

**Town of Pomona Park, Town Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 11, 2025**

**Mayor Anthony Cuevas presided. Council present were Lynda Linkswiler(absent, CarrieAnn Evans, Patricia Mead, Alisha Kuleski, Councilwoman Donna Cooney, Councilman Mark Swanson, Town Attorney Don Holmes, Town Clerk Andrea Almeida, Finance Officer Jennifer Paul,**

**Mayor Cuevas led int the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR: Julio Rivera**

**CALL TO ORDER 6:01pm**

**Roll Call**

**Councilman Swanson**

**Councilwoman Linkswiler absent**

**Councilwoman Evans**

**Mayor Cuevas**

**Councilwoman Mead**

**Councilwoman Kuleski**

**Councilwoman Cooney**

**CORRESPONDENCE-TOWN CLERK**

**ADOPT MINUTES of Meeting February 11, 2025**

**Councilwoman Cooney motioned to adopt the meeting minutes of February 11, 2025, and Councilman Swanson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.**

**No discussion**

**The vote is unanimous.**

## **PROCLAMATIONS 2025**

2025-04 Government Finance Professionals Week read allowed by Mayor Cuevas.  
Recognizing Finance Officer Jennifer Paul

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt Proclamation 2025-04 and Councilwoman Mead 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

## **PRESENTATION**

2023/2024 Audit - Brendan McKitrick

Mr. McKitrick explained the financials of the Town for 2023/2024. The town has no issues with long term capital debt. The town had two comments on the agenda with the first comment being very typical with small towns. The second comment should be rectified by the next audit. The financial highlights the biggest would be the CDBG grant being included in the audit. The FGOA benchmark is to have a minimum of two months' income. Councilman Swanson asked about the Better Place Fund and the Fuel Tax. Councilman Swanson asked about the threshold value. Mayor Cuevas questioned about the description of the Significant Matters and Mr. McKitrick, explained that the description is misleading. It's not as bad as it sounds. It is the language of the state.

## **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

Smoking Ordinance 2025-01

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

Town Clerk read Ordinance No- 2025-01 by title only, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF POMONA PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 34 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ADDING A NEW SECTION 34-9 PROHIBITING SMOKING OR V APING, IN MUNICIPAL PARKS OR MUNICIPALLY CONTROLLED BEACHES AND BEACH PARKS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, REPEAL, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt Ordinance No-2025-01 and Councilwoman Mead 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Councilwoman Cooney asked that we do a proclamation for the parks that we include that the parks are healthy and include the no smoking in the parks.

Attorney Holmes explained to change the Chapter 2022-213 and change it to Statue 386.209. The fine also must be determined. Along with the enforcement method.

Councilman Swanson stated that signage will help with the deterrents. Town Attorney stated the Ordinance needs to state what the Town would like to happen if the ordinance is broken. Councilwoman Mead stated that the law enforcement may stop showing up to the parks if they get continued calls about smoking in the parks. Mayor Tony stated that the hopes are to get the process started somewhere. Town Attorney Holmes stated that there should be some authority to tell them to not smoke in the parks. You just need to determine the punishment for the smoking in the parks. Councilman Swanson suggested tabling the issue. Town Attorney Holmes explained that all the amendments should be made with the first reading. A motion to amend the ordinance would be needed. Councilwoman Cooney stated that smoking is not illegal in Florida, and she understands that the law says that we can make this. A further discussion was had with the Council. Councilwoman Kuleski stated that she feels like we need this ordinance to back up the enforcement. Mr. Carol stated that as a grandparent of a teenager, he would not like his grandchild to pick up the vaping. Because this leads to the health of our youth and the cleanliness of the parks. Most people are respectful and will follow the rules. Respect the property and kids of the town. Larry Flaman stated that he thinks it's a good idea. When it comes to enforcement will need to contact the sheriff and a prosecutor. Doris Carol the sign is a sign to parents to not smoke, more parents are more likely to quit smoking when they see the sign. Along with kids are less likely to start smoking if they see the signs. Councilwoman Evans motions to Table the Smoking Ordinance and Councilman Swanson 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was unanimous.

Larry Flaman asked about all town properties. Town Attorney Holmes read the bill and explained that the bill does not allow the restrictions of other lands. Larry Flaman asked about the Community Center.

#### Resolution 2025-02 Public Records Exemption

Town Clerk read Resolution 2025-02 by title only,

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF POMONA PARK TOWN COUNCIL OF POMONA PARK, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION FOR MUNICIPAL CLERKS AND EMPLOYEES WHO PERFORM MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WORK OR HAVE ANY PART IN CODE ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS OF THE TOWN AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilwoman Cooney motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-02 and Councilwoman Kuleski 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

A discussion was had about protection for the staff.

