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**City of West Palm Beach  
City Commission  
Agenda  
Monday, June 9, 2025  
5:00 PM**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. CIVILITY AND DECORUM**

The City of West Palm Beach is committed to civility and decorum by its officials, employees and members of the public who attend this meeting. The City Code, Secs. 2-31(8), 2-31(18) and 2-31(22), provides in pertinent part:

- Officials shall be recognized by the Chair and shall not interrupt a speaker.
- Public comment shall be addressed to the City Commission as a whole and not to any individual on the dais or in the audience.
- Displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, lack of respect and personal attacks are strictly prohibited.
- Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of feet, whistles, yells and similar demonstrations shall not be permitted.
- Offenders may be removed from the meeting.
- Any person desiring to address the Commission **shall** file a written request with the city clerk prior to consideration of the matter by the Commission or prior to the public comment portion of a meeting. The person wishing to speak **shall** complete a comment card for each agenda item the person wishes to address, which **shall** include the person's full name, address, and the numbered agenda item. The person will not be recognized if the comment card is not completed.

## 5. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / REORGANIZATION OF AGENDA

## 6. PROCLAMATION

- 6.1. Proclaiming June 2025 as: LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Proclamation to be accepted by Roger Jackson from Night Runners.

**Originating Department:**  
Mayor's Office

## 7. PRESENTATION

- 7.1. Legislative update by State Representative Debra Tendrich.

**Originating Department:**  
Mayor's Office

## 8. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed under the consent calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items.

- 8.1. Resolution No. 110-25 approving a Seventh Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Fire Vehicle Maintenance between Palm Beach County and the City of West Palm Beach.

**Originating Department:**  
Fire

**Ordinance/Resolution:**

RESOLUTION NO. 110-25: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO THE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH AND PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR FIRE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND OTHER PURPOSES.

**Background Information:**

On September 9, 2008, the County and City entered into an Interlocal Agreement for Fire Vehicle Maintenance (Resolution No. 343-08) for a term of ten (10) years. This was because the City's fire vehicle maintenance facility could not provide maintenance or repairs to fire-rescue emergency response apparatus such as Aerials/Platforms and Ladders. The Agreement was amended on:

- November 20, 2018 (Resolution No. 329-18) to extend the term through September 8, 2020, and to only include certain types of fire-rescue emergency response vehicles and/or apparatus;

- October 20, 2020 (Resolution No. 237-20) to extend the term through September 8, 2021, and to further limit the vehicles serviced to Aerials/Platforms and Ladders only;
- December 7, 2021 (Resolution No. 279-21) to extend the term through September 8, 2022;
- August 23, 2022 (Resolution No. 155-22) to extend the term through September 8, 2023;
- July 11, 2023 (Resolution No. 99-23) to extend the term through September 8, 2024; and
- August 20, 2024 (Resolution No. 81-24) to extend the term through September 8, 2025 (herein collectively referred to as the "Agreement").

The parties mutually desire for the County to continue to provide maintenance and repair services for only certain types of the City's fire-rescue emergency response apparatus for one (1) additional year; and to extend the term of the Agreement for one (1) additional year from September 9, 2025 through September 8, 2026 ("Seventh Extension Period"), under the same terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement, except as otherwise provided in this Seventh Amendment.

**Fiscal Note:**

131, Fire Assessment Fund.

- 8.2. Resolution No. 117-25 authorizing the provision of Child Care Services at Pleasant City and South Olive Community Centers and approving a State of Florida Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract and a Children's Services Provider Contract to provide funding for the provision of said services.

**Originating Department:**

Parks and Recreation

**Ordinance/Resolution:**

RESOLUTION NO. 117-25: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE SERVICES AT THE PLEASANT CITY COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE SOUTH OLIVE COMMUNITY CENTER; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A STATE OF FLORIDA STATEWIDE SCHOOL READINESS PROVIDER CONTRACT BETWEEN THE EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF PALM BEACH AND THE CITY FOR APPROXIMATELY \$66,000 IN FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF SAID SERVICES; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO

SIGN A CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL PROVIDER CONTRACT BETWEEN CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL AND THE CITY FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF SAID SERVICES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Background Information:**

The City's Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Palm Beach County Early Learning Coalition (the "Coalition") and the Children's Services Council ("CSC"), provides childcare services for school-age children at the City's two (2) licensed facilities: Pleasant City and South Olive Community Centers. The services are provided part-time for after-school hours, full-time on days when there is no school, and during the summer. The services include childcare, instruction, activities, and character development programs.

The City receives financial assistance for the provision of these services through the Coalition. The terms and conditions for the receipt of this assistance are set forth in the State of Florida Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract (Form OEL-SR 20) between the City and the Coalition and the CSC Provider Contract, which the Coalition funds through the CSC.

