

# City of Pembroke Pines, FL

*City of Pembroke Pines  
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Pembroke Pines, FL 33025*



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

**Wednesday, April 16, 2025**

**6:30 PM**

**4:00 PM Budget Visioning and 6:30 PM Regular Commission Meeting,  
Exhibit 1 was added to Item CA-1 on 4/15/2025.**

**Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission**

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

## **4:00 PM BUDGET VISIONING WORKSHOP**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

## **Budget Visioning Workshop**

City Manager Dodge stated the purpose of the visioning workshop was to discuss the following topics:

2025-26 Proposed Budget  
Strategic Plan and Proposed Funding Concepts (Not included in the current proposed budget)  
Road and Traffic Improvements  
New Community Facilities and Recreation Facility Improvements  
Public Safety Facilities  
Commission Considerations and Commission Vision for 2025-2026

The city manager further explained that he would provide alternate methods to fund projects based on the direction he received from the city commission and provided the following four options for consideration:

Option 1- Allocate the \$66 million to a prioritized list of parks projects. Place a referendum on the November 2026 ballot to seek voter approval for funding the Public Safety Facility.

Option 2 - Use \$66 million to fund a prioritized list of parks projects. Finance the Public Safety Facility through a revenue bond supported by general fund revenues.

Option 3 - Use the \$66 million to partially fund the Public Safety Facility. Finance the remaining costs through a revenue bond backed by general fund revenues. No funding would be allocated to parks projects.

Option 4 - Increase the millage rate to implement a pay-as-you-go approach for funding capital projects.

City Manager Dodge then displayed a table that showed 1 Mill increases over the next six years which would generate approximately 132 million. The Commission could decide if they wanted to fund the Public Safety Facility and Parks, and the corresponding time frames that would be needed to generate the funds. The city manager concluded by explaining the differences between GO Bonds vs. Revenue Bonds, their potential

interest rates and requested direction from the Commission on how they wished to proceed.

City Manager Dodge brought up the matter of Item 18 on the Regular Commission Agenda regarding polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and the approval to meet the compliance timelines.

Mayor Castillo thanked City Manager Dodge for the presentation, he spoke about the Citizen's Budget Advisory Board to thank them for being present at the Budget Visioning workshop. The mayor asked that the board utilize the information to provide recommendations to the Commission. Mayor Castillo also expressed that he was not in favor of raising the millage rate, expressed that the city should find ways to leverage its existing funds, and asked City Manager Dodge about a calendar time frame for the process.

City Manager Dodge responded that the road and bridge could be incorporated in the 2025-26 budget and that they may be able to complete 15% of the projects without the information with the county. The city manager made a recommendation to send the public safety building out for the design build bid rather than delay the project.

Mayor Castillo noted that prior guidance had been given regarding the public safety building. In response, City Manager Dodge explained that the issue required a Commission vote. The mayor emphasized the importance of transparency, requesting that any cost increases and the final bid documents be made publicly available. He also stressed the need for a comprehensive approach, ensuring the overall plan moved forward and projects were not divided into separate parts.

Vice Mayor Hernandez thanked the city manager and staff for the preliminary information without the update from the county and referred to Miami-Dade's half penny tax program. He spoke in opposition to millage rate increases and G.O. Bonds for 2026 and spoke about potential changes to legislation on county and state levels. Vice Mayor Hernandez inquired about the amount being placed in the budget towards the public safety building.

City Manager Dodge responded that there wasn't a definitive number, but it would be incorporated in the budget without millage increases.

Vice Mayor Hernandez spoke in favor of the public safety build if there were no staff cuts in the Police and Fire Department. He said he would

vote no if there were an impact for the record.

Commissioner Good spoke his thoughts on the matter and expressed that precedence should be placed on the public safety building and delay the other projects. He said the Commission should take cost increases into consideration and expressed concern about long term pension funds. He did not want to leverage any revenue sources and expressed that the gas tax may not be a guarantee since electric vehicles do not use gas. He said the city could move forward and asked about a timeline for design build process.

City Manager Dodge responded that the package could be prepared to go out by December 2025, interested parties would review/bid which could take another 8 months and provided an estimated completion in August, and then the item would be prepared to go on the ballot for voter approval if the Commission wished to proceed with the contract in November.

Commissioner Schwartz referred to different sections of the PowerPoint Presentation, starting with the ninth slide, bullet points two and three regarding the annual debt service rate against what could be borrowed. The city manager responded about the interest that must be paid in general with any borrowed funds and about the options he provided to the commission for the proposed funding concepts. Commissioner Schwartz said the residents are concerned about their financial stability, extended his assistance on the best way to move forward on behalf of the city, and requested to place focus on the public safety building.

Commissioner Rodriguez spoke to say focus should be placed on the residents who may not be able to provide input due to families with young children and scheduling conflicts to address matters of concern for them such as the maintenance of the city's parks. She said she had spoken with different municipalities regarding their intergovernmental affairs offices and suggested the city had a similar position to help facilitate communications between the city and governmental agencies, other than the hired lobbyists.

