

# 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, January 18, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

**6:30 PM Regular Commission Meeting (Combined with Jan 4 meeting)**

**Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission**

*Frank C. Ortis, Mayor  
Jay D. Schwartz, Vice Mayor  
Thomas Good, Jr., Commissioner  
Angelo Castillo, Commissioner  
Iris A. Siple, Commissioner*

## 6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 5 - Mayor Frank Ortis, Vice Mayor Jay D. Schwartz, Commissioner Iris A. Siple, Commissioner Thomas Good Jr., and Commissioner Angelo Castillo

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Ortis.

Broward County Mayor Lamar Fisher was a guest in the audience and acknowledged by Mayor Ortis. Mayor Fisher addressed the Commission. He spoke about communication, collaboration, and community to reconnect with the various municipalities in the county.

### PRESENTATIONS:

**PRE-1 23-0011** PRESENTATION NO. 1: CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO BE PRESENTED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO WERE STUDENT AMBASSADORS TO THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, JANUARY 18, 2023.

Mayor Ortis presented certificates of appreciation to the following students who participated in the Student Ambassadors program:

Michaela Morris - McArthur High School  
Gabriella Goris - West Broward High School  
Anna Jorge - West Broward High School  
Shivraj Singh - Pines Charter High School  
Daniella Velasquez - Somerset Academy High School  
Felipe Onni - Somerset Arts Conservatory  
Paige Preston - Somerset Arts Conservatory  
Harman Bindra - Somerset Academy High School  
Lairalee Ramos - Franklin Academy  
Daniel Romeus - Franklin Academy

Milagros Ortega - Pines Charter High School

Mayor Ortis and the Commission recognized all the principals present at the Commission Meeting.

**PRE-2 23-0006**

PRESENTATION NO. 2: MAYOR ORTIS WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO THE WEST BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMANCE ENSEMBLE FOR PLACING 1ST IN THE 2022 FMBC (FLORIDA MARCHING BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS) CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mayor Ortis read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Dean Calmer, Music Teacher and Band Director of West Broward High School.

Mr. Calmer addressed the Commission to thank them for the proclamation. He presented the band's 1st place medal to the Mayor. Staff members and students took pictures with the Mayor and Commission.

**PRE-3 23-0008**

PRESENTATION NO. 3: MAYOR ORTIS WILL PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO NINA MACPHERSON, AIRPORT MANAGER AT NORTH PERRY AIRPORT (HWO), FOR BEING NAMED 2022 AVIATION PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT).

Mayor Ortis presented a proclamation to Nina MacPherson, Manager at North Perry Airport, honoring her as the 2022 recipient of the Aviation Professional of the Year Award.

Ms. MacPherson thanked the Mayor and Commission for the honor.

**PRE-4 23-0032**

PRESENTATION NO. 4: MAYOR ORTIS WILL ANNOUNCE THE WINNER OF THE 2023 WINTER FLORIDA PREPAID SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE SPONSORED BY THE PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER SCHOOL FOUNDATION, INC.

Mayor Ortis announced Eileen Roca as the winner of the Florida Prepaid raffle, sponsored by the Pembroke Pines Charter School Foundation.

Vice Mayor Schwartz explained that the prize was a scholarship to a 4-year college.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Commissioner Siple spoke about the passing of her father-in-law at age 94 and expressed thanks to everyone for their condolences.

Commissioner Siple also spoke about her grandson Alex Rodriguez graduating from the United States Marine Corps boot camp at age 19.

City Manager Dodge announced the passing of former City Commissioner Katherine "Kitty" Thibault who served the City of Pembroke Pines as Commissioner between the years 1990 and 1998.

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

City Clerk Graham declared no items pulled from the agenda.

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

George Koren, 6751 SW 11th Street, Pembroke Pines, FL addressed the Commission about code compliance issues in Pines Village.

Police Chief Shimpino responded to the questions of Mr. Koren.

Commissioner Siple asked the City Manager about the issues raised by Mr. Koren with regards to Code Compliance staff to ensure compliance. City Manager Dodge responded to confirm that there is staff in place to ensure compliance.

Vice Mayor Schwartz encouraged the residents to go on the City's website to research open code citations. He also spoke about the monthly Code Compliance Magistrate hearings that are open to the public.

Brian Andino, 19251 NW 12th Manor, Pembroke Pines, FL addressed the Commission about the Charter Review Board appointments. He also inquired about Homeowners Association levying fines.

Neil Charley, 940 NW 197th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL, director of West Pines United League. He expressed concern about the League's team roster being subject to a public records request.

Christina Sorensen, Assistant City Manager, responded to the Commission. She said she had reviewed the matter with the City Attorney's Office. It was determined that the item was a public record and was required to be provided.