The School Readiness Provider Contract generally provides that the City will provide the facility, the services, and service personnel for the provision of the services, and the Coalition will provide the funds, training for City staff, and monitoring. Through the CSC Contract, scholarships are provided for eligible children in the School Readiness Program. The CSC Contract requires the City to meet various obligations to receive funding, including the requirement that the City must be a member of Prime Time Afterschool QIS, exclusive to PBC. The City meets this requirement. Approximately thirty (30) children are funded directly through the Coalition, and approximately twenty (20) children are funded directly through the CSC scholarship program. The City expects to receive approximately \$66,000.

The term of each agreement is one (1) year. Agreements are identified as Exhibit A and Exhibit B in Resolution No. 117-25. Staff recommends approval of the Resolution and the Agreements.

Commission District 1: Commissioner Cathleen Ward.

Commission District 5: Commissioner Christina Lambert.

**Fiscal Note:**

No fiscal impact.

- 8.3. Resolution No. 128-25 approving a service agreement with J.D. Thornton Nurseries, Inc. in the amount of \$108,910 for the relocation of large specimen trees within Dreher Park to accommodate the development of the Boys and Girls Club.

**Originating Department:**

Parks and Recreation

**Ordinance/Resolution:**

RESOLUTION NO. 128-25: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING A SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR RELOCATION OF TREES WITHIN DREHER PARK WITH J.D. THORNTON NURSERIES, INC.; WAIVING THE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 66-94 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Background Information:**

On April 14, 2025, Resolution No. 106-25(F) was approved by the City Commission to amend the general fund budget for the relocation of trees in Dreher Park. The City wishes to relocate ten (10) large specimen trees, planted by Paul Dreher.

Pursuant to a ground lease agreement approved by the City Commission, the Boys & Girls Club is developing a club facility within Dreher Park. The City would like to enter into an agreement with the contractor who will be on-site planting and moving large trees for the Boys and Girls Club.

The contractor has the tree removal scheduled in the next few weeks. To facilitate the survival of relocated trees, there is insufficient time for the City to go through the formal procurement solicitation process to obtain a contractor to transplant large canopy trees.

The City believes economic efficiencies can be achieved by utilizing the same contractor to remove and relocate the ten (10) trees within Dreher Park. J.D. Thornton Nurseries, Inc. provided a proposal to transplant the trees at a cost of \$108,910.

The City wishes to engage J.D. Thornton Nurseries, Inc. to relocate the ten (10) trees within Dreher Park. Pursuant to Section 66-94 of the Procurement Code, the Commission must approve contracts in excess of \$50,000 that have not been competitively selected.

Resolution No. 128-25 waives the requirement for the procurement solicitation process and approves the agreement with J.D. Thornton Nurseries, Inc. to relocate the trees.

Commission District 5: Commissioner Christina Lambert.

**Fiscal Note:**

\$108,910 fully budgeted.

- 8.4. Resolution No. 140-25(F) authorizing the appropriation or transfer of City funds, amending the 2020 General Obligation Bond Fund, providing \$350,000 from Bond Fund reserves to fully fund the construction of the Brian Chappell Park fishing pier.

**Originating Department:**

Parks and Recreation

**Ordinance/Resolution:**

RESOLUTION NO. 140-25(F): A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OR TRANSFER OF CITY FUNDS IN FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4.03 OF THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE 2020 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUND BUDGET TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIAN CHAPPELL PARK FISHING PIER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Background Information:**

During the development of the 2020 Parks Bond list of projects to be funded, the Brian Chappell Park fishing pier was slated to be replaced as it could no longer simply be repaired, as the existing pier needed new piles.

Current funding available for this project is \$572,596. The bid received for this project is \$913,676. The project is in need of \$341,080 to be awarded. Therefore, we are requesting \$350,000 from the parks bond reserves to fully fund this project.

Resolution No. 140-25(F) approves the transfer of parks bond reserves to fully fund the construction of the Brian Chappell Park fishing pier.

Commission District 1: Commissioner Cathleen Ward.

**Fiscal Note:**

Approval of this item will provide appropriations from Reserves to fund the construction of the Brian Chappell Park Fishing Pier.

- 8.5. Resolution No. 130-25 amending the City's Salary Plan for FY2024-2025 by adding various job classifications and updating the pay grade and salary ranges for certain job classifications; and

Resolution No. 129-25(F) amending the full-time equivalent budget (F.T.E.) for certain departments and for certain funds for FY2024-2025.

