City Hall Commission Chambers
1100 Park Lane East
Oakland Park, Florida 33334

DRAFT MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2025, 6:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Lonergan.

NOTE: A CRA Meeting was held prior to Public Comments.

ROLL CALL

Present:
Mayor Steven Arnst
Vice Mayor Aisha Gordon
Commissioner Letitia Newbold
Commissioner Tim Lonergan
Commissioner Fitzgerald Budhoo

Also Present:
City Manager David Hebert
City Attorney DJ Doody
City Clerk Renee M. Shrout

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Father Bob, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church.

Additions/Changes/Deletions
At this time, any member of the City Commission or the City Manager may request to add, change, or delete items from the agenda.

- City Manager Hebert requested that the legislative update by Russ Klenet be moved to the first presentation.

Commissioner Budhoo moved to amend the agenda. Vice Mayor Gordon seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

Commissioner Budhoo moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

PRESENTATIONS

* Legislative Update

Russ Klenet provided the pre-legislative session update. Highlights from the committee hearings included:

- A property tax-related constitutional amendment that would be on the 2026 ballot:
  - Eliminating all non-school property taxes for homeowners; or
  - Exempting homeowners 65 or older from non-school property taxes; or
  - a measure allowing owners to transfer the full value of their Save Our Homes exemptions [to apply to non-school taxes] when they move.

Mr. Klenet noted the "implementing language" was not included in the amendments, and the legislature intended to add it in 2027 without presenting it to voters. Mr. Klenet was certain that whatever property tax reduction measure was put on the ballot, it would pass. Mr. Klenet pointed out that the business property community and residents of non-homesteaded properties, such as apartments, would be heavily impacted.

Commissioner Budhoo requested Mr. Klenet follow up on House Bill 277, the Domestic Violence Act. Commissioner Lonergan felt the property tax amendment was the state government's attempt to take control of municipal budgets and feared this could result in more commercial-owned housing or short-term rentals that could avoid paying taxes. Mr. Klenet noted that no other state had eliminated property taxes. Commissioner Newbold asked whether the State legislature had determined where municipal revenue would come from, and Mr. Klenet said Tallahassee's view was that municipal budgets were bloated and that they did not care. Commissioner Newbold and Mr. Klenet agreed that the State legislature should address property insurance instead. Vice Mayor Gordon asked what local governments could do, and Mr. Klenet reminded her that local governments were forbidden from advocating for or against a bill and could only provide information.
Mr. Klenet informed the Commission that the State legislature had created a special redistricting committee and noted the committee specifically had four local Democratic-representative-held seats in its sights.

* Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards 2025

Christopher Casale, Director of Parks and Leisure Services, introduced Steve Mattair, Assistant Director of Parks and Leisure Services, and Active Adult Coordinator Raven Joseph.

Carrie Mahadeo, Volunteer Program Manager, announced the following annual award recipients: Volunteer Team of the Year: the LGA Team of 2010; Volunteer Business Partner of the Year: Farm Share; Youth Volunteer of the Year: Kayla Hernandez; Volunteer of the Year: Mary Zalaznik.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

1. **Case #CD25-13CU ' Oakland Park Industrial Use Building ' Conditional Use An application by 2950 NW 17th Terrace LLC for an Outdoor Storage Use ancillary to an existing 3,542 sq. ft. warehouse located at 2950 Northwest 17 Terrace, identified by parcel identification numbers 4942-28-10-0130 and 4942-28-10-0140. Advertising for this public hearing appeared in the Sun-Sentinel November 22, 2025.**

City Attorney Doody swore in witnesses, and the quasi-judicial public hearing was held.

Sierra Marrero, Director of Engineering and Community Development, provided the presentation recommending approval subject to the following DRC Staff and Planning and Zoning Board proposed conditions: Unity of Title (Building-Permit Condition): Prior to the issuance of any building permits, the applicant must record a Unity of Title to combine folio numbers 4942-28-10-0130 and 4942-28-10-0140, per City of Oakland Park Land Development Code Chapter 24.2. Outdoor Storage Use: Salvage materials, junk, scrap, or recycled materials may not be stored outside. Salvage yard or junkyard activities are prohibited on the property.

Matthew Scott, the applicant's attorney, provided a presentation highlighting the improvements they proposed. He agreed to the conditions Ms. Marrero presented.