## **Treatment Alternatives Analysis and Conceptual Design for PFAS Removal**

Tim Welch, Utilities Director presented information on the Treatment Alternatives Analysis and Conceptual Design for PFAS Removal.

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) were defined and the city's current water treatment process. Mr. Welch provided the following four alternative options to ensure compliance:

Alternative 1: FIX Expansion + Activated Carbon Process Addition

Alternative 2: FIX Expansion + Ion Exchange Addition for PFAS

Alternative 3: FIX Expansion + PFAS Treatment with FS-200 (FIX)

Alternative 4: Convert Existing LS/FIX to Membrane Softening Process

Cost estimates were provided for each of the options as well as any opportunities for additional funding, which included potential funds from pending litigation on the matter and provided an estimated time frame to complete the project.

Mayor Castillo thanked Mr. Welch for the comprehensive report and asked the utilities director if he felt confident that the options would get the PFAS out of the water. The mayor also asked if the water supply would continue for residents while the process was being completed and requested the scope of what the PFAS issue entailed to address the matter.

Mr. Welch responded that he felt confident that the majority of the PFAS would be removed from the city's water supply. Mr. Welch also responded that the water supply would be available for the residents while the process was being completed.

City Manager Dodge responded to the financial impact of funding the removal of the PFAS from the city's water supply and that it should not cause an increase in residents' water bills. It would be partially funded through grants and revenues would be included in the capital budget.

City Attorney Goren responded to the question of the mayor regarding settlements from pending lawsuits/claims and said the information would

be forthcoming.

Vice Mayor Hernandez spoke on the matter and expressed concern with the funding sources to complete the project and asked about the settlement agreements from the claims. The Vice Mayor also asked if the payouts would be based upon the city's population. He said he would send emails throughout the process with any additional questions.

City Attorney Goren responded about the city being a primary claimant to receive funds from any pending settlements scheduled.

City Manager Dodge responded to the inquiry about the payout being based upon a city's population and said it would be based upon utility operations.

Commissioner Good spoke on the presentation regarding regulatory changes to the way the water is produced to meet water quality standards. He asked how the product would impact the future and asked about water quality and softening, sludge, and wastewater standards. Commissioner Good also raised concerns about water withdrawal in the city's water supply.

Mr. Welch responded that lime sludge was not difficult to get rid of and the sludge on wastewater would be minimal. Mr. Welch also responded about the allocation of the city's water supply and that the city is only using about 12.

Commissioner Good also inquired if there was an option to increase the city's consumption from the South Florida Water Management District, he also inquired about the capital and operating costs, and if the city had applied for or received any state funding.

Mr. Welch responded that the option should be explored only if it was necessary, and that the aquifer is not reliable. Mr. Welch agreed there would be increases in the operating costs associated with the project with regards to PFAS compliance. Mr. Welch explained that the city had not received any grants to date.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke on the PFAS item and asked who was testing the resin to make sure there wouldn't be an odor. The Commissioner also inquired about the composition of the resin, as long-term investment of the compound might be required. Commissioner Schwartz discussed the options presented and inquired about which option would be best.

Mr. Welch responded that resin is specifically designed to transfer compounds to molecules across one barrier to another to be effective.

Mayor Castillo inquired about how far West Mr. Welch thought the saltwater intrusion would be.

Mr. Welch explained that it depended on where the city was in the county's process.

Commissioner Schwartz asked where the city was placed in the region with respect to sea level rise and the wells being infiltrated by saltwater.

Mr. Welch responded the entire region was trying to comply and achieve the same solution and use different approaches to address the matter in compliance with the EPA.

Commissioner Rodriguez requested a copy of the presentation for further review and asked how any monies would work from the lawsuits regarding funds reserved for the utilities project.

City Attorney Goren responded that the schedule for allocated funds should be available for the following summer, but did not know for a certainty when the funds would be expected.

Commissioner Rodriguez also spoke about an education component to provide residents with tips and tricks to avoid items that contain PFAS.

Mayor Castillo recessed the meeting at 6:10PM prior to the start of the Regular Commission Meeting.

## **6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER [Or at such time as the Budget Visioning Workshop adjourns.]**

### **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 Katherine Amarado-Zahnle.

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The National Anthem was performed by Katherine Amarado-Zahnle.

## **MAYOR ANGELO CASTILLO STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

Mayor Castillo delivered his State of the City Address into the record.

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

There were no items pulled.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

### **PRE-1 PRESENTATION NO. 1: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNER OF THE DISTRICT 3 NATALIE BELMONTE GREAT YARD AWARDS FOR MARCH 2025 .**

Mayor Castillo, Commissioner Rodriguez, and Assistant City Manager Mike Stamm presented the Natalie Belmonte Award to Patricia Wolkonocki for District 3.