The vote was called.

Motion passes unanimously

Ethics Resolution 2025-03

Town Clerk read Resolution 2025-03 by title only.

RESOLUTION 2025-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF POMONA PARK ADOPTING THE TOWN OF POMONA PARK CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilwoman Kuleski motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-03 and Councilwoman Evans 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Town Attorney explained that when it comes to committees that it is hard in a small town to avoid having conflict. His suggestion is to combine the two paragraphs on page 6 of A and B and remove starting at However and start back at B. Further discussion was had.

Councilman Swanson motioned to table the motion. Councilwoman Evans 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Town Attorney explained that the three paragraphs do not apply to councilmembers. Further discussion was had. The vote to motion to table was tied 3-3. Does not pass.

Councilwoman Kuleski amended her motion to for Resolution 2025-03 page 6 to combine Subparagraphs A&B and correct the grammatic. Along with removing the lines starting with, however. Councilwoman Evans 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The question was called with the motion on the floor. The motion to adopt Resolution 2025-03 with the amended motion was voted on and the council passed unanimously.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS, INCLUDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Jennifer Paul Treasurer- Check Register and Trial Balance**

**Jennifer reviewed the check register and balance sheet. Councilwoman Evans asked about two payments made.**

### **Beautification Report - Martha Mann**

**Beautification Chair Martha reviewed breakfast 99, food sales of \$911 the highest amount ever earned. New bulbs for outside the Town Hall.**

**Upcoming events at Dunns Creek State Park 1-1:30 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 12. The mural will be painted on Wednesday. A special thanks to Luke Taft for assisting with this project.**

**Upcoming projects a senior computer class, computer training for seniors April 5<sup>th</sup> after the breakfast. Along with a plant sale. All sales to benefit the garden. April 19<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt at the ball field at 10am. Councilwoman asked about the Dunns Creek Park projects, Bird watching.**

#### ***Tree Committee – Councilwoman Mead***

Councilwoman Mead opened the Tree Board meeting. The last meeting was in January and this our 35<sup>th</sup> . We just completed the 34<sup>th</sup> year of Tree City. The beautification committee planted trees as gifts. What being a tree city means, sets our city up to be an environmental city tomorrow.

Next meeting will be in June.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Aquatic Management Quote-Mayor Cuevas explained that the Town received a quote for the removal of the weeds at the beach of \$1500. That is currently not in the budget. A solution was offered for this spring and having a volunteer clean-up day. Charles Behm asked about using the Scouts for help or community service hours. Mayor Cuevas asked for any volunteers. Martha Mann asked about the budget. Larry Flaman asked about the quote.

C&S Under Groundwater Unlimited Invoice for Damaged Hydrant \$4,056.

Mayor Cuevas explained the incident that occurred to the damage. A workshop needs to be had about approving emergency repairs. Our insurance covers everything but the \$500.

Councilwoman Evans to approve payment of \$4056.21 to C&S Underground Water, and Councilwoman Cooney 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

James Moore Audit Invoice \$5,500

Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve the \$5,500 and Councilwoman Cooney 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Approval for Seat on Blue Ways and Trails

Mayor Cuevas asked Mr. Flaman to continue to represent Pomona Park and Councilman Swanson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

#### Committee Appointment for River2Sea Loop

Mayor Cuevas explained his concerns on the Trail. He feels that the proposed path is adequate for the Town. It passes by all the business and if anyone would like to volunteer, please see Mr. Flaman after the meeting.

Mayor Cuevas explained the need for the Grant Workshop for upcoming CDBG Grant Cycle. Councilwoman Evans motioned to accept the March 25 and Councilman Swanson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. A discussion was had.

Councilwoman Evans amended the motion to the 31<sup>st</sup> for the Workshop at 5:30 and Councilman Swanson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION BY TOWN COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

#### **DISCUSSION BY TOWN ATTORNEY OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

#### **DISCUSSION BY TOWN CLERK OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Town Clerk Andrea let the Council know that the sand will be going into the beach area. Turner Septic will be doing the repairs at Mayors Park. Along with that Mittauer Engineering will be changing hands next month.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Remainder of Public Comments is limited to FIVE (5) minutes each.

Charles Behm changes in policy. He is suggesting wifi for the town and available to the public. A discussion was had.

Councilwoman Mead motioned to adjourn 8:23pm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Anthony Cuevas*

