TOWN OF POMONA PARK REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JULY 8, 2025 – 6:00 PM Pomona Park Town Hall, 1775 US Hwy 17 South, Pomona Park, FL 32181

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Anthony Cuevas at 6:00 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Harold Ollis.

4. ROLL CALL

Present:

- Mayor Anthony Cuevas
- Mayor Pro-Tem CarrieAnn Evans
- Councilman David Swanson
- Councilwoman Pat Mead
- Councilwoman Alisha Kuleski
- Councilwoman Donna Cooney
- Town Clerk Andrea Almeida
- Finance Officer Jennifer Paul

5. WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Cuevas welcomed all visitors in attendance.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Andrea Almeida presented correspondence and requested approval of the following meeting minutes:

- June 10, 2025, Regular Council Meeting
- June 20, 2025, Budget Workshop
- June 27, 2025, Budget Workshop

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MOTION to approve the minutes as presented was made by Councilwoman Evans, seconded by Councilman Swanson,

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7. PROCLAMATION

- **Proclamation 2025-11: Beautification Committee Appreciation** was read and entered into the record by Mayor Cuevas.
- Public Comment-
- Joe Svingala- asked about the stove.
- Larry Flaman- Larry Flaman is stating that he never said that they didn't cook on the stove. And it was brought up that if it was a safety hazard then the stove would need to be removed. Larry Flaman is asking the mayor to resign.
- Lynda Linkswiler 223 Worcester Rd- moved here 15 years ago, when she got involved that was the first year that the breakfast was started. It has been going on for almost 13 years. The only thing that they used the stove for was to flip an egg and to keep things warm. It would be reasonable to find a way to resolve it. They were a part of the town. Christmas Dinner for anyone that needed to come, not the poor but the poor in spirit. Open heart surgery is being performed on the town. It's a business no longer a community.
- Judy Szatkowski- wants to know who made the decision to take the stove out.
- Joe Svingala- is requesting a FOIA
- Jerry Smith- started two years helping with the breakfast, the last 6 months the breakfast started making \$1000.
- Bud Eckels- has given a lot of his time to Beautification. Everyone that has quit, feels disrespected.

8. PRESENTATION

None.

9. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report Jennifer Paul presented the Check Register and Trial Balance
- Finance Officer reviewed the financials. No Questions Asked
- Beautification Committee Report No report submitted.

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- Road and Streets Report Councilman Swanson reported that contacted Lt. Depew, two laws by the governor. If you are going 50 mph over the posted speed limit. You are subject to arrest or jail, or if you are going 100 mph the same. The Mt. Tabor church would like speedbumps. The governor signed a law dealing with E-bikes. Restrictions, making them sign something that they have read the rules.
- Code Enforcement Councilwoman Kuleski shared recent enforcement actions and updates on compliance issues. Councilwoman Kuleski reviewed the cases, Holly, Pleasant, B Street has a case that is accruing daily fines, Worcester Rd has a case that has been approved for abatement. Pleasant St had a long-term code enforcement case that has been resolved by Demo. Councilwoman Kuleski explained the code enforcement policy and the actions that may be taken. Councilwoman Kuleski explained what an abatement means to the town.
- Councilwoman Mead- would like to see a list of volunteers to assist others in the community.
- Mary Garcia- this is something that they did in Palatka, you can't do work for people if you work for the city.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution 2025-09: Setting the Millage Rate
 Town Clerk Andrea Almeida read the resolution into the record.
 - **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2025-09 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Evans, seconded by Councilwoman Cooney
- A discussion was had about what the need was for the millage. 5-1 Councilwoman Mead.
 Motion Passes
- Council Seat 2 Recommendation Councilman Swanson recommended Nelson Anderson for Council seat 2. Councilman Swanson gave an introduction of Mr. Anderson.
- Nelson Anderson- introduced himself to the council. He wants to see the Town improve. He is personally spending time and money to better the town. Mr. Anderson plans to stay in the community. Councilwoman Evans asked about his availability.
- Councilwoman Kuleski- asked what Mr. Nelson's one single vision for Pomona Park for improvement. Mr. Anderson answered that when you travel that you have just a few shady characters and properties that bring down the community. He has a lot of experience with government. And he just wants to improve the town. He feels like the town looks promising. Mayor Cuevas asked about having any issues with having finances public.
- Nancy Lajoie- introduced herself. She has lived in Pomona Park in over 20 years. She has raised her family here. She used to work for the town. She currently works for government. She wants to be a part of the town in any way. Councilwoman Kuleksi-asked what she would bring to the table to make Pomona Park a better place. The Town being able to grow without financially responsibilities. Without it killing your taxpayers.

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That the Town grows every year without killing them with taxes. Councilman Swanson-asked about being on the committee if you aren't given the seat. Councilwoman Evans asked about her availability.

- Public Comment- from a resident offering service, for any topic.
- Mayor Cuevas asked to Table the Council Seat until the next meeting, and to advertise.
- Councilwoman Kuleski motioned to table filling the seat and Councilwoman Evans 2nd the motion. Motion Passes, Councilman Swanson nah.
- Workshop Scheduling Council set workshop dates to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan and Civility Code.
 Workshop scheduled Aug 5, and Aug 19.
- **Beautification Liaison** Mayor Cuevas would like Councilwoman Cooney to be the new liaison and invited additional council involvement.

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Council Discussion of Matters Not on the Agenda –
- Councilwoman Cooney- asked about the letter for the supermarket.
- **Councilman Swanson** mentioned about the store manager from Winn Dixie thanked him for the letter.
- No additional items brought forward.
- Attorney's Report None
- Clerk's Report None

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public comments were invited.

No other public comments were received. Each comment was limited to five (5) minutes.

14. UPCOMING EVENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Mead motioned to adjourn at 8:04pm.



