

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, March 19, 2025

6:30 PM

Regular Commission Meeting - Workshop has been incorporated into the agenda for the Regular Commission Meeting.

Commission Chambers

City Commission

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

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, and City Clerk Debra E. Rogers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Daniela Ortega.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was performed by Daniela Ortega.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE PULLED FROM AGENDA

City Clerk Rogers declared Presentation 2 was postponed to the April 2, 2025, Regular Commission Meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

PRE-1 PRESENTATION NO. 1: POLICE PROMOTIONAL CEREMONIES

Police Chief Vargas introduced the ceremony to formally place the officers in their new leadership roles.

Mayor Castillo administered the Oath of Office, swearing in the following officers:

Detective Kevin Rodriguez, promoting him the rank of Sergeant.
Jonathan Hernandez, promoting him to the rank of Sergeant.

Each of the newly sworn in officers were permitted the opportunity to express their thanks and take pictures with the Mayor. Family members and friends were also in attendance to share in this special occasion.

PRE-2 [PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.] 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.

PRE-3 PRESENTATION NO. 3: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2025 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH.

Mayor Castillo and Commissioner Rodriguez read the proclamation and presented it to the staff and students of Panther Run Elementary School in honor of Women's History Month in the City of Pembroke Pines for March 2025.

Commissioner Rodriguez discussed the student government program at the elementary school and recognized the following staff members and students:

Ms. Nicole Williams
Zoey Thompson
Isla Espinel
Viviana Rodriguez
Victoria Campilongo
Stella Hennequin
Chloe Clark
Liliana Planas-Roman
Maria Jurdi Carui

Zoey Thompson read a statement about the Kids in Capes Club initiatives at Panther Run Elementary School.

Mayor Castillo and Commissioner Rodriguez took pictures with the staff and students.

COMMISSION WORKSHOP ON CAPITAL PROJECTS

Mayor Castillo introduced City Manager Dodge to open the workshop he requested to discuss capital projects.

City Manager Dodge opened the workshop by stating the city commission had contracted outside consultants at different meetings to create master plans dealing with transportation, recreational programs, economic development, and traffic. Those master plans were developed to form a strategic plan that identified projects totaling approximately \$290 million and the city manager provided alternative means to achieve some of the goals. Mr. Dodge said \$60 million was placed in a restricted fund, designated for public safety, a public safety building, and suggested the city should maintain the fund moving forward. City Manager Dodge recommended inviting the architect who originally proposed estimates related to the space analysis and the costs to build the facility, so they could present a design build plan although the city did not have sufficient funds. The process would take approximately 12 months, the project could go out for bid, and then the city would have a better knowledge of the hard costs to complete the project. A reevaluation would be performed at that time to determine how to find the necessary funds to continue with the project.

Concerning the matter of transportation, City Manager Dodge reiterated the information shared earlier by the Mayor at the Public Forums, emphasizing that the city would pursue any available grants or funding opportunities for projects. One potential funding source discussed was the Broward County surtax funds from the 3rd amendment, indicating the idea of allowing cities in Broward County about 10% of those funds, which could provide annual funding to address up to 50% of the city's transportation issues. Another option was leveraging gas tax funds to cover up to 80% of project costs without additional expense to the city. Mr. Dodge noted the potential sources of funding became available after the strategic plan was determined.

The following projects currently lack funding:

- New Community Facilities
- Recreational Improvements

In terms of economic development, Mr. Dodge highlighted three properties purchased by the city: the old prison facility, the regional United States Postal Service site on 172nd Avenue, and the development of the city center. These projects have generated \$5.6 million annually in new revenue, which has helped prevent tax burdens or millage increases.

City Manager Dodge concluded by stating the capital projects have not gone away, they are still needed in the city, and that alternative means are being considered so they can be addressed. He recommended the city retain the \$60 million earmarked for the Public Safety Building Fund in a fund balance restricted account that gains interest over time and encouraged the City Commission to provide input on this decision.

Vice Mayor Good discussed the potential for surtax funds, noting that up to 10% of the revenues could be allocated to each city. He offered to assist in requesting those funds. Vice Mayor Good also expressed interest in seeing the identified capital projects planned and prioritized over the next 10 or 15 years.

Commissioner Rodriguez spoke about the public forums and input she received from residents regarding the need for traffic improvements in the city. She requested that the area around the Silver Lakes communities be considered for improvements and spoke in favor of the 10 or 15 year plan and another workshop to discuss the matter further.

Commissioner Hernandez thanked the City Manager for the presentation and mentioned he would meet with staff to get involved in the efforts to secure a portion of the surtax funds. He said he would like to obtain more concrete answers to questions as the process progressed.