Ms. Wolkonocki stated she built her home; she has been a resident of Pembroke Pines for almost 50 years, and she said she has always taken pride in her home.

The mayor congratulated the Wolkonocki family and Commissioner Rodriguez presented the certificate and gift card to the family.

**PRE-2**

PRESENTATION NO. 2: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO CYNTHIA REYNOSO AND NICHOLAS HESSING FROM THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY RECOGNIZING APRIL 2025 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

Mayor Castillo read and presented a proclamation to Cynthia Reynoso, representing the Children's Services Council of Broward County, in recognition of April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Pembroke Pines.

Ms. Reynoso thanked the Mayor and Commission for joining the abuse prevention campaign in the City of Pembroke Pines.

**PRE-3** PRESENTATION NO. 3: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL READ A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 25, 2025 AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

Mayor Castillo along with Vice Mayor Hernandez read a proclamation recognizing April 25, 2025, as Arbor Day in the City of Pembroke Pines.

Assistant City Manager/Planning and Economic Development Director accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Commission on behalf of his department.

**PRE-4**

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.

Mayor Castillo read a proclamation recognizing April 7-13, 2025, as Food Waste Prevention Week in the City of Pembroke Pines. The proclamation was presented to Claudia Bonilla who is a member of the city's Environmental Advisory Board.

Ms. Bonilla thanked the Mayor and Commission for bringing the matter forward to address issues with climate change and food insecurities.

**PRE-5 PRESENTATION NO. 5: THE MAYOR WILL ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS OF THE PEMBROKE PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ANNUAL "2025 ARBOR DAY" POSTER CONTEST.**

Mayor Castillo and Assistant City Manager Mike Stamm called the contest winners to the podium to show their certificates and take pictures with the Mayor and Commission.

A presentation was displayed on the overhead screen showcasing the beautiful artwork.

Assistant City Manager Mike Stamm recognized the Environmental Advisory Board for working with the program and said the board participates with judging the projects.

Commissioner Schwartz inquired if trees would be passed out at the Pines Day event and Assistant City Manager Sorensen responded from the audience.

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

Scott Barnett, 19436 SW 5th Street, Pembroke Pines, FL addressed the Commission about proceeding with the city's strategic plan and finding sources of funding. He said he was looking forward to providing recommendations to the Commission as a member of the Citizen's Budget Advisory Board.

Sean Loscalzo, 2385 SW 66th Terrace, Davie, FL filled out a request to speak form for Item 7.

## **COMMISSION AUDITOR REPORT:**

### **CA-1 COMMISSION AUDITOR ITEM 1: COMMISSION AUDITOR PRESENTATION**

#### **- RISK ASSESSMENT AND AUDIT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve the removal of Compass Group Food Services , ERP – Roles and Permissions, ERP Vendor Management, NIST Assessment Pt. 2, Commission Designated Projects, and Project Management Commission Auditor projects from the 2025 Audit Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay** 0

Eddy Castaneda, Senior Manager of Forvis Mazars, presented updates to the 2025 Proposed Internal Audit Plan as requested by the City Commission. Mr. Castaneda also informed the commission that the requested projects exceeded the \$250 thousand dollar budget and that he wanted to discuss how the firm should proceed.

Vice Mayor Hernandez spoke in favor of the budget adjustment to proceed with the audits requested by the City Commission to ensure efficiency.

Commissioner Good inquired about what the budget amendment required with the city manager and in what budget cycle the projects would be completed.

Mayor Castillo and Commissioner Rodriguez responded to Commissioner Good.

Mr. Castaneda confirmed the projects would be completed in 2025 unless there were projects that were carried over. The information presented was the overall budget for the 2025 plan, but did not necessarily include actual expenditures.

City Manager Dodge responded the budget amendment would be \$102 thousand dollars.

Commissioner Good spoke about prioritizing the projects and inquired if the budget adjustment was needed if all the projects were not completed in 2025.

Mr. Castaneda responded to Commissioner Good referencing the proposed timeline presented in the auditor report.

Commissioner Good responded that he would like to see the product prior to authorizing a budget amendment and made the recommendation to leave the budget as previously agreed.

Commissioner Rodriguez spoke on the item to provide input on how the projects should be prioritized and said she agreed with keeping the contract as is.

Mayor Castillo asked for the list of projects that would be removed to

meet the current budget awarded to the firm.

Mr. Castaneda said removing the following projects would meet \$255 thousand budget:

- Facility Contract Services
- Compass Group Food Services
- ERP - Roles and Permissions
- ERP- Vendor Management
- NIST
- Commission Designated Projects

City Manager Dodge said the OMI Jacobs audit would need to be prioritized because the contract is coming up for the Commission's consideration.

Assistant City Manager Jonathan Bonilla explained the building contract with Calvin Giordano and Associates was set to expire in December and that the audit needed to be completed by June to meet the contract renewal deadlines.

