

# City of Pembroke Pines, FL

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**6:00 PM Certified Election Results/Organizational Meeting followed by  
Regular Commission Meeting**

**Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission**

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

**6:00 PM ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER****ROLL CALL**

**Present** 4 - Mayor Frank Ortis, Commissioner Jay D. Schwartz, Commissioner Angelo Castillo, and Commissioner Thomas Good Jr.

Vice Mayor Siple was absent.

Also present: City Manager Charles F. Dodge, City Attorney Samuel Goren, and City Clerk Marlene D. Graham.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Ortis.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The National Anthem was sung by Ms. Camie Liz.

**ELECTION RESULTS - MARCH 19, 2024****RESOLUTION**

**OM-1    2024-R-06    MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2024-R-06.**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2024-R-06 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 19, 2024; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Castillo, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay** 0

**Absent** 1 - Vice Mayor Siple

Enactment No: 3856

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2024-R-06 into the record by title.

Commissioner Schwartz recognized Mayor Ortis for his service to the Community over the past 28 years.

Mayor Ortis spoke about his involvement with the community during his tenure as a commissioner and as the Mayor. He acknowledged the city staff members for their continued support and thanked his wife Mrs. Barbara Ortis.

**OM-2 24-0290**

THE OATH OF OFFICE WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO **ANGELO CASTILLO** FOR THE MAYOR CITY-WIDE SEAT.

THE OATH OF OFFICE WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO **JAY D. SCHWARTZ** FOR THE DISTRICT 2 COMMISSION SEAT.

THE OATH OF OFFICE WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO **MARIA RODRIGUEZ** FOR THE DISTRICT 3 COMMISSION SEAT.

## **OATHS OF OFFICE**

### **Oath of Office Administered for Mayor**

Oath of Office was administered for the Mayor City-Wide seat by Circuit Court Judge Catalina Avalos.

After Mayor Castillo was sworn in, he invited former Mayor Ortis to join him at the podium and presented him with a key to the City.

Mayor Castillo thanked all the elected officials in attendance at the Commission Meeting. Mayor Castillo thanked the City staff, his wife Mrs. Lisa Castillo, his two daughters, and other family members who attended the Commission Meeting. He also thanked his campaign team and spoke about some of the future goals/objectives he intends to accomplish while in his newly appointed seat.

## **Oath of Office Administered for Commissioner District 2**

Oath of Office was administered for the District 2 seat by his two sons, Devin and Justin Schwartz, and by City Attorney Samuel S. Goren.

Commissioner Schwartz expressed thanks for his recent re-appointment and how proud he was of his children. Commissioner Schwartz also thanked his wife Mrs. Stacey Schwartz and his campaign team.

Commissioner Schwartz gave direction to the City Manager to address the following matters:

A request for a Budget visioning session/workshop in preparation of the TRIM Notice and to address other budgetary items, meeting with the Broward County School Board about not closing public schools in the City of Pembroke Pines, to be scheduled no later than the first week in May, and about continuing former Commissioner Siple's initiative on the Raising Positive Children Forums.

## **Oath of Office Administered for Commissioner District 3**

Oath of Office was administered in Spanish for the District 3 seat by Mr. Yovany Rodriguez, Commissioner Rodriguez's father.

Commissioner Rodriguez read a speech she prepared expressing gratitude and about the work efforts that lead to her achievement of winning the election for District 3. Commissioner Rodriguez thanked her partner Jeremy, her parents (in Spanish), other members of her family, those who volunteered on her behalf, and her campaign team. The Commissioner also expressed her enthusiasm for working with her constituents in the City of Pembroke Pines and for District 3.

**ADJOURN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**RECESS FOR REFRESHMENTS**