Commissioner Schwartz thanked the City Manager for his efforts and requested that the city be more effective in managing the tax dollars collected, awarded bids, and estimates to ensure the public is aware that the items are well accounted for. He said priority should be placed on the public safety building first and that he was open to a budget workshop to discuss the matter further with backup included for the commission's review and public participation.

Mayor Castillo discussed how the City of Pembroke Pines operates and suggested that one area of improvement could be the city's communication strategy. While residents yearned to understand the city's needs, they wished to address them without increasing property taxes. The Mayor expressed support for the architect's design-build concepts and felt the proposal should be presented sooner than the 12-month timeline mentioned. He also offered his assistance in accelerating the process of obtaining the surtax dollars. Finally, Mayor Castillo expressed concern about rising costs for infrastructure projects and thanked staff for their efforts in providing valuable information to the community.

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

There were no board appointments announced.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH SOLE SOURCE VENDOR, ATLANTIC DRAINAGE SYSTEM, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE HYDROWICK DRAINAGE ELEMENT SYSTEM AT PEMBROKE LAKES GOLF COURSE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$74,675, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(3) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

2. MOTION TO ACCEPT PINES MARKET RESIDENTIAL AKA SUNSET PINES, BILL OF SALE FOR WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, UTILITY EASEMENTS, AND MAINTENANCE BOND - LETTER OF CREDIT # FGAC-24914 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 150,171.81 (ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE AND 81/100 US DOLLARS, DIRECT THE CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT THE RECORDED UTILITY EASEMENT AND RELEASE THE PERFORMANCE BOND- LETTER OF CREDIT # FGAC-21462 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 2,172,138.09 (TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT AND 09/100 DOLLARS).

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

3. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND SOMERSET ACADEMY TO PROVIDE TWO POLICE OFFICERS TO SERVE AS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AT SOMERSET ACADEMY NORTH CAMPUS AND FOR SOMERSET ACADEMY TO PAY THE FULL COST OF \$317,848 FOR THE RESOURCE OFFICERS.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

4. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND SOMERSET ACADEMY TO PROVIDE ONE POLICE OFFICER TO SERVE AS A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AT SOMERSET ACADEMY SOUTH CAMPUS AND FOR SOMERSET ACADEMY TO PAY THE FULL COST OF \$100,800 FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

5. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # PSUT-25-02 "REVOLUTION 84 RM BOOM TRUCK" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, SMILEY LIFTING SOLUTIONS, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$226,000.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

7. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # TS-25-06 "MILESTONE RENEWAL" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, INTEGRATED FIRE AND SECURITY SOLUTIONS (IFSS), IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$136,350.75 FOR AN INITIAL THREE (3) YEAR PERIOD.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

8. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # TS-25-04 "NETMOTION RENEWAL LICENSES" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, VCLOUD TECH INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$62,080.95.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

9. MOTION TO APPROVE OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHING WAIVERS FOR THE 2025 SCHOOL YEAR FOR THE PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WEST CAMPUS.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

10. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2025, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

11. MOTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOLE SOURCE VENDOR, EXPONENTIAL MARKETING, LLC D/B/A AQUA GREENS, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A FLOATING TARGET GREEN AT PEMBROKE LAKES GOLF COURSE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,000, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(3) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

12. MOTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE COMCAST ENTERPRISE SERVICES MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT (MSA) NO. FL-7489252-CMUNR AND TO APPROVE THE ENTERPRISE SERVICES SALES ORDER FOR THE PEMBROKE LAKES GOLF AND TENNIS FACILITY TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASED BANDWIDTH AT THAT LOCATION FOR A SIXTY (60) MONTH PERIOD, WITH A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$49,800, AT AN ANNUAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$9,960, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(7)(F) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

13. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE AND TO AWARD RFP # TS-25-01 "NETWORK GEAR INFRASTRUCTURE AV CAMPUS" TO DOF CREATIONS, LLC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$666,964.05.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

14. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED WORK AUTHORIZATION 2025-01 WITH CAROLLO ENGINEERS, INC. PURSUANT TO THE AWARD OF RFQ # PSUT-22-02 "CCNA CONTINUING SERVICES FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES", IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$243,788.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

16. MOTION TO APPROVE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER, SEWER, AND ELECTRICAL UTILITIES AT THE HOWARD C. FORMAN HUMAN SERVICES CAMPUS.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

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

(A) TS-25-07 "AXIS CAMERAS"