**Originating Department:**

Mayor's Office

**Ordinance/Resolution:**

RESOLUTION NO. 130-25: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S SALARY PLAN AS PROVIDED IN RESOLUTION NO. 214-24 APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, TO CREATE CERTAIN JOB CLASSIFICATIONS, TO CHANGE THE JOB TITLE OF CERTAIN JOB CLASSIFICATIONS, TO ADJUST THE SALARY RANGES OF CERTAIN JOB CLASSIFICATIONS, AND TO CHANGE THE PAY GRADE ALLOCATION FOR CERTAIN JOB CLASSIFICATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

RESOLUTION NO. 129-25(F): A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, TO AMEND THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (F.T.E.) PERSONNEL DETAIL OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES; THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE MANDEL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF WEST PALM BEACH; THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/SUPPORT SERVICES; AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO AMEND THE FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (F.T.E.) PERSONNEL DETAIL OF THE WATER & SEWAGE SYSTEMS REVENUE FUND; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Background Information:**

In FY2022, City Administration established a mid-fiscal year process for the Board's consideration of modifications to the City's salary plan and updating of job classifications and pay grades. This process allows departments to meet their changing operational needs so as to ensure the continued efficient delivery of City services. In order to be included within the proposed mid-year adjustments, the requested changes must be cost-neutral and absorbed within the Department's annual budgets. Per that established process, staff is presenting the FY2025 mid-fiscal year budget and personnel-related adjustments for the Board's consideration.

Resolution No. 130-25, relates to modifications to the City's Salary Plan. If approved, it will implement changes to certain job titles, position pay grades, create new job titles and provides discretion for the Mayor to

implement certain cost-neutral salary adjustments for retention purposes.

Resolution No. 129-25(F) amends the full-time equivalent (F.T.E.) budget and positions for various City departments and operational areas. Again, the associated costs have no general fund impact and will be absorbed by reallocating funding from operational reductions or elimination of vacant funded positions. Updates to pay grades do not have a cost and do not result in employee salary increases. The proposed changes will better align organizational areas to meet current operational needs and correspond with the 8th Pillar of the City's Updated Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability & Organizational Excellence.

**I. Resolution No. 130-25** amends the City's FY2024-2025 Salary Plan as follows:

**City Clerk's Office**

- Create the job title of Agenda Coordinator.

**Mandel Public Library**

- Reallocate a Library Assistant position to Librarian.

**Department of Parks and Recreation**

- Update Parks and Recreation Operations Coordinator pay grade from 61 to 65.

**Department of Housing and Community Development**

- Change the job title of Code Operations Manager to Code Operations Administrator.

**Department of Engineering Services**

- Change the job title of the Right of Way Project Coordinator to Traffic Permit Coordinator.

**Department of Information Technology**

- Change the job title of Sr. Telecommunications Technician to Sr. Land Mobile and Radio Technician.

**Fire Department**

- Create the job title of EMS Project Coordinator.
- Reallocate a Fire Equipment Specialist position to Firefighter.
- Reallocate an Administrative Assistant II position to EMS Project Coordinator.

**Police Department**

- Create the job classification of Homeland Security Manager.
- Reallocate a Police Officer position to Homeland Security

Manager.

- Reallocate a Crime Scene Investigator position to Forensic Scientist.

### **Department of Public Works/Support Services**

- Reallocate one (1) Sanitation Supervisor position to EHS Technician.
- Reallocate one (1) Maintenance Worker position to Quality Assurance Coordinator.
- Change the job title of the Sanitation Coordinator to Solid Waste Coordinator.
- Change the job title of the Sanitation Supervisor to Solid Waste Supervisor.
- Change the job title of the Sanitation Operator to Solid Waste Operator.
- Change the job title of the Sanitation Equipment Operator to Solid Waste Equipment Operator (I – III) and Lead).
- Change the job title of the Lead Sanitation Equipment Operator to Lead Solid Waste Equipment Operator.
- Change the job title of the Sanitation Superintendent to Solid Waste Superintendent.

### **Department of Public Utilities**

- Eliminate the position of Environmental Resources Manager.
- Change a part-time Nature Center Education Assistant position to full-time.
- Reallocate one (1) Utility Billing Processor position to Utility Billing Clerk.
- Reallocate one (1) Senior Project Engineer position to Engineering Services Manager.
- Reallocate one (1) Utilities Maintenance Worker Trainee position to Water Distribution Systems Trainee.
- Reallocate one (1) Watershed Management Technician I position to Utilities Systems Mechanic.
- Reallocate one (1) Utility Locator Leader position to Water Distribution Systems Leader.

**II. Resolution No. 129-25(F)** amends the full-time equivalent (F.T.E.) budget for FY2024-2025 by implementing the changes noted above in the current budget.

### **Fiscal Note:**

Fully budgeted. All costs associated with proposed F.T.E. changes will be offset by operational budget reductions and/or elimination of vacant positions in the FY2025 budget.

- 8.6. Resolution No. 132-25 authorizing the assessment of City liens in the total amount of \$13,826.15 for unpaid water service, sewer service, and stormwater service for the month of February 2025.

**Originating Department:**

City Attorney's Office

**Ordinance/Resolution:**

RESOLUTION NO. 132-25: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN ASSESSMENT OF CITY LIENS FOR UNPAID WATER SERVICE, SEWER SERVICE, AND STORMWATER SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025; PROVIDING THAT SAID LIENS SHALL BE PRIOR IN DIGNITY TO ALL OTHER LIENS AGAINST THE ASSESSED PROPERTIES, SAVE AND EXCEPT A LIEN FOR TAXES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Background Information:**

In accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Palm Beach, Florida, 2003, Sections 90-4 and 90-5, the City imposes liens on private real property for delinquent payments due for utility services.

