

# 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 5, 2025**

**6:30 PM**

**Regular Commission Meeting  
Exhibit 3 of Item # 10 was updated on 3-3-2025.**

**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 Jared Richardson.

### **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The National Anthem was performed by Jared Richardson.

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

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

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

**PRE-1** PRESENTATION NO. 1: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNER OF THE DISTRICT 2 NATALIE BELMONTE GREAT YARD AWARDS FOR FEBRUARY 2025.

Mayor Castillo, Commissioner Hernandez, and Mike Stamm, Planning and Economic Development Director presented the Natalie Belmonte Great Yard Award to Charlotte Rivers for District 2.

**PRE-2** PRESENTATION NO. 2: THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL PRESENT THE PHOENIX AWARD TO JAVON ALEXANDER FOR HIS LIFE-SAVING ACTIONS ON JANUARY 9, 2025.

Fire Chief Marcelino Rodriguez and members of staff addressed the Commission to describe the measures taken by Javon Alexander to save his father's life.

Javon Alexander thanked the City Commission and the Fire Department for the honor and encouraged everyone to take a CPR course to help save lives.

The Phoenix award was presented to Javon Alexander, and he took pictures with the Fire Department, City Commission, and with his family.

Fire Chief Rodriguez provided the schedule for residents who wished to take a CPR course and said the information was available on the city's website.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke about an experience when he was able to help students learn CPR based upon the training he received from the city's course.

**PRE-3** PRESENTATION NO. 3: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO JUDGE KEVIN TYNAN AND WILLIAM COTTLE FROM THE EMERALD SOCIETY OF FORT LAUDERDALE WITH A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2025 AS IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

Mayor Castillo read the proclamation and presented it to Judge Kevin Tynana and William Cottle from the Emerald Society of Fort Lauderdale.

Judge Tynana thanked the Mayor and Commission for the honor and spoke about the Emerald Society and their scholarship initiatives.

**PRE-4**

PRESENTATION NO. 4: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT KASIA ORZECHOWSKA, AMBASSADOR/ADVOCATE OF FIGHT COLORECTAL CANCER, WITH A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2025 AS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

Mayor Castillo read the proclamation and presented it to Kasia Orzechowska in recognition of March 2025 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Pembroke Pines.

Ms. Orzechowska thanked the Commission for the honor, encouraged awareness of the illness, and spoke about early detection for individuals aged 45 and older.

**PRE-5**

PRESENTATION NO. 5: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO MARK GOMES, PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR, AND HIS STAFF RECOGNIZING MARCH 2025, AS NATIONAL PROCUREMENT MONTH AND MARCH 12, 2025, AS PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS' DAY IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

Mayor Castillo read the proclamation and presented it to Mark Gomes, Procurement Director in recognition of Procurement Professionals Day in the City of Pembroke Pines.

Mark Gomes thanked the City Commission for their recognition and introduced the following members of staff present with him at the Commission Meeting:

Byron Granada, Assistant Procurement Manager  
David Gamez, Purchasing Specialist  
Maria Ramirez, Purchasing and Fleet Coordinator  
Luke Singh, Fleet and Surplus Manager

Mr. Gomes honorably mentioned Assistant City Manager Christina Sorensen and Deputy City Clerk Gabriel Fernandez for their former leadership roles in the Procurement Department.

Mr. Gomes additionally thanked the residents of Pembroke Pines for their trust in the Procurement Department with the taxpayers' dollars in a transparent manner.

## **PRE-6**

PRESENTATION NO 6: MAYOR CASTILLO WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO KARL KENNEDY, CITY ENGINEER, RECOGNIZING MARCH 3-9, 2025 AS FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK IN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES.

Mayor Castillo read the proclamation and presented it to Karl Kennedy, City Engineer in recognition of March 3-9, 2025 as Flood Awareness Week in the City of Pembroke Pines.

Mr. Kennedy addressed the Commission to thank them for their recognition and announced the flood zone rankings had been reduced from 7 to 5 in the City of Pembroke Pines.

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

Ram Tewari, 8860 NW 3rd Street, Pembroke Pines, FL addressed the Commission with a suggestion to reinstate a volunteer recognition program. Mr. Ram has served as a volunteer in various capacities with the city since 2012.

Mayor Castillo responded that the city would be addressing the matter and thanked Mr. Tewari for his time and efforts to serve the city.

Commissioner Rodriguez mentioned the volunteers could be included in the employee recognition initiative being structured by staff.

### **COMMISSION AUDITOR REPORT:**

None.

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

None.

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

- BA-1** BOARD APPOINTMENT NO. 1: VICE MAYOR GOOD WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANK GIRARDI AS THE DISTRICT 1 REGULAR MEMBER TO THE CITIZEN BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD.

Vice Mayor Good announced Mr. Frank Girardi as the District 1 appointment to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Board.

Commissioner Schwartz made a motion for the advisory board to meet without all of the appointments since they had a quorum.