Public Hearing:
The public hearing was held as advertised. There were no speakers.

Commissioner Lonergan moved to permit an Outdoor Storage Use ancillary to an existing 1-story 3,542 sq. ft. warehouse, subject to the two (2) identified conditions. Vice Mayor Gordon seconded the motion:

1. Unity of Title (Building-Permit Condition) - Prior to the issuance of any building permits, the applicant must record a Unity of Title to combine folio numbers 4942-28-10-0130 and 4942-28-10-0140, per City of Oakland Park, Land Development Code, Chapter 24.

2. Outdoor Storage Use - Salvage materials, junk, scrap, or recycled materials may not be stored outside. Salvage yard or junkyard activities are prohibited on the property.
Vice Mayor Gordon seconded the motion.

Following discussion, Commissioner Lonergan amended the motion to include an additional condition: 3) Outside storage is limited to motor vehicles that consist solely of automobiles, trucks (limited to two (2) axles), and vans. The applicant agreed to all conditions.

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

Commissioner Lonergan moved to approve the conditional use application, subject to all three (3) conditions. Vice Mayor Gordon seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

2. **Case #CD25-22CP "Water Supply Facilities Work Plan Update 2025" Text Amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan 2045 to Incorporate the State Mandated Water Supply Facilities Plan Update. Advertising for this public hearing appeared in the Sun-Sentinel November 22, 2025.**

Ms. Sierra Marrero, Director of Engineering and Community Development, provided the presentation. The public hearing was held as advertised. There were no speakers.

Commissioner Budhoo moved to pass the ordinance on first reading. Vice Mayor Gordon seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

The ordinance, as passed on first reading, carried the following title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE STATE MANDATED 2025 UPDATES TO THE 10-YEAR WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES WORK PLAN AND BY SPECIFICALLY HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE STATE MANDATED UPDATES TO THE WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES PLAN AND BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 4 "INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENT"; AND BY PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL OF THE AMENDMENT, TO THE STATE AGENCIES REQUIRED UNDER CHAPTER 163, PART II, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS -
At this time, any person will be allowed to speak on any matter that pertains to City Business for a length of time not to exceed four minutes per person.

Gordon McNichols, 1499 NE 36th Street, speaking on behalf of a neighborhood coalition representing a majority of homeowners who opposed the sidewalk project as approved.
He stated that the mandate was to protect the neighborhood's character, safety, canopy, and property, and to ensure that public funds were used lawfully and transparently. He claimed the project was "advanced on assertions that do not withstand scrutiny," and those claims had been used to justify the following actions: 1) Awarding a $5 million construction contract; 2) Awarding a $300,000 CEI contract and then telling the residents the project could not be changed. The residents are very concerned that there has been a breach of fiduciary duty to

taxpayers, failure to follow proper administrative process, and improper justification for entering binding contracts. The residents were requesting three immediate steps: 1) Suspend the underground work and notice to proceed until an independent factual and legal review verified the project's statutory basis, funding eligibility, and compliance with procurement and public participation requirements. 2) Direct staff to present alternatives that will avoid tree removal, driveway conflicts, drainage risks, and other encroachments to property. Those alternatives should be shown with side-by-side comparisons, costs, safety impacts, and right-of-way needs, so that the public and the Commission could make an informed choice. He stated this had been discussed, but not done. 3) Commit to a real public process, publish the underlying studies, the traffic and safety data, the arborist reports, and contract justifications. Hold a real workshop and reopen public comments properly so that current facts and neighborhood input are genuinely considered. He stated the Commission had the authority and the obligation to pause a project when there were material questions about the facts used to justify it and the procedures used to approve it. The coalition respectfully but firmly demanded the City delay or suspend project activity pending a full transparent review so that decisions reflect the will of the majority of the affected homeowners in this neighborhood.

Angela Menamente, 1523 NE 33rd Street, she displayed photos of landscaping at her property that must be removed to accommodate the sidewalk project. She noted sidewalks would destroy the privacy of their home, encroach on their parking spaces, and reduce green space.

Audrey Edwards, 1524 NE 37th Street, said she loved the neighborhood as it currently was. She spoke against the need for sidewalks.