The liens to be assessed by Resolution No. 132-25 are for unpaid water service, sewer service, and stormwater service charges for the month of February 2025.

The list of properties to be assessed and the associated charges totaling \$13,826.15 are provided in Resolution No.132-25 as EXHIBIT A - Utility Lien List - February 2025.

**Fiscal Note:**

No fiscal impact.

- 8.7. Resolution No. 133-25 approves a Settlement Agreement totaling \$55,000 in the matter of Selestreon A. Novembre vs. The City of West Palm Beach.

**Originating Department:**

City Attorney's Office

**Ordinance/Resolution:**

RESOLUTION NO. 133-25: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR \$55,000 IN THE MATTER OF SELESTREON A. NOVEMBRE VS. THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH FILED IN THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, CASE NO. 50-2023-CA-015622-XXA-MB AK PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE;

AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Background Information:**

Selestreon A. Novembre, filed a complaint in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida for damages stemming from a motor vehicle accident which occurred on or about October 29, 2022, at or near the 2300 block of Village Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, to wit: SELESTREON A. NOVEMBRE vs. THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH filed in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, In And for Palm Beach County, Florida, Case No. 50-2023-CA-015622-XXXA-MB AK.

The City has reached a settlement agreement with Amanda Vasquez and her attorney to resolve the matter for a total of \$55,000. The plaintiff signed a general release that releases the City from all claims arising from this accident, which resolves all of the claims for damages, including attorneys' fees and costs, against the City of West Palm Beach.

Section 2-268(g)(4) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Palm Beach, Florida, provides that the authority for settlement of all claims in excess of \$30,000 shall require the approval of the City Commission by formal resolution.

Resolution No. 133-25 approves the Settlement Agreement.

**Fiscal Note:**

Settlements are paid out of the Risk Annual Budget.

- 8.8. Resolution No. 149-25 waiving a potential conflict of interest relating to Greenberg Traurig, P.A.'s representation of Norton Museum of Art and in connection with a proposed Ground Lease Transaction and its representation of the City in unrelated matters.

**Originating Department:**

City Attorney's Office

**Ordinance/Resolution:**

RESOLUTION NO. 149-25: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, WAIVING A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST RELATING TO GREENBERG TRAUIG, P.A.'S REPRESENTATION OF NORTON MUSEUM OF ART IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED GROUND LEASE AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF THE CITY IN UNRELATED MATTERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Background Information:**

The City of West Palm Beach ("City") is represented by Greenberg Traurig, P.A. (the "firm") as bond counsel on public finance matters.

The firm desires to represent Norton Museum of Art ("Norton") on matters in connection with: (i) the negotiation of a ground lease; and (ii) related matters in connection with the long-term lease of City-owned park property adjacent to the Museum (collectively, "the Lease Transaction").

The firm requests that the City waive any potential conflict and has stated that its representation of the City in bond counsel matters would not be adversely affected by its representation of Norton in the Lease Transaction, nor would its representation of Norton in the Lease Transaction be adversely affected by its representation of the City in bond counsel matters.

The firm agrees that should the Lease Transaction result in litigation between the City and Norton, the firm will not represent either party in any such litigation.

The firm has also sought consent from Norton, who has agreed to waive this potential conflict under the conditions outlined herein.

Chapter 2 (Administration), Section 2-222 (Qualifications, Term), of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Palm Beach (the "Code") allows the City Commission to waive a potential conflict of interest in matters or transactions, which will not adversely affect the counsel's representation of the City.

The City of West Palm Beach desires to waive the potential conflict of interest between the City of West Palm Beach and the firm.

**Fiscal Note:**

No fiscal impact.

- 8.9. Resolution No. 134-25 accepting a donation from The Fund for West Palm Beach Police Department in the amount of \$89,165 for the expansion of the City camera and license plate reader project; and

Resolution No. 123-25(F) recognizing and appropriating a donation of \$89,165 from The Fund for West Palm Beach Police Department in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the expansion of the City camera and license plate reader project.

**Originating Department:**

Police

**Ordinance/Resolution:**

RESOLUTION NO. 134-25: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,165 FROM THE

FUND FOR WEST PALM BEACH POLICE TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF CAMERA AND LICENSE PLATE READER FOR THE SOUTH END CAMERA INITIATIVE PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

RESOLUTION NO. 123-25(F): A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OR TRANSFER OF CITY FUNDS IN FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4.03 OF THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE RECEIPT OF A DONATION FROM THE FUND FOR WEST PALM BEACH POLICE FOR EXPANSION OF THE CITY CAMERA AND LICENSE PLATE READER PROJECT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Background Information:**

The Fund for West Palm Beach Police Department (WPBPD) has committed to providing a donation of \$89,165 for the expansion of the City camera and license plate reader project.

The funds are intended to be used to fund the expansion of the City camera and license plate reader project in the South End of the City during Phase 1 of the project. The WPBPD intends to deploy license plate reader equipment in designated South End locations.

Expanding the City camera and license plate reader system expands the overall operational capabilities of the WPBPD Strategic Intelligence Center (STIC), providing an overall increase in the WPBPD's ability to provide public safety services and conduct law enforcement operations. The information and data obtained by this program are critical in the furtherance of investigations and the delivery of the highest quality public safety services.

The City of West Palm Beach (CWPB) has committed to funding Phase 2 of the project in the amount of \$369,392 in one-time capital funding.

The equipment is to be placed in District 3 and District 5 and will have an overall impact City-wide.

Commission District 3: Commissioner Christy Fox.

Commission District 5: Commissioner Christina Lambert.

**Fiscal Note:**

Approval of this item will recognize and appropriate a donation from The Fund for West Palm Beach Police Department in the amount of \$89,165

for the South End Camera Expansion Project.

- 8.10. Resolution No. 144-25(F) amending the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Miscellaneous Trust Fund Budget to authorize appropriations of \$196,653 from the State Law Enforcement Forfeiture Receipts for law enforcement equipment.

**Originating Department:**

Police

**Ordinance/Resolution:**

RESOLUTION NO. 144-25(F): A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OR TRANSFER OF CITY FUNDS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4.03 OF THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUND BUDGET TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$196,653 FROM THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT FORFEITURE RECEIPTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Background Information:**

Pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, when a law enforcement agency obtains title to the forfeited property, the agency shall use the funds to pay for court costs incurred in the forfeiture proceedings. After that, the remaining funds shall be used for school resource officers, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, drug abuse education and prevention programs, or other law enforcement purposes, which include defraying the cost of protracted or complex investigations, providing additional equipment or expertise, purchasing automated external defibrillators for use in law enforcement vehicles, and providing matching funds to obtain federal grants. These funds may be expended upon request by the Chief of Police to the City Commission and upon appropriation to the Police Department's miscellaneous trust fund as the municipality's governing body deems appropriate.

The West Palm Beach Police Department (WPBPD) requests approval for the following items to be funded with proceeds from the State Forfeiture Trust account:

**Command Vehicle, Bomb Unit Vehicle, Emergency Field Force Vehicle Funding Balance (One-Time Capital) (\$134,000)**

The City of West Palm Beach (CWPB) has provided one-time capital outlay funding in the amount of \$1,816,789 for the purchase of three (3) capital asset vehicles to include a Public Safety Mobile Command vehicle/center (MCV), Explosives Ordinance Disposal (EOD) vehicle (or

Bomb Unit), and an Emergency Field Force (EFF) vehicle.

Currently, the WPBPD operates a 2004 manufactured Ford chassis Winnebago, which is considered end of service life. The current MCV can no longer fulfill the requirements needed when utilized under the nationally recognized Incident Command System (ICS) operational model or support the technological advancements of modern policing in conjunction with the WPBPD Strategic Intelligence Center (STIC). The current MCV is not compatible with retrofitting requirements.

The MCV will serve as a unified command hub for all major incidents, including but not limited to (e.g., special events, public demonstrations, natural disasters, weapons of mass destruction, hostage rescue, major crime scenes, and critical incidents). The MCV will enable coordination with all federal and local response units under the mutual aid agreements and serve as a technological hub for intelligence sources and interoperable radio systems. A modern MCV will provide the WPBPD and WPBFR with the ability to rapidly deploy to any location where the communication infrastructure is inadequate or has been disrupted, or where enhanced interoperability among law enforcement and fire/rescue agencies is needed.

Incident management requires mobility, interoperability among public safety agencies, reliability, and cost effectiveness. In the event the WPBPD and WPBFR need to conduct public safety operations without access and/or use of police/fire/rescue facilities, the MCV can serve as an operations hub, including an operational dispatch center. A modern MCV can further enhance public safety services when working in tandem with a communications Site on Wheels (SOW). The MCV and SOW allow for the continuation of uninterrupted public safety services, especially during and post-natural disaster incidents, of which South Florida is at high risk of experiencing. The MCV will also provide an environmentally controlled platform for on-scene command and control functions by providing conference areas, video-teleconferencing, digital data transmission and reception, and public information and/or media outlet dissemination. A modern MCV serves this need.

From the time the one-time capital outlay funds were authorized, there have been cost increases to the project in the amount of approximately \$134,000. The requested forfeiture funds will fund the completion of the project.

The CWPB Procurement Department has approved the single-source purchase of the three (3) vehicles from Emergency Vehicles Inc. (EVI). EVI is a nationally and internationally recognized local business located in Lake Park, Florida.

### **Public Information Officer (PIO) Equipment/Software (\$12,248)**

The Public Information Officer (PIO) is crucial in law enforcement because they act as the main point of contact between the agency and the public, media, and other stakeholders. They ensure accurate and timely information dissemination, build trust, and shape public perception, especially during crises. Effective PIOs also manage social media, monitor public sentiment, and engage with communities to foster positive relationships. PIOs are also responsible for supporting the Incident Command System and the Emergency Operations Center. PIOs establish and maintain positive relationships with the media, ensuring accurate and timely information dissemination. They shape narratives, manage sensitive data, and deliver clear and reassuring messages, especially during crises.

PIOs are adept at navigating the digital landscape, utilizing social media to reach broader audiences and engage effectively with the public. PIOs help agencies demonstrate transparency by sharing information about crime, department policies, and procedures. They verify the accuracy of all information before release and monitor media reports for accuracy, correcting any misinformation. PIOs also address communication to special needs and non-English speaking populations. PIOs can improve internal communication within the agency, fostering better collaboration and understanding between different departments. They can also help engage the community to guide policy and strategy, and gather data to support budgetary requests. In essence, the PIO is a multifaceted role that plays a vital part in law enforcement's ability to engage with the public, manage crises, and build trust.

The PIO position requires a variety of specialized digital software, computer and communications technology and equipment to perform the specialized job tasks required for the position. The allocated funds will be used to purchase the described items, including the following:

- Apple Mac Book Pro = \$1,999
- Meltwater Software License = \$10,000
- Sprout Social – Social Media License/Subscription = \$249

### **Night Vision Equipment (\$35,555)**

The WPBPD Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team needs to replace the team's night vision equipment. The current operational equipment is of 1990s technology, deemed to be beyond its service life. The cost of purchasing new equipment is approximately \$400,000. The Department of the Navy offers a leasing program for Night Vision equipment compatible with SWAT operations. Leasing the equipment provides significant cost savings and allows the equipment to be placed

on a replacement schedule. The annual equipment lease is \$10,200. WPBPD is requesting approval for the initial funding for the lease to be appropriated from the State LEO trust account for the remainder of FY2025.

Additionally, the replacement of the current night vision equipment requires new mounting systems for the newer equipment to be mounted on the operator's ballistic platform. The estimated cost for the new mounting systems is \$25,355. The total requested funds for night vision equipment and mounting systems are \$35,555.

**ICOR Bomb Robot Upgrade (\$14,850)**

The WPBPD operates a certified EOD Unit, commonly referred to as a Bomb Unit. The Bomb Unit utilizes specialized equipment while conducting EOD operations, including robotic systems. The WPBPD was recently awarded a Department of Justice (DOJ) COPS technology grant in the amount of \$600,000. One of the items being procured with the funding is an ICOR robot. During the grant approval and procurement process, the cost of the robot increased from \$81,830 to \$96,680 due to upgrades in the robotic system, resulting in a difference of \$14,850.

**TOTAL REQUEST = \$196,653**

**Fiscal Note:**

Approval of this item will provide appropriations for various law enforcement equipment items.

- 8.11. Resolution No. 120-25 approving Amendment No. 4 to the Tamarind Parcel Lease with Transit Village PPP-Seaboard, LLC, for the Seaboard Train Station to extend the Commencement Date.

**Originating Department:**

Housing and Community Development

**Ordinance/Resolution:**

RESOLUTION NO. 120-25: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE TAMARIND PARCEL LEASE WITH TRANSIT VILLAGE PPP-SEABOARD, LLC, FOR THE SEABOARD TRAIN STATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Background Information:**

As approved by Ordinance No. 4751-17, the City of West Palm Beach and Transit Village PPP-Seaboard, LLC entered into the Tamarind Parcel Lease Agreement dated February 2, 2018, for the lease of the City-owned Tamarind Parcel, which included the Seaboard Train Station.

Resolution No. 226-20 approved an amendment to the lease indicating that the term would commence upon Transit Village's initiation of construction of the Public Podium Plaza as part of its Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) project. The deadline to commence construction was revised to August 13, 2023. Resolution No. 298-21 approved a second amendment providing an eleven (11) month extension for commencement of construction, extending the deadline to July 13, 2024.

In February 2024, Transit Village filed a lawsuit against Palm Beach County related to the TOD project, asserting that delays by the County prevented compliance with the lease's commencement date. In continued support of the project, City Commission approved a third amendment, via Resolution No. 145-24, extending the lease commencement date to July 13, 2025. This amendment also removed the Seaboard Train Station from the lease, returned tenant and maintenance responsibilities to the City, included a \$50,000 contribution from the Developer toward station improvements, and authorized potential affordable housing development on the southern portion of the site.

As the lawsuit remains unresolved, the Developer is now requesting a fourth amendment to further extend the lease commencement date to the earlier of construction of the Public Podium Plaza or the ITC by July 13, 2026. All other terms of the lease remain unchanged.

Resolution No. 120-25 approves a fourth amendment to the Transit Village PPP-Seaboard, LLC Tamarind Parcel Lease Agreement for the Seaboard Train Station.

Commission District 3: Commissioner Christy Fox.

**Fiscal Note:**

No fiscal impact.

- 8.12. Resolution No. 135-25(F) approving the transfer of City funds in Fiscal Year 2024/2025 for the purpose of amending the Grants Capital Project fund budget to provide additional appropriations for the Currie Park Redevelopment project.

**Originating Department:**

Housing and Community Development

**Ordinance/Resolution:**

RESOLUTION NO. 135-25(F): A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OR TRANSFER OF CITY FUNDS IN FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4.03 OF THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM

BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND AND GRANT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND BUDGETS TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRIE PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Background Information:**

The City of West Palm Beach has prioritized the revitalization of Currie Park as part of its broader strategy to enhance public spaces, promote community engagement, and stimulate economic development along the City's waterfront. Located in the Currie Corridor of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), the 13-acre waterfront park is currently approved and funded for \$35.3 million in renovations. Renovations include flood and stormwater mitigation work, the inclusion of a tidal amphitheater, a waterfront lagoon, a beach area, and other shoreline restoration and access infrastructure. Additional enhancements will include a playground, pedestrian/bicyclist trails, fitness lawn, and other community recreation and resilience facilities and features.

To support this transformative initiative, the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) has allocated \$1,287,996 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to the Currie Park Redevelopment Project. These funds were originally appropriated in the City's Community Development Fund. Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement Number 54 restricts the use of Special Revenue Funds to account for revenue and expenditures for purposes other than capital projects. It is acceptable for Special Revenue Fund 110, the Community Development Fund, to provide funds for eligible capital improvement projects. However, capital purchases cannot be expensed in Fund 110 per government accounting requirements. Therefore, it is required that funds be transferred out from Fund 110 to the Grant Capital Project Fund 399 so the capital payments can be expensed and reported properly in financial statements.

Resolution No. 162-23, Resolution No. 73-25, and Resolution No. 95-25(F) amended the Annual One-Year Action Plans for Program Years 2020 through 2025 for the CDBG, to reallocate funding to eligible public facilities/improvement projects. A portion of these funds will be used for the Currie Park Redevelopment project.

On April 7, 2025, HCD entered into an Inter-Department Subrecipient Agreement with the Engineering Department for the use of CDBG funds for the Currie Park Redevelopment project. The project is eligible under the CDBG program regulations, as per 24 CFR 570.210(c), and meets the National Objective of Area Benefit Activities, as defined by 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1).

Resolution No. 135-25(F) approves the transfer of the grant funds.

Commission District 1: Commissioner Cathleen Ward.

**Fiscal Note:**

Approval authorizes the transfer of funds from CDBG Fund 110 to the Grant Capital Project Fund 399.

**9. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 9.1. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 5132-25: A privately-initiated text amendment to Chapter 94 - Zoning and Land Development Regulations - Article IV and Article XIX – to provide additional standards for hospital use within the Downtown Master Plan (DMP) and to further clarify the existing definition for hospitals.

**Originating Department:**

Development Services

**Ordinance/Resolution:**

ORDINANCE NO. 5132-25: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 94 – ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS - ARTICLE IV. – DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN URBAN REGULATIONS, SECTION 94-106. - GENERAL USES WITH SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS; AND ARTICLE XIX. - DEFINITIONS SECTION 94-611. - DEFINITIONS; TO MODIFY THE LANGUAGE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR HOSPITAL USES WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN AREA (DMP) AND TO UPDATE THE EXISTING DEFINITION; DECLARING THESE PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE AND A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Staff Recommended Motion:**

Approve Ordinance No. 5132-25 amending Chapter 94 - Zoning and Land Development Regulations - Article IV and Article XIX.

This motion is based on the factual testimony presented, the staff report, the recommendation of the Planning Board and the finding that the amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and complies with the standards found in Section 94-32 of the City's Zoning and Land Development Regulations.

**Background Information:**

On January 17, 2025, Roger Ramdeen, of Shutts & Bowen, LLP submitted a formal application for a Downtown Master Plan (DMP) Zoning and Land Development Regulation text change. The requested text

change was in response to a Zoning Confirmation Letter issued by the City, which had categorized a hospital as a medical office use.

Understanding that a hospital use is more nuanced and regulated than the basic definition and category of medical office within the ZLDRs, the subject text amendment is to clarify further what constitutes a hospital use, and provide a set of basic parameters to regulate the location and operation of such use. This code revision will allow for additional flexibility for potential development proposals to introduce a hospital campus within the boundaries of the DMP area and to give assurances to prospective institutions, Developers, and financiers that the DMP permits such uses.

The subject text amendment generally applies to planning areas within Commission District 3: Commissioner Christy Fox.

- 9.2. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 5134-25: A privately-initiated text amendment to Chapter 94 - Zoning and Land Development Regulations, Article IV - Downtown Master Plan Urban Regulations, Section 94-124 – North Railroad Avenue district (NORA) to eliminate the height in stories requirement for residential developments utilizing the Downtown Master Plan (DMP) Housing Incentive Program.

**Originating Department:**

Development Services

**Ordinance/Resolution:**

ORDINANCE NO. 5134-25: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 94 - ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, ARTICLE IV. - DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN URBAN REGULATIONS, SECTION 94-124. – NORTH RAILROAD AVENUE DISTRICT (NORA); TO MODIFY THE LANGUAGE TO ELIMINATE THE HEIGHT IN STORIES REQUIREMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS UTILIZING THE DMP HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM; DECLARING THESE PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE AND A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Staff Recommended Motion:**

Approve Ordinance No. 5134-25 amending Chapter 94 - Zoning and Land Development Regulations - Article IV.

This motion is based upon the application submitted, the staff report, factual testimony, the recommendation of the Downtown Action Committee, Planning Board, and the findings that the request complies

with the Comprehensive Plan and with the standards in Section 94-32 of the City's Zoning and Land Development Regulations.

**Background Information:**

On March 25, 2025, Meredith S. Leigh of Shutts and Bowen, LLP, on behalf of Joseph Furst of Place Projects, submitted a formal application for a Downtown Master Plan (DMP) Zoning and Land Development Regulation text change. The requested text change was in response to a recent development proposal and Formal Level II Site Plan application for a multifamily mixed-use development within the NORA 2-8 incentive district. The application calls for an 11-story building at 125 feet of total height, containing approximately 354 units, a portion of which are affordable/workforce.

The subject code change allows for additional residential stories within the incentive district, while maintaining the overall district height in feet. This enables additional flexibility to the developments to reach both their FAR and height caps while providing additional housing units within the overall structure envelope when utilizing the DMP Incentive Housing Program.

On April 9, 2025, the Downtown Action Committee heard the case and approved with a final vote of 6-0 in favor. The Planning Board recommended approval (7-0) of this request to the City Commission after a Public Hearing on April 15, 2025.

The subject text amendment generally applies to planning areas within Commission District 3: Commissioner Christy Fox.

- 9.3. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 5135-25 amending the Code of Ordinances at Chapter 86 - Traffic and Parking, at Sections 86-245 and 86-246 to revise the permit requirements and approval process for construction traffic management and construction parking plans.

**Originating Department:**

Engineering

**Ordinance/Resolution:**

ORDINANCE NO. 5135-25: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AT CHAPTER 86 – TRAFFIC AND PARKING, ARTICLE IV – STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING, DIVISION I – GENERALLY, TO DELETE SECTION 86-245 (CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PARKING) AND AMEND SECTION 86-246 (CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN) TO REVISE PLAN REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVAL; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS

CLAUSE, A CODIFICATION CLAUSE, AND A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Staff Recommended Motion:**

Approve Ordinance No. 5135-25 on First Reading and schedule Second Reading for June 23, 2025.

**Background Information:**

The City of West Palm Beach is undergoing significant development with many projects ongoing throughout the City. Many residential neighborhoods have been impacted by increased demand for on-street parking within residential neighborhoods due to construction and commercial activities.

City Administration and staff from Engineering, Parking, and Development Services have been meeting to develop and implement various measures to address the situation.

As one measure, the City desires to amend the regulations regarding construction traffic and parking plans.

Ordinance No. 5135-25 amends Section 86-246 of the City Code to require Developers, contractors, and/or property owners to obtain a construction traffic management and parking permit.

In order to obtain a permit, the proposed plan for the construction vehicle route for delivery of materials, staging area, and a parking plan for construction workers and construction vehicles. Parking plans may require approval from the City's parking administrator. The construction traffic management and parking permit will be reviewed for approval by the Engineering Services Department and must be issued prior to issuance of a building permit.

Upon the issuance of three (3) violations for non-compliance of an approved construction traffic and parking management plan, the building official shall issue a stop-work order until a revised plan is approved.

A resolution establishing the permit fee a \$300 for up to two (2) reviews will be presented at Second Reading.

**Fiscal Note:**

No fiscal impact.

## **10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes. Anyone wishing to address the Commission should complete a "Comments by the Public" card and present it to the City Clerk prior to the Public Comments. When you are called to speak, please go to the podium and state your name and address for the record prior to addressing Commission. The Commission will not discuss the matter nor respond to the comment this evening. Comments made will become part of the record and may be addressed at a later date.

## **11. COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

\*Pursuant to Resolution No. 179-95, adopted according to the provisions of Section 286.0115, Florida Statutes, members of the Commission shall disclose on the record: 1) ex-parte communications - verbal or written; 2.) written communications shall be placed in the record; and 3) site visits, investigations, etc. shall be disclosed.

NOTICE: If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission at this meeting, that person will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, may need to ensure that a verbatim records of the proceedings be made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. The City of West Palm Beach does not prepare or provide such record.