

# City of Pembroke Pines, FL

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, September 3, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

**6:00 PM First Budget Hearing, Supplement to First BPH-Revisions. 6:30 PM (or at such time as 1st Budget Hearing adjourns) Regular Commission Meeting. ADD1, ADD2 Board Announcements added to agenda and republished 9/2/2020.**

**Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission**

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

**6:00 PM FIRST PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES****ROLL CALL**

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

Also present: City Manager Charles F. Dodge, City Attorney Samuel S. Goren, City Clerk Marlene D. Graham, Deputy City Clerk Debra E. Rogers and City Controller Jonathon Bonilla.

**FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:**

**BPH-1**    [20-0624](#)    FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET AND PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FOR THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA.

PURPOSE: RECOMPUTE AND PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 6.1152, WHICH IS 13.13% ABOVE THE ROLLED-BACK MILLAGE RATE OF 5.4056 AND AMEND AND ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR GENERAL FUND, UTILITY FUND, AND ALL OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, AND INVITE THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK REGARDING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE AND BUDGET.

Mayor Ortis opened the First Budget Public Hearing.

City Attorney Goren read the First Budget Public Hearing item into the record and provided an overview of the purpose of the First Budget Public Hearing and the revised computation of Proposed Ordinance 2020-11 decreasing the operating millage from 6.1152 to 5.6736.

Mr. Goren explained the Communications Media Technology "CMT" rules under the Governor's Executive Order 20-69; extended Executive Orders' 20-150 & 20-179, and provided all of the options available to the public to participate in the virtual meeting.

City Manager Dodge spoke about the overall budget totaling \$420,808,524.00 for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year. Mr. Dodge reviewed the General Fund, the Operating Millage / Debt Service rates, Fire

Assessment rates, Staffing needs, Grants, the revised Utility Fund and projects that would be completed under the fund, and reviewed potential saving options for the Commission's consideration. City Manager Dodge also responded to the questions of the Commission.

Lisa Chong, Finance Director, continued to speak about the Utility Fund Highlights, the analysis provided by Stantec Consultants and Ford & Associates, and addressed the questions of the Commission regarding the proposed budget and the City Reserves.

Jonathan Cooper, Utilities Director, addressed the questions of the Commission.

Mayor Ortis, Vice Mayor Siple, Commissioner Castillo, Commissioner Schwartz, and Commissioner Good spoke on the item.

#### PRIOR TO THE BUDGET HEARING PUBLIC COMMENTS:

City Attorney Goren reiterated the options provided to the public to speak or submit public comments so they may participate in the meeting and invited Jonathon Bonilla, City Controller to assist with the public comment portion of the meeting.

City Clerk Graham invited Deputy City Clerk Rogers to read the public comment submitted by email to the publiccomments@ppines.com, from the following member of the public:

Ms. Audrey Mejia

The following members of the public spoke on the item through the Webex platform:

Joanne Oyen, resident who resides in the Pembroke Lakes Community on 106th Terrace, Pembroke Pines, FL.

Alex Roytman, 742 SW 159th Drive, Pembroke Pines, FL.

Alex Perez, 7612 NW 19th Street, Walnut Creek Community, Pembroke Pines, FL.

Gilon Levinson submitted a comment via the Webex chat line.

**FIRST READING ORDINANCES:**

- 1.        [2020-11](#)        MOTION TO PASS PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2020-11 ON FIRST READING.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 6.1152 OR \$6.1152 PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF TAXABLE ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE, WHICH IS 13.13% ABOVE THE ROLLED-BACK RATE OF 5.4056, FOR THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO THE 2020-4021 CITY BUDGET, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 200, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND ESTABLISHING THE DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE RATE OF 0.4273 FOR DEBT SERVICE ON THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS APPROVED BY THE ELECTORATE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND AND FINAL BUDGET HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR 6:00 PM WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2020-11 IS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 5.6736 OR \$5.6736 PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF TAXABLE ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE, WHICH IS 4.96% ABOVE THE ROLLED-BACK RATE OF 5.4056, FOR THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO THE 2020-2021 CITY BUDGET, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 200, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND ESTABLISHING THE DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE RATE OF 0.4273 FOR DEBT SERVICE ON THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS APPROVED BY THE ELECTORATE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Siple, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, to pass Proposed Ordinance 2020-11 Revision 1 on First Reading. Vote taken at 7:03 PM. Second and final reading is scheduled September 16, 2020 starting at 6:00 PM. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Aye**    5 - Mayor Ortis, Vice Mayor Siple, Commissioner Good Jr., Commissioner Schwartz, and Commissioner Castillo
- Nay**    0