Edward Voyta, 1556 NE 37th Street, claimed the sidewalk project had been inserted into a grant request years ago with little or no public notice, and residents still did not know when those applications had been filed, approved, or amended, and homeowners had not had any meaningful chance to speak or have their concerns brought forward. No mailings, no door hangers, no public notice. He learned of the project through word of mouth. He played an audio clip from the December 15, 2021, Commission meeting during which Commissioner Jane Bolin emphasized that residents needed to be heard. Mr. Voyta said residents had not been heard and had not been given a chance at all to protect their property. He said a study was needed for the City to demonstrate a clear need prior to altering a long-established residential neighborhood. The study should include environmental review, pedestrian counts, safety analysis, and traffic impacts. He said they had documentation indicating that the sidewalks were kept in the project to preserve grant eligibility, not because studies showed they were needed or residents requested them. They are requesting the project be put on pause immediately while the City conducts proper and complete public outreach to every affected homeowner.

Scott Bitner, 1500 NE 37th Street, said that adding a sidewalk and swale along his property would reduce his circular driveway’s utility, reduce parking capacity, and decrease the home’s resale value. He noted the plan did not include a second driveway opening. The official maps lacked individual street assessments. Sidewalks and swales are arbitrary and ignore the unique circumstances of each property. Sidewalks along his property would bring strangers close to one

of his bedroom windows, eroding privacy, increasing foot traffic, and heightening the risk of vandalism. At the same time, reducing off-street parking would force cars to park on narrow streets. Mr. Bitner stated that what was being presented as a convenience for pedestrians would instead create serious safety, privacy, and financial risks for homeowners and would create new risks, such as flooding

Rick Stone, 1516 NE 37th Street, said homeowners had been misled in 2021 when they were told no sidewalks had to be added to their streets, to meet a minimum grant requirement for drainage. He stated someone was already marking trees to be removed with yellow tape. He claimed there had been Sunshine Law violations regarding this project and insisted the entire process had been conducted in secret. Mr. Stone said there had been no studies indicating sidewalks were needed, and the neighborhood did not need drainage control.

Dr. Francis Vijan, 1556 NE 35th Street, said that over a year ago, she had received notice of a drainage project near her business, but she had never received any individual notification of this sidewalk project near her residential property. NE 35th Street was narrow, and the front yards were small. Sidewalks would reduce available parking, and cars would be left to park in the street, making it difficult for cars to get through. She claimed there was no regular pedestrian traffic on 35th Street, except for a few residents walking their dogs. She said the proposed sidewalk would eliminate 40% of her front yard, leaving six feet of grass and 10 feet of space across the driveway to her front door. She thought her home could lose 10% to 30% of its market value because of the lack of yard space. The sidewalk construction would also disrupt her fence.

David Torrance, 3995 Northwest Sunrise, Florida, president of the KP Cares foundation, an applicant for the City's nonprofit program. The program helped young adults prepare to navigate the future economy. High unemployment affected individuals 18 to 23, leaving them unable to afford housing. Financial literacy was very important for this community. KP Cares was already doing meaningful work in Oakland Park, working with the Mount Zion AME Church, Pastor Hardy, Coby King, and Harlem McBride. He thanked the City for offering assistance to non-profits.

Achim Chela, 1540 NE 35th Street, a homeowner who would be directly affected by the proposed sidewalk project, which would cause irreparable harm to his property. The first issue was a loss of property value and uncertainty when selling a property. This would also affect his parking, bring pedestrian traffic within feet of his home, and create traffic and liability hazards. He thought there was also a potential flooding issue. He asked the City to pause the project and to conduct the proper assessments before permanent damage was done.

Nick Sotis, 1560 NE 35th Street, thanked neighbors for making him aware of this sidewalk project, noting that the way it had been handled was absolutely unacceptable. He said his home's frontage was just 21 feet, and that this project would cause more harm than good, benefiting just a handful of pedestrians. Installing the sidewalk would cause harm not only to his property but also to his oak tree, driveway, and sewer cleanout. He asked the Commission to start over and

hear the overwhelming opposition to the project. If not, he said the community would seek legal representation.

Madeline Wyszatycki, 1585 NE 33rd Street, said no one had been notified of this project. She discussed how this would affect shallow driveways and residents' parking, possibly resulting in fines. She stated that the City had not conducted a street-by-street or lot-by-lot assessment. The proposed swales would also reduce parking availability. Her own property currently has space for four to five vehicles, but the sidewalk project would reduce that to two, which would be insufficient for a three-bedroom home. This would discourage families from purchasing a home in this neighborhood. The City was talking about making a walkable City, but she said no one walked in this City as they did in foreign cities; the weather was too hot and rainy. She did not understand the City's thinking about this and added that they had never seen flooding on the street, so it did not need to be addressed.