City Manager Dodge weighed in that the reason for the deadline is to give the procurement department enough time to send the contract out for bid if it was the direction of the city commission.

Commissioner Rodriguez requested to include the audit for the Transportation Authority.

Commissioner Schwartz provided his recommendations of how the audits should be prioritized. He spoke in favor of keeping the audit for Facility Contract Services.

Christie Clements, Managing Director, addressed the Commission about the firm's billable hours that included staffing and a director leading the project.

Mayor Castillo said a motion would need to be made to give staff direction.

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

None.

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

- BA-1** BOARD APPOINTMENT NO. 1: COMMISSIONER GOOD WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF LISA STEWART AS THE DISTRICT 1 ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE DIVERSITY AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD.

Commissioner Good announced Lisa Stewart as the District 1 Board Appointment, to the Diversity and Heritage Board.

Ms. Stewart thanked the Mayor and Commission for the appointment and spoke about her experience that qualified her to serve on the board.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # TS-25-03 "AVA CAMERAS" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, WESCO DISTRIBUTION, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,050.

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

2. MOTION TO APPROVE THE TUITION COST OF TEN (10) POLICE RECRUITS ATTENDING POLICE ACADEMY CLASS #368 AT BROWARD COLLEGE, INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC SAFETY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,750, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(7)(A) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

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

3. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2025, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING.

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

4. MOTION TO APPROVE A FACILITY USE AGREEMENT WITH FATHER'S M.I.A, INC. FOR THE USE OF PORTIONS OF THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER TO PROVIDE IMPACTFUL PROGRAMS TO EMPOWER YOUTH AND STRENGTHEN FAMILIES WITHIN THE CITY

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

5. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) SMART 18 RADAR SPEED TRAILERS FROM CRIMSON TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,512, UTILIZING PRICING ESTABLISHED BY THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION'S CONTRACT # FSA23-EQU21.0: "EQUIPMENT," 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 AN AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA DESIGN DRILLING, LLC. FOR WELL REHABILITATION SERVICES, UTILIZING PRICING ESTABLISHED IN BROWARD COUNTY'S SOLICITATION NO. PNC2127733B1, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$145,000, FOR THE TERM ENDING ON AUGUST 21, 2026, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(5) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

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

9. MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST TO ADVERTISE SOLICITATION(S):  
(A) TS-25-09 "SOLARWINDS RENEWALS"  
(B) TS-25-10 "CHROMEBOOK CARTS AND NEWLINE SMARTBOARDS"

**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



**6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS:**

A) ASSIGNMENT, ASSUMPTION, AND CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PEMBROKE LAKES GOLF COURSE FROM PROFESSIONAL COURSE MANAGEMENT, LTD. TO PROFESSIONAL COURSE MANAGEMENT VI, INC.

B) ASSIGNMENT, ASSUMPTION, AND CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PEMBROKE LAKES GOLF COURSE PRO SHOP FROM PROFESSIONAL COURSE MANAGEMENT, LTD. TO PROFESSIONAL COURSE MANAGEMENT VI, INC.

C) FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PEMBROKE LAKES GOLF COURSE AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL COURSE MANAGEMENT VI, INC. TO INCLUDE INCREASES TO THE MANAGEMENT FEE AND OTHER EXPENSE INCREASES ADJUSTING THE ANNUAL CONTRACT AMOUNT TO \$1,431,778.88 EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 2025 AND TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING NOVEMBER 15, 2026 PURSUANT SECTION 35.18(C)(8) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES

D) FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE PEMBROKE LAKES GOLF COURSE PRO SHOP AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL COURSE MANAGEMENT VI, INC. TO INCLUDE INCREASES TO THE MANAGEMENT FEE AND OTHER EXPENSE INCREASES ADJUSTING THE ANNUAL CONTRACT AMOUNT TO \$182,347.84 EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 2025 AND TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING NOVEMBER 15, 2026 PURSUANT SECTION 35.18(C)(8) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Good Jr., to approve Item 6. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 3 - Mayor Castillo, Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

**Nay** 2 - Vice Mayor Hernandez, and Commissioner Good Jr.

**A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to accept the increases for the current contract but not to extend the 5-year Renewal and to go out for bid. Motion failed.. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Aye** 2 - Vice Mayor Hernandez, and Commissioner Good Jr.

**Nay** 3 - Mayor Castillo, Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Schwartz

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Vice Mayor Hernandez read Item 6 into the record by title and spoke about the renewal contract agreements for the Pembroke Lakes Golf course from Professional Course Management to Professional Course Management VI, Inc. referenced in sections A, B, C, and D. The Vice Mayor said he would not be able to support the requested increase nor its effective date.

Assistant City Manager/Parks and Receptions Director addressed the Commission about the request submitted by Mr. Laponzina concerning the renewal agreement along with the requested modifications. She provided the history of the management operations and said the modifications were due to the increased costs to operate: management fees, hiring skilled staff, health benefits, liability insurance, and maintenance fees.