Enactment No: 1947

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read the substituted Proposed Ordinance 2020-11 into the record from the supplement to the First Budget Public Hearing item provided to the Commission and read into the record, in place of the Proposed Ordinance 2020-11 originally printed in the published agenda. The language below and in the motion text reflects the new rates:

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2020-11 IS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 5.6736 OR \$5.6736 PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF TAXABLE ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE, WHICH IS 4.96% ABOVE THE ROLLED-BACK RATE OF 5.4056, FOR THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO THE 2020-2021 CITY BUDGET, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 200, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND ESTABLISHING THE DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE RATE OF 0.4273 FOR DEBT SERVICE ON THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS APPROVED BY THE ELECTORATE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- 2.        [2020-12](#)        MOTION TO PASS PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12 ON FIRST READING.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021; AND ADOPTING THE FIVE (5) YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §5.08 OF THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND AND FINAL READING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Siple, seconded by Commissioner Castillo, to pass Proposed Ordinance 2020-12 on First Reading. Vote taken at 7:05 PM. Second and final reading is scheduled for September 16, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay**    0

Enactment No: 1948

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

City Attorney Goren read Proposed Ordinance 2020-12 into the record, by title.

**6:30 PM (or at such time as the First Budget Hearing adjourns)**

**REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present: City Manager Charles F. Dodge, City Attorney Samuel S. Goren, City Clerk Marlene D. Graham, Deputy City Clerk Debra E. Rogers and City Controller Jonathon Bonilla.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Controller Jonathon Bonilla.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**PRE-1**    [20-0643](#)    PRESENTATION NO.1: BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER, MARTY KIAR, WILL GIVE A VIRTUAL UPDATE OF THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S ROLE AND THE TAX ROLL INFORMATION.

Mr. Marty Kiar, the Broward County Property Appraiser, made a presentation to the Commission regarding property taxes, average property values, and applicable exemption options available to the City of Pembroke Pines residents. Mr. Kiar provided a snapshot of the impact of COVID-19 on prices and property values in 2020. He said that the City of Pembroke Pines was being fiscally responsible by not increasing the millage rates. Mr. Kiar responded to the questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke on the presentation.

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

The Clerk declared no items pulled from the agenda.

**ITEMS AT THE REQUEST OF THE PUBLIC**

No items.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**ADD-1**    [20-0660](#)    BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT: COMMISSIONER ANGELO CASTILLO WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD:

MS. RYANN GREENBERG.

Commissioner Castillo appointed Ms. Ryann Greenberg as the District 4 appointment, to the Economic Development Board.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Commissioner Castillo acknowledged Ms. Molly Grossman on her 105th birthday.

**ADD-2**    [20-0668](#)    BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT: COMMISSIONER JAY D. SCHWARTZ WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD:

MS. LARISSA CHANZES.

Commissioner Schwartz appointed Ms. Larissa Chanzas as the District 2 appointment, to the Economic Development Board.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1.        [20-0369](#)        MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL TO PROVIDE A POLICE OFFICER TO SERVE AS A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AT THE RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL IN PEMBROKE PINES AND FOR RENAISSANCE CHARTER

SCHOOL TO PAY THE FULL COST OF \$79,398 FOR THE RESOURCE OFFICER.