(B) RE-25-02 "BUNKER SAND REPLACEMENT AND TEE RENOVATION AT PEMBROKE LAKES GOLF COURSE"

(C) PSPW-25-06 "EXTERIOR PAINTING OF PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER SCHOOL - WEST CAMPUS"

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

18. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH TARGET SOLUTIONS LEARNING, LLC (D/B/A VECTOR SOLUTIONS) AND THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE A RECORDS, INVENTORY AND EVALUATION MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION WITH AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$42,594.58, FOR A PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C) 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 Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Mayor Good Jr., to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGE ORDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF PRACTICE AND DUTY AMMUNITION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING UNIT FROM LAWMEN'S & SHOOTER'S, INC. IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,770.92, UTILIZING PRICING ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA TERM CONTRACT # 46000000-21-STC "DEFENSE PRODUCTS", PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(5) AND 35.28(B) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve Item #6. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Commissioner Hernandez read Item 6 into the record by title and discussed his inquiry from the Monday Night Memo, requesting staff to clarify the measures taken to prevent future change order requests.

Mark Gomes, Procurement Director, outlined the steps leading to the change order request and mentioned that staff has been instructed to place orders promptly once they receive commission approval.

- 15. MOTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT WITH OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL, INC. (OMI) FOR OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY'S UTILITY SYSTEM, TO WAIVE THE POLLUTION LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENT FOR OMI SUBCONTRACTOR CRAIG A. SMITH AND ASSOCIATES, LLC.**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to amend the language on page 2, Section 2 of the Second Amendment Operations Management International Inc. (OMI) agreement to make it very clear that the waiver of a pollution liability insurance requirement is only effective as long as they (Craig A. Smith & Associates, LLC) are not providing any service that would otherwise require the pollution liability insurance. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve the motion as amended. 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:

Vice Mayor Good read Item 15 into the record by title and proposed an amendment to the language in the agreement concerning liability insurance, suggesting it should apply only if the vendor performs services that require pollution liability.

Commissioner Schwartz sought clarification on which section of the agreement was being proposed for the amended language.

Vice Mayor Good clarified that the amendment applied to page 2 of 7, section 2.

Michael Bailey, Utilities Director, confirmed he could work with the city attorney to craft the amended language.

City Attorney Goren stated that the language could be revised to reflect the requested changes.

Commissioner Schwartz asked if the vendor would agree to the proposed amendment.

Michael Bailey responded that he did not anticipate the vendor would have any objections to the changes and could bring the item back for the April 2, 2025, Regular Commission Meeting.

City Attorney Goren confirmed on the record that the request of the Vice Mayor to amend the language would be prepared and submitted to the vendor, and if the vendor rejected the changes, then the item would be returned for commission for approval. There would be no delay or deferral of the item, as the revised language was already reflected on the record.

AFTER THE VOTE WAS TAKEN:

Mayor Castillo asked for information on proposed amendments to items be submitted ahead of the Commission meetings, if possible.

QUASI JUDICIAL CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**SECOND READING ORDINANCES:**

19. MOTION TO PASS PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03 ON SECOND AND FINAL READING.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03 IS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO SUB-SUBLEASE WITH HG PINES, LLC; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to adopt Proposed Ordinance 2025-03 on Second and Final Reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

Enactment No: 2042

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Ordinance 2025-03 into the record by title.

Mayor Castillo addressed the item, providing a brief overview of the events in Tallahassee involving the House of Representatives and the Senate. He mentioned receiving positive feedback on the city's housing model plans. The Mayor highlighted two bills that could potentially help get the agreement passed and noted there were questions about the deeds and leasing required to secure the tax exemption being requested. He expressed optimism about the outcome and encouraged the Commission to support the item.

Commissioner Schwartz thanked everyone involved in the process and expressed excitement about the opportunity to set a statewide trend.

Vice Mayor Good inquired about the timeline for getting the item included in a bill and added to a committee agenda. He expressed concern about it being included during this year's legislative session and thanked the Mayor for his efforts.

Mayor Castillo responded that the city's legislative team would notify the Commission when more information would be available. He clarified that the extension was to accommodate the legislative session's timeline. The Mayor also praised the Vice Mayor for his motion to earmark funds for additional housing.

Mayor Castillo then opened the public hearing.
No members of the public wished to speak on the item.
Mayor Castillo closed the public hearing.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

20. MOTION TO PASS PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04 ON FIRST 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.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF THIS ORDINANCE HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 16, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to pass Proposed Ordinance 2025-04 on First Reading . The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

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

21. MOTION TO PASS PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05 ON FIRST 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.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF THIS ORDINANCE HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 7, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Vice Mayor Good Jr., to pass Proposed Ordinance 2025-05 on First Reading . The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

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

22. MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE UTILITY WORK BY HIGHWAY CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,042; DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-03. 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: 3897

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-03 into the record by title.