Mayor Castillo stated he would schedule a time with City Clerk's office to review board applications so he could make his Mayoral City-Wide appointments.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. MOTION TO AWARD IFB # TS-24-21 "VMWARE ANNUAL RENEWAL" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, ALXTEL, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$96,996.60 FOR AN INITIAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD.

2. MOTION TO RATIFY THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO, AND APPROVE CONTINUATION OF, THE UNITED WAY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED WAY OF BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DRUG PREVENTION (UWBCCBH&DP) UNDERAGE DRINKING ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM UNTIL JUNE 30TH, 2027.

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

3. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2025, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING.

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

4. MOTION TO REJECT ALL BIDS FOR IFB # RE-24-05 "REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS AND DOORS TO IMPACT RATED MATERIAL AT VARIOUS CITY PARKS" AND TO AUTHORIZE THE RE-ADVERTISEMENT OF THE SOLICITATION AS IFB # RE-25-03 "REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS AND DOORS TO IMPACT RATED MATERIAL AT VARIOUS CITY PARKS RE-BID".

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

5. MOTION TO RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TWENTY-TWO (22) 2025 CHEVROLET TAHOE 2WD 4DR POLICE VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,146,699.84 FROM GARBER CHEVROLET BUICK GMC, INC, UTILIZING PRICES ESTABLISHED BY THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION'S CONTRACT # FSA 24-VEL-32.0: "PURSUIT, ADMINISTRATIVE & OTHER VEHICLES," PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(5) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCE.

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

6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIVERSITY AND HERITAGE BOARD TO NAME THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTER AT THE WILLIAM B. ARMSTRONG DREAM PARK THE "DREAM PARK COMMUNITY CENTER"

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

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

- (A) ED-25-01 "KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS"
- (B) PSPW-25-05 "CONSTRUCTION OF COVERED WALKWAY AT 501 MEDICAL BUILDING"
- (C) PSPW-25-04 "NEW PLAYGROUND TURF FOR THE EAST CAMPUS CHARTER SCHOOL"

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

**9. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF CISCO DUO MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION LICENSES AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT REWEVAL FROM SENTINEL TECHNOLOGIES, INC., UTILIZING THE STATE OF FLORIDA ALTERNATE CONTRACT SOURCE # 43220000-NASPO-19-ACS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,022.93, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(5) 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 Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay** 0

**PRIOR TO THE VOTE OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mr. Ram Tewari addressed the Commission about the board recommendation of the Dream Park Community Center.



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

(A) Industrial Communications and Electronics, Inc. - Two-Way Radio Equipment and Services - Renewal

(B) The Transportation Authority - Bus Transportation Services Charter Schools/Community Services - Renewal

ITEMS (C), AND (E) WILL EXPIRE WITH NO RENEWAL TERMS AVAILABLE, AND ITEM (D) HAS BEEN TERMINATED; 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:

(C) Mullings Engineering Services - Landscaping Division, Inc. - Sod and Sod Installation (City-wide) IFB PSPW-20-07 - Non-Renewal

(D) Reaxium, Inc. - Charter School Bus and Student Tracker - Termination

(E) Safeguard Services, Inc. - Janitorial Services for the Police Department - Non-Renewal

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Good, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve Item 7A,C,D,E on consent.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez to amend Item 7B to extend the renewal of The Transportation Authority - Bus Transportation Services Charter Schools/Community Services contract for up to two (2) years and the Commission Auditor is directed to conduct a review and present the results of their findings by the first meeting in December 2025.**

**Aye** 4 - Mayor Castillo, Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Schwartz, and Commissioner Hernandez

**Nay** 1 - Vice Mayor Good Jr.

## PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Commissioner Rodriguez read Item 7B into the record by title and spoke about The Transportation Authority agreement. The Commissioner thanked Assistant City Manager, Jonathan Bonilla and Procurement Director Mark Gomes for clarifying her questions about the programs offered with Transportation Authority and how the vendor received funding. Commissioner Rodriguez said she gained insight from a bid back in 2016, expressed that she would like to have an audit performed on the vendor, and suggested to reduce the contract terms from 5 years to 2 years.

City Manager Dodge responded that he found no issue with reducing the contract terms so there could be an assessment performed by the commission auditor.

Commissioner Schwartz asked if there had been another vendor contracted with the city since 1999 and recommended having the audit performed within 12 months to allow time for adjustments.

City Manager Dodge responded to the question of the Commissioner and stated the audit on the agreement could be brought back in 12 months.

City Attorney Goren stated the maker of a motion could accept a friendly amendment. He said it was the prerogative of the Commission to have the audit brought back in 12 months so the commission could evaluate the information presented.

Vice Mayor Good weighed in on the matter and spoke in support of a one year contract and evaluating the agreement with the commission auditor within the next nine months.

Mayor Castillo spoke in favor of auditing the transportation program and said there was a clause in the agreement that allowed the contract to be terminated if there were any issues found in the audit.