2. [20-0380](#) MOTION TO AWARD IFB # PSPW-20-05 "EXTERIOR PAINTING OF VARIOUS CITY BUILDINGS" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, ALL COUNTIES PAINTING D/B/A PEOPLES CHOICE PRESSURE CLEANING & PAINTING LLC, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$515,306, WHICH INCLUDES A 5% COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,835 TO PROVIDE A PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BOND, A 10% OWNER'S CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,670, AND A 3% PERMIT ALLOWANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,101.

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

3. [20-0625](#) MOTION TO APPROVE THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES/SOUTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER AND BAPTIST HEALTH SOUTH FLORIDA FOR THE PROMOTION OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 TO AUGUST 31, 2021.

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

4. [20-0627](#) MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND SOMERSET ACADEMY TO PROVIDE TWO POLICE OFFICERS TO SERVE AS A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AT SOMERSET ACADEMY CAMPUSES AND FOR SOMERSET ACADEMY TO PAY THE FULL COST OF \$158,796 FOR THE RESOURCE OFFICERS.

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

5. [20-0629](#) MOTION TO APPROVE THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

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

6. [20-0635](#) MOTION TO APPROVE A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 TO A CHILD IS MISSING (ACIM) INC., UTILIZING FUNDS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FORFEITURE ACCOUNT.



A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

- 7. [20-0636](#) MOTION TO AWARD IFB # PSUT-20-04 "WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS 2020" TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, CARDINAL CONTRACTORS, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,599,300 WHICH INCLUDES THE COST TO PROVIDE A PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BOND, A 7% OWNER'S CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165,410 AND A 3% PERMIT ALLOWANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,890.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

- 8. [20-0639](#) MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,919.07.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

- 9. [20-0641](#) MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST TO ADVERTISE SOLICITATION(S):  
  
(A) RE-20-07 "SOCCER UNIFORMS"

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

- 10. [20-0362](#) MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 FORD F-250 ¾ TON SUPER DUTY REG CAB FROM DUVAL FORD LLC FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,046 UTILIZING THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION'S (FSA) BID #FSA19-VEL27.0 PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.18(C)(5) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

- 11. [20-0568](#) MOTION TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM LISTED ON THE CONTRACTS DATABASE REPORT:

**(A) Bettoli Trading Corp. - Vending Machine Services - Renewal**

A motion was made to approve on the Consent Agenda

- 12. [20-0637](#) MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE FROM NEARPOD, INC. ACCESS TO THE NEARPOD DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONAL PLATFORM AND FLOCABULARY LITERACY PROGRAM THROUGH SOFTWARE

LICENSES IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$44,501.59 FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 35.18(C)(7) (H) and 35.18(C)(7)(I) 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 Siple, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, to approve the Consent Agenda. No items were pulled. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay** 0

**REPORTS OF LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES**

Vice Mayor Siple reported on upcoming meetings, appointments, and topics being discussed by the Florida League of Cities during a virtual forum.

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

City Attorney Goren reported on the CARES ACT Inter Local Agreement (ILA) relating to the allocation of funds to the City. Mr. Goren said more information would be forthcoming.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Vice Mayor Siple asked for personal privilege to announce the birth of her great grandchild.

**COMMISSION ITEMS:**

- 13. [20-0644](#) VICE MAYOR SIPLE - ITEM 1: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO NAME ONE OF THE FIELDS AT PEMBROKE SHORES PARK IN HONOR OF MAX MARRERO.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Siple, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, to approve Item 13. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay 0

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN:

Vice Mayor Siple read Item 13 into the record, by title and spoke on the item.

City Attorney Goren stated a proposed resolution would be drafted for the Commission's approval, for the record.

The following members of the public spoke on the item via Webex platform:

Mr. Jorge Suazo spoke emotionally about Coach Max Marerro from the West Pembroke Pines Optimist Club.

Tammy Douglas, 16411 SW 1st Court, Pembroke Shores Community, Pembroke Pines, FL inquired when Pembroke Pines would be returning to the regular, in person Commission Meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURN - 11:30 P.M.**

**CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES**

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

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION OF THE COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE WHICH RECORD INCLUDES TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING ACCOMMODATIONS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK, 450-1050 AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO REQUEST SUCH ACCOMMODATION.

