

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, April 2, 2025

6:30 PM

Regular Commission Meeting, ADD-1 was added to the Agenda on 3/26/2025.

Commission Chambers

City Commission

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

6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Somerset Academy Band.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was performed by the Somerset Academy Band.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE PULLED FROM AGENDA

PRE-4

[PULLED BY ADMINISTRATION] PRESENTATION NO. 4: MAYOR CASTILLO, AT THE REQUEST OF COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ, WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 7-13, 2025 AS FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

Deputy City Clerk announced Presentation 4 was pulled.

PRESENTATIONS:

PRE-1

PRESENTATION NO. 1: MAYOR CASTILLO, AT THE REQUEST OF VICE MAYOR GOOD AND COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO THE SOMERSET ACADEMY PANTHER'S MARCHING BAND TO RECOGNIZE THEM FOR BEING SELECTED AS THE FIRST BAND IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES TO PERFORM AT THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE IN WASHINGTON D.C. ON JULY 4, 2025.

Mayor Castillo read the proclamation and presented it to the Somerset Academy Panther's Marching Band in recognition of their being selected as first band in the State of Florida and Pembroke Pines to perform at the National Independence Day Parade in Washington D.C. on the fourth of July.

The staff and students took pictures with the Mayor and City Commission.

PRE-2

PRESENTATION NO. 2: COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ WILL BE PRESENTING A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO JACKSON RICKETTE FOR DONATING FIRST RESPONDER CARE PACKAGES TO THE PEMBROKE PINES POLICE DEPARTMENT AS PART OF ATTAINING THE EAGLE SCOUT RANK OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

Commissioner Hernandez read a certificate of appreciation and presented it to Jackson Rickette. Jackson donated care packages for the first responders in the Pembroke Pines Police Department which helped him to earn his Eagle Scout rank.

Jackson Rickette thanked his mother for her assistance with preparing the packages.

Police Chief Vargas thanked Jackson for the care packages on behalf of the Pembroke Pines Police Department.

Jackson was joined by his family, and took pictures with Police Chief Vargas, Commissioner Hernandez, and Mayor Castillo.

PRE-3

PRESENTATION NO. 3 : SARAH PERRY WILL PRESENT THE ADEN PERRY HERO RING INITIATIVE TO THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES COMMISSIONERS AND RESIDENTS IN HONOR OF HER SON ADEN PERRY, WHO PUT SOMEONE ELSE'S SAFETY ABOVE HIS OWN AND MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.

Mayor Castillo introduced Sarah Perry and invited her to the podium.

Ms. Sarah Perry addressed the Commission. Ms. Perry is the mother of 17 year old Aden Perry, who tragically lost his life while trying to save another person. In honor of her son's legacy, Ms. Perry started the Aden Perry Hero life ring/signage initiative, where life rings are placed in areas that contained bodies of water. She stated cities, counties, universities are participating in the program and requested to include Pembroke Pines.

Mayor Castillo thanked Ms. Perry for honoring her son with the initiative and extended her the opportunity to meet with the Fire Department through the City Manager.

Vice Mayor Good also thanked Ms. Perry and requested to include the South Broward Drainage District in the meeting to aid in furthering her program efforts.

ELECTION RESULTS - MARCH 11, 2025 (CHARTER AND BOND REFERENDUM SPECIAL ELECTION)

RESOLUTIONS:

1. PROPOSED RESOLUTION 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 MARCH 11, 2025, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A;" 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. 2025-R-08 . 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: 3898

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-08 into the record by title.

VICE MAYOR APPOINTMENT 2025-2026

2. MOTION TO APPROVE DISTRICT 4 COMMISSIONER MICHAEL HERNANDEZ AS THE VICE MAYOR FOR 2025-2026.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve the appointment of District 4 Commissioner Hernandez as Vice Mayor for year 2025-26. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Mayor Castillo read the item into the record and thanked Commissioner Good for his outstanding efforts while serving as the Vice Mayor.

AFTER THE VOTE WAS TAKEN:

Mayor Castillo discussed the following organizational announcements:

Vice Mayor Hernandez would serve as the delegate for the Miramar-Pembroke Pines Chamber of Commerce, the Legislative Agenda, and produce a White Paper on Communications for the City of Pembroke Pines.

Commissioner Good would continue to serve as the city's representative on the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Commissioner Rodriguez would continue as the state representative for the Florida League of Cities and the voting delegate for League of Cities-Financial Services.

Commissioner Schwartz was assigned the tasks of the Broward League of Cities and the Raising Positive Children Forums. Mayor Castillo spoke about Commissioner Schwartz's attendance at the Broward League Meetings and distributed an attendance record on the Dais.

Commissioner Schwartz stated that it was not accurate.

Mayor Castillo further inquired about the Commissioner's attendance.

Commissioner Rodriguez responded that she had not been asked to serve as an alternate member at any of the Broward League meetings.

City Attorney Goren confirmed his law firm serves as General Counsel for the Broward League of Cities and said he would have to look in his notes, but to the extent that there is a roster and sign in sheet to see if it was a fact.