Commissioner Good spoke on the item and asked if the contracts were submitted in five-year increments.

Ms. Sorensen responded about the terms of the existing agreement plus a five-year renewal agreement.

Commissioner Good spoke about shorter contract terms, said they should be negotiated in a manner that allows the city to go out for bid to negotiate a better price as outlined in the competitive bidding process, and expressed concern with awarding contracts in the best interests of the city.

Mayor Castillo said he would speak with the City Manager to create an item to discuss the bid policies.

Commissioner Good also inquired about the company being registered with the address of a city facility, he asked if the facility was being leased, and if it was permissible to register the city space as the business address.

City Attorney Goren responded that it was a unique situation as the manager of the pro shop may have designated the City of Pembroke Pines as their principal place of business and the report on Sunbiz.org may reflect the local address. Mr. Goren said there was nothing illegal if the city didn't raise any objections to using the address for that purpose.

Commissioner Good asked if there were any other facilities that use the city's address as their registered place of business.

City Manager Dodge responded that the city does lease different spaces but cannot confirm how their business was registered, and that information would be researched.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke in favor of supporting the item. Mr. Schwartz referenced the Monday Memo, the calculation of the golf course's CPI, and the amount that would be owed versus what was requested.

Commissioner Rodriguez spoke in favor of the unique circumstance concerning the agreement and wanted to ensure that it was not a standard set for future agreements.

Discussions ensued and City Attorney Goren clarified that an amended motion had been made to the substitute motion for the record.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke to the cancellation convenience clause in the agreement.

City Attorney Goren stated the Commission legally terminated the Waste Services contract for the record.

Johnny Laponzina, Professional Course Manager of the Pembroke Lakes Golf Club, addressed the Commission about the terms of the agreement and his tenure with the city over the past 28 years.

#### WHILE THE VOTE WAS BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren stated Commissioner Rodriguez could amend her vote since she received clarification.

Mr. Laponzina addressed the Commission to state he was not willing to change terms originally requested in the agreement.

Discussions ensued and City Attorney Goren responded that the item presented was legally before the Commission.

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

(A1) A Superior Towing Company - Towing Services - Renewal

(A2) Westway Towing, Inc. - Towing Services - Renewal

(B) Compass Group USA, Inc. - Food Service Management Company  
ED-23-01 - Renewal

(C) TA Golf Sales, LLC - Operation of the Pembroke Lakes Golf Course Pro Shop - Renewal

**ITEM (D) 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:**

(D) Brenntag Mis-South, Inc. - Provision of Sodium Hydroxide (Caustic Soda) - Non-Renewal

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve Item 7 B,C and D on Consent,. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay** 0

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Good Jr., to approve Item 7A1 and 7A2. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay** 1 - Vice Mayor Hernandez

**A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to approve to go out for bid on Item 7A1 and 7A2. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Aye** 2 - Vice Mayor Hernandez, and Commissioner Rodriguez

**Nay** 3 - Mayor Castillo, Commissioner Good Jr., and Commissioner Schwartz

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Vice Mayor Hernandez read Item 7 into the record by title and spoke about the towing service agreements referenced in 7(A1) and 7(A2). The vice mayor asked for the history of the contract going from one vendor to two vendors.

Mayor Castillo responded by providing an overview of how the two vendors operate. The mayor also spoke about the agreement with the previous vendor A & B Towing and how the agreement was divided.

Assistant City Attorney Mike Cirullo affirmed the mayor's comments concerning the renewal contract presented to the Commission and that it was using the county's rates and included free storage.

Police Chief Vargas responded to the questions of the mayor about the services provided by each vendor.

Commissioner Good spoke about a pool of services to facilitate the services needed by the Police Department.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke on the item referring to the selection committee process and limitations the previous vendor possessed which open up the Commission discussion to contract more than one vendor. The Commissioner said the item should have been presented to the commission when the storage law requirement changed.

Commissioner Rodriguez spoke about the pool of vendors concept due to the vendor switching from one week to the next and said her preference would be to have one vendor.

City Attorney Goren responded about the contract extension allowance being 180 days to allow the contract to go out for bid. The second response was pertaining to the two current vendors agreeing to the extension.

Sean Loscalzo, President of A Superior Towing Company, Inc. responded to the questions of the mayor and city attorney. Mr. Loscalzo said he would agree to the a 6-month extension under the current contract terms as permitted by the city's code, he would continue to provide the services to the city if it the commission decided to send the contract out for bid, and that he would be willing to comply with the state statute governing storage and protection of the towed vehicles at no

additional cost to the city.

Brett Holcombe, President of Westway Towing, Inc. responded to the questions of the mayor and city attorney. Mr. Holcombe said he would agree to the a 6-month extension under the current contract terms as permitted by the city's code, he would continue to provide the services to the city if it the commission decided to send the contract out for bid, and that he would be willing to comply with the state statute governing storage and protection of the towed vehicles at no additional cost to the city.

