

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, November 20, 2024

6:00 PM

**6:00 PM Organizational Meeting and 6:30 PM Regular Commission Meeting [Or at such time as the Organizational Meeting adjourns.]
Exhibit 3 was added to Item OM-1 on 11-18-2024. Item 13 was updated on 11-19- 2024.**

Commission Chambers

City Commission

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

6:00 PM ORGANIZATIONAL 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 Sophie Desroulaux.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was performed by Sophie Desroulaux.

RESOLUTION:

OM-1 MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-38.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-38 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, DECLARING AND ACCEPTING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to adopt Proposed Resolution No. 2024-R-38, accepting the results of the Special Election held on November 5, 2024. 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: 3886

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2024-R-38 into the record by title.

OATH OF OFFICE

OM-2 THE OATH OF OFFICE WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO **MICHAEL A. HERNANDEZ** FOR THE DISTRICT 4 COMMISSION SEAT.

The Oath of Office was administered by the Honorable Judge Marcus Bach of the Miami-Dade Circuit Court.

Mayor Castillo congratulated Commissioner Hernandez on winning the Commission seat for District 4. The Mayor gifted Commissioner Hernandez with the badge to District 4 Commissioner's Office.

Commissioner Hernandez addressed the audience, thanked Judge Bach, the City Commission, and various friends and colleagues who supported him with his campaign, his wife, and his children for the honor.

The meeting was recessed at 6:28 PM for celebratory refreshments in the great hall.

6:58 PM REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER [Or at such time as the Organizational Meeting adjourns.]

ROLL CALL

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE PULLED FROM AGENDA

The City Clerk declared there were no items pulled from the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS:

- PRE-1** PRESENTATION NO. 1: CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO BE PRESENTED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO WERE STUDENT AMBASSADORS TO THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, NOVEMBER 20, 2024.

Mayor Castillo along with Assistant City Manager Jonathan Bonilla presented certificates of recognition to the following students who participated in the 2024 Student Ambassador program in the City of Pembroke Pines:

Estefany Duarte- West Broward High School
Isabel Sophie Burei- West Broward High School
Rayne Chin- West Broward High School
Sarahi Galeano- Franklin Academy
Daniel Romero- Franklin Academy
Jazlyn Bonilla- Pines Charter Academic Village
Alyssa Clarke- Pines Charter Academic Village
Emmanuel Baptiste- Pines Charter Academic Village
Juliana Perez- Pines Charter Academic Village
Ray'Miya Mincey- Somerset Academy High School
Raegan Rychel- Somerset Academy High School
Jordan Ziadie- Somerset Academy High School
Denzil Bessy- Somerset Academy High School
Dayana Escudero- Somerset Arts Conservatory
Camila Gonzalez Leon- Somerset Arts Conservatory
Giana Gonzalez- Somerset Arts Conservatory
Jared Robaina- Somerset Arts Conservatory
Mia Ysabel Enguillando- Flanagan High School
Dakata Steen- Flanagan High School
Chiara Giovanni- Flanagan High School
Calvin Tran- McArthur High School
Brandon Shock- McArthur High School

- PRE-2** PRESENTATION NO. 2: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL RECOGNIZE THE VETERANS FROM THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Castillo implemented a new tradition of recognizing employees in different departments for the City of Pembroke Pines who had previously served in the military for Veterans Day. Starting in 2024, the veteran Police Officers would be recognized, followed by the Fire Fighters, and then the General Employees and Teachers. Mayor Castillo read the members of staff who were recognized from the Police Department along with their branch of service, and thanked them for their service to the country:

Jhonson Cinevert- Air Force
Chris Gallagher- Air Force
Garvey Garcia- Air Force
Jessica Green- Air Force
Carl Harris- Air Force
Jesus Moreno- Air Force
Kenneth Murphy- Air Force
Jomar Perez- Air Force
Bryana Shen Bremer- Army
William Bucknam- Army
Christian Espinoza- Army
Gregory Gasse- Army
Brook Gotschall- Army
Chris Grant- Army
Brandon Mazone- Army
Daniel Martinez- Army
Michael Pazienza- Army
Manuel Salinas- Army
Shainia Santiago- Army
Melvin Seguin- Army
Fabio Vasquez- Army
Benjamin Walter- Army
Robert Zarrella- Army
Steven Day- Coast Guard
Javier Diaz- Coast Guard
Matthew Dolton- Coast Guard
Tyler Filomeno- Coast Guard
Nathan Fornicola- Coast Guard
Thomas Barone- Marines
Michael Berger- Marines
Osvaldo Gomez- Marines
Johnathan Harrison- Marines
James Helms- Marines
Guy Kreiner- Marines

Alvaro Lyon- Marines
Harry Morgan- Marines
Eliezer Olea- Marines
Jesus Pinzon- Marines
Rodrigo Ruiz- Marines
Carlos Santiago- Marines
Leonel Santiago- Marines
Robert Sorensen- Marines
Randy Vedrine- Marines
George Velez- Marines
Jon Hanson- Navy
Matthew Kelleman- Navy
Brett Landau- Navy
Agustin Lopez- Navy
David Ogden- Navy

ITEMS AT THE REQUEST OF THE PUBLIC

Alex Gordon, 16357 NW 21st Street, Pembroke Pines, FL addressed the Commission to propose extra fire safety precautions with ensuring every home and gated communities be equipped with fire extinguishers. Mr. Gordon also proposed neighborhood watch programs, and to retrofit homes prior to 2007 with carbon monoxide detectors.

Mayor Castillo called on Fire Chief Rodriguez to follow up with Mr. Gordon.

Ed Degelsmith, 1500 NW 86th Terrace, Pembroke Pines, FL passed out handouts to the City Commission and addressed the members of the Commission about the Sunswept Community also known as Boulevard Heights. He expressed concern about the code that required residents to make changes to their existing homes in his community.

Mayor Castillo thanked the resident for the documentation and his concerns and referred the resident to Assistant City Manager Mike Stamm who would address the matter further.

COMMISSION AUDITOR REPORT:

None.

APPEALS OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT DECISIONS:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

BA-1 BOARD APPOINTMENT NO. 1: MAYOR CASTILLO WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS TO THE CITIZEN BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD:

THOMAS PETRORO OF THE FIRE LOCAL 2292

MARK MANNING OF THE PEMBROKE PINES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Castillo announced Thomas Petroro of Fire Local 2292 and Mark Manning with Pembroke Pines Police Department as the Ex-Officio members to the Citizen Budget Advisory Board.

Mayor Castillo urged the City Commission to get their appointments secured so the board can start meeting the beginning of the second fiscal quarter.

BA-2 BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 2: MAYOR CASTILLO WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT JASMINE MURIAS AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE **ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD CHARTER.**

Mayor Castillo announced Ms. Jasmine Murias as an alternate member of the Arts and Culture Advisory Board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. MOTION TO APPROVE THE NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT WITH HILLERS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$297,194.74, PURSUANT TO THE AWARD OF RFQ # PSUT-23-06 "CCNA EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AT THE WWTP RE-BID" IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 287.055, CONSULTANTS COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATIONS ACT (CCNA).

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

3. MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED WORK AUTHORIZATION #11 WITH HAZEN AND SAWYER PURSUANT TO THE AWARD OF PSUT-20-10 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROCESS ENGINEERING, PUMPING AND FORCE MAINS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$174,850.12

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

4. MOTION TO APPROVE THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) SUMMER SCHOOL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND SOMERSET ACADEMY SCHOOL FOR THE 2023-2024 SUMMER SCHOOL YEAR

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

5. MOTION TO APPROVE THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH INDUSTRIAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS. INC., TO UPDATE THE UNIT PRICING IN THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT, WITH NO INCREASE TO THE ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED OF \$60,000.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGE ORDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL AGENT LICENSING FOR FRESHSERVICE IT SERVICE MANAGEMENT (ITSM) IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,185.64 FROM FRESHWORKS, INC, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 35.18(C)(7)(H), 35.18(C)(7)(I), AND 35.28(B) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

7. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSALS FROM EMPCO INC. TO THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE EXAMS FOR THE RANKS OF CAPTAIN, BATTALION CHIEF, DRIVER/ENGINEER AND LIEUTENANT, FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,100, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(2) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

(A) GRM Information Management Services of Miami, LLC & Information Consultants, Inc. - Back Scanning and Media Conversion Services - Renewal

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

9. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2024, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AT 6:30PM.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

Nay 0

2. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AHAC) REPORT (2024) AND TRANSMIT THE REPORT TO THE FLORIDA HOUSING CORPORATION.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Vice Mayor Good Jr., to approve accepting the recommendations within the affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) 2024 Report . 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 2 into the record by title and spoke to thank Vice Mayor Good and the Affordable Housing Committee Board Members to get the report submitted to the Florida Housing Corporation. The Commissioner also spoke about interested members continuing to serve in their capacity.