Jacqueline McNichols, 1499 NE 36th Street, representing over 100 members of a coalition of affected homeowners in the Corals community. She wished to correct factual inaccuracies in the City's letter associated with Item 24 on the agenda, justifying the side street sidewalk component of the Northeast 13th Avenue Project. The letter claimed that sidewalk installation on side streets was "a primary element of the approved scope under both the FDOT LAP agreement and Resilient Florida Grant." Ms. McNichols claimed this statement was objectively false and she had forwarded it to the Department of Environmental Protection and the Director of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Alex Reed. She said Mr. Reed had provided the signed agreement and a scope map, which was confined to Northeast 13th Avenue drainage, and that he had also clarified that the Resilient Florida program had no sidewalk requirements and no authority over sidewalk selection for side streets. Ms. McNichols stated that Resilient Florida had never communicated with the City, contrary to what the letter stated. She said it appeared the City was commingling two separate and materially different funds under the Northeast 13th Avenue improvements. She said using a false claim of a State mandate to bypass local concerns or public opposition was an abuse of government power and demonstrated bad faith on the part of City administration. She stated that, as a result of their findings, they believed the inclusion of side streets in this project could be argued to be void because it was based on a fundamental misrepresentation. If the inclusion of sidewalks on side streets was a separately funded project from the drainage project, that should have been noticed to the Commission and homeowners under a separately approved resolution. Ms. McNichols reported that some trees had already been marked for removal, despite the homeowners never being made aware of the project's true implications. She respectfully asked the Commission to pause the project and look into the discrepancies since 2017, to reassess, to hold public hearings with affected residents, and to continue in an open and transparent manner in order to gain public trust.

Kyron Ramchurin, 1547 NE 33rd Street, learned of the project a few days ago and noted the sidewalks would take up too much property space and driveway space at his home. The lack of sidewalks had been a selling point for him. He added that there was not a lot of pedestrian traffic to accommodate, and sidewalks would result in a loss of privacy and safety. He requested the Commission reconsider.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 4-17

Commissioner Lonergan moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of items 4 through 17. Commissioner Budhoo seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

4. **Approval of Minutes - September 17, 2025**

Approved on consent.

5. **Police and Fire Pension Board "5th" Trustee Appointment**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-221

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPOINTING SHERYL DICKEY AS THE 5TH MEMBER TRUSTEE OF THE CITY'S POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

6. **Repetitive Loss Area Analysis (RLAA) Report for the City of Oakland Park's Community Rating System (CRS) efforts.**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-222

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2025 REPETITIVE LOSS AREA ANALYSIS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7. **Purchase of Solid Waste Carts with Rehrig Pacific Company**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-223

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PIGGYBACKING OF THE TERMS OF THE OMNIA PARTNERS COOPERATIVE CONTRACT RFP-00254 WITH REHRIG PACIFIC COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF SOLID WASTE (REFUSE AND RECYCLING) CARTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED AVAILABILITY WITHIN THE PUBLIC WORKS SOLID WASTE

DIVISION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

8. **Purchase of Solid Waste Commercial Dumpsters**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-224

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMMERCIAL DUMPSTERS FROM WASTEQUIP, PIGGYBACKING SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #010825-WQI, EFFECTIVE THROUGH MAY 2029, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED AVAILABILITY WITHIN THE PUBLIC WORKS SOLID WASTE DIVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

9. **Purchase of Three (3) Solid Waste Trucks from The Pete Store**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-225

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) AUTOMATED SIDE LOADER TRUCKS, AND ONE (1) FRONT LOADER TRUCK FROM THE PETE STORE PIGGYBACKING SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #032824-PMC FOR A TOTAL COST OF $1,158,360; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

10. **Purchase of E Series Badger (SMART) Water Meters with Endpoints (Antennas) from Utility Solutions & Automation, LLC**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-226

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF E-SERIES BADGER (SMART) WATER METERS WITH ENDPOINTS (ANTENNAS) FROM UTILITY SOLUTIONS & AUTOMATION, LLC, THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER OF BADGER BRAND METERS, AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED AVAILABILITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