City Attorney Goren called upon Assistant City Attorney Jacob Horowitz to further explain that West Pines United did not qualify for the exemption provision in Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes because the City was not responsible for the league or the program.

Commissioner Castillo and Vice Mayor Schwartz spoke on the matter.

Assistant City Manager Sorensen said the West Pines United agreement required 51% participation from Pembroke Pines residents.

Due to the non-qualifying exemption at the time the public records request was submitted, City staff was required to complete the record request.

## **COMMISSION AUDITOR REPORT:**

None.

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

None.

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

**BA-1     23-0002**

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT: COMMISSIONER ANGELO CASTILLO WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR DISTRICT 4.**

STEPHEN REINSTEIN.

Commissioner Castillo announced the District 4 board appointment Mr. Stephen Reinstein, to the Economic Development Board.

Mr. Reinstein thanked the Mayor and Commission for the appointment.

**BA-2 23-0010**

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT: COMMISSIONER TOM GOOD WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT TO THE **CHARTER REVIEW BOARD** FOR DISTRICT 1.

ROBERT E. GOGGIN

Commissioner Good announced the District 1 board appointment Mr. Robert Goggin, to the Charter Review Board.

Mr. Goggin addressed the Commission briefly.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

2. **22-0927** MOTION TO REJECT ALL BIDS FOR IFB # PSPW-22-05 "PEMBROKE FALLS YMCA AQUATIC CENTER PARKING LOT LIGHTING UPDATE" AND TO AUTHORIZE THE RE-ADVERTISEMENT OF THE SOLICITATION AS IFB # PSPW-22-15 "PEMBROKE FALLS YMCA AQUATIC CENTER PARKING LOT LIGHTING UPDATE".

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

4. **23-0003** MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE AND TO AWARD RFP # RE-22-01 "PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN CONSULTING SERVICES" TO THE CULTURAL PLANNING GROUP, LLC, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$44,380 PLUS \$500 CONTINGENCY FOR ADDITIONAL PROJECT MATERIALS.

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

5. **23-0009** MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT JA123-10-2023 BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES/SOUTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER AND AREAWIDE ON AGING OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC. TO PROVIDE OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLES IIIB AND IIIE SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO

DECEMBER 31, 2023 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$462,059.00

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

6.        **23-0012**        MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2023 DODGE RAM 2500 TRADESMAN FROM GARBER CHRYSLER DODGE TRUCK INC. FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$69,860, UTILIZING PRICING ESTABLISHED BY THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION'S (FSA) BID # FSA22-VEL30.0, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(5) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

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

7.        **23-0015**        MOTION TO APPROVE THE SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND THE MCCLATCHY COMPANY, LLC. FOR THE PRINTING OF PEMBROKE PINES CITY CONNECT FOR AN ANNUAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$31,290.

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

8.        **23-0028**        MOTION TO APPROVE THE SHINE PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF BROWARD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES/SOUTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER.

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

9.        **23-0024**        MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022.

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

10.       **23-0030**        MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ASSIGNMENT FOR THE WETLANDS PORTION OF SHERIDAN STREET BUSINESS CENTER, LOCATED ON SHERIDAN STREET AND NW 199 AVENUE, OWNED BY ALEXIS M. BAKER, EDWARD BAKER, II, AND STEPHANIE L. BAKER.

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

**11. 22-0703 MOTION TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONTRACTS DATABASE REPORT:**

(A) First Vehicle Services, Inc. - Fire Department Fleet Maintenance - Renewal

(B) Mullings Engineering Services - Landscaping Division - Sod and Sod Installation/Removal Services - Renewal

(C) Bettoli Trading Corp - Vending Machine Services - Renewal

**ITEM (D) WILL EXPIRE WITH NO RENEWAL TERMS AVAILABLE, THEREFORE, NO COMMISSION ACTION IS REQUIRED AS IT IS PRESENTED FOR NOTIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.29 (F) OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE:**

(D) FPI Security Services - Security Guard Services - Non-Renewal

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

**12. 22-0939 MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2023 CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES/SOUTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER TRANSPORTATION OPERATING PROCEDURES (TOP).**

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

**13. 23-0025 MOTION TO APPROVE UPGRADING THE EXISTING PROPRIETARY SIEMENS FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE PINES POINT SENIOR HOUSING FACILITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$277,209.05 FROM SIEMENS INDUSTRY, INC., UTILIZING PRICING ESTABLISHED BY SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #030421-SIE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.**

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

**14. 23-0027 MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST TO ADVERTISE SOLICITATION(S):**

(A) PSPW-23-02 "REPLACEMENT OF ROOF AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT AT SOUTHWEST VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER"

(B) PSPW-23-03 "REPLACE OF ALL MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT AT PINES POINT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OFFICE"

(C) PSPW-23-04 "REPLACEMENT OF DOORS AND WINDOWS TO IMPACT RATED MATERIAL AT PINES POINT PROPERTY"



