

City of Pembroke Pines, FL

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

6:30 PM

Regular Commission Meeting

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

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 Debra E. Rogers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jenna Channing.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was performed by Jenna Channing.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE PULLED FROM AGENDA

There were no items pulled from the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS:

PRE-1 PRESENTATION NO. 1: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNER OF THE DISTRICT 4 NATALIE BELMONTE GREAT YARD AWARDS FOR APRIL 2025 .

Presentation 1 was postponed to a later date.

PRE-4

PRESENTATION NO. 4: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO RABBI SHIMON ANDRUSIER RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

Mayor Castillo read a proclamation recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of Pembroke Pines.

Rabbi Shimon Adruiser expressed thanks to the Commission and took pictures with the mayor.

PRE-5

PRESENTATION NO. 5: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO EUNICE PIERRE-LOUIS AND SUSAN AGENCY, NAMI BROWARD COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS, RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

Mayor Castillo read a proclamation and presented it to Eunice Pierre-Louis and Susan Agency, recognizing May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Pembroke Pines.

Eunice Pierre-Louis and Susan Agency of NAMI Broward County addressed the Mayor and Commission to thank them for the recognition and emphasized the importance of raising awareness about mental illness in order to break the stigma and reduce the need for law enforcement interventions.

PRE-2

PRESENTATION NO. 2: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO FIRE PREVENTION CHIEF DANIEL ALMAGUER AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER CHRISTINA SORENSEN PROCLAIMING MAY 2025 AS WATER SAFETY MONTH IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND RECOGNIZE THE AWARD RECEIVED FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DESIGNATING THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AS THE GOLD STANDARD FOR A WATER SMART COMMUNITY.

Mayor Castillo read and presented a proclamation to Fire Chief Almaguer and Assistant City Manager Christina Sorensen, recognizing May 2025 as Water Safety Month in the City of Pembroke Pines.

Assistant City Manager Sorensen addressed the Commission briefly about the water safety initiative prior to the presentation on water safety and drowning prevention.

Mario Sosa, Program Manager - Drowning Prevention with the Florida Department of Health in Broward County presented an award to the City of Pembroke Pines for achieving the gold status as a "water smart" community.

PRE-3

PRESENTATION NO. 3: THE FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE A PRESENTATION ON WATER SAFETY AND DROWNING PREVENTION IN PEMBROKE PINES.

Fire Chief Almaguer presented information on the city's Water Safety and Drowning Prevention program via PowerPoint Presentation.

ITEMS AT THE REQUEST OF THE PUBLIC

Gil Lerner, 1958 NW 74th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL addressed the Commission about code violations he received.

Mayor Castillo extended Mr. Lerner's time to speak about his code violations. The mayor then addressed the resident stating he, the city manager, the city engineer, and the assistant city manager of planning visited Mr. Lerner's home and spoke about the multiple violations he received for completing projects on his home without a permit. The mayor informed Mr. Lerner that he should file for the appropriate permits, pass the necessary inspections, and then the code violations could be closed out.

Mr. Lerner asked the city attorney about grandfathering provisions in the city's code.

City Attorney Goren explained that he would not respond to the question because Mr. Lerner had pending cases with code and it would be a disservice to the city and to the alleged violator collectively.

The following member of the public completed a request to speak form but did not speak:

Naomi Lerner, 1958 NW 74th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL

COMMISSION AUDITOR REPORT:

None.

APPEALS OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT DECISIONS:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There were no board appointments announced.