City Manager Dodge responded that he found no issues with the transportation programs for the schools or the senior center on the record.

Commissioner Schwartz revised his friendly amendment for the transportation programs to be audited no later than 12 months.

City Manager Dodge responded about adjusting the time frame for audit completion due to potential scheduling conflicts with the school to bus students in the middle of the school year. The city manager also spoke to the management fee for the bus programs and that the current vendor did not make a profit off of the agreement.

**QUASI JUDICIAL CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**SECOND READING ORDINANCES:**

**FIRST READING ORDINANCES:**

**10. MOTION TO PASS PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03 ON FIRST 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.

SECOND AND FINAL READING HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 19, 2025.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Castillo, to pass Proposed Ordinance 2025-03 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 2025-03 on first reading into the record by title.

Commissioner Schwartz disclosed that he had prior discussions with the potential buyer of the property referenced in the item.

Mayor Castillo weighed in on the matter and discussed the current options available for the commission.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke on the item regarding reductions to the sale price and made the recommendation to start renegotiations immediately.

City Attorney Goren stated the amount was not diminished and the original price negotiated was presented for commission approval.

Vice Mayor Good spoke in agreement with Commissioner Hernandez's comments and inquired about the requirements for first and second reading ordinances. Vice Mayor Good also spoke about the commission being cognizant of recovery costs.

City Attorney Goren responded that the ordinance before the commission only required 10 days in between the first and second reading of the ordinances referencing Chapter 166 of the Florida Statutes.

Commissioner Rodriguez spoke on the item to support the original sales price and was not in favor of the potential price reduction.

City Attorney Goren responded about any risks associated with the purchaser's deposit on the record.

**AFTER THE VOTE WAS TAKEN:**

Mayor Castillo requested the commission to meet with the city manager to ask additional questions prior to the second reading of the ordinance.

City Attorney Goren spoke about the letter of request included in the back up was a part of the public record, that the legislature had the

opportunity to review if they chose to do so, and that a separate bill number would be provided to the commission on the record.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**11. MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2025-R-04.**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2025-R-04 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA; APPROVING A PLAT NOTE AMENDMENT (DELEGATION REQUEST) TO PARCEL A OF THE CHAPEL TRAIL II PLAT FOR THE APPROXIMATE 2.27-ACRE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 18490 JOHNSON STREET; 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 Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2025-R-04. 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: 3895

## PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2025-R-04 on second reading into the record by title.

Rabbi Mordechai Andrusier of Chabad-Pembroke Pines addressed the Commission to discuss the purpose of the delegation request.

Mike Stamm, Assistant City Manager addressed the Commission and said the resolution would be presented to the Broward County Planning Council on behalf of Rabbi Andrusier.

Commissioner Hernandez thanked the Rabbi for his support in the community.

## MOTION TO DRAFT AND ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-07.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-07 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING BROWARD COUNTY TO INSTALL A CROSSWALK ON NW 184TH AVENUE IN THE VICINITY OF NW 9TH STREET AND JOHNSON STREET, THAT INCLUDES 178TH AVENUE AS A POINT OF REFERENCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to draft and adopt a resolution respectfully requesting Broward County to install a crosswalk on NW 184th avenue in the vicinity of NW 9th street and Johnson street, that includes 178th Avenue as a point of reference. 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: 3896

**PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:**

Commissioner Schwartz spoke about placement of a crosswalk around the faith community.

Mayor Castillo weighed in on the matter and spoke about the county's involvement.

Vice Mayor Good spoke about the opportunity to install the crosswalk if the road was city owned.

City Attorney Goren spoke about the procedure for draft and adopt resolutions.

Karl Kennedy, City Engineer, addressed the commission about the inspections he had performed on 178th Avenue and 184th Avenue.

The draft and adopt resolution was amended without objection to include 178th Avenue as a point of reference.

Commissioner Schwartz asked about the pedestrian data collection requirement from the county.

Mr. Kennedy responded one day in a month.

Commissioner Rodriguez asked for clarification about the location of the crosswalk on 178th Avenue.

Rabbi Mordechai Andrusier responded 178th Avenue and 9th Street.

**REGULAR AGENDA:****REPORTS OF LEAGUE AND MPO REPRESENTATIVES**

Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Schwartz, and Vice Mayor Good did not have any updates to report.

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

- 12. MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT D/B/A MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, PEMBROKE 2 OWNER, LLC, PEMBROKE 145 OFFICE, LLC AND BAPTIST HEALTH SOUTH FLORIDA, INC. FOR LITIGATION REGARDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Vice Mayor Good Jr., to approve the settlement agreement with South Broward Hospital District d/b/a Memorial Healthcare System Pembroke 145 Office, LLC and Baptist Health South Florida. Inc. 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 12 into the record by title and spoke about the settlement for the commission's approval.

Mayor Castillo spoke on the item.

**COMMISSION ITEMS:**

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 - 8:18 P.M.**

**CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES**

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