MANAGEMENT OFFICE"  
(D) TS-23-01 "MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT"

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

15.      **23-0031**      MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH RS PHOTOGRAPHY, LLC D/B/A TSS PHOTOGRAPHY, TO PROVIDE PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES FOR THE RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS DEPARTMENT'S RECREATIONAL SOCCER PROGRAM AT NO COST AND SHALL REMIT PAYMENT TO THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY ONE PERCENT (21%) OF THE NET SALES OF THE PHOTOS EXCLUDING TAXES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(7)(C) AND SECTION 35.34 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

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

16.      **23-0033**      MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST ADDENDUM 2022-2023 WAGE INCREASES BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND THE BROWARD TEACHERS UNION.

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

17.      **23-0034**      MOTION TO APPROVE THE AWARD OF CS-21-02-05 "PINES PLACE CABINET PROJECT #3" IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,979 AND CS-21-02-06 "PINES POINT CABINET PROJECT # 3" IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,810 TO CABINET STOP SHOP, LLC. FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$59,789.

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

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Castillo, seconded by Commissioner Siple, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye**    5 - Mayor Ortis, Vice Mayor Schwartz, Commissioner Siple, Commissioner Good Jr., and Commissioner Castillo

**Nay**    0

1.      **22-0922**      MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINNESOTA MULTI-STATE CONTRACTING ALLIANCE FOR PHARMACY (MMCAP) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, AND THE OVERDOSE DETECTION

MAPPING APPLICATION PROGRAM (ODMAP) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND THE WASHINGTON/BALITMORE HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (W/B HIDTA), TO ALLOW FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN NALOXONE THROUGH FLORIDA HEALTH'S HELPING EMERGENCY RESPONDERS OBTAIN SUPPORT (HEROS) PROGRAM.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Castillo, seconded by Commissioner Siple, to approve Item 1. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Mayor Ortis, Vice Mayor Schwartz, Commissioner Siple, Commissioner Good Jr., and Commissioner Castillo

**Nay** 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Commissioner Castillo read Item 1 into the record by title and spoke on the item.

Commissioner Siple spoke on the item.

- 3. 22-0942** MOTION TO AWARD IFB # PSUT-22-03 "REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF GRIT AND SCREENINGS" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, PANZARELLA WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES, FOR AN INITIAL FOUR-YEAR PERIOD, IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$164,043, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL MUTUALLY AGREED UPON RATE ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON CPI.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Good Jr., seconded by Commissioner Castillo, to table Item 3 to the next Commission Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Mayor Ortis, Vice Mayor Schwartz, Commissioner Siple, Commissioner Good Jr., and Commissioner Castillo

**Nay** 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Commissioner Siple read Item 3 into the record by title and spoke on the item.

Michael Bailey, Public Services Director, addressed the questions of the Commission regarding the existing contract with Waste Pro versus the new award to Panzarella Waste & Recycling Services. Mr. Bailey discussed how services were billed to residents.

City Manager Dodge responded to the questions of the Commission regarding the cost of services. He said that the approximate dollar amount allocated could not exceed \$164,043.

Commissioner Good spoke on the item and referenced Section 94.10 of the City's Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Castillo spoke on the item and requested a memorandum from Legal to address the difference between the removal of grit and solid waste disposal.

Vice Mayor Schwartz spoke on the item regarding the bid being awarded to the vendor who was the most responsive bidder.

City Attorney Goren responded to the questions of the Commission regarding the City's Code of Ordinance pertaining to any exemptions for solid waste disposal. City Attorney Goren also read Section 94.10(4) of the Code of Ordinances into the record.

Kenneth Rivera of the current vendor Waste Pro, 17932 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines, FL, addressed the Commission. Mr. Rivera proposed an offer and asked for the Commission's consideration.

#### AFTER THE VOTE WAS TAKEN:

Mr. Bailey addressed the Commission regarding the services provided by WastePro being extended until the item came back for reconsideration.

City Attorney Goren responded to the Commission regarding expired contracts. Mr. Goren also explained that it was up to the Commission to decide if they wanted to extend the service with the existing vendor WastePro until the item came back for reconsideration.

Kenneth Rivera of WastePro agreed to continue the services until a final determination was made.

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

18.       **2023-R-01**       MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-R-01.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-R-01 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SIGNING OF THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND ASSURANCES TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FDOT, AND THE PURCHASE OF TWO VEHICLES AND/OR EQUIPMENT OF GRANT FUNDS; DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO TAKE AND ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Castillo, seconded by Commissioner Siple, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2023-R-01. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye**   5 - Mayor Ortis, Vice Mayor Schwartz, Commissioner Siple, Commissioner Good Jr., and Commissioner Castillo

**Nay**    0

Enactment No: 3810

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2023-R-01 into the record by title.