Vice Mayor Good addressed the item, discussing the widening of Pembroke Road to Douglas Road and highlighting the communication sent to the surrounding neighborhoods about the project. He raised concerns about potential impacts on the Howard C. Forman Complex and inquired whether they had received any notification regarding the project.

Karl Kennedy, City Engineer, explained that the Department of Transportation is required to notify businesses and residences within a specific radius of the project. He also mentioned that the city could provide additional notifications to each of the surrounding facilities about potential traffic disruptions during the project's duration.

A five-minute recess was taken, with no objections from the City Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

REGULAR AGENDA:

REPORTS OF LEAGUE AND MPO REPRESENTATIVES

Commissioner Rodriguez shared an update about her upcoming League Meeting, while Commissioner Schwartz mentioned that his last two meetings had been canceled and, as a result, he had no updates to provide at this time.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

- 23.** MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT D/B/A MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, AND DAVIE MEDICAL CENTER LLC D/B/A HCA FLORIDA UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL FOR LITIGATION REGARDING CITY COMMISSION ORDER 2023-01 (FREESTANDING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SITE PLAN).

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve the settlement agreement with South Broward Hospital District d/b/a Memorial Healthcare System and Davie Medical Center LLC d/b/a HCA Florida University Hospital. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Item 23 into the record by title and provided details about the sister settlement agreement related to the HCA matter.

Commissioners Schwartz and Hernandez offered their comments on the item.

Commissioner Hernandez mentioned that he had spoken with Mr. Strum regarding the matter and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to meet with him.

SECOND REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Goren reported on a second matter regarding a confidential record that was emailed to the Commission by Cindy Laquidara Esquire. The document pertains to pending litigation involving the City of Pembroke Pines and the City of Hollywood.

COMMISSION ITEMS:

- NB-1** A MOTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION TO BROWARD COUNTY ASKING THEM TO AT LEAST DO WHAT THE CITY DID BY ALLOWING THE AFFECTED PEMBROKE PINES RESIDENTS TO PAY FOR THEIR SEWER CONNECTION THROUGH THEIR WATER BILL AS THE CITY DID IN THE PAST.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, to approve Item NB-1. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

Vice Mayor Good inquired with the Utilities Director about the locations of residents still using septic tanks and not connected to the sewer system.

Michael Bailey, Utilities Director, identified several areas, including Pines Village south of 9th Street, parts of Pembroke Road and the Turnpike, and some acreage out West.

Mayor Castillo requested that the Utilities Director send an email with a confirmed list of areas still using septic tanks.

Vice Mayor Good referenced the state statute requiring sewer connections to protect water supplies. He pointed out that Pines Village, from 72nd Avenue to the Turnpike, is still on septic tanks and asked the Utilities Director to explain the options available to residents in those areas to connect to the city's sewer system.

Mr. Bailey explained that residents have the option to use the city's contractor at the contracted rate or to handle the connection independently.

Vice Mayor Good highlighted that the County covers a large area of Pembroke Pines south of 9th Street, including Pines Village. He noted that while the County is covering some expenses, the cost of sewage connection services is not included and is being passed on to residents. He emphasized that residents in this area expect the same level of consideration that was given to the northern part of the community. The Vice Mayor requested further discussions with the County to address this issue.

City Attorney Goren responded referring to the County Ordinance, which mandates that Pembroke Pines residents in the area referenced to connect to the County's sewer system.

Mayor Castillo encouraged the Commission to add items to the agenda to keep the public informed and discussed some of the complications with the county on the matter.

City Attorney Goren also addressed concerns related to public safety, explaining that the city is required to enforce the County's code as outlined in the County's charter.

Commissioner Schwartz inquired why the city couldn't cover the costs

and then bill the residents later.

Mayor Castillo requested to include the Vice Mayor to work with staff with all the data on the resolution without objection.

Commissioner Rodriguez said she received a call from a frustrated resident concerning the matter and said she suggested discussing the matter further.

City Attorney Goren clarified that the item was not a special assessment for the City of Pembroke Pines, but rather a voluntary program initiated by the City Commission. He explained that the program was designed to serve a public purpose by facilitating the installations. The program would be implemented by the administration and put forth by the Utilities Department on a voluntary basis.

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 - 8:23 P.M.

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES

Debra E. Rogers, CMC
City Clerk