

**TOWN OF POMONA PARK
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: September 10, 2025

Location: Town Council Chambers, 1775 US Hwy 17 South, Pomona Park, FL 32181

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all present.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in honor of **Robert Rumler** and all the victims of the 9/11 tragedy.

4. ROLL CALL

Present:

- Mayor Anthony Cuevas
- Councilwoman Evans
- Councilwoman Mead
- Councilwoman Kuleski
- Councilwoman Cooney(absent)
- Councilman Swanson

Staff Present:

- Andrea Almeida, Town Clerk
 - Jennifer Paul, Finance Officer
 - Leo Villegas, III Town Attorney
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5. WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Cuevas welcomed all visitors in attendance.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – TOWN CLERK

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Town Clerk Andrea Almeida presented correspondence.

Motion: To adopt the minutes from the **August 5, 19,2025 Workshop** and **August 12, 2025 Council Meeting**.

Motion by: Councilwoman Evans

Seconded by: Councilwoman Mead

Vote: Passed unanimously.

7. PROCLAMATIONS

None

Mayors Moment- Mayor Cuevas gave an apology and statement of commitment to the community.

8. PRESENTATION

Jeffrey Winters with Cornerstone Community Partners gave a presentation regarding the **FRDAP 26 Opportunity**.

Discussion included potential funding strategies and application timelines. Mr. Winters explained the projects that he is currently working on for the Town. HMGP Award is in line with funding. The Town should receive the award, but this is a slow process. The infrastructure repair program are disaster recovery funds, designed for infrastructure repair program. The benefit with this program this offers a zero percent match the other program is a 25 percent match. Cornerstone is not charging a fee to apply for this grant.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to allow Corner Stone to apply for the Infrastructure Repair Program and Councilwoman Mead 2nd the motion. A discussion was had about what the grant covers and where the projects are located. Councilman Swanson stated the community center has a generator. Charles Behm asked about the generator fuel. Mayor Cuevas explained the process of the fueling.

Vote Unanimous

FFY CDBG application was not funded on the initial list. The Towns application is at the very top of the list if more funds are available. Some funds may be reallocated if available. The town may request a waiver for the same amount.

Current open CDBG project- the close out documents still need to be completed at no cost.

Request to allow Cornerstone Community Partners to close out the CDBG grant on behalf of the Town.

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Councilwoman Evans motioned to allow Cornerstone to complete the CDBG grant on behalf the town. Councilwoman Mead 2nd the motion

Vote Unanimous.

FRDAP grant application process- Cornerstone would like to apply for the FRDAP Grant Cycle on behalf of the town.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to allow Cornerstone to apply for the FRDAP grant Cycle.

Councilman Swanson 2nd the motion.

Vote unanimous.

FRDAP- the town is ready to close out the grants, and Cornerstone would like to assist with the closeout of the two FRDAP grants at the rate of \$5,000 each., no engineered cost.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to allow Cornerstone to assist with the two closeouts of the FRDAP, \$5,000 with Councilman Swanson 2nd the motion.

Vote – Unanimous

September 24 meetings Resolution, Stand Alone public Meeting, meeting with Parks and Recreation Board, set a time. Infrastructure Grant, designation of signature authority.

9. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, INCLUDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Check Register and Trial Balance:** Jennifer Paul, Treasurer, presented the financial report for review.
- **Town Attorney explained that Congressman Randy Fine has a staff member assisting the town with the penalties and fines.**
- **Tree Report:** Opened the September Quarterly Tree Report at 6:32 pm. Councilwoman Mead provided an update on tree maintenance and future planting plans. Councilwoman Mead talked about the trees planted in the past of Arbor Day. Councilwoman Mead is asking for input on tree planting for 2026 Arbor Day Set for Jan 9 at 4pm. Councilwoman Mead explained the different types of trees that have been planted in the past and stated that Oak Trees do best for the Town. Closed at 6:37pm

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- **Council Seat #2 Appointment:** Council discussed filling the vacant seat.

Nelson Anderson would like to improve the image of the town. Councilwoman Evans asked how long he lived here. 2 years. Councilman Swanson asked about his background. Mr. Anderson explained he worked for water management and Clay County and now runs a business out of his barn. Charles Behm asked about Mr. Anderson's properties. Resident asked about cleaning about the town. Mr. Anderson replied that the magistrate process is slow.