Both vendors stated they had no objection to doing business in their current manner.

Commissioner Schwartz inquired about the statutory cap and City Attorney Goren responded that the cap could not exceed 25% lawfully.

Commissioner Good inquired if the statutory reference to vehicle storage could be included in the RFP.

City Attorney Goren responded that it was possible with commission direction to the city manager and whether the commission wanted the RFP to include a pool of vendors so staff could understand how to bid the item out.

City Manager Dodge responded to the question of Commissioner Good about any other departments that may utilize the towing vendor services. Mr. Dodge also said the owner of the vehicle could contact whoever they wanted for towing services in the event of an accident.

Mark Gomes, Procurement Director, responded about other departments that utilize the towing services at no additional charge when a vehicle breaks down. Mr. Gomes also said the other departments use the same calendar rotation as the Police Department.

Mayor Castillo spoke in support of keeping the two vendors under the direction of the Police Chief.

Sean Loscalzo, President of A Superior Towing Company, Inc. stated that he found no issue with both vendors servicing areas during the event of a hurricane.

Police Chief Vargas, addressed the commission and said both vendors were great companies and that he did not have a preference. Chief

Vargas also mentioned that it would be easier for his staff to work with one vendor and not have to maintain a rotational system.

Commissioner Good weighed in on the discussions about the challenges of the RFP process versus keeping both current vendors who are meeting or exceeding the Police Department's expectations.

**AFTER THE FIRST VOTE WAS TAKEN:**

Regarding the main motion for Item 7, City Attorney Goren explained that the two agreements are the same which meet the same criteria and conclusion. The city attorney also clarified that the contract already reflected the conditions and did not require the previous lines of questioning with each vendor.

**QUASI JUDICIAL CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**SECOND READING ORDINANCES:**

**10. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04 ON SECOND AND FINAL READING**

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04 IS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 155 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES; BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 155.401, ENTITLED "ZONING MAP," TO RE-ZONE THE APPROXIMATE 9.9 ACRE PARCEL GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PEMBROKE ROAD AND HIATUS ROAD FROM B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) TO C-1(COMMERCIAL); APPROVING AN AMENDED DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to adopt Ordinance 2025-04 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: 2043

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Ordinance 2025-04 into the record by title.

Mayor Castillo opened the public hearing.

There were no members of the public who wished to speak on the item.

Mayor Castillo closed the public hearing.

**11. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05 ON SECOND AND FINAL READING**

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05 IS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 155 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 155.401, ENTITLED "ZONING MAP," TO RE-ZONE THE APPROXIMATE 1.8-ACRE PARCEL GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF PINES BOULEVARD AND WEST OF SOUTHWEST 186 AVENUE FROM B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) TO C-1 (COMMERCIAL); APPROVING A DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to adopt Proposed Ordinance 2025-05 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: 2044



PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Ordinance 2025-05 into the record by title.

Mayor Castillo opened the public hearing.

There were no members of the public who wished to speak on the item.

Mayor Castillo closed the public hearing.

**FIRST READING ORDINANCES:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**12. MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-05.**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-05 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA; 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 FROM B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) TO C-1 (COMMERCIAL); 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 Resolution 2025-R-05. 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: 3899

## PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-05 into the record by title.

**13. MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-06.**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-06 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA; APPROVING A PLAT NOTE AMENDMENT (DELEGATION REQUEST) TO THE WATERMEN PINES PLAT FOR THE APPROXIMATE 1.88-ACRE PARCEL GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF PINES BOULEVARD AND WEST OF SW 186 AVENUE; 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 Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to adopt Resolution 2025-R-06. 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: 3900

## PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-06 into the record by title.

**14. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-09.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA APPROVING THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ACT, SUBSECTIONS 420.907-420.9079, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND RULE CHAPTER 67-37, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS NEEDED BY THE STATE; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to adopt Resolution 2025-R-09. 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: 3901

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-09 into the record by title.

Mayor Castillo opened the public hearing.

There were no members of the public who wished to speak on the item.

Mayor Castillo closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Rodriguez thanked the communications team for sending information about the home repair grants and the 1st time home buyer programs.

Mike Stamm, Assistant City Manager/Director of Planning and Economic Development responded about posting and sharing information when there are funds available, and that home buyer program is sent out on a regular loop.

**15. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-11.**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-11 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING AN IN-PERSON JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES COMMISSION AND THE BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL CONVEYANCE AND TRANSFER OF THE EXISTING BROWARD COUNTY UTILITY SERVICE AREA LOCATED WITHIN AND ABUTTING THE PINES VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD TO THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL 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 Resolution 2025-R-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

Enactment No: 3902

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-11 into the record by title.

AFTER THE VOTE WAS TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren stated there was a blank left intentionally in the title of the body regarding a date certain. Mr. Goren said the date could not be predicted and that his office and the city administration would coordinate with the county to get the executed resolution processed.

Commissioner Good inquired about the specified date in preparation of the in-person joint meeting.

City Attorney Goren said it would need to be agreed upon with the city commission to place a date on the resolution.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke on the item and deferred to Commissioner Good.

Commissioner Rodriguez spoke about the upcoming meetings with the county.

It was agreed by consensus to request a meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 9:00am.

**16. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-12.**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2025-R-12 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, THE VICE MAYOR, THE CITY MANAGER, THE CITY CLERK AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SIGN VOUCHERS AND CHECKS, TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND WITHDRAWALS, AND TO AUTHORIZE TRANSACTIONS ON INVESTMENTS PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S INVESTMENT POLICY ORDINANCE AND AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to adopt Resolution 2025-R-12. 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: 3903

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-12 into the record by title.

**REGULAR AGENDA:****17. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT A DIRECTOR, ALTERNATE AND SECOND ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE TO THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES FOR 2025-2026.**

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, to approve Commissioner Rodriguez as Director to the Broward League of Cities, Vice Mayor Hernandez as the First Alternate and Commissioner Schwartz as the Second Alternate . 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:

Mayor Castillo read Item 17 into the record by title and spoke about Commissioner Schwartz's attendance at the Broward League of Cities and stated the discussion was to allow Commissioner Schwartz the opportunity to check the records for the meetings he had attended and allow the City Attorney's office to audit the attendance sheets.

The mayor was provided the bylaws, the meeting minutes, and other materials which included a Memorandum as a verification of the Commissioner's attendance from the City Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Schwartz responded about his attendance records and about the meetings he attended. He said there was an error in the Memorandum provided from the City Attorney's Office about a meeting he attended. The Commissioner mentioned he wasn't aware that the alternate members were not included in the meeting communications from the Broward League's Office.

Mayor Castillo reviewed the meeting dates with Commissioner Schwartz and expressed concern about him not informing the alternate member to have representation from the city present.

Commissioner Rodriguez weighed in about the attendance matter and said she did not receive any communication from Commissioner Schwartz when he was unable to attend the meetings.

Vice Mayor Hernandez spoke on the item and made the recommendation to appoint Commissioner Rodriguez as the delegate of the Broward League of Cities, appoint himself as the alternate member, and Commissioner Schwartz as a secondary alternate.

18. MOTION TO APPROVE THE TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM PRODUCED BY THE CITY'S GENERAL WATER CONSULTANT CAROLLO TITLED "PFAS TREATMENT FEASIBILITY EVALUATION", DATED MARCH 2025, AND TO APPROVE A REQUEST TO ADVERTISE AN RFQ TO PROCURE ENGINEERING SERVICES TO DESIGN THE RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS BY WAIVING SECTION 35.19(A) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, WHICH REQUIRES ALL SEALED COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE CITY COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO ADVERTISEMENT.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve Item 18 (PFAS Treatment) . 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 Attorney Goren read Item 18 into the record by title.

Mayor Castillo spoke on the item and thanked the utility staff for the information presented in the workshop.

City Manager Dodge responded that it was not estimated that the rates would not be raised and there would be an evaluation performed in approximately three years.

Michael Bailey, Utilities Director addressed the Commission about the city's plan to eliminate Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) from the water supply in compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's regulations.

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

## **REPORTS OF LEAGUE AND MPO REPRESENTATIVES**



Commissioner Rodriguez reported that she would attend the next general meeting taking place on April 17, 2025, at 5:30PM.

Commissioner Good reported on a program change from the Complete Streets and other Localized Initiative Programs to the Roads for Economic Vitality Initiative at the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Commissioner Good explained the budget structure over the course of five years and the challenges of cost escalations to complete projects.

Commissioner Rodriguez requested a copy of the MPO report.

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

City Manager Dodge spoke about the report provided as requested by the city commission regarding the 30-volunteer hour requirement at the city's charter schools.

Mayor Castillo and Commissioner Good spoke on the matter.

City Manager Dodge explained the parents are notified towards the end of the school year if they are short hours and are given the opportunity to make them up.

Jonathan Bonilla, Assistant City Manager introduced Giselle Rodriguez, the city's Director of Innovating Learning and addressed the Commission about volunteer opportunities for parents to obtain hours.

### **CA-R1 CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING INVITATION FROM BROWARD COUNTY'S ATTORNEY TO PARTICIPATE IN CHAPTER 164 PROCEEDINGS REGARDING POTENTIAL EXPANSION OF MONARCH HILL LANDFILL.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez, to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to attend Chapter 164 Proceedings Regarding Potential Expansion of Monarch Hill Landfill conflict resolution proceedings between Coconut Creek and Deerfield Beach against Broward County Meeting on May 7, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay** 0

City Attorney Goren reported on information concerning the Monarch Hill Landfill. Mr. Goren said the site is owned by WMI Waste Management, Inc. and they requested to expand the height and length of the landfill with the county. Coconut Creek essentially objected to increasing the use of the landfill, however, the County Commission voted to grant the expansion. Coconut Creek filed a lawsuit in the Broward Circuit Court to challenge that the land use amendment plan was inconsistent with the county's plan and the state regional plan. Deerfield Beach joined the lawsuit along with the granted request for a Chapter 164 mediation/dispute resolution. Although Coconut Creek, Deerfield Beach, and Broward County are the conflicting governmental entities, City Attorney Goren extended the option of the City of Pembroke Pines to join in the mediation as the matter was a countywide issue.

City Attorney Goren also reported on the Broward Interim Contingency (BIC) Landfill. Mr. Goren said in January 2025, the County Commission considered an item to ensure sufficient landfill capacity in the Broward County BIC Landfill at the request of Vice Mayor Bogan which was tabled indefinitely. However, the county still has jurisdiction for any property that it owns, and the Monarch Hill site impacted Southwest Ranches.

Mike Stamm Assistant City Manager/Planning and Economic Development Director clarified the land use site was specific to the Monarch Hill site and the zoning was specific to both the Monarch Hill and BIC site which would be a county-wide change.

City Attorney Goren continued to speak about the BIC site that had conditions, but the zoning request would be applicable to any A6 county-wide property which included the Monarch Hill site. The county commissioner's lawyer contacted all the municipality attorneys with a request on how they wished to proceed concerning the matter and if the City of Pembroke Pines wanted to participate in the meeting on May 7, 2025, as neutral party and/or provide input.

Mayor Castillo asked what the city's options were if they wished to appear at the meeting.

City Attorney Goren responded there was the option for the city to attend the assessment process and as a neutral party. But at some point the city would have to decide whether to side with the county or with Coconut Creek/Deerfield Beach. The city also has the option not to take any action.

Mayor Castillo weighed in on the matter about the potential changes that could affect the residents' property values and quality of life. The mayor inquired about the master plan that was supposed to be presented in August 2025 and spoke in support of Coconut Creek.

City Attorney Goren responded that the lawsuit alleged the master plan would be available in August 2025.

Vice Mayor Hernandez, Commissioner Good, and Commissioner Schwartz weighed in on the matter.

Mr. Stamm responded to the inquiry about the land use locations for an incinerator available in Broward County. He explained the differentials between zoning text changes, zoning variances, and land use change amendments regarding the Monarch Hill facility. Mr. Stamm also responded to the height variance requested to an additional 100 feet.

City Attorney Goren responded about the Chapter 164 meeting saying it was a public meeting, and that the city is not yet an affected party. Mr. Goren also said he and the city manager would be present to analyze, evaluate, and measure the situation.

## **COMMISSION ITEMS:**

- 19.** COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ - ITEM 1: A PRESENTATION ON RAISING POSITIVE CHILDREN AND THE POSITIVE IMPACT IT HAS HAD ON OUR COMMUNITY.

Commissioner Schwartz read Item 19 into the record by title and spoke about the Raising Positive Children Forums.

Commissioner Schwartz displayed a video via YouTube highlighting the history of the Raising Positive Children Forums.

Mayor Castillo weighed in on the matter.

- 20.** COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ - ITEM 2: ALCOHOLIC AWARENESS MONTH FOR APRIL 2025 PRESENTED BY BARBARA PARLAVECHIO-ORTIS. PRESENTATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SPEAKER AT THE MEETING.

Commissioner Schwartz read Item 20 into the record by title to speak about alcohol awareness month for April 2025. The Commission invited Mrs. Parlavechio-Ortis to present information to spread awareness about the cause.

Barbara Parlavechio-Ortis, 1173 NW 122nd Terrace, Pembroke Pines, FL addressed the Commission to read a state recognizing Alcoholic Awareness Month.

Mayor Castillo thanked Mrs. Parlavechio-Ortis and said he would recognize the cause each month starting next April.

- 21.** COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ - ITEM 3: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CREATE A DIGITIZED BOARD APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE PURPOSES OF EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND EASE OF USE. APPLICATIONS WOULD BE ACTIVE FOR A SET PERIOD OF TIME AND ALLOW NON SELECTED APPLICATIONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMAIN ON FILE FOR A PERIOD DETERMINED, BY ORDINANCE, SET BY THE CITY COMMISSION.

**Commission agreed by Consensus to approve an electronic Boards and Committees application submittal process.**

Commissioner Schwartz read Item 20 into the record by title and spoke about his reasoning behind suggesting the digitized board application process.

City Clerk Rogers said she did not foresee a problem with transitioning the submittal of board applications to an electronic process.

Mayor Castillo, Commission Good, and Commissioner Rodriguez weighed in on the matter.

**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 - 10:50 P.M.**

**CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES**

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**Debra E. Rogers, CMC**  
**City Clerk**