



Commission Meeting Spotlight



March 21, 2012



Presentations:

Frank C. Ortis-Mayer

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](#).



- ◆ Pembroke Pines Police Chief Dan Giustino presented certificates of appreciation to Loretta Kenna and Connie Freund from "Purrfect Match," an all volunteer non-profit pet adoption organization, for their valuable assistance with the Police Department's animal assistance program which reunites animals with their owners and provides assistance with animal adoptions. They, in turn, donated a pet chip scanner to the program, established by Sgt. Angela Goodwin, which has helped save over 33 animals to date. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Vice Mayor Iris A. Siple welcomed and introduced the new President and CEO of the Miramar Pembroke Pines Chamber of Commerce, Robert Goltz. Prior to this position, he served as president of the Warren City Regional Chamber of Commerce in New Jersey since 2004.

Consent Agenda:

- ◆ Agenda Item 2: [Douglas Road Noise Wall](#). The Commission passed the motion to authorize the proper city officials to sign the revocable license agreement for the Douglas Road noise wall between the City and Broward County. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 3: [Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program Contract](#). The Commission passed the motion to approve an amendment in a standard contract which extends the termination of the contract to July 31, 2012 for the Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program between the City and Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Inc. This contract assists low-income households with at least one member 60 years of age or older experiencing a heating or cooling emergency. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 4: [RFP Award for a Treatment Unit](#). The Commission passed a motion to award RFP "Rehabilitation of Treatment Unit 4 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant" to Cardinal Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$1,702,000. The City's wastewater treatment plant, located at 13955 Pembroke Road, consists of five treatment units. Unit 4 is more than 20 years old and was last serviced 10 years ago. In the discussion, Commissioner Jay Schwartz asked that Administration provide an inventory of this type of capital to ensure infrastructure remains strong. Commissioner Angelo Castillo asked that the City Manager and City Attorney meet with Miramar officials to discuss how to keep odors in the area in check. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)

- ◆ Agenda Item 5: Award for Portable Dry Prime Pump. The Commissioner passed the motion to award the IFB for a Portable Diesel Sound Attenuated Dry Prime Pump for Bypassing Lift Stations to Sunbelt Rentals. This equipment, which is quieter and more efficient, will be used for bypassing lift stations in the event of a lift station having an electrical/mechanical failure, emergency replacement and lift station maintenance. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 6: Purchase and Trade-in of Police Motorcycles. The Commission passed the motion to award the RFP to Daytona Harley-Davidson for the purchase of two police motorcycles, and allow for the trade-in of a 2007 Harley Davidson Road King. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 7: Purchase of a Cooling Tower The Commission passed the motion to award Middleton & Associates the RFP for the purchase of a cooling tower at the Howard C. Forman Campus. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 8: The Purchase of Solar Salt for water treatment. The Commission passed the motion to authorize the purchase of sodium chloride on an as needed basis from Morton Salt utilizing the Southeast Florida Governmental Cooperative Purchasing Group for an estimated \$63,228 from May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013. The City's Utility Division uses the chemical as part of the water treatment process conducted at the Water Treatment Plant. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 9: Approval to Purchase Portable License Plate Readers. The Commission passed the motion to approve the purchase of five portable license plate readers (LPR) from Dana Safety Supply. The LPRs allow license plates to be compared against lists of wanted vehicles. The purchase will be funded by the Urban Area Security Initiative grant and Law Enforcement Trust Funds. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)

Ordinances:

- ◆ Agenda Item 10: Amendment of the Comprehensive Zoning Code to rezone a 33 acre parcel of land. The Commission passed a motion for a proposed ordinance that would amend a section of the Comprehensive Zoning Code to rezone the 33 acres, located on the northwest corner of Pembroke Road and Hiatus Road, from a one family dwelling district, to a single family district for the purpose of developing 112 detached single family homes. This is subject to an execution of a voluntary restrictive covenant providing for resident, visitor and emergency vehicle access from Washington Street, and resident and emergency vehicle access from Hiatus and Pembroke Road. After a lengthy discussion, the City Manager and Attorney were directed to resolve issues before second reading, involving a hold-up of the completion of a road over a culvert on Pembroke Road (the obligation of another developer) so that the main entrance for the Hoyer project can be built, and insurances that Washington Street will be limited to egress only and emergency vehicles. Second and final reading is scheduled for April 18, 2012. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)

Resolutions:

- ◆ Agenda Item 11: Recognizing sponsorship or co-sponsorship relationships between the City and Charities. The Commission passed a motion by Vice Mayor Iris A. Siple to defer this proposed resolution which would identify organizations for which the City Commission currently does, or may, raise funds, until the City Attorney can address issues raised by the Commissioners regarding the addition of specific charities and all 501C3s in Broward. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 12: The Vacating of a series of Drainage Easements. The Commission passed the motion to adopt a resolution that the City would vacate a series of drainage easements dedicated by the Sheridan Village Plat at 16900 Sheridan Street. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 13: The Vacating of a Utility Easement Placed During the Montessori Academy Project. The Commission passed a motion to adopt the resolution to direct the City Clerk to record the vacation of the existing utility easement dedicated by Mondan Enterprises, LLC to the City during the construction of the Montessori Academy Project, and the dedication of the new utility easement in the public records of Broward County. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)
- ◆ Agenda Item 14: Approval to eliminate a Non-Vehicular Access Line. The Commission passed a resolution to authorize the appropriate City officials to send a letter to Broward County that indicates the City has no objection to the elimination of the non-vehicular line adjacent to Pembroke Corporate Center, located on the west side of SW 145 Ave between Pines Blvd and Pembroke Road. [VIDEO](#) [AGENDA](#)

City Manager Report:

- ◆ City Manager Charles F. Dodge provided a list of workshop dates and times. On April 18 at 4 pm - the Commission Auditor will provide an updated report and Commissioner Castillo invited guests to present information on possibly expanding the responsibilities of the Commission Auditor; on April 25 at 5 pm - there will be an update on Citywide Towing Services, and a discussion on Charter Review Board Recommendations; on May 9 at 5 pm - a comprehensive report on water and wastewater issues; on May 23 at 4 pm - an update on Go-Bond funds; and on June 13 at 5 pm - there will be a preliminary budget overview for FY 2013. [VIDEO](#)

Commission Items:

- ◆ Agenda Item 15: A Citizens Budget Advisory Board. The Commission passed Commissioner Angelo Castillo's motion to call a vote on consensus for a Citizens Budget Advisory Board. The Commission also passed a motion by Commissioner Castillo for him to work with the City Manager and City Attorney, using Best Practices, on drafting

an ordinance to create a Citizens Budget Advisory Board to provide recommendations to the Commission regarding the City's budget and finances. [VIDEO AGENDA](#)

- ◆ Agenda Item 16: Construction of Security/Noise Walls The Commission passed Vice Mayor Siple's motion to direct the City Manager to determine construction cost of a safety/security/noise wall on the western side of the Flamingo Villas Development preferably using remaining GO Bond Funds; the Commission also passed the second part of Siple's motion to direct the City Manager to move forward with a citywide study on wall options, taking into account the requests and concerns of the other Commissioners for wall in their districts. [VIDEO AGENDA](#)

Old Business:

Commissioner Castillo requested the City Manager schedule a date for a General Policy Retreat prior to budget discussions. He also asked that an update on the construction of the Pembroke Road overpass be placed on the next upcoming agenda. [VIDEO](#)