Nancy Lajoie- has lived in the town over twenty years. Her background is governmental accounting. Managed grants, to get teachers training. Asked about her current employment she works with her spouse. Asked about the business, auto repair business. She has worked for the Town of Pomona Park, and for Crescent City. She worked in the code enforcement, accounts payable to assist the clerk. Asked what her goal would be for the town. Grants would be her focus. Asked what her reason for leaving the town and she explained.

Michael Rohrbaugh- introduced himself, he was a pilot with American Airlines and was in the navy. He loves living in Pomona Park, has three children who spent all their time here. Asked what his goal about being on the Council and he stated the traffic and the accidents. Asked about the speeding vehicles on Lake St. He would like to see a better presence with the police. Mr. Rohrbaugh talked about his wife being a teacher.

A discussion about the candidates. Councilman Swanson feels that Mr. Anderson is the best candidate for the seat.

Joe Svingala talked about Ms. Lajoie and her traits.

Councilwoman Evans recommends Mr. Rohrbaugh.

Councilwoman Mead feels that Mr. Rohrbaugh would be the best candidate.

Charles Behm- spoke about Mr. Anderson and the three different skill sets.

Councilwoman Mead made the motion to appoint Mr. Rohrbaugh to the council seat 2 and Councilwoman Evans 2nd the motion.

4-1 Councilman Swanson not in favor

Motion: motion to appoint Mr. Rohrbaugh to the council seat 2

Motion by: Councilwoman Mead

Seconded by: Evans

Vote: 4-1 Councilman Swanson not in favor.



- **FRDAP Pickle Ball Court Resurfacing Quotes:** Staff presented and discussed multiple vendor quotes.
- **Councilwoman Evans motioned to accept the bid for Court Services in the amount of \$11,250.00 and Councilwoman Kuleski 2nd the motion.**
- **A discussion was had about the details.**

Motion by: Councilwoman Evans
Seconded by: Councilwoman Kuleski
Vote: Unanimous

11. NEW BUSINESS

- **Budget Transfer #1 for FY 24/25:**
Motion: To approve Budget Transfer #1 as presented.
Motion by: Councilwoman Evans
Seconded by: Councilwoman Mead
Discussion- Finance Officer explained the need for the transfer.
Vote: Unanimous
- **FMIT Invoice for FY 25/26:**
Motion: To approve the FMIT invoice.
Motion by: Councilwoman Kuleski
Seconded by: Councilwoman Evans
Vote: Unanimous
- **2025 Town-Wide Yard Sale:**
Council supported the idea of organizing a 2025 “Everyone’s Having a Yard Sale” event. Motion and Vote that the town council puts on the Everyone is having a yard sale on Nov 1, 2025.
- Councilwoman Kuleski motioned to approve the Town Council to put on the yard sale event.
- Councilwoman Evans 2nd the motion.
- Vote unanimous.

12. DISCUSSION BY TOWN COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Councilwoman Evans asked about getting a report from the Deputies on Patrol in the area. Councilman Swanson spoke about the new traffic report.

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13. DISCUSSION BY TOWN ATTORNEY OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Attorney Leo Villegas-none

14. DISCUSSION BY TOWN CLERK OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Town Clerk Andrea Almeida provided updates on upcoming events and administrative tasks.

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Larry Flaman- last Thursday or Friday a floating island is on the lake. It's in front of his house right now. Stone Aquatic quoted him \$3,000 to break it up and move it on shore. Larry is requesting that Bruce use the trailer and the ballfield. Town Attorney stated he didn't feel this was appropriate for the Town to handle this.

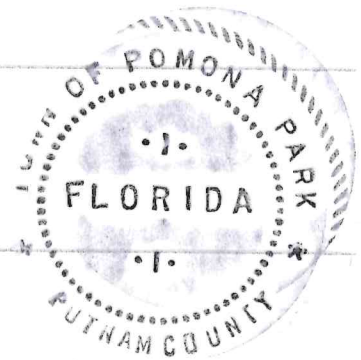
Ms. Lebbenthal- stated this has happened before, the state should do something about it.

Ms. Chamblis- stated it will be a topic at a Lake Broward association.

Nancy Lajoie asked if the Carp eat that.

16. UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events Reviewed



17. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Mead motioned to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm