

# 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, March 4, 2026**

**6:30 PM**

**Regular Commission Meeting, Presentation No. 3 was pulled by  
Administration on 3-4-2026.**

**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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Castillo addressed the recent conflict in the Middle East and expressed hope for a resolution of hostilities with minimal casualties. The mayor asked that everyone keep the military personnel and civilians affected by the conflict in their thoughts. The mayor further asked that the community remain mindful of the need for peace in the world and the importance of freedom for all people, noting that while freedom is often taken for granted, many places in the world do not enjoy the same liberties. The mayor reiterated his hope for a speedy resolution to the conflict.

Mayor Castillo then shared the sad news of the passing of former Broward County Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, who represented the City of Pembroke Pines throughout the majority of her tenure. The mayor noted that he represented the city at her funeral. Mayor Castillo shared that Commissioner Gunzburger made history as the longest-serving Broward County Commissioner and was known for her toughness, kindness, and devotion to fairness. Mayor Castillo asked for and held a moment of silence in her honor.

### 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 Gabriel Fernandez.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Azaraya Lee.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was performed by Azaraya Lee.

## **ITEMS AT THE REQUEST OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no items at the request of the public.

## **COMMISSION AUDITOR REPORT:**

None.

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

None.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE PULLED FROM AGENDA**

City Clerk Fernandez announced that Presentation Number 3 was pulled by Administration and has been rescheduled for the Commission Meeting on March 18, 2026.

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

There were no board appointments announced.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

- PRE-2** PRESENTATION NO. 2: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO THE WEST BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING TEAM FOR WINNING THEIR SEVENTH FHSAA CLASS 2A COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIP AND THEIR SECOND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE D1 LARGE NON-TUMBLING COMPETITION.

Mayor Castillo announced a proclamation recognizing the West Broward High School Competitive Cheerleading Team for their recent accomplishments. The mayor reported that on January 22, 2026, the team won its seventh FHSAA Class 2A State Competitive Cheerleading Championship, earning 90.2 points at the RP Funding Center in Lakeland, Florida. The mayor further announced that the team subsequently won its second national championship in the D1 Large Non-Tumbling Division, scoring 88.6 points at ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Florida.

Commissioner Rodriguez noted that this victory marked the fourth state championship and second national championship under Coach Danielle Culbertson, who has led the team for ten years. Commissioner Rodriguez applauded the team's impressive competitive record, consisting of seven state championships and two national championships. Commissioner Rodriguez proceeded to read the names of each team member and invited them to the front of the Commission chambers to be recognized.

**Team Members:**

Adelaila Cabrera, Faith Delgado, Mia DeWoskin,  
Alexa Millan, Hailey Sarmiento, Nia Cabrera,  
Andrea D'Ribeaux, Isabella Gonzalez, Nylah Harper,  
Andrea Lopez, Kennedi Moore, Olivia Tirone,  
Antonella Chiarella, Livia DeWoskin, Peyton Chatman,  
Ariana Aguirre, Maren Berthelotte, Shiva Shavit,  
Bristol Booth, Marley Chacon, Camila Fuentes,  
Meadow Scott, Emma Fernandez, Melanie Zimmerman,  
Emily Chetram, Mia Cleary.

**Coaches:**

Danielle Culbertson, Corey Jackson, Amber San Angelo.

With the team assembled at the front of the Chambers, Mayor Castillo presented the proclamation to the West Broward High School Competitive Cheerleading Team. The mayor and commissioners then joined the team for photographs and offered their congratulations. The team performed a cheer in celebration of the recognition, and the mayor expressed how impressed he was by their performance.

**PRE-4** PRESENTATION NO. 4: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT COMMISSIONER MARIA RODRIGUEZ WITH A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2026 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

Mayor Castillo announced a proclamation declaring March as Women's History Month. The mayor highlighted the many contributions women have made nationwide and within local communities. The mayor noted that women have served in numerous vital roles, including roles in public service, and as economic, scientific, cultural, civic, and social leaders. Mayor Castillo emphasized the importance of recognizing the breadth of women's accomplishments and their significant impact on the development and progress of society.

Commissioner Rodriguez further emphasized the critical role that women have played in the United States Armed Forces and their courageous service throughout history. Commissioner Rodriguez continued by noting that women have led and advanced numerous important movements, including those for suffrage, civil rights, labor rights, equality, and peace. Commissioner Rodriguez communicated that despite these extraordinary contributions, the achievements of women are often overlooked or undervalued. For this reason, Commissioner Rodriguez stressed the importance of formally recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments and stories of women.

On behalf of the City Commission, Mayor Castillo officially proclaimed March 2026 as Women's History Month and encouraged residents to celebrate the vital role of women in shaping the nation, the state, and the community.

Commissioner Rodriguez thanked Mayor Castillo and the entire Commission for recognizing Women's History Month. Commissioner Rodriguez shared a link providing information about Women's History in Pembroke Pines ([ppines.com/1809/Womens-History-Month](http://ppines.com/1809/Womens-History-Month)) and encouraged residents to explore the resource to learn more about the women who have helped the City of Pembroke Pines develop into its current state.

- PRE-5** PRESENTATION NO. 5: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO MARK GOMES, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER / DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY, AND HIS STAFF RECOGNIZING MARCH 2026, AS NATIONAL PROCUREMENT MONTH AND MARCH 11, 2026, AS PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS' DAY IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

Mayor Castillo praised the work and efforts of Assistant City Manager and Director of Procurement and Sustainability Mark Gomes and his staff, expressing appreciation for the vital role they play in City operations. The mayor read a proclamation declaring March 11, 2026, as Procurement Professionals Day and designating March as National Procurement Month. The mayor outlined the many important responsibilities carried out by the procurement department, including ensuring government efficiency, supporting high-quality operations and services, and promoting transparency and integrity in purchasing practices.

Mayor Castillo further explained that procurement professionals play a critical role in ensuring cost-effective government operations by fostering strong supplier relationships and upholding the highest ethical standards. The mayor expressed his deep appreciation for the dedication and contribution of the procurement department in helping maintain the city's excellence.

Assistant City Manager and Director of Procurement and Sustainability Mark Gomes thanked the mayor and the City Commission for recognizing the Procurement Department. Assistant City Manager Gomes reiterated the many essential services the department provides, including sourcing and supplying equipment such as body armor for police officers and fire trucks for firefighters, along with numerous other items necessary for efficient city operations.

- PRE-1** PRESENTATION NO. 1: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2026 WINNERS OF DISTRICTS 1 AND 2 NATALIE BELMONTE GREAT YARD AWARDS.

Assistant City Manager and Director of Planning and Economic Development Michael Stamm presented the Natalie Belmont Awards to the winners from District One and District Two. James and Ann Fett, the District 1 January 2026 winners received a gift card and certificate, but unfortunately were not able to attend the Commission meeting. Roger and Lynn Morris, the District 2 February 2026 winners, were also recognized for their home by the Commission and presented with a certificate and a gift card.

Director Stamm shared that there has been an increase in excitement about the Natalie Belmont Awards and his department is receiving more nominations. Director Stamm congratulated the Morris family.

Mayor Castillo questioned the Morris family on their secret to success.

Roger Morris responded that as he is retired, he does yard work in an effort to keep himself off of his couch.

Lynn Morris responded that she is the designer.

Mayor Castillo congratulated the Morris family on their excellent work.

Commissioner Schwartz thanked the Morris family for helping to make Pembroke Pines the best looking city in the world. Commissioner Schwartz explained that Code Enforcement picked the Morris house as the winner of this award.

**PRE-3** PRESENTATION NO. 1: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO TAMER ALTILLAWI FROM SUFRAT MEDITERRANEAN GRILL RECOGNIZING MARCH 2026 AS GREEK AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

## **REGULAR AGENDA:**

**6.** DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CITY MANAGER'S REPORT FROM THE FEBRUARY 18, 2026, COMMISSION MEETING REGARDING TOWN HALL MEETING REQUESTS BY ELECTED OFFICIALS.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to accept Exhibit 2 as a policy regarding Town Hall Meetings. 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 Manager Dodge resumed a discussion from the previous Commission Meeting regarding town hall meetings requested by elected officials. The city manager explained that the city attorney, with his support, drafted a policy establishing procedures for how town hall meetings are to be called and conducted moving forward.

Mayor Castillo communicated that the Administration wished for the Commission to discuss the draft and if desired, direct the creation of a resolution that could be adopted at a future meeting.

In response, City Attorney Goren clarified that the draft was a proposal prepared by the city attorney's office. The city attorney communicated that it contained eleven points of reference based on comments previously expressed by Commission members. The city attorney explained that the proposal outlined the methodology for calling town hall meetings, conducting them, protecting the public's right of access, safeguarding public records, and preserving the foundational purpose of town halls as an important public engagement tool.

Commissioner Rodriguez communicated that although she had been absent during the prior discussion, she agreed with the points Commissioner Good previously raised. Commissioner Rodriguez expressed that, in her view, it made sense for citywide meetings to be called by the mayor and district wide meetings by the respective district commissioners. Commissioner Rodriguez asked how, under the proposed system of moderated town halls, she could present a topic of broader relevance, one related to her professional background, even if it did not apply solely to her district.

Mayor Castillo responded that if the Commission wanted to hold a citywide meeting, one could be held. The mayor communicated that it was his understanding that the mayor calls citywide meetings or, alternatively, the Commission may request that the mayor does so. Mayor Castillo explained that under the scenario described by Commissioner Rodriguez, she would still be able to speak on her area of expertise without conflicting with any proposed rules.

Mayor Castillo further explained that the proposal was primarily concerned with the process of calling town hall meetings and reinforcing the understanding that all town hall meetings are public meetings. The mayor acknowledged that there are costs associated with holding such

meetings but emphasized that they are worth the costs. The mayor described the purpose of a town hall as an opportunity for staff to educate the public on an issue and for the Commission to hear directly from residents, with no restrictions on any individual's ability to speak.

The mayor expressed that one of his primary concerns was preventing political activity in town hall meetings. Mayor Castillo provided an example in which a commissioner from District A should not be holding a meeting in District C. The mayor communicated that he believed City Manager Dodge shared similar concerns and that the matter had begun to appear political.

Commissioner Schwartz raised a point of order, stating that the city manager could speak for himself and that his thoughts should not be interpreted by others. Commissioner Schwartz expressed firmly that his town hall was neither a citywide town hall nor political. Commissioner Schwartz requested ten minutes to read into the record all communications he had exchanged with the city manager regarding his town hall.

Commissioner Rodriguez raised a point of order, stating that the flyer that had been circulated included language indicating it was a citywide town hall.

Commissioner Schwartz responded that the flyer did not state that it was a citywide town hall.

Mayor Castillo reminded the Commission that Commissioner Rodriguez had the floor and reiterated that the core issue was one of appearance, which is why the city manager brought the matter forward. The mayor commended City Manager Dodge for presenting his concerns to the full Commission and communicated that doing so could not have been an easy decision.

Commissioner Rodriguez continued her remarks and asked for clarification on the portion of the proposal stating that advertisements for official meetings must be created by city staff. Commissioner Schwartz asked whether that requirement applied only to citywide meetings or also to district-wide meetings.

Mayor Castillo clarified that advertisements would be prepared by professional staff, but nothing prevented commissioners from exercising their First Amendment rights by posting information on their personal social media pages. The mayor explained that commissioners should contact the Communications Office through the city manager when

requesting official advertisements.

Commissioner Rodriguez suggested clarifying the language to state that advertisements must be created or approved by city staff.

Mayor Castillo responded that if a commissioner created a flyer and submitted it to staff for review, and staff accepted it, the document would then become a city communication. The mayor communicated that such materials should display the city seal and clearly indicate that the event is a city event and not a political one.

Commissioner Rodriguez communicated that this answered all her questions.

Mayor Castillo asked if any commissioners would yield their time to provide Commissioner Schwartz with the ten minutes he requested. Commissioner Schwartz clarified that he did not require the entire ten minutes but requested the time so that he could respond or engage if further discussion occurred.

Vice Mayor Hernandez thanked City Manager Dodge for contacting him and explaining his position on the matter. The vice mayor noted that he had a separate, unrelated public comment from a constituent and requested that the mayor allow time for it after the conclusion of the current discussion. The mayor agreed and directed the member of the public to complete the request-to-speak form.

Vice Mayor Hernandez then communicated that, based on the questions and clarifications raised by Commissioner Rodriguez, his own questions had been fully addressed.

Commissioner Good expressed that he understood the need for a written policy but noted that the process had historically operated under unspoken guidelines. Commissioner Good communicated that policies can always be amended as needed. Commissioner Good emphasized that his main concern was ensuring that the process he has long used for conducting town hall meetings does not change. Commissioner Good noted that he relies on staff for assistance with agendas, logistics, and public notifications, and he hoped those practices would remain intact. Addressing the city manager, Commissioner Good expressed that he hoped the proposal under consideration would not alter his established process.

Mayor Castillo expressed that the policy would not change existing processes but was intended to address legitimate concerns brought

forward by the city manager.

Commissioner Good communicated he understood and characterized the proposal as establishing guardrails for the town hall meeting process.

Commissioner Rodriguez added a point of clarification, stating that Commissioner Schwartz's social media post announcing his meeting did include language suggesting it was a citywide town hall.

Commissioner Schwartz responded that the citywide language was added by staff, not by him.

Commissioner Rodriguez reiterated that regardless of who added the language, the public saw it as a citywide meeting.

Commissioner Schwartz then presented a timeline of events. Commissioner Schwartz communicated that on February 2, 2026, he emailed City Manager Dodge requesting to reserve the Commission Chambers on February 25, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. for a District 2 town hall meeting. Commissioner Schwartz continued that on February 3, 2026, at 10:17 a.m., and at the direction of the city manager, staff member Christina Goulding contacted him to confirm availability and gather logistical details.

At this point, Commissioner Good briefly excused himself from the Chambers, and Commissioner Schwartz briefly paused his remarks.

Commissioner Schwartz continued that Ms. Goulding informed him that the Chambers were available on February 25 and asked him to identify his needs, including room setup. Commissioner Schwartz communicated that his town hall had been added to the city calendar on February 2 and that at the February 4 Commission Meeting, he publicly announced that he would be holding a town hall. Commissioner Schwartz expressed that he informed the Commission at that time that additional information was forthcoming because he was still collecting details from FPL and other related parties.

Commissioner Schwartz voiced that on February 12, staff distributed an email invitation to the city manager, the Commission, and administration members, inviting them to attend the town hall. Commissioner Schwartz conveyed that a calendar invitation was sent to the Commission members, city manager, and administration. Commissioner Schwartz described that he also received an email from the city manager on February 6 asking whether he needed staff support. Commissioner

Schwartz expressed that he informed the city manager that he did not need anything at that moment but would advise if that changed.

Commissioner Schwartz further communicated that on February 12 he requested distribution of the public flyer announcing the District 2 town hall. Commissioner Schwartz then detailed that on February 5 he had spoken with Deputy City Manager Marty Gayeski regarding an FPL contractor beginning excavation work in residents' front yards for underground installations. Commissioner Schwartz expressed that he followed up that conversation with an email to the deputy city manager, the city manager, FPL, and other staff, informing them of the ongoing work and requesting that FPL provide the city with an educational video explaining the project and outlining what residents should expect.

Commissioner Schwartz continued that in this same communication he expressed that he had spoken again that morning with FPL regarding the lack of prior notice to the city about the work already underway. Commissioner Schwartz detailed that he informed staff that, according to his discussions with FPL, residents could be assured that sod replacement and any sprinkler system damage caused by the contractors would be repaired. Commissioner Schwartz described that he was awaiting additional information from FPL regarding the process residents should use to report damage. Commissioner Schwartz further explained that in his email he requested that staff alert the public through a social media post that included his communication, until more detailed information from FPL was available. Commissioner Schwartz conveyed that he cautioned staff that many residents would likely return home from work to find unexpected excavations in their yards, and he stressed the need to get ahead of this issue by posting information that morning.

Commissioner Schwartz emphasized that this communication occurred on February 5, one week before his town hall flyer included utilities as a topic of discussion. Commissioner Schwartz continued that on February 6, the city manager reached out to him asking whether he required anything from staff for the upcoming town hall. Commissioner Schwartz communicated he responded that at that time he had gathered most of what he needed and would advise if that changed. Commissioner Schwartz noted this was six days before the flyer was distributed publicly.

Commissioner Schwartz continued that on February 12, the city clerk's office published all postings for the week, which included the Commission agenda, public notices related to Senator Scott, and the notice for the town hall. Commissioner Schwartz described that the town hall notice was labeled Commissioner J.D. Schwartz Town Hall Meeting and cited Florida Statute 286.011 regarding the presence of one or

more city commissioners. Commissioner Schwartz stressed that the notice did not refer to a citywide town hall but instead clearly identified it as his district town hall.

Commissioner Schwartz continued that this notice included the flyer he had submitted to staff. Commissioner Schwartz conveyed that on February 12, in the email transmitting the flyer to staff, he had included the statement: If you have any questions, please let me know, and that he remained open to suggested edits or concerns.

Commissioner Schwartz continued that on February 17, he received a phone call from City Manager Dodge. Commissioner Schwartz expressed that he chose not to engage in a lengthy back and forth during the call due to the sensitive nature of the conversation and to avoid misunderstandings. Commissioner Schwartz conveyed he could not produce a written record of the call but affirmed he would sign a sworn affidavit recounting its substance.

Commissioner Schwartz continued that during the February 17 call, he initially believed the city manager was contacting him regarding questions about the next day's Commission agenda, as the two traditionally spoke on Tuesdays. Commissioner Schwartz described that instead, the city manager told him that two of his colleagues had concerns about the town hall's timing in proximity to the election and asked whether he would consider moving the date. Commissioner Schwartz communicated he told the city manager he could not move the event because of ongoing issues in the community related to the FPL project, including torn-up yards and the need for urgent communication with residents.

Commissioner Schwartz voiced that the city manager then asked whether he had availability toward the end of March. Commissioner Schwartz aired that he responded that he did not. Commissioner Schwartz continued that the city manager then told him that he didn't want to blindside him, but that one of his colleagues may bring it up at the meeting tomorrow night. Commissioner Schwartz expressed that this was the full extent of the call and reiterated again that he would sign an affidavit attesting to it.

Commissioner Schwartz continued that what was represented publicly about the phone call was not the substance of the conversation he had with the city manager. Commissioner Schwartz conveyed that as a direct result of that phone call, and of the broader discussion that occurred two weeks earlier at the prior Commission meeting, he subsequently had a lengthy conversation with Assistant City Manager Jonathan Bonilla.

Commissioner Schwartz detailed that during this conversation, he went through every single category listed on his flyer and explained how each topic was intended to be presented at the town hall.

Commissioner Schwartz continued that the next day he received a phone call from Assistant City Manager Bonilla informing him that the city manager would not permit him to use any city facility for the town hall and that he would not be provided with any staff support. Commissioner Schwartz conveyed that Assistant City Manager Bonilla additionally asked him what his decision would be, given the withdrawal of both the venue and staff support. Commissioner Schwartz described that he responded that he did not yet know, emphasizing that he had information that residents needed and that he needed information from them in order to perform his duties as their commissioner.

Commissioner Schwartz continued that later that evening, the flyer, that was previously released by staff, was displayed on the electronic boards at the Taste of the Pines event, and it ran for the entirety of the evening. Commissioner Schwartz communicated that these digital boards continued to display the flyer through the following week. Commissioner Schwartz further voiced that the social media posts published by staff were drafted entirely by staff, as he had no control over the city's social media accounts. Commissioner Schwartz noted that those posts remained active on the city's social media platform until Monday, which was two days before the originally scheduled town hall.

Commissioner Schwartz continued that on the Sunday before the meeting date, he contacted the city's contracted event vendor, who manages operations for the outdoor areas of the civic complex. Commissioner Schwartz aired that the vendor was already aware that access to Commission Chambers had been cancelled. Commissioner Schwartz expressed that he inquired about the possibility of hosting the town hall outside the building, under the assumption that the outdoor civic space was public space suitable for peaceful assembly, petitioning government, and constituent engagement.

Commissioner Schwartz continued that he was then informed that, because the city had previously transferred management rights for the entire complex to the vendor, he would need to execute a lease agreement in order to use any space outside the building. Commissioner Schwartz conveyed that he asked the vendor not to treat him any differently than any other member of the public, noting that he was aware that a rabbi had conducted a menorah lighting event for a \$50 fee that included restroom access in early December.

Commissioner Schwartz explained that he had never previously sought any services from the vendor prior to that Sunday. Commissioner Schwartz continued that the vendor provided him with a proposal totaling approximately \$1,400. Commissioner Schwartz communicated that, for clarification, he asked the vendor what specific space was included in that price, how much time it covered, and requested a public fee schedule, noting that he wished to avoid any perception that he was receiving preferential treatment.

Commissioner Schwartz continued that he was now faced with a potential invoice exceeding \$1,400, and the situation was occurring within 48 hours of the scheduled meeting. Commissioner Schwartz emphasized that the city's social media announcements had been running for nearly a week and that, combined with his own outreach efforts, thousands of District 2 residents had been notified of the town hall.

Commissioner Schwartz voiced that he wanted to avoid exactly what later occurred on Wednesday evening, when residents arrived at city hall, pulled on the chamber doors, and found them locked. Commissioner Schwartz aired that he did everything within his ability because he had been informed that he would receive no support from administration and would not be provided with any city assets whatsoever.

Commissioner Schwartz expressed that in response, he turned to his personal social media accounts and posted an announcement informing residents that the town hall would not take place inside Commission Chambers. Commissioner Schwartz conveyed he advised residents that the reasons for the cancellation would be addressed at a later time.

Commissioner Schwartz continued that after this announcement, he received outreach from several residents. Commissioner Schwartz then explained that he wished to provide definitions relevant to what he believed had occurred. Commissioner Schwartz defined viewpoint discrimination as a situation in which a space generally available to officials or the public is denied based on the official's message, point of view, or disagreement with staff positions. Commissioner Schwartz defined content-based restrictions as limitations placed on access to space based on subject matter rather than neutral criteria such as capacity or scheduling, adding that such restrictions can constitute content-based suppression of speech.

Commissioner Schwartz further explained that prior restraint occurs when speech is prevented before it can take place, noting that although the term is most commonly used in relation to the press, the underlying

principle was relevant. Commissioner Schwartz added that abuse of administrative authority includes administrative overreach or obstruction of an elected official's ability to carry out their duties.

Commissioner Schwartz communicated that, from a limited-public-forum perspective, most city buildings qualify as limited public forums in which the city may impose content-neutral rules. Commissioner Schwartz voiced that prior to the evening's discussion, no written policy existed governing the process. Commissioner Schwartz aired that there had been previous instances where he disagreed with the administration, but none of those disagreements related to the underlying public concerns, specifically, torn-up yards and the immediate issues affecting residents.

Commissioner Schwartz concluded that the appearance of these events occurring thirteen days before an election had nothing to do with the operational concerns he had raised regarding FPL's work, and yet the outcome prevented the residents he represents from being able to exercise their First-Amendment rights.

Commissioner Schwartz continued that the residents whom the Commission represents were unable to exercise their First Amendment rights of free speech, to petition their government, and to seek communications with their directly elected official. Commissioner Schwartz expressed that now, in light of these events, a memorandum had been produced which, in his view, did not state fact. Commissioner Schwartz described the memorandum as a clear overreach and expressed concern as to why it was being brought into a public forum in this manner.

Commissioner Schwartz continued by recounting the relevant dates: February 2nd, February 3rd, February 4th, February 5th, February 6th, and February 12th. Commissioner Schwartz conveyed that at no point during that span did the city manager contact him to ask for any clarification. Commissioner Schwartz then explained that perhaps the reason was that one of his constituents had met the city manager three weeks prior to the scheduled town hall at a local business and had asked the city manager what was happening in the front yards. Commissioner Schwartz communicated that the city manager responded to the constituent by asking him if he's spoken to his district commissioner about it.

Commissioner Schwartz continued, addressing the city manager directly, stating that he had engaged in the most transparent process possible, and that everything related to the town hall had been included and shared. Commissioner Schwartz aired that whatever the city

manager's interpretation or legal perspective may be, the phone call of February 17th made it clear to him that the city manager had made the matter political.

Commissioner Schwartz expressed that at no time did the constituent who approached the city manager ask about any political issue; rather, the resident simply asked about torn-up yards. Commissioner Schwartz conveyed that his email of February 5th, which he memorialized in writing, showed he had been working directly with FPL to avoid a crisis similar to the Walter C. Young situation. Commissioner Schwartz explained that he attempted to bring forward all available information as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Schwartz communicated that FPL performed well in providing information for the town hall. Commissioner Schwartz voiced that FPL originally intended to speak for an hour but that he limited them to five minutes and FPL revised their material, accordingly, making it concise enough for staff to email to residents. Commissioner Schwartz aired that through this process, he learned for the first time that their project extended beyond District 2 and had actually begun in the western portion of the city before moving east. Commissioner Schwartz expressed that at no point had commissioners been notified of that broader scope, and he described this as a failure to communicate important information within the city.

Commissioner Schwartz noted that, upon reviewing the draft policy, the first thing that stood out to him was his recollection of events from the previous year.

Mayor Castillo reminded Commissioner Schwartz that he had asked for ten minutes, which was fine. The mayor continued that Commissioner Schwartz's comments have been going on for a fair amount of time and reminded him of the Commission's agenda.

Commissioner Schwartz responded that he was not filibustering and that you cannot filibuster the truth. Commissioner Schwartz clarified that this was his last point before concluding his remarks.

Commissioner Schwartz explained that the Commission had previously had an Education Commissioner in attendance who was discussing matters related to bonds. Commissioner Schwartz communicated that, the year prior, he had asked the city manager to include the prices of projects on presentation slides so residents could determine for themselves whether they supported a proposed bond, and he was told no.

When informed by Mayor Castillo that the discussion was veering off topic, Commissioner Schwartz voiced that it was not off topic. Commissioner Schwartz aired that in January of the previous year, he brought forward an item requesting that the Commission approve all social media posts and informational flyers related to the bond proposal, and that his item did not receive a second. Commissioner Schwartz expressed that when he now saw a draft policy that essentially said trust me, he had concerns, especially when an elected official was prevented from performing his role because the building doors had been locked.

Commissioner Schwartz concluded his remarks by yielding back to the Commission.

Mayor Castillo thanked Commissioner Schwartz for his explanation and conveyed that he wished to respond as directly but as kindly as possible. The mayor explained that he did not believe the account Commissioner Schwartz had provided. The mayor communicated he believed the city manager felt uncomfortable about the situation and that the situation had the appearance of politics. The mayor voiced that the flyer referenced utilities, which he characterized as referring to water, sewer, and solid waste. The mayor aired that Commissioner Schwartz was now attempting to categorize the matter as an FPL or gas installation project, which, the mayor expressed, was not among the extensive list of topics noted on the flyer.

The mayor conveyed that the flyer had every appearance of a citywide town hall scheduled immediately before an election. The mayor continued that Commissioner Schwartz had been responsible for advancing a charter revision to prohibit commissioners from interfering in elections, a revision that the public approved. The mayor explained that Commissioner Schwartz had also developed a pattern of assigning blame to others for matters that, in the mayor's opinion, resulted from Commissioner Schwartz's own actions, both in his official capacity and his private life.

The mayor communicated again that he did not believe the statements Commissioner Schwartz had made. The mayor voiced that the city manager had acted appropriately, had felt uncomfortable, and had reached out in a courteous manner to discuss the issue, and that Commissioner Schwartz declined to discuss it. The mayor aired that when the Commission was set to discuss the matter at the previous meeting, Commissioner Rodriguez had a family emergency, the vice mayor was participating by phone due to the flu, and Commissioner Schwartz left the meeting, preventing a quorum. The mayor expressed

that this, in his view, was a censurable offense.

The mayor conveyed that in the absence of Commission guidance, the city manager made the decision that no further town hall meetings should take place until a policy could be established. The mayor explained that he believed the city manager's decision was difficult but correct, and that he was proud of the city manager for acting to protect the city's best interests.

The mayor communicated that although Commissioner Schwartz had requested 10 minutes to speak, he had taken approximately 20 minutes, and that having listened to the entirety of the remarks, the mayor did not believe any of it. Mayor Castillo voiced that, in his view, Commissioner Schwartz had again attempted to attribute responsibility to others, whether the clerk, the city manager, or staff, when the responsibility rested with Commissioner Schwartz.

Vice Mayor Hernandez spoke in support of City Manager Dodge and thanked him for his professionalism. The vice mayor expressed that the city manager always answered his calls, as did others including Christina Goulding and Michael Stamm. The vice Mayor expressed appreciation for the Police Chief and Fire Chief, stating that whenever he sought clarification, they promptly responded. The vice mayor conveyed that he believed the city manager handled the situation as best as possible and thanked the legal team and the city clerk as well. The vice mayor explained that he understood the pressures associated with running a city of Pembroke Pines' size and expressed his appreciation for their service.

Commissioner Good expressed that he wished to thank the Mayor and Commissioner Schwartz, and he acknowledged Commissioner Schwartz for his explanation. Commissioner Good conveyed that he had been present and engaged through the full scale of the discussion at the previous meeting. Commissioner Good explained that the situation may have been resolved at that earlier meeting had it been made clear at that time that the event being referenced was a district town hall. Commissioner Good communicated that the conversation at the previous meeting centered entirely on what appeared to be a citywide town hall, and at no point did he hear any clarification that it was district specific. Commissioner Good voiced that he had been listening for that distinction, but those words were never spoken. Commissioner Good communicated that the entire discussion concerned a citywide meeting, and that only at the current meeting had it been clarified that there had been a misunderstanding. Commissioner Good expressed that, given that clarification, they now had reason to make a better and clearer

understanding moving forward.

Commissioner Good then conveyed that he would like to make a motion to accept Exhibit 2 as a baseline policy for town hall and district hall meetings going forward.

AFTER THE VOTE WAS TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren requested to briefly speak and explained that a resolution would be brought back at the mayor's direction and that of the Commission, incorporating the approved items for formal consideration at a future meeting.

ITEMS AT THE REQUEST OF THE PUBLIC CONTINUED

Mayor Castillo thanked the city attorney and confirmed that the resolution would return at the next meeting. The mayor then recognized speaker Lisa Wulf and apologized for the wait.

Ms. Wulf approached the podium. The mayor instructed her to activate the microphone. Ms. Wulf asked whether she needed to state her address. The mayor confirmed that she did. Ms. Wulf expressed her name for the record as Lisa Wulf and provided her address: 530 Northwest 205th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33029. Ms. Wulf communicated that she resided in the Chapel Point neighborhood.

Mayor Castillo welcomed her.

Ms. Wulf voiced that she had written her remarks because she did not like public speaking. Ms. Wulf aired that she came to share concerns regarding traffic conditions in her community due to Somerset Academy, specifically at 208th Avenue and Johnson Street and at Rose Price Park. Ms. Wulf expressed that her concerns involved not only congestion but significant safety issues.

Ms. Wulf conveyed that earlier that morning, while out on her routine jog and following her typical route from Chapel Point toward the walking path, she was struck by a vehicle. Ms. Wulf was asked whether she was okay, and she responded that she was, and that only her hand had been injured. Ms. Wulf described that the vehicle had been blocking the walking-path entrance to drop off a student, which she explained was a common occurrence as many parents used Rose Price Park to avoid the school pickup line. Ms. Wulf communicated that although she was attentive and aware while crossing, the vehicle began to move as she was finishing her crossing, resulting in the contact.

Ms. Wulf voiced she was grateful her injuries were minor but emphasized that many unsafe incidents were occurring daily. Ms. Wulf described vehicles failing to stop at crosswalks and parents parking illegally on swales. Ms. Wulf aired she had observed a parent stopping in the middle of the road with hazard lights activated to pick up a child at a bus stop on 208th Avenue. Ms. Wulf asked the city to enforce additional safety measures at Rose Price Park and surrounding school areas as an immediate step.

Ms. Wulf expressed that she would also appreciate coordination with the school administration to remind parents to behave respectfully and avoid creating unsafe conditions. Ms. Wulf conveyed that her daughter biked to

school, and she worried daily for her safety. Ms. Wulf thanked the vice mayor for previously helping to increase the number of crossing guards but explained that more needed to be done.

Ms. Wulf communicated she hoped traffic flow improvements in the future would reduce unsafe drop-off and pick-up behavior. Ms. Wulf voiced that traffic conditions at Johnson Street and 208th Avenue, including Rose Price Park, had become a significant safety hazard for Chapel Point residents. Ms. Wulf reiterated her gratitude that her injuries were minor, noting the situation could have been far worse, and aired that she reminded the driver who struck her that the victim could easily have been their own child. Ms. Wulf thanked the Commission.

The mayor thanked Ms. Wulf for coming forward and expressed sorrow for the incident. The mayor expressed that Assistant Chief Barnes, who supervises SRO operations and the area in question, was present in the chamber and would want to speak with her. The mayor encouraged Ms. Wulf to speak with him when she had time, noting the city takes such matters seriously. The mayor thanked the vice mayor for directing Ms. Wulf to address the Commission and conveyed that although the nature of her report was concerning, the city valued residents coming forward to share such information.

The vice mayor was recognized. Vice Mayor Hernandez thanked Ms. Wulf for emailing him earlier. The vice mayor explained that he had forwarded her concerns to the Pembroke Pines Police Department as well as to Somerset Academy's Chief Operating Officer, noting that Somerset is a strong partner to the city. The vice mayor announced he expected additional follow-up the next day and again encouraged Ms. Wulf to speak with Assistant Chief Barnes. The vice mayor voiced that although he did not routinely drive through that particular school zone, he was familiar with how congested it could become. The vice mayor thanked Ms. Wulf for coming and wished her well.

Ms. Wulf thanked the Commission.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., 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 AWARD IFB # PSUT-25-09 "LIFT STATION # 64 REHABILITATION" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, INTERCOUNTY ENGINEERING INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$782,314.88, WHICH INCLUDES \$17,384.78 TO PROVIDE A PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BOND, AND A 10% OWNER'S CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,539.10.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

(A) Ashley Gortler, OTR, LLC - Occupational Therapy - Renewal

(B) Nalco Company LLC - Purchase and Delivery of Potassium Phosphate - Renewal

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

**ITEM (D) 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:**

(D) Power Washing and More LLC d/b/a Green Earth - Citywide Pressure Washing - Non-Renewal

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

3. MOTION TO RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (FDEM) FOR THE PROVISION OF ALERT AND MASS NOTIFICATION SERVICES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

4. MOTION TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF ONE (1) EXISTING SPEED HUMP ON SW 51ST STREET WITHIN THE TRAILS COMMUNITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ACTIVE MILLING AND RESURFACING PROJECT.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

5. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2026, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

**2D MOTION TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONTRACTS DATABASE REPORT:**

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**Item No. 2 (D) was pulled from Consent by Commissioner Rodriguez. It was agreed to have Procurement bring back a solicitation for pressure washing services within 90 days.**

Commissioner Rodriguez read Item 2D into the record.

Commissioner Rodriguez shared that she was bringing the item forward because the vendor had contacted her expressing interest in renewing the contract without going out to bid. Commissioner Rodriguez expressed that she told the vendor she could not agree to such a conversation, explaining that she had been advocating for the city to go out for bids more consistently. Commissioner Rodriguez voiced that the vendor told her the reason he was seeking renewal was his belief that he had performed very well in providing power-washing services throughout the city wherever directed by city staff. Commissioner Rodriguez shared that, according to the vendor, staff members who oversaw the work had expressed that they were pleased with the quality and timeliness of his services.

Commissioner Rodriguez noted that the vendor also communicated he completed work ahead of schedule on many occasions. Commissioner Rodriguez explained that, given recent Commission discussions about procurement, bids, and contract renewals, she wanted to understand whether there was room, either now or in the future, to consider vendor performance when determining how to structure solicitations. Commissioner Rodriguez conveyed that this particular item was only a notification of non-renewal, and she believed the current contract expires in September or October, but she wished to understand whether the Commission had flexibility to modify the bid approach.

Commissioner Rodriguez asked whether performance and existing pricing could be considered when developing the next solicitation. Commissioner Rodriguez expressed that while she continued to support competitive bidding for most contracts, she believed there could be exceptions or adjustments in the bidding format where a vendor had consistently demonstrated excellent performance. Commissioner Rodriguez emphasized she was not suggesting an automatic renewal but rather exploring whether bid specifications could be altered to allow performance to be meaningfully considered. Commissioner Rodriguez added that she did not advocate such considerations for very large contracts where scale and cost differ but felt this type of contract might be appropriate for discussion.

Commissioner Rodriguez voiced that she supported competitive bidding and was not seeking to bypass it. Commissioner Rodriguez communicated her interest in determining whether the bidding structure could acknowledge strong performance, especially where work is highly

visible and easy to evaluate. Commissioner Rodriguez emphasized again that she did not want to avoid bidding but sought clarity about options to consider vendor performance when designing future solicitations. Commissioner Rodriguez asked whether the bid package could be brought to the Commission early, before advertisement, so that commissioners could have meaningful input on how the next bid would be structured.

Commissioner Rodriguez then asked whether the Commission could be notified or flagged by staff when the new bid was being prepared so they could evaluate options. Commissioner Rodriguez voiced she was not comfortable with simply renewing the contract outright but wanted a full understanding of the available procurement pathways.

The mayor asked City Manager Dodge or Assistant City Manager Gomes to clarify the contract status.

City Manager Dodge responded that the contract did not include a renewal provision and reminded the Commission that its established policy requires staff to go back out for bid when a contract contains no renewal terms. The city manager explained that staff were simply following that policy.

The mayor asked how long the contract's duration had been.

Assistant City Manager Gomes conveyed that the agreement was a five-year contract and included no renewal option whatsoever. Assistant City Manager Gomes confirmed that the contract did not allow for any extensions.

Mayor Castillo asked what factors determine which contracts include renewal options and how those decisions are made at the time a contract is created.

Assistant City Manager Gomes explained that the city previously worked with departments to identify package requirements. The assistant city manager added that in August of the previous year, the city conducted workshops on contract lengths, during which staff reviewed different categories of contracts and identified appropriate durations and renewal terms for each type.

The mayor asked how the city evaluates incumbent performance when an existing vendor wishes to bid again and whether an incumbent receives any advantage.

Assistant City Manager Gomes explained that certain contracts such as construction projects with complete design plans use an Invitation for Bid (IFB) process, which requires award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Assistant City Manager Gomes conveyed that other contracts, where there may be a variety of service approaches, use a Request for Proposals (RFP) format, which evaluates vendors on qualitative criteria such as experience, approach, and understanding of the work. Assistant City Manager Gomes responded that incumbents receive no advantage in IFB solicitations because award must go to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, though staff does verify vendor responsibility through past performance checks. The assistant city manager explained that in RFP processes, performance is formally part of the scoring criteria.

The mayor asked for the approximate contract value.

Commissioner Rodriguez confirmed that the first-year cost was approximately \$300,000 and the total would be \$1.5 million for five years.

Mayor Castillo shared that the sidewalks in the city were significantly cleaner than in previous years and emphasized the safety benefit to residents. The mayor acknowledged Commissioner Rodriguez's favorable view of the vendor's performance but also expressed the reasons why the city chooses to contract out and explained that the Commission already agreed to contract out in order to get the best prices. Mayor Castillo expressed that he supports applying business judgment to decisions on contracts. The mayor questioned Assistant City Manager Gomes about what the Commission is supposed to do regarding contracts, according to the existing rules.

Assistant City Manager Gomes confirmed that the contract value is \$330,000 for the first year, increasing to 4% each year, making it an approximately \$1.7 million contract. Assistant City Manager Gomes, answering the mayor's question, clarified that the process is that when a contract ends it is to be open for bidding.

Commissioner Rodriguez questioned whether for this specific contract the services would be an RFP or an IFB.

Assistant City Manager Gomes confirmed that these types of services classify as IFB, meaning the lowest price is the main consideration. Assistant City Manager Gomes clarified that this is the procedure and added that the department verifies that all vendors meet quality standards.

Commissioner Rodriguez questioned if the Commission has any power to change the type of contract from an RFP to an IFB.

Assistant City Manager Gomes answered that when analyzing the procurement process, he does not believe it would be appropriate to switch the type of contract and do an RFP or an RFQ. Assistant City Manager Gomes clarified that RFQs are done when you are looking for the most highly qualified firm and are negotiating pricing with that firm. Assistant City Manager Gomes continued that, logically, the criteria for establishing an RFP do not make sense here and it would be best, according to his judgment, to find the lowest price vendor that can provide the services the city needs.

Commissioner Rodriguez questioned whether the fact that the vendor has completed contract objectives ahead of the scheduled year-long timeline is taken into consideration.

Assistant City Manager Gomes responded that as the contract is an annual contract he does not believe that they require vendors to drag out the process, but there are certain locations that need to be pressure-cleaned at certain times. Assistant City Manager Gomes shared that the public services department could provide more accurate information on this topic.

Commissioner Rodriguez questioned whether there was no option whatsoever to change what the IFB entails.

Assistant City Manager Gomes responded that as a procurement professional he recommends sticking to the previously decided IFB plan as it is the most appropriate for this type of service.

Commissioner Rodriguez questioned if the City Commission could have further discussion on this matter when the specifics of these bids are presented.

Assistant City Manager Gomes responded that the City Commission can discuss whatever is brought in front of it.

Commissioner Good explained that solicitation timing was important. Commissioner Good suggested that if the Commission wished to evaluate whether the procurement method should change from IFB to RFP, the bid package should be brought forward much earlier than usual. Commissioner Good expressed concern that under the normal schedule, the Commission would have very little time to evaluate the

package. Commissioner Good asked that the solicitation be brought at least 90 days early to give the Commission time to review and comment.

Assistant City Manager Gomes shared that staff could prepare the solicitation quickly but needed to coordinate with the Public Services Department. The assistant city manager added that the city manager has authority to approve a six-month extension if additional time is needed.

The mayor expressed that in cases where a contractor performs exceptionally well and a market comparison shows that taxpayers' interests are protected, he personally does not object to evaluating performance-based renewals as a concept. Mayor Castillo expressed discomfort with the Commission choosing which vendors the city retains when there is no renewal available.

Commissioner Rodriguez communicated that she was looking for clarity on when each of the contract types are applicable. Commissioner Rodriguez expressed her discomfort in bidding solely based on performance, as the Commission has already discussed that in a workshop. Commissioner Rodriguez expressed her desire to be able to transparently be able to congratulate and award vendors who do excellent work. Commissioner Rodriguez shared that she is looking for a balance between strictly and consistently bidding and being able to consider performance and reputation of the vendor when evaluating bids and contracts.

The mayor asked whether there was Commission consensus to follow Commissioner Good's suggestion to bring the solicitation to the Commission approximately 90 days before advertisement, explore performance-based considerations, and include market price comparison as part of review. Mayor Castillo shared the Contract Performance Report Card for the vendor and commended them on their impressive score. The mayor clarified that the contract and bid considerations would come to the Commission for approval. Mayor Castillo asked for consensus to begin the process and to have staff bring it back to the Commission. The mayor reiterated that consensus is to begin the process not necessarily to agree to it.

Vice Mayor Hernandez voiced that he could not support altering the procurement process and remained committed to competitive bidding without exception. The vice mayor communicated that he had spoken to the vendor but gave the same response privately and publicly that being that he supports competitive bidding.

Commissioner Good reiterated that both IFB and RFP methods are

competitive and that reviewing the solicitation early provides needed flexibility.

Commissioner Rodriguez reiterated that she wished to discuss procurement models while remaining committed to bidding.

Commissioner Schwartz explained that he had not spoken with the vendor. Commissioner Schwartz referenced past procurement concerns from 2021 when a contract was awarded under a bid protest and asked that the clerk's office provide the Commission with the full record of that prior bid protest. Commissioner Schwartz added that the staff member involved was no longer with the city. Commissioner Schwartz conveyed that the city should also consider reviewing cancellation for convenience provisions as part of broader procurement discussions.

Mayor Castillo directed Commissioner Schwartz to meet with the city manager and city attorney regarding his concerns before raising them at a future meeting. The mayor confirmed the pending motion: to direct staff to bring the solicitation back roughly 90 days prior to advertisement.

The motion passed 4-1, with the vice mayor dissenting.

The mayor thanked the vice mayor for his vote.

**QUASI JUDICIAL CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**SECOND READING ORDINANCES:**

**FIRST READING ORDINANCES:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**REPORTS OF LEAGUE AND MPO REPRESENTATIVES**

Commissioner Rodriguez provided the League of Cities report. Commissioner Rodriguez explained that the general meeting had recently taken place and featured County Commissioner Michael Udine, formerly the Mayor of Parkland. Commissioner Rodriguez expressed that Commissioner Udine spoke to the group of elected officials about the inner workings of municipal governments, how they interact and coordinate with Broward County, and what those relationships look like in practice. Commissioner Rodriguez communicated that the discussion was informative, noting that Commissioner Udine, who is term-limited and will leave office either next year or in 2028, offered valuable perspective drawn from his experience serving both as a municipal mayor and a county commissioner.

Commissioner Rodriguez communicated that the directors' luncheon would take place the following day in Cooper City and that she would be attending. Commissioner Rodriguez also communicated that she would be attending the Congressional City Conference for the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C., scheduled for March 15-18. Commissioner Rodriguez explained that because the City Commission would be meeting on the 18th, she would provide a report on the conference at that meeting. Commissioner Rodriguez concluded by stating that her report from the League was complete.

The mayor asked if there were any additional reports. Hearing none, the mayor asked the city manager if he had anything further. The city manager responded he did not. The mayor then asked the city attorney if he had anything further. The city attorney responded he did not and thanked the mayor for the opportunity.

## **REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY**

### **COMMISSION ITEMS:**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURN - 8:12 P.M.**

**CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES**

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**Gabriel Fernandez**  
**City Clerk**