19.       **2023-R-02**       MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-R-02.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-R-02 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ("CDBG") PROGRAM YEAR 2019 BY REALLOCATING FUNDS FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SUBMIT THE AMENDED ACTION PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**A motion was made by Commissioner Castillo, seconded by Commissioner Siple, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2023-R-02. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Mayor Ortis, Vice Mayor Schwartz, Commissioner Siple, Commissioner Good Jr., and Commissioner Castillo

**Nay** 0

Enactment No: 3811

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2023-R-02 into the record by title.

**20. 2023-R-03 MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-R-03.**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-R-03 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA APPROVING THE AMENDED LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022-2025; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED 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.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Castillo, seconded by Commissioner Siple, to adopt Proposed Resolution 2023-R-03. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Mayor Ortis, Vice Mayor Schwartz, Commissioner Siple, Commissioner Good Jr., and Commissioner Castillo

**Nay** 0

Enactment No: 3812

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Resolution 2023-R-03 into the record by title.

Commissioner Good spoke on the item.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 21.        23-0026        DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD SERVICES WITH KEMP GROUP INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION., INCREASING THE ANNUAL COST BY \$106,734.60, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 14.59%, FOR A TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$838,156.20.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Siple, seconded by Commissioner Good Jr., to approve Item 21. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye    5** - Mayor Ortis, Vice Mayor Schwartz, Commissioner Siple, Commissioner Good Jr., and Commissioner Castillo

**Nay    0**

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Item 21 into the record by title.

Commissioner Castillo and Commissioner Good spoke on the item. Commissioner Castillo asked why the item was placed on the regular agenda.

City Manager Dodge responded that the item was placed on the regular agenda for transparency purposes due to the substantial increase being requested.

Mark Gomes, Procurement Director addressed the questions of the Commission regarding the salaries for the crossing guard positions.

**REPORTS OF LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES**

## REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

A motion was made by Commissioner Castillo, seconded by Commissioner Siple, to authorize the City Attorney to conduct a closed-door shade session on February 1, 2023, pursuant to Florida Statutes 286 to discuss the litigation matter against Con Edison. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye** 5 - Mayor Ortis, Vice Mayor Schwartz, Commissioner Siple, Commissioner Good Jr., and Commissioner Castillo

**Nay** 0

City Attorney Goren spoke about litigation in the 17th Circuit Court of Broward County against Con Edison. A request was made for a Closed-Door Shade Session under Chapter 286 of the Florida Statutes to seek advice and direction from the Commission.

Vice Mayor Schwartz asked about the length of the next Commission Meeting and proposed the Closed-Door Shade Session be conducted after the Commission Meeting on February 1, 2023.

## COMMISSION ITEMS:

- 22. 23-0007** MAYOR ORTIS-ITEM #1: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A CO-SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING FOR A TABLE OF 10 AT THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S SECOND STATE OF THE REGION ANNUAL AWARDS ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3000.00.

A motion was made by Mayor Ortis, seconded by Commissioner Good Jr., to approve Item 22. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye** 5 - Mayor Ortis, Vice Mayor Schwartz, Commissioner Siple, Commissioner Good Jr., and Commissioner Castillo

**Nay** 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Mayor Ortis passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Schwartz and read Item 22 into the record by title. Mayor Ortis spoke on the item.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Siple requested information provided to the City Clerk, to be distributed to the City Commission. There were updates to areas that address traffic issues at Pines Charter West Campus, Encantada, and Franklin Academy.

The gate installations were completed on NW 4th, NW 202nd, and NW 208th streets and are operational. The gate installations on 208th at Malibu Bay is still pending. With regards to Chapel Trail Elementary, the parking option at the park was not permitted.

There were changes made by the City and the FDOT to address safety issues at Lakeside Elementary. The matter of busing - walking school bus was addressed in the master traffic plan and is still a pending option to help reduce traffic.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Siple spoke about the Youth Advisory Board recently established by the Commission. City Staff prepared a letter to be sent to all the principals to start action by the next school year.

Commissioner Siple also spoke about the development of a Senior Advisory Committee for issues dealing with seniors in the community, the Pembroke Pines Senior Center and homeowner associations.

Commissioner Castillo spoke about the gates at NW 4 concerning people cutting through neighborhoods and wanted to know if there were any impacts to the adjacent neighborhoods.

Commissioner Castillo also asked about the 2-mile rule not being eligible for school busing.

Commissioner Good asked about looking into a community bus as a possible solution to address the issue.

Commissioner Siple spoke about the city parks possibly being used as an option for drop off and pick up points to move traffic off the main roads during school-day pickup hours.

## **ADJOURN - 8:22 P.M.**



**CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES**

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**Marlene D. Graham, CMC**  
**City Clerk**