

# 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, March 24, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

**6:00 PM Virtual Workshop to discuss Facial Recognition Technology**

**Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission**

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

## **6:00 PM VIRTUAL WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS FACIAL RECOGNITION BIOMETRIC TECHNOLOGY, POLICE DPARTMENT**

### **6:00 PM WORKSHOP CALLED TO ORDER**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

Also present: City Manager Charles F. Dodge, Assistant City Attorney Jacob Horowitz, City Clerk Marlene D. Graham, and City Controller Jonathan Bonilla.

#### **WORKSHOP ITEM:**

**WS-1     21-0211**     WORKSHOP ITEM: FLORIDA'S FACIAL RECOGNITION NETWORK. THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENTING A POWERPOINT.

Assistant City Attorney Jacob Horowitz spoke on the procedures for accessing the virtual public meeting.

Assistant Chief Bermudez introduced the presentation on Florida's Facial Recognition Network. He presented the PowerPoint on the virtual platform.

He said the Pembroke Pines Police Department would ensure that the system is used when a crime occurs in Pembroke Pines by authorized investigators only. Monthly audits would be conducted to ensure the system is being used properly.

Mayor Ortis, Vice Mayor Schwartz, Commissioner Siple, Commissioner Castillo and Commissioner Good each thanked Assistant Chief Bermudez for the presentation and proceeded to discuss the subject and ask questions about the Biometric Facial Recognition system.

Commissioner Siple referred to paragraph J on Page 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding under "Definitions", and spoke on her concerns about who would be able to use the system.

Chief Bermudez said this program would only be used for criminal investigations.

Commissioner Castillo spoke on the biases of algorithms in the software from research studies conducted. He spoke of his conversations with Chief Shimpino about the development of a standard operating procedure (SOP) as to how this tool would be used.

Commissioner Good spoke on the matter. Referring to slide #4 of the presentation regarding DMV driver license images, he asked about third party services being used and who would monitor and audit that process.

Chief Bermudez responded that Pinellas County would monitor the process.

Vice Mayor Schwartz spoke on the matter.

The Clerk read the following public comments into the record:

Email from Kalebra Jacobs-Reed, resident.  
Letter from Kirk Bailey of ACLU of Florida

Commissioner Castillo read a letter from Jasmen Rogers, resident, into the record.

**ADJOURN - 8:00 PM**

**CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES**

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