CONSENT AGENDA:

2. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # TS-24-17 "LENEL PROJECT AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, BRYANT INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGIES INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$264,136.42.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

3. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND MARANJE, LLC. TO DESIGN AND PAINT AN ORIGINAL AND CREATIVE MURAL IN SPRING VALLEY PARK FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

4. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # ED-25-01 "KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, DOUGLAS EQUIPMENT, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$53,370.64

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

5. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # PD-25-01 "SHEARWATER NERD 2 DIVE COMPUTER/HUD" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, AUSTIN'S DIVING CENTER, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,990

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2024-25 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE PLAN OUTCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS, THE 2025-26 MENTAL HEALTH OPT OUT FORMS, THE 2025-2026 MENTAL HEALTH PLANNED FUNDS AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS, AND THE 2025-26 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PLANS, FOR THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (LOCATION #5051), MIDDLE SCHOOLS (LOCATION #5081), HIGH SCHOOL (LOCATION #5121) AND FSU ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL (LOCATION #0351).

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

7. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) MOTOROLA APX NEXT PORTABLE RADIOS, ONE (1) APX 8500 DUAL HEAD MOBILE RADIO, PROGRAMMING AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, UTILIZING PRICING ESTABLISHED BY THE SOURCEWELL CONTRACT # 042021- MOT, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,574.78, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

(A) RE-25-05 "PINES RECREATION CENTER RENOVATION"

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

9. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # PSPW-25-03 "CHARTER SCHOOL STAIR REPLACEMENT - FSU & WEST CAMPUS" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, BEJAR CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$744,990.20, WHICH INCLUDES THE COST TO PROVIDE A PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,400 AND AN OWNER'S CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,508.20

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

10. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM (ACS) FOR THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM SAFEWARE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,986.22, UTILIZING GOVMVMT CONTRACT#24101-RFP-DST, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(6) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

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, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

Nay 0

1. MOTION TO APPROVE A RECIPROCAL USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY FOR USE OF FACILITIES OWNED BY EACH ENTITY FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON AUGUST 24, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Good Jr., to approve Item 1. 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:

Commissioner Schwartz read Item 1 into the record by title; he referenced previous meetings where the lengths of terms were discussed for contract agreements and inquired if the Commission wished to continue with the current policy.

Commissioner Good commented that the contract item being discussed was between governmental agencies and did not have any compensation involved. Contracts with vendors that involved compensation should be addressed separately.

Commissioner Schwartz continued to discuss the financial side of the agreement as the city incurs costs to maintain parks and facilities during its usage.

Christina Sorensen, Assistant City Manager, addressed the Commission regarding the purpose of the reciprocal use agreement and said it was a standard agreement between the county and all the school locations in their district.

Commissioner Schwartz made suggestions of how the reciprocal agreement could be better utilized and also commented he was not in favor of cherry-picking contract terms.

Commissioner Rodriguez disagreed with the item being one-sided and said it was a reciprocal use agreement that laid the groundwork for the city or county to request usage of a facility.

Mayor Castillo weighed in on the matter, expressing that reciprocal agreement for the item referenced was not one-sided and should be in place at all times as it was a benefit to the city.

11. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2025, BUDGET VISIONING WORKSHOP AND REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, to defer Item 11 . 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:

Commissioner Schwartz read Item 11 into the record by title. The commissioner spoke about previous discussions he had concerning the minutes- action, detailed, or transcribed to find the most efficient method for the City Clerk's Office to provide minutes to the city commission and spoke to the editorial nature in which the minutes were taken.

Mayor Castillo weighed in on the matter and said the item before the Commission was the approval of April 16, 2025, Budget Visioning workshop and Regular Commission Meeting minutes.

Commissioner Schwartz questioned portions of the Budget Visioning workshop on page 7 that required revisions.

Mayor Castillo responded that the Commissioner would have to bring an item back separately to discuss how the minutes are taken and asked for his corrections pertaining to the minutes presented for April 16th.

Commissioner Schwartz commented on how the minutes should be formatted to reflect the members of the elected body that spoke on the item, the members of the public who spoke item, without any additional details included.

Mayor Castillo advised the City Clerk to make the necessary corrections on pages 6 and 7 and said the corrections could be sent via email.

Commissioner Good spoke in favor of deferring the item to the next commission meeting.

The following member of the public spoke on the item:

Gil Lerner, 1958 NW 74th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL.

QUASI JUDICIAL CONSENT AGENDA:**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:****SECOND READING ORDINANCES:**

12. MOTION TO PASS PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-26 ON SECOND AND FINAL 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.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Good Jr., to adopt Proposed Ordinance 2024-26 on Second and Final Reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

Enactment No: 2045

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

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

Vice Mayor Hernandez commented that he would like to see a robust social media outreach from the Police Department to educate the public.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

- 13.** MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2025-R-14. PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2025-R-14 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES APPROVING AND ADOPTING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE TRIPARTY AGREEMENT FOR THE PEMBROKE PINES MOBILITY HUB CAPITAL PROJECT AMONG THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES ("CITY"), METRO TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COOPERATIVE ("MTECC"), AND THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ("BMPO"), FOR ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$247,752 FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING AT THE PEMBROKE PINES MOBILITY HUB PROJECT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-14. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

Enactment No: 3904

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-14 into the record by title.

Commissioner Good requested a summary of the information provided in the backup of the item and City Manager Dodge called on Mr. Stamm to respond.

Mike Stamm, Assistant City Manager, provided a response about the mobility hub project. Mr. Stamm referenced the backup, and the initial study conducted for connectivity and stated the locations where the multiuse paths would be located which included bus shelters, mobility stops, and bike lanes.

Commissioner Good inquired about the amount of funding the city received to complete the projects.

Mr. Stamm responded that the city received approximately 2.7 million dollars.

Commissioner Rodriguez commented that she would like to advocate for future complete street projects, creating opportunities for walking, cycling, and exercise. The projects would also accommodate residents who do not own a vehicle.

14. MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-15.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-15 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA; AMENDING RESOLUTION No. 3899; APPROVING A PLAT NOTE AMENDMENT (DELEGATION REQUEST) TO PEMBROKE LAKES SOUTH PLAT FOR THE APPROXIMATE 9.9 ACRE PARCEL GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PEMBROKE ROAD AND HIATUS ROAD; 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 Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-15. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

Enactment No: 3905

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-15 into the record by title.

REGULAR AGENDA:

REPORTS OF LEAGUE AND MPO REPRESENTATIVES

Commissioner Rodriguez reported information from the last Florida League of Cities meeting she attended and mentioned an upcoming matter concerning the future reduction of property taxes and how those reduced revenues would impact public safety services for the residents. The commissioner spoke about the importance of educating the public, so they are aware of how those funds are utilized.

Mayor Castillo weighed in on the matter and said he received a document from State Representative Robinson that contained the city property tax revenues from the 2023-24 budget cycle. Those revenues represented about a third of the city's budget and funded 61% of the city's public safety services. The mayor expressed concern that the proposals are being considered without clear, viable alternative replacement of the revenues.

Vice Mayor Hernandez also weighed in and referred to a previous proposal from then House Speaker Rubio, who proposed to eliminate the state portion of property tax bills and increase the sales tax by 2%. The vice mayor said he had worked with fiscally conservative mayors in the past and spoke about the impacts of cutting government funding.

Commissioner Schwartz reported information from the last Broward League of Cities meeting he attended concerning the potential third amendment to the Penny Surtax. He said information would be forthcoming and distributed a faux check to the city manager, which could potentially be used as a supplement for city needs upon its passage in October 2025. The commissioner also referenced a video that the entire commission would receive from the Broward League about what the league does, some of their achievements, and spoke about the League's upcoming event.

Mayor Castillo requested a Memorandum from the City Attorney's Office to address the matter of the Commission attending events.

City Attorney Goren responded that the City Attorney's Office would prepare a Memorandum to address the matters of gift giving, gift taking, and events.

Commissioner Good said the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting would be convening on the following day.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

COMMISSION ITEMS:

COMMISSION AGENDA Q&A:

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 - 7:47 P.M.

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES

Debra E. Rogers, CMC
City Clerk