Vice Mayor Good thanked Commissioner Schwartz for his support of the Advisory Board and thanked staff for the option of in-law quarters to be submitted as an option to the Florida Housing Corporation.

QUASI JUDICIAL CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

- 10. MOTION TO PASS PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-24 ON SECOND AND FINAL READING.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-24 IS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2007; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 FOR THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to adopt Proposed Ordinance 2024-24 on Second and Final Reading . 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: 2039

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Ordinance 2024-24 into the record by title.

11. MOTION TO PASS PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-25 ON SECOND AND FINAL READING.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-25 IS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO SUB-SUBLEASE WITH HG PINES, LLC; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to adopt Proposed Ordinance 2024-25 on Second and Final Reading. 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: 2040

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Ordinance 2024-25 into the record by title.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTION:

12. MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-37

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA; APPROVING A PLAT NOTE AMENDMENT (DELEGATION REQUEST) TO THE PINES-PALM WEST PLAT FOR THE APPROXIMATE .76-ACRE PARCEL GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF PINES BOULEVARD BETWEEN NORTH PALM AVENUE AND NW 106 AVENUE; APPROVING A PLAT NOTE AMENDMENT ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM 5,000 SQUARE FEET OF BANK USE TO 5,000 SQUARE FEET OF MEDICAL OFFICE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to adopt Proposed Resolution No. 2024-R-37. 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: 3887

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2024-R-37 into the record by title.

13. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-39.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-39 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING ITS INTENT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN PROJECT COSTS INCURRED WITH PROCEEDS OF FUTURE TAX-EXEMPT FINANCINGS; PROVIDING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to adopt Proposed Resolution No. 2024-R-39. 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: 3888

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2024-R-39 into the record by title.

Vice Mayor Good asked for clarification on the purpose of the resolution.

City Attorney Goren responded the purpose of the resolution would allow the city to reimburse itself under IRS Federal Regulations.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Lisa Chong addressed the Commission saying the item was a reimbursement resolution. Ms. Chong said the budget adopted for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year included approximately 20 million dollars was designated for bond proceeds in the Utility Fund. Due to the IRS Regulations, the city had the option to spend funds prior to its receipt of the bond proceeds. The resolution permits the city to spend funds in advance and reimburse itself once the proceeds are received. Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Lisa Chong also clarified for the record that the funds would be reimbursed to the city within the current Fiscal Year.

Mayor Castillo inquired about the scope of work with the City Manager.

City Manager Dodge weighed in and said the city budgeted 20 million dollars of capital expenses for numerous years. It was suggested to obtain issued bonds to get complete projects more efficiently instead of the paying as you go method.

City Attorney Goren clarified for the record that if the city were to be exposed to a future bond transaction, all of the legal documents necessary to implement the bond transactions would begin on the dais. City Attorney Goren also clarified a utility revenue bond is what would be issued for the record.

Commissioner Schwartz inquired if the bond was insured and inquired about the city's financial advisors.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Lisa Chong responded that options were being reviewed with financial advisors for the record and that all bonds secured by the city were insured. Ms. Chong also responded to the question of the Commission about the performance measures of the financial advisors.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE JANUARY 1, 2025 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve combining the January 1, 2024 meeting with the January 15, 2024 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:

City Manager Dodge spoke about the reason for his recommendation to combine the 1st and 15th meetings in January.

REPORTS OF LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES

Commissioner Rodriguez spoke about the last League of Cities conference she attended with Vice Mayor Good and discussed some of the topics of interest to the city and said additional information would be forthcoming.

Vice Mayor Good also spoke about the conference and some of the topics of interest as a member of the Energy, Environment, and National Resources Advocacy Committee.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke on the matter and discussed topics from the last Broward League of Cities Meeting he recently attended.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Goren reported about the cash settlement accepted by the City Commission concerning the Con Edison case and said the ACH transaction had been secured the Finance Director Lisa Chong.

COMMISSION ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURN - 7:58 P.M.

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES

Debra Rogers

Debra E. Rogers, CMC
City Clerk