to fill the District 4 vacancy.

The following members of the public spoke on the item:

Jeffrey Schwartz, 2458 NW 186th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL

Mayor Castillo responded to the resident.

Merwyn Levin, 12601 SW 13th Street, Pembroke Pines, FL

Heidi Jones, 869 NW 208th Way, Pembroke Pines, FL

Brandon Carrero, 1571 East Sandpiper Circle, Pembroke Pines, FL

Ana Butaric, 12915 NW 22nd Manor, Pembroke Pines, FL

Launa Carbonell, 627 SW 168th Terrace, Pembroke Pines, FL

Commissioner Maxwell Chambers, 2300 Civic Place, Miramar, FL

City Attorney Goren responded to the questions of the Commission concerning the adoption of the city's budget for the next Fiscal Year.

City Manager Dodge responded about the potential budgets cuts the city would incur if they were to use the previous year's rollback rate.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE PULLED FROM AGENDA

City Clerk Graham announced that Item 4 was pulled from the agenda by administration.

4. [24-0233](#) **[PULLED FROM THE AGENDA BY ADMINISTRATION 4/3/2024]**  
MOTION TO APPROVE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ONE YEAR RENEWAL OF ITS GRAYKEY FORENSIC SOFTWARE LICENSE IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$33,105 FROM MAGNET FORENSICS, LLC., PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 35.18(C)(7)(H) AND 35.18(C)(7)(I).

## ITEMS AT THE REQUEST OF THE PUBLIC

Riaz Merchant, 20217 SW 54th Place, Pembroke Pines, FL, addressed the Commission about the increased traffic on SW 54th Place.

Kenneth Farkas, 5331 SW 199th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL addressed the Commission about his opposition of an incinerator facility being built near residential areas in Pembroke Pines. Mr. Farkas also spoke to say recycling services should be resumed in the City.

Mayor Castillo responded to the resident.

City Manager Dodge responded to Mr. Farkas concerns about deed restrictions on the land in question.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke on the matter and stated he would bring the item back for further discussion at the next Commission Meeting.

City Attorney Goren addressed the question about deed restrictions on properties owned by the City of Pembroke Pines. Mr. Goren stated the city had the option to place a deed restriction on the property, that it

could be made subject to a referendum to prevent City Commissions from using the property to build an incinerator facility in the future, and that it would be prepared by the next Commission Meeting if possible.

Andres Velosa, 13714 NW 18th Street, Pembroke Pines, FL, addressed the Commission about the T-Mobile cell tower by Pembroke Falls community and requested to have the tower removed.

Mayor Castillo asked for additional information from property manager to be forwarded to the City Engineer.

Commissioner Rodriguez provided her email and responded that the resident could email her with his concerns.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke on the matter.

The following members of the public submitted request to speak forms, but did not address the Commission:

Tim Wilder, 5410 SW 199th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL

Ram Tewari, 8860 NW 3rd Street, Pembroke Pines, FL

Patty De Biase by Mabel Milena Sandoval, 1337 Meadows Boulevard, Weston, FL

## **COMMISSION AUDITOR REPORT:**

None.

## **APPEALS OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT DECISIONS:**

None.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

12. [24-0217](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT A DIRECTOR, ALTERNATE AND SECOND ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE TO THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES FOR 2024-2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner

**Rodriguez, to approve Vice Mayor Tom Good as the City's representative on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay** 0

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Vice Mayor Good Jr., to approve to have Commissioner Schwartz appointed as Director of Broward League; with Commissioner Rodriguez as the First Alternate and Vice Mayor Good as Second Alternate. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay** 0

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Vice Mayor Good Jr., to approve Commissioner Rodriguez as Director of Florida League of Cities (FLC) and Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT) on behalf of the City. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay** 0

#### PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Mayor Castillo discussed assignments and appointments to the following boards/committees as members or alternate members:

Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, Florida League of Cities, Broward League of Cities, Florida Municipal Investment Trust Fund, Auditor Selection Committee, Affordable Housing Committee, and the Raising Positive Children Forum.

Mayor Castillo also discussed that he applied to the US Conference of Mayors and the Florida League of Mayors-Board of Directors. Additionally, he would continue to serve as the Vice Chair for the Broward County Planning Council as the Broward County Commission District 1 appointment.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke on the item.

City Attorney Goren clarified the board appointments could be made sufficiently with a motion and did not legally require a resolution.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

3. [24-0230](#) **MOTION TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONTRACTS DATABASE REPORT:**

- (A) Concrete Works & Paving, Inc.-Concrete & Asphalt Restoration Services - Renewal
- (B) Industrial Communications and Electronics, Inc. - Two-Way Radio Equipment and Services - Renewal
- (C) Polydyne Inc. - Purchase of Polymer C1685 - Renewal

**A motion was made to approve Sections (B) and (C) of Consent Item 3: Section (B) Industrial Communications and Electronics, Inc. - Two-Way Radio Equipment and Services - Renewal. Section (C) Polydyne Inc. - Purchase of Polymer C1685 - Renewal.**

**Section (A) of Consent Item 3 was pulled for discussion.**

5. [24-0234](#) **MOTION TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER TO THE PURCHASE ORDER WITH GOMEZ & SON FENCE CORP FOR PSPW-21-11-01 "HEALTH PARK METAL BUILDING FENCE" IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$21,986.42, INCREASING THE PURCHASE ORDER TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$182,136.42.**

**A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda**

6. [24-0239](#) **MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST TO ADVERTISE SOLICITATION(S)**

- (A) PSUT-24-02 "LIFT STATION SCADA CONVERSION"
- (B) TS-24-04 "MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT"
- (C) TS-24-05 "CISCO INFRASTRUCTURE HARDWARE"
- (D) TS-24-06 "NETWORK CAMERAS"
- (E) TS-24-07 "MILESTONE VMS"
- (F) CS-24-01 "STAGE CURTAINS"

**A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda**

7. [24-0300](#) **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024.**

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

**Nay** 0

**3(A) 24-0230 MOTION TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONTRACTS DATABASE REPORT:**

(A) Concrete Works & Paving, Inc.-Concrete & Asphalt Restoration Services - Renewal

(B) Industrial Communications and Electronics, Inc. - Two-Way Radio Equipment and Services - Renewal

(C) Polydyne Inc. - Purchase of Polymer C1685 - Renewal

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, to approve Section (A) of Consent Item 3. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay** 0

### PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Vice Mayor Good read Item 3(A) into the record by title and spoke on the item.

City Manager Dodge responded to the questions of the Commission about the selected vendors performance for work previously completed.

Paul Thompson, Assistant Utilities Director, responded to the questions of the Commission concerning the department recommendation for the concrete and asphalt restoration services.

### QUASI JUDICIAL CONSENT AGENDA:

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:****SECOND READING ORDINANCES:**

8. [2024-03](#) MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03 ON SECOND AND FINAL READING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03 IS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, CREATING THE EDISON PEMBROKE MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT ("MXD") DISTRICT DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR THE APPROXIMATE 25 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF PEMBROKE ROAD, BETWEEN I-75 AND SW 145 AVENUE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A," ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Enactment No: 2018

City Attorney Goren stated the item had been publicized for public comment and that the City received a letter from the legal counsel of the applicant requesting a deferral until the April 17, 2024, Commission Meeting for the record.

City Attorney Goren also read Proposed Ordinance 2024-03 into the record by title. Mr. Goren stated the Quasi-Judicial item was properly noticed and the time certain deferral requested by the legal counsel was not legally required to be re-noticed referencing Senate Bill 170.

**FIRST READING ORDINANCES:****RESOLUTIONS:**

9. [2024-R-07](#) MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2024-R-07.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2024-R-07 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND ASSURANCES WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AUTHORIZING THE

PURCHASE OF VEHICLES AND/OR EQUIPMENT AND THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS; DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2024-R-07. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay** 0

Enactment No: 3857

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2024-R-07 into the record by title.

Vice Mayor Good and Mayor Castillo spoke on the item.

City Manager Dodge responded to the questions of the Commission on how the grant was to be utilized as it did not allow for the purchase of Electric Vehicle (EV) buses. City Manager Dodge also responded about the costs associated with purchasing gas efficient buses.

**10. 2024-R-08 MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2024-R-08.**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2024-R-08 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, THE VICE MAYOR, THE CITY MANAGER, THE CITY CLERK AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SIGN VOUCHERS AND CHECKS, TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND WITHDRAWALS, AND TO AUTHORIZE TRANSACTIONS ON INVESTMENTS PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S INVESTMENT POLICY ORDINANCE AND AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner**

**Schwartz, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2024-R-08. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay** 0

Enactment No: 3858

**PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:**

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2024-R-08 into the record by title.

**11. 2024-R-09 MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2024-R-09.**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2024-R-09 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ("MOA") FOR PARTICIPATING MIAMI "URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE" ("UASI") GRANT 2022 AGENCY "CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES," THROUGH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MIAMI UASI, COMPRISED OF VARIOUS COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL ENTITIES THAT ARE PARTICIPATING AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE MOA BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI, AS SPONSORING AGENCY, AND THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AS A PARTICIPATING AGENCY, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE USE OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES' SHARE OF THE GRANT PROCEEDS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2024-R-09. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay** 0

Enactment No: 3859

**PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:**

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2024-R-09 into the record by title.

**REGULAR AGENDA:****REPORTS OF LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES**

Commissioner Schwartz commented that the next League of Cities Meeting would take place on April 4, 2024 at the Charles F. Dodge City Center.

**REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY****CA-1: CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve to amend Ordinance No 2017, adopted February 7, 2024 regarding the election to be held on November 5, 2024, to fill the vacancy in the District 4 Commission seat amending the qualifying period to add an additional period for qualifying and confirming the qualified status of the previously qualified candidates. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay** 0

**PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:**

City Attorney Goren reported on the Memorandum sent to the City Commission pertaining to the District 4 vacancy and other election matters.

Mayor Castillo inquired about challenging the Broward Supervisor of Elections for not allowing access to the August ballot, issues with any future elections, reopening the qualifying period for the November 5, 2024 election, and about the fees assessed to hold an election.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke regarding the Broward Supervisor of Elections changing precincts in Pembroke Pines, about the lack of ballot access to the August election, and when municipalities are permitted to hold elections in the future as the matter was a county-wide issue.

Vice Mayor Good spoke to make a motion to amend the ordinance 2017 concerning the qualifying period for the November 5, 2024, election.

City Attorney Goren responded to the questions of the Commission referencing the Memorandum that was distributed to the Commission. City Attorney Goren also responded about the qualifying period dates for the November 5, 2024, election and referenced a Memorandum that was submitted to the City Attorney's Office from the Broward Supervisor of Elections.

## CA-2: CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve to direct the City Attorney to file a declaratory action regarding the supervisor of election and access to the August ballots moving forward. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay** 0

### PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Vice Mayor Good inquired about seeking an opinion from the Division of Elections versus the choice to litigate the issue.

City Attorney Goren responded about the options the City has concerning the matter.

### AFTER THE VOTE WAS TAKEN:

Commissioner Rodriguez inquired about what would the process be if the opinion of the Broward Supervisor of Elections was overturned after litigating the matter from the Governor.

Mayor Castillo requested a Memorandum be prepared by the City Attorney's Office, to be discussed at the next Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke on the item.

Mayor Castillo inquired if the issues could be combined within one lawsuit or if they should be filed separately.

City Attorney Goren responded that the matters could be combined and responded about the time frame needed to prepare the directed items.

**COMMISSION ITEMS:**

13. [24-0242](#) COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ - ITEM NO.1: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PROVIDE A PLAN NAMED THE "CODE ENFORCEMENT ENHANCEMENT CITYWIDE INITIATIVE" IN ORDER TO PROTECT PROPERTY VALUES, THE LOOK OF NON HOA NEIGHBORHOODS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

Commission agreed by consensus to bring back Commissioner Schwartz's item at the second meeting in May 2024.

**PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:**

Commissioner Schwartz read Item 13 into the record by title and spoke on the item.

City Manager Dodge responded that staff may not be able to complete the study/analysis in the requested 4 week time frame.

Larry Diaco, Code Compliance Administrator responded about the three positions previously budgeted, the two vacancies proposed to be included in the upcoming budget, along with additional training for the Code Compliance Officers.

Vice Mayor Good requested Mr. Diaco write an outlined Memorandum.

14. [24-0244](#) MAYOR CASTILLO - ITEM NO.1: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING THE SW 54 PLACE SPEED HUMP WAIVER REQUEST TO ALLOW SPEED HUMP INSTALLATION.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve the 54th Place speed hump waiver request to allow speed hump installation experimental hard rubber product. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay** 0

**PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:**

Mayor Castillo read Item 14 into the record by title and spoke on the item.

Karl Kennedy, City Engineer, addressed the Commission regarding the procedure to have speed humps installed and referenced the resolution that describes the speed hump requirement of 500 feet in between each hump installed.

Commissioner Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Good, and Commissioner Schwartz spoke on the matter.

Fire Chief Marcelino Rodriguez responded to the questions of the Commission about the City's emergency response times.

The following members of the public spoke on the item:

Gilbert Reyes, 20306 SW 54th PL, Pembroke Pines, FL

Jeffrey Schwartz, 2458 NW 186th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL

Kenneth Farkas, 5331 SW 199th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL

City Manager Dodge responded to the comments made about putting the gate back up at SW 54th Place. City Manager Dodge also responded about the installation of the temporary speed humps.

**AFTER THE VOTE WAS TAKEN:**

Commissioner Schwartz directed the City Manager to draft a letter, through the Fire Chief to the residents of SW 54th Place, to notify them about the potential change of the emergency response time if the additional speed humps were installed.

City Manager Dodge responded that the residents could be provided a letter with additional information.

**15. 24-0287**

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ - ITEM #2: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 32.002 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBERS BY A MAJORITY

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VOTE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOLLOWING A PUBLIC  
INTERVIEW PROCESS FOR ALL INTERESTED APPLICANTS  
SEEKING TO SERVE AS ALTERNATES ON THE CITY'S ADVISORY  
BOARDS.

Commissioner Schwartz moved his motion to direct the City Attorney's Office to draft an ordinance amending section 32.002 of the city's code of ordinances to provide for the appointment of alternate board members by a majority vote of the city commission following a public interview process for all interested applicants seeking to serve as alternates on the city's advisory boards. His motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Schwartz read Item 14 into the record by title and spoke on the item.

Mayor Castillo made a point of clarification to explain the purpose of the existing ordinance pertaining to board appointments and that it included Commission approval.

Assistant City Attorney Horowitz addressed the Commission concerning the process for board/alternate appointments and referenced section 32.0002 of the City's Charter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURN - 11:21 P.M.**

**CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES**

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**Marlene D. Graham, CMC**  
**City Clerk**