11. **Purchase of One Set of Mobile Column Truck Lifts from Vehicle Service Group, LLC**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-227

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) SET (TWO UNITS) OF HIGH-CAPACITY (18,000 LB.) MOBILE COLUMN TRUCK LIFTS FROM VEHICLE SERVICE GROUP, LLC (DBA ROTARY SOLUTIONS) PIGGYBACKING GENERAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION (GSA) CONTRACT GS07F294AA, EFFECTIVE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028, AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

12. **Purchase of Seven (7) Vehicles from Duval Ford and Two (2) Vehicles from Seminole Toyota Utilizing Florida Sheriff's Association (FSA) Contract #FSA25-VEL33.0.**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-228

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) VEHICLES FROM SEMINOLE TOYOTA AND SEVEN (7) FROM DUVAL FORD PIGGYBACKING FLORIDA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION (FSA) CONTRACT #FSA25-VEL33.0, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

13. **Renewal of Janitorial Services Contract with I&G Cleaning Incorporated - ITB #112321**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-229

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE FINAL TWO (2) YEAR RENEWAL AND AMENDMENT OF THE JANITORIAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH I&G CLEANING INCORPORATED, EXTENDING THE TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

14. **Agreement to Purchase Pharmaceuticals from Medline Industries, Inc. Utilizing University of California Purchasing Agreement # 2021003157 for Fire Rescue Department**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-230

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PHARMACEUTICAL AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM MEDLINE INDUSTRIES, INC. PIGGYBACKING OMNIA PARTNERS CONTRACT #2021003157; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

15. **A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to Enable Participants to Contribute to a 457(b) or 401(a) Roth Account as Required by the Federal SECURE 2.0 Act.**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-231

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT SO THAT THE CITY MAY CONTINUE TO OFFER OPTIONAL ICMA 457(B) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAMS TO EMPLOYEES AND TO CONTINUE ADMINISTRATION OF 401(A) RETIREMENT PLANS TO ENROLLED EMPLOYEES WITH THE AMENDED PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

16. **Professional Service Agreement with The Goldstein Environmental Law Firm, P.A. for Brownfield Legal Services Related to the Cleanup and Redevelopment of the City Park Complex located at 301 NE 38 Street, Oakland Park, Broward County, Florida 33334**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-232

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SCOPE OF SERVICES WITH THE GOLDSTEIN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

FIRM, P.A. FOR BROWNFIELD LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO CLEANUP AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY'S PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY LOCATED AT 301 NE 38 STREET, OAKLAND PARK, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA 33334 FOR AN AMOUNT OF $97,500, PLUS ANY NECESSARY DIRECT COSTS AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FIRM AND THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

17. **Emergency Repair of the Stormwater Pipe System Located Adjacent to 1769 NW 37th Street with Cured-In-Place-Pipe Lining**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-233

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR UTILIZING CURED-IN-PLACE-PIPE (CIPP) LINING TO REMEDIATE 150 LINEAR FEET OF DETERIORATED 12-INCH DIAMETER CORRUGATED METAL PIPE (CMP), AND FORMALLY DOCUMENT THIS EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT ACTION AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 2-198(2) OF THE CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS

18. **Acceptance of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) and Approval of a Construction Services Agreement with State Contracting and Engineering Corp. for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Services Related to the Richard E. Giusti Park Improvements Project – Phase 2.**

Ms. Marrero provided the presentation.

Commissioner Budhoo moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Lonergan seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-234

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) OF $826,957.00 AND APPROVING A CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STATE CONTRACTING AND

ENGINEERING CORP. FOR CMAR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES RELATED TO THE RICHARD E. GIUSTI PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – PHASE 2; PROVIDING FOR A PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

19. **Approval of Second Amendment to Agreement Between Broward County and Oakland Park (Surtax-Funded North Andrews Gardens (NAG) Stormwater Pump Station (BC-OAKLAND-FY2020-00002)**

Julie Leonard, Public Works Director, presented.