Mayor Castillo asked the City Attorney to audit the matter and bring back his findings at the next Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Schwartz responded about the meetings he attended, and said the League did not meet in the months of December or January.

Mayor Castillo spoke about the Raising Positive Children Forums and stated that they were previously held every three months.

Commissioner Schwartz called on Assistant City Manager Bonilla who responded to the questions of the Commissioner concerning the preparation of the upcoming Forum.

City Manager Dodge responded to the questions of the Mayor about the frequency in which the Raising Posting Children Forums were previously held.

Mayor Castillo said the Broward League appointments would be postponed until the matter could be clarified.

Commissioner Good spoke about comments he received from his constituents who use the Raising Positive Children meetings as an opportunity to obtain volunteer hours. He expressed concern on behalf of the charter parents and asked for a waiver to excuse some of the hours since they were unable to attend the forums.

Mayor Castillo said the City Manager and City Attorney would bring the item back at the next Commission Meeting to discuss the matter further.

Commissioner Schwartz continued to discuss the matter, Commissioner Rodriguez weighed in, and Mayor Castillo said these matters would be addressed at the next Commission Meeting.

Mayor Castillo stated he would continue his assignments with the US Conference of Mayors and the Legislative Agenda.

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 BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

BA-1 BOARD APPOINTMENT NO. 1: MAYOR CASTILLO WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING (3) THREE MEMBERS TO THE CITIZEN'S BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD:

1. HUGO ALVAREZ
2. BRANDON CARRERO
3. MAGUANA JEAN

Mayor Castillo spoke about how the advisory board was formed, appointed the following members as City-Wide appointments to the Citizens Budget Advisory Board, and spoke about their credentials:

Hugo Alvarez
Brandon Carrero
Maguana Jean

Mayor Castillo requested to be in attendance at the first Citizen's Budget Advisory Board meeting.

Hugo Alvarez 13724 NW 18th Street, Pembroke Pines, FL addressed the Commission to thank the Mayor for the appointment.

Brandon Carrero 1571 E. Sandpiper Circle, Pembroke Pines, FL read a speech he prepared expressing thanks for the appointment and how he intends to serve.

Maguana Jean 18951 SW 7th Street, Pembroke Pines, FL expressed that she was privileged to be able to serve on the board.

Mayor Castillo asked for the meeting to be organized so he could attend the first meeting.

Commissioner Good inquired about the format of the board applications and asked for the form to be reviewed/updated.

Commissioner Schwartz inquired about an administrative policy to place expiration dates on previous board applications that were submitted.

Mayor Castillo responded a Commission item could be placed on the agenda and referred to the City Attorney to follow up on the matter.

CONSENT AGENDA:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE OF THE CONSENT AGENDA BEING TAKEN:

Mayor Castillo read Item ADD-01 into the record by title, to be approved with the consent agenda items without objection.

3. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # RE-24-10 "CITY HALL REFRIGERATION CONDENSING UNIT REPLACEMENT" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, BRIGGS COOLING & REFRIGERATION, INC, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$93,225, WHICH INCLUDES AN OWNER'S CONTINGENCY FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

4. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A TORO GREENMASTER 3150-Q AND RELATED ACCESSORIES FROM HECTOR TURF UTILIZING PRICING ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY OF MESA, AZ AND OMNIA PARTNERS, PUBLIC SECTOR (FORMERLY NATIONAL IPA) CONTRACT # 2023261 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$46,122.40, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(5) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

5. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # PSPW-24-08 "FSU CHARTER SCHOOLS ADA ACCESS CONTROLS" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, SECURED TECHNOLOGIES INC, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$62,627.40, WHICH INCLUDES AN OWNER'S CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,693.40

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

7. MOTION TO RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S APPROVAL FOR THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE AND REPAIR OF THE CARRIER HVAC CONTROL SYSTEM UPGRADE, BY KAL-TECH CONTROLS, LLC, LOCATED AT THE PEMBROKE PINES POLICE WEST DISTRICT STATION , IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$46,000, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(1) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

8. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) ODYSSEY SPLIT SYSTEM INDOOR AC UNITS AND FOUR (4) SPLIT SYSTEM AIR CONDITIONING UNITS FOR FIRE STATION 79, AS WELL AS ONE (1) ODYSSEY SPLIT SYSTEM INDOOR UNIT AND ONE (1) ODYSSEY SPLIT SYSTEM OUTDOOR UNIT FOR FIRE STATION 99 FROM TRANE U.S. INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$42,266, UTILIZING PRICING ESTABLISHED BY OMNIA CONTRACT # 3341 "HVAC PRODUCTS, INSTALLATION, LABOR BASED SOLUTIONS AND RELATED PRODUCT AND SERVICES", PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

(A) Dr. Joanne Nemiroff, LLC. - School Psychology Services for the City's Charter Schools - Renewal

(B) EdTech Holdings, LLC. through its wholly owned subsidiary Schoolmint, Inc. - Schoolmint Lottery and Student Enrollment Solution for the City's Charter Schools - Renewal

(C) LeadsOnline Parent, LLC. d/b/a LeadsOnline, LLC. - LeadsOnline PowerPlus Real Time Crime (RTC) Investigation System & CellHawk Subscription - Renewal

(D) Magnet Forensics - Graykey Software License for the City's Police Department - Renewal

(E) ROK Technologies, LLC - ERI ARC GIS Managed Cloud Services - Renewal

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

(F) Ferguson Enterprises, LLC. - Utilities Fittings and Accessories - Non-Renewal

(G) Hawkins Water Treatment Group, Inc. - Purchase of Ammonia Sulfate 40% - Non-Renewal

(H) Marlin Engineering, Inc. - Traffic Engineering/Professional Services - Non-Renewal

(I) Morton Salt, Inc. - Purchase of Sodium Chloride (Solar Salt) CO-OP - Non-Renewal

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

ADD-1 MOTION TO APPROVE THE PREMIUM SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS (LOCATIONS 5051, 5081, & 5121) FROM JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

Nay 0

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

(A) PSUT-25-05 "EXTERIOR STRIPPING/COATING OF WATER STORAGE TANK"

(B) TS-25-08 "ADOBE RENEWALS"

(C) PSPW-25-07 "POLK BUILDING RENOVATIONS, PHASE 2"

(D) RE-25-04 "LOADING DOCK MODIFICATION AT THE CHARLES F. DODGE CITY CENTER"

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve on consent 6A, 6B, 6D, and 6E. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to defer item 6C until the City Manager has an opportunity to present this item. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Commissioner Good read Item 6C into the record by title and spoke about PSPW-25-07 Polk building renovations phase 2 project. Commissioner Good also spoke about the city's strategic plan, the need to prioritize projects, and said the funds may need to be reevaluated.

City Manager Dodge explained the project was not included in the strategic plan and the renovation was a Utilities project. The City Manager also spoke about how the building would be purposed and said the item on the agenda was to find out the actual costs to obtain a more definitive number. The funds would come from the utility fund and could not be used for any of the projects included in the strategic plan.

Commissioner Rodriguez weighed in and said the item was only for advertising purposes.

Commissioner Good responded that the projects should be evaluated as well as funding sources to accommodate projects that were included in the strategic plan.

Mayor Castillo asked about the parliamentary rules for deferrals.

City Attorney Goren responded there are no debates for deferrals that receive a second to the motion made.

10. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2025, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to approve the minutes for the March 19, 2025 Commission Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Commissioner Good read Item 10 into the record by title and spoke about correcting scrivener errors in the March 19, 2025 minutes for Item 15 and Item NB-1 for the record.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke on the item, said the minutes were supposed to be action only, and the video was available if additional information was required.

QUASI JUDICIAL CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

11. MOTION TO PASS PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-26 ON FIRST READING.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-26 IS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA AMENDING TITLE VII, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC CODE," OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 70.99, ENTITLED "PENALTY," TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASED FINES AND APPLICABLE SURCHARGES FOR MUNICIPAL PARKING VIOLATIONS; AMENDING TITLE IX, ENTITLED "GENERAL REGULATIONS," OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 93.99 ENTITLED "PENALTY" TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASED FINES AND APPLICABLE SURCHARGES FOR OBSTRUCTING A DESIGNATED FIRE ZONE, FIRE LANE, OR FIRE HYDRANT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND AND FINAL READING HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 07, 2025.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Good Jr., to pass Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-26 on First Reading . The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Ordinance 2024-26 on first reading into the record by title.

Vice Mayor Hernandez spoke about a social media component to raise awareness of the policy as the residents may see increased fines when parking illegally.

REGULAR AGENDA:

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT A DIRECTOR, ALTERNATE AND SECOND ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE TO THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES FOR 2025-2026.

Item 12 was postponed to the April 16, 2025, Regular Commission Meeting.

REPORTS OF LEAGUE AND MPO REPRESENTATIVES

Commissioner Good said when the next Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting would be convening.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported she had attended a general meeting with the Memorial Healthcare CEO and Nicklaus Children's Hospital and the potential partnership with municipalities for accessible and workforce housing.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

City Manager Dodge requested to schedule a budget visioning workshop in preparation of the next Fiscal Year's budget at the end of April.

The City Commission provided their dates of availability, and it was agreed by consensus to schedule the meeting for April 16, 2025, at 4:00pm.

A suggestion was made to invite the members of the Citizen's Budget Advisory Board.

City Manager Dodge responded that he would meet with the advisory board after they had their organizational meeting.

COMMISSION ITEMS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rodriguez thanked Assistant City Manager Sorensen and staff for the Life Skills and Career Fair that took place on April 2, 2025.

Commissioner Rodriguez also reported that she received a visit from the Area Agency on Aging at the City Hall where they discussed available opportunities and resources. She asked for the Communications Director to assist in communicating the resources with the public.

Commissioner Good also commented on the Life Skills and Career Fair event and thanked Patty Archer and staff for their coordination efforts.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURN - 11:30 P.M.

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES

Debra E. Rogers, CMC
City Clerk