



# Commission Meeting Spotlight



## February 15, 2012



### Resolution/Oaths of Office:

Frank C. Ortis-Mayor

Iris A. Siple (Vice Mayor) - District 3

Angelo Castillo— District 4

Jay Schwartz-District 2

Carl Shechter-District 1

Charles F. Dodge-City Manager

NOTE: "Spotlight" is a quick overview of various items discussed at the Pembroke Pines Commission Meeting. For a complete record of issues discussed, passed or denied, please refer to the links below.

Full video of the Commission meeting can be viewed at [VIDEO](#)

Full Agenda Information and Minutes can be viewed at [AGENDA](#).

- ◆ Agenda Item 1 Organizational Meeting: [General Election Results](#) The Commission passed the motion to adopt the resolution declaring the results of the General Election held January 31, 2012. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ With his family gathered around him, Mayor Frank C. Ortis was re-instated as Mayor of Pembroke Pines. The oath of office was administered by the Hon. Paul Backman. [VIDEO](#)
- ◆ Mrs. Stacey Schwartz administered the oath of office to her husband Jay Schwartz as Commissioner District 2. He thanked family, friends and residents for their support. [VIDEO](#)
- ◆ Vice Mayor Iris A. Siple was re-instated as Commissioner District 3. Amongst family and friends, the oath of office was administered by the Hon. Howard Forman. Siple vowed to continue to be a voice for the residents [VIDEO](#)
- ◆ Former Commissioner Jack McCluskey thanked everyone for their support throughout the years, describing his place on the Commission as a rewarding endeavor.

### Presentations:

- ◆ Fletcher Park fast-pitch girls' team coach Tom Harrington and Fletcher Park President John Ramos presented a plaque to the City Commission in recognition of improvements made to Fletcher Park, and for the City's continued commitment and support of the girls' team. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ After introductions by Police Chief Dan Guistino, Mayor Ortis presided over the promotion of Sergeant Al Xiques to Police Captain, and the promotions of Detective Alan Prescott and Officer Matthew Dolton to the rank of Police Sergeant. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Due to technical difficulties, Mayor Ortis's "State of the City Address" will be presented at the March 7, 2012 Commission Meeting.

### Consent Agenda:

- ◆ Agenda Item 1: [Emergency Repair for a Pump](#). The Commission passed the motion to approve the Public Services Department's emergency repair to high service pump #8 for \$30,424.59. The pumps are used to maintain water pressure in the City's water system and are a critical part of the City's water system. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)



- ◆ Agenda Item 2: Purchase of Toughbooks for the Fire Department. The Commission passed the motion to award the purchase of nine Panasonic Toughbook laptops to CDWG, Inc. for \$29, 196. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 3: Purchase of covert electronic surveillance cameras and equipment. The Commission passed the motion to approve the purchase of covert electronic surveillance cameras and equipment from Gans & Pugh Associates, Inc. for \$35,713. This will help improve the Police Department's ability to combat crime, increase the safety of the officers involved in an investigative effort and provide stronger evidence for the prosecution of criminals. Funding for the purchase comes from the City's Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 4: Investment Management Services. The Commission passed the motion to award "Investment Management Services" to Wells Capital Management for "1 to 3 year fixed income portfolio and 'Intermediate Bond Portfolio'; and to The PFM Group for the 'Enhanced Cash Portfolio.' The Evaluation Committee reviewed the 14 proposals and made the recommendations. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 5: Home Healthcare Services. The Commission passed the motion to award the RFP for Home Healthcare Services to Alternative Home Health Care of Broward County, Inc. as the primary vendor, and Southern Home Care Services, Inc. D/B/A Rescare Homecare as the secondary vendor. They also terminated the existing agreements for this service with Net 3, Inc. D/B/A Patient Resources Co. and First Health Systems Inc. The Community Services Department provides Home Healthcare services such as personal care, homemaker and respite services to City residents 60 years of age and older as part of the Americans Act Title IIIB Grant. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 6: Fire Well Testing. The Commission passed the motion to seek via RFP qualified vendors that can provide fire well testing on a biannual basis of approximately 316 fire wells located throughout Southwest Ranches. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)

## **Resolutions:**

- ◆ Agenda Item 8: Support of Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT). The Commission passed the resolution that supports SWAT, a youth program sponsored by the Florida Department of Health that seeks to educate and empower young people with the facts about tobacco use so that they will have the knowledge necessary to make smart decisions. The resolution urges other municipalities in Broward and throughout Florida to support SWAT's efforts, and directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the resolution to the Broward League of Cities and the Florida League of Cities. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)

## **City Manager Report:**

- ◆ City Manager Charles F. Dodge played a telephone recording that was brought to his

attention regarding an increase in taxes and the detention center site. Commission members shared their dislike for robo calls that are confusing to residents and wanted residents to know that the City was not involved in this campaign. [VIDEO](#)

## **Regular Agenda:**

- ◆ Agenda Item 9: Red Light Camera Agreement. The Commission passed a motion by Commissioner Angelo Castillo directing the City Attorney to draft a contract with American Traffic Solutions (ATS) per the City Manager's recommendations. [VIDEO](#)  
[AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 10: The selection of trash receptacles and bike racks. The Commission provided their input in the selection of trash receptacles and bike racks for the 16 bus shelters to be constructed by Broward County for the City. The Commission passed Commissioner Castillo's motion to purchase the \$200 each, least expensive yet most universal receptacle. The Commission passed Vice Mayor Iris A. Siple's motion to purchase the compatible \$150 bike racks. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)

## **Commission Items:**

- ◆ Agenda Item 11: Creation of a satisfaction survey of HOA's and Condo Associations. The Commission passed a consensus of Commissioner Castillo's motion to ask the City Manager to survey the satisfaction of HOA's and Condo Associations, who utilize traffic enforcement and trespass agreements, regarding their concerns about enforcement of parking, signage and related uniform traffic requirements, and then report back his findings to the Commission. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 12: Street Vendor and Food Trucks. The Commission agreed in a consensus per Commissioner Castillo's request to direct the City Manager to have the Planning and Zoning Board review Miramar and other city ordinances regarding street vendors and food trucks, and provide the Commission with appropriate recommendations. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 13: Appointments. The Commission passed Mayor Ortis's motion to appoint Commissioner Carl Shechter as Broward League of Cities Director from the City, and Vice Mayor Iris A. Siple as the alternative; and also to appoint Vice Mayor Siple as the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors Representative for the City. [VIDEO](#)  
[AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 14: Development of a Park. The Commission came to a consensus regarding Mayor Ortis's request to instruct the City Manager to proceed with the development of a five-acre passive park in the City Center property north of Washington and west of Palm Avenue. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 15: Regional Impact of Proposed Detention Center. Commissioner Jay

Schwartz introduced environmentalist Matthew Schwartz who provided a presentation that showed the potential impacts in the region, including but limited to potential risks to water resources, the environment and the cost to the City taxpayer in light of the proposed detention center in Southwest Ranches. After a lengthy discussion, the Commission asked the City Manager to schedule a workshop to address the issues in further detail. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)