Commissioner Budhoo moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-235

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (ILA) FOR THE NORTH ANDREWS GARDENS (NAG) STORMWATER PUMP STATION PROJECT (BC-OAKLAND-FY2020-00002) TO INCORPORATE INCREASED PROJECT COSTS, INCLUDING FPL ELECTRICAL SERVICE COSTS AND TARIFF-RELATED COST ADJUSTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

20. **Approval of FPL Construction of a Power Supply to the North Andrews Gardens Pump Station**

Commissioner Budhoo moved to adopt the resolution. Vice Mayor Gordon seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-236

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FPL CONSTRUCTION COST OF INSTALLATION OF POWER SUPPLY TO THE NORTH ANDREWS GARDENS PUMP STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $120,398.62, TO BE FULLY FUNDED THROUGH THE BROWARD COUNTY SURTAX PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

21. **City Aid to Non-Profits Program**

Commission members provided their selections for city aid awards.

Andrew Thompson, Assistant City Manager, explained that the application from American Legion Post 222 had been received past the deadline, but contained materials substantially similar to other applications. The application was included in the packet because the Commission could decide which applications to consider. City Attorney Doody stated there was no basis for preclusion.

The awards were as follows:
1. Light of the World Clinic - $10,000 (consensus)
2. Center for Independent Living of Broward - $10,000 (consensus)
3. NAMI Broward County - $10,000 (consensus)
4. Women in Distress - $10,000 (Mayor Arnst)
5. Oakland Park Kiwanis - $5,000 (Vice Mayor Gordon)
6. First Call for Help/Broward 211 - $5,000 (Vice Mayor Gordon)
7. Areawide Council on Aging - $10,000 (Commissioner Newbold)
8. Farm Share, Inc. - $10,000 (Commissioner Lonergan)
9. American Legion Post 222 - $10,000 (Commissioner Budhoo)

Commissioner Lonergan moved to adopt the resolution. Vice Mayor Gordon seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-237

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AWARDING APPROPRIATED CITY FUNDS TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

22. **Commission Liaison/Appointments To Various Organizations and Boards**

Commissioner Lonergan expressed a desire to continue serving on the **Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Board.**

Commissioner Lonergan moved to appoint Commissioner Lonergan as the City's representative on the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Board. Vice Mayor Gordon seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

NO: Commissioner Budhoo

Commissioner Newbold moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Lonergan seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

NO: Commissioner Budhoo

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-238

A) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPOINTING A MEMBER OF THE CITY COMMISSION TO BE THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Gordon moved to appoint Vice Mayor Gordon and Commissioner Newbold as the City's voting delegate and alternate for the **National League of Cities' 2026** annual business meeting. Commissioner Lonergan seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

Commissioner Budhoo moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-239

B) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPOINTING ONE VOTING DELEGATE AND ONE ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES 2026 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING TO TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER, 2026; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Lonergan moved to appoint Vice Mayor Gordon to be the City's voting delegate at the 2026 Florida League of Cities annual conference. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

Commissioner Budhoo moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-240

C) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPOINTING A MEMBER OF THE CITY COMMISSION TO BE THE CITY' S VOTING DELEGATE AT THE 2026 FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Gordon moved to appoint Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, and Commissioner Lonergan to be the City's primary representative and alternates to the Broward League of Cities for the term of 2025-2026. Commissioner Lonergan seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

Commissioner Budhoo moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-241

D) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA APPOINTING COMMISSIONER NEWBOLD, COMMISSIONER BUDHOO, AND COMMISSIONER LONERGAN AS ITS PRIMARY REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATES TO THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES FOR THE TERM OF 2025-2026; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Gordon moved to appoint Commissioner Newbold to the Corporate Council; Commissioner Lonergan to the Entrepreneurship Council and Commissioner Budhoo to the Action Team of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance for 2026. Commissioner Budhoo seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

Commissioner Budhoo moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Mayor Arnst

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2025-242

E) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPOINTING THREE (3) MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION TO BE THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE ALLIANCE FOR 2026; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

23. REPORTS FROM THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Lonergan commented as follows:

1) He noted December 1 was World AIDS Day and thanked Nicole Burell, the CEO, and the team at Broward House, for sponsoring the World AIDS Day Candlelight Walk. He reported globally in 2024, 40.8 million people were living with HIV. Last year, 600,030 people died from AIDS-related illnesses. 31.6 million people are accessing antiretroviral therapy, and 91.4 million people have been infected since the start of the epidemic. 44.1 million people have died from AIDS related illnesses since the start of the epidemic. Based on these statistics, approximately 9 million people are currently unable to obtain life-saving medication. Everyone needs affordable and comprehensive healthcare. On December 1, 2025, the Trump administration chose not to commemorate World AIDS Day 2025, the first time since 1988 that the United States had not participated. He felt the administration did not care about its constituents' health care.
2) He hoped to see everyone at Holiday Village that weekend and wished everyone a happy holiday and a happy, healthy, prosperous 2026.

Commissioner Budhoo commented as follows:

1) He stated Firefighters had not been noted as exemptions from the possible property tax reduction actions in Tallahassee, but Police had been. He is concerned that the Commission had not discussed or finalized the Firefighters' contract. City Attorney Doody stated that the administration would adhere to the State Statute and continue negotiations in the proper forum. Mayor Arnst advised Commissioner Budhoo to contact City Manager Hebert to discuss this issue further.
2) He thanked the community for attending the fellowship at Northeast High School for Thanksgiving, where they had served over 1,000 plates of food. He thanked firefighters, Pastor Stevens, and his staff for their support.

3) He thanked members of the Corals neighborhood for providing their input this evening. He had walked the neighborhood and noted that many streets lacked sidewalks, but he favored them for safety reasons. He said a State agency also confirmed the city had not done anything wrong regarding the project. He invited residents to meet with him.
4) He had attended the National League of Cities event in Utah.
5) He was looking forward to Holiday Village and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
6) He thanked BSO for protecting the City.

Commissioner Newbold commented as follows:
1) She thanked staff for the presentations and residents who had expressed their concerns.
2) She said the James Club was now in Wilton Manors as well as Oakland Park.
3) She thanked American Legion Post 222 for hosting the Veterans Day event, which she had attended and listened to veterans' stories.
4) She said the swearing-in ceremony/ribbon-cutting had been a great event.
5) She stated they had attended a National League of Cities conference and noted the City was already dealing with many issues discussed.
6) She was looking forward to the Holiday Village and the tree lighting event as well as the pancake breakfast with Santa at the library.
7) She invited residents to contact her whenever they needed to.

Vice Mayor Gordon commented as follows:
1) She thanked this evening's presenters and welcomed residents who expressed their concerns.
2) She had also attended a National League of Cities event and had joined the Women in Government group. She said this had been very informative and afforded the opportunity to interact with and learn from other community leaders.
3) She said she would continue to be involved in major City projects and ensure their roads were safe.
4) She hoped to see everyone at the Holiday Village event.
5) She thanked everyone for their support and said it was an honor to be on the City Commission.

Mayor Arnst commented as follows:
1) He recalled a December 2021 City Commission meeting where the sidewalks had been discussed, and recalled he had opined that they were not for every street, they destroy mature neighborhoods, and reduce parking. He pointed out that he could not stop this project by himself. He wanted to coordinate with City staff and affected residents to visit their properties and see what could be done to mitigate conflicts. He added that the city should never allow anything in the right-of-way.
2) He thanked Molly Ferch, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator for rehoming trees at the old City Hall property. He noted that removing so many trees caused "heat islands."

3) He reminded staff that several very large oak trees on the City Hall property needed to be prepared for months prior to being moved and asked that this be done in advance of demolishing the old City Hall.
4) He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Kwanza, and wished everyone to be safe and not drive while impaired. He reminded the public that Sal's Towing would transport an impaired person home for free.

REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

24. **NE 13th Avenue Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements Project Update NE 13th Avenue Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements Project Update**

City Manager Hebert said they had done their due diligence and worked with granting agencies to determine if they would allow revisions to the project. This is a multimillion-dollar grant and the sidewalk component was part of a very large project, including drainage in the north end of the downtown. The project must go forward as proposed, or the grant would not be fulfilled. He had prepared a draft letter to the impacted properties. He could not recommend that the project be scrapped because it would compromise other important elements, including the Horizon project. He conceded that there might have been opportunities to have done a better job.

25. **Fire Department 2024-2025 Annual Report**

26. **Volunteer Report FY 2025 - 4th Quarter**

27. **Quarterly Financial Reports for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2025**

28. **Community Enhancement Division Quarterly Update**

29. **Grants Initiatives Status Report**

30. **Development Activity Report**

REPORTS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Doody wished everyone a happy, healthy holiday season.

31. **City Attorney Report 12-03-25**

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:56 PM.

CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA

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STEVE ARNST, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK