

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 2024-09

Held on Thursday, the 2nd day of May 2024, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, Florida.

This meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Palm Bay, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at the hour of 6:01 P.M.

Pastor Tyler Ritchey, Eastwind Pentecostal Church, Palm Bay, gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR:	Rob Medina	Present
DEPUTY MAYOR:	Donny Felix	Present
COUNCILMEMBER:	Kenny Johnson	Present
COUNCILMEMBER:	Randy Foster	Absent
COUNCILMEMBER	Vacant	
CITY MANAGER:	Suzanne Sherman	Present
CITY ATTORNEY:	Patricia Smith	Present
DEPUTY CITY CLERK:	Terri Lefler	Present

CITY STAFF: Joan Junkala-Brown, Deputy City Manager; Alan Done, Operations Superintendent; Lisa Frazier, Growth Management Director; Ibis Berardi, Acting Community and Economic Development Director; Brian Robinson, Information Technology Director; Fred Poppe, Recreation Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Felix announced the following vacancies and solicited applications for same:

- 1. Four (4) vacancies on the Youth Advisory Board (represents ‘student member’ positions).++**
- 2. Three (3) vacancies on the Youth Advisory Board (represents ‘adult member’ positions).++**
- 3. Three (3) terms expiring on the Community Development Advisory Board (representing ‘not-for-profit, banking industry advocate for low-income’ positions).+**

AGENDA REVISIONS:

Ms. Sherman announced the following revisions:

A. Item 2 and 3, under Public Hearings, were withdrawn by Councilman Johnson.

B. Consideration of purchasing Fire Rescue vehicles utilizing the expedited quoting process was added as Item 1, under Procurements.

C. Consideration of initial funding appropriation for Fire Station 9 and authorization to purchase a fire truck was added as Item 2, under New Business.

D. Consideration of travel and training for employees within the Police Department was added as Item 3, under New Business.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

The proclamations were read.

- 1. Proclamation: National Police Week - May 12-18, 2024; and National Peace Officers Memorial Day - May 15, 2024.**
- 2. Proclamation: National Day of Prayer – May 2, 2024.**
- 3. Proclamation: Poppy Days – May 24-27, 2024.**

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)/RESPONSE(S): (Non-agenda Items Only)

Individuals made general comments.

1. Lisa Jackson, resident, advocated for recycling. She was being charged for recycling, but Republic Services occasionally skipped the pick-up and there was no way to receive a credit for same. She wanted to see that change and asked why Republic Services would not recycle glass when there was a market for it.

Staff would contact Ms. Jackson regarding her issues. Deputy Mayor Felix suggested that Ms. Jackson also communicate with the Sustainability Advisory Board.

2. Luis Valdez, resident, commented on signage in the city parks stating that guns were prohibited pursuant to Section 36.14 of the Palm Bay Code of Ordinances, which was a violation of state law. However, the section cited refers to hunting and nothing

related to firearms. He asked that the signs be corrected. Ms. Smith would follow-up with staff regarding the signs.

3. Pat Dalpra, resident, requested pedestrian flashing lights as residents have a difficult time crossing Port Malabar Boulevard near the Tona Rosa Community Center.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

All items of business under the 'Approval of Consent Agenda' heading were enacted by the following motion:

Motion by Deputy Mayor Felix, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented with the removal of Items 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, and 18, from consent. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Felix, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea.

1. Adoption of Minutes: Meeting 2024-07; April 4, 2024.

The minutes, considered under Consent Agenda, were approved as presented.

2. Contract: Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), implementation and advisory services – RFP 37-0-2023 – Information Technology Department (Cognizant Technology Solutions US Corporation (implementer); Sherpa Government Solutions LLC (software provider)).

The item was removed from Consent Agenda and heard after Public Hearings under Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda.

3. Contract: Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) implementation advisory services, amendment - Information Technology Department (Government Finance Officers Association); consideration of a budget amendment (\$28,000 (Utilities portion)).

Staff Recommendation: 1) Approve an amendment for implementation advisory services with the non-profit member association of the Government Finance Officers Association for ERP Software in an amount not to exceed \$140,000; and 2) approve the appropriation of funds on the next scheduled budget amendment for the Utilities portion of the implementation advisory services.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

4. Contract: Target Systems, parts, repairs and services – Police Department (Action Target Moving Systems (sole source) - \$125,829).

The item was removed from Consent Agenda and heard after Public Hearings under Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda.

5. Resolution 2024-16, scheduling a Special Election to be held in conjunction with the Regular Municipal Election on November 5, 2024, to elect a successor to serve the remainder of the initial term of City Council Seat 5 due to the resignation of Peter Filiberto.

The item was removed from Consent Agenda and heard after Public Hearings under Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda.

6. Ordinance 2024-21, amending the Palm Bay Code of Ordinances, Chapter 52, Boards, Subchapter ‘Community Development Advisory Board’, by revising provisions contained therein, first reading.

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

7. Ordinance 2024-22, providing for the naming of private drives, located within Tax Parcel 510, as Azalea Avenue SE and Bainbridge Circle SE, first reading.

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

8. Consideration of an Interlocal Agreement with Brevard County to transfer ownership rights and maintenance of a right-of-way located within Cisna Park Subdivision.

The item was removed from Consent Agenda and heard after Public Hearings under Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda.

9. Consideration of Cost Allocation Agreement with Heritage Square Partners, LLC, for proportionate fair share transportation improvements.

The item was removed from Consent Agenda and heard after Public Hearings under Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda.

10. Consideration of a State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) Agreement for South Brevard Women’s Center (SBWC) victims of domestic violence (\$270,802).

Staff Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) Agreement with South Brevard Women’s Center, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 SHIP funding in the amount of \$270,802.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

11. Consideration of adopting Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act (URA) Policies and Procedures.

The item was removed from Consent Agenda and heard after Public Hearings under Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda.

12. Consideration of submitting an application for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Staff Recommendation: 1) Authorize the City to submit an application for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant for construction of a sidewalk and lighting improvements on a segment of Emerson Drive, from Culver Drive to Malabar Road; and 2) Authorize an allocation of Transportation Impact Fees from zip code 32907, not to exceed \$600,000 as the City’s required match.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

13. Consideration of City Council Flag Program nominee, Greg Minor. (Councilman Johnson)

Staff Recommendation: Approve Greg Minor as a nominee for the City Council Flag Program.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

14. Consideration of City Council Flag Program nominee, Javier Molinares. (Councilman Foster)

Staff Recommendation: Approve Javier Molinares as a nominee for the City Council Flag Program.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

15. Consideration of one (1) new full-time Administrative Assistant position within the Community & Economic Development (CED) Department (\$36,948).

Staff Recommendation: 1) Approve the addition of one (1) full-time equivalent (FTE) to create a new Administrative Assistant position for the Community and Economic Development Department; and 2) Authorize the appropriation of funds on the next scheduled budget amendment, in the amount of \$36,948 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

16. Consideration of appropriating General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance for the reclassification of two (2) part-time Recreation Aides to full-time equivalent (FTE) Recreation Leaders within the Recreation Department (\$17,014 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the appropriation of General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance for the reclassification of two (2) part-time Recreation Aides to full-time equivalent (FTE) Recreation Leaders within the Recreation Department (\$17,014 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024).

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

17. Consideration of allocating Undesignated Fund Balance to the General Fund (Fire Rescue Department) to fund FEMA and NIMS Training Initiative (\$153,600).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the allocation of Undesignated Fund Balance to the General Fund (Fire Rescue Department) to fund the FEMA and NIMS Training Initiative, in the amount of \$153,600.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

18. Consideration of appropriating funds from General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance for Intuitive Municipal Solutions (IMS) software expansion; and authorization to standardize to IMS Application Suite (\$108,000).

The item was removed from Consent Agenda and heard after Public Hearings under Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda.

19. Consideration of travel and training for City employees (Fire Rescue Department).

Staff Recommendation: Approve travel and training as specified.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

20. Acknowledgement of the City's monthly financial report for February 2024 (Unaudited).

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was acknowledged by City Council.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

1. Resolution 2024-17, granting a conditional use to allow for a private school in RS-2 (Single-Family Residential District) zoning, on property located at the southeast corner of Port Malabar Boulevard and Bianca Drive (3.00 acres) (Case CU24-00002, Life Changer's Outreach Regiment, Inc.). (Quasi-Judicial Proceeding)

The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the request, subject to the staff comments contained in the Staff Report.

The City Attorney read the resolution in caption only. The public hearing was opened. K.J. Lewis, Assistant School Director, presented the request to Council and answered questions posed by councilmembers.

Mayor Medina asked if the school had its own bussing services for the students. Mr. Lewis confirmed same.

Bill Battin, resident, commented that traffic would be impacted on Port Malabar Boulevard as the speed limit would be reduced through the school zone which would cause delays. Additionally, depending on the direction parents would be travelling once leaving the school site, a U-turn may be required which could also cause traffic issues. He felt vehicles would be stacking into the neighborhood during drop-off times because there were not enough spaces to accommodate vehicles on-site.

Mr. Lewis responded that the parking loop could hold approximately thirty-two (32) vehicles. Currently, there were about eight (8) vehicles utilizing the loop. He believed there were fifty-two (52) parking spaces and approximately twenty (20) spaces were being used at this time.

Mr. Done addressed the comment regarding the school zone speed limit. He said that typical school zones had a reduction of speed. This school was located on Port Malabar Boulevard in which there was no school zone and no reduction of speed.

Mayor Medina asked the maximum number of students desired. Mr. Lewis said the goal was one hundred fifty (150) students. Mayor Medina asked if the applicant could do anything on the site without the conditional use. Ms. Sherman explained that the previously granted conditional use had expired and the applicant had to submit a new request. A condition could be placed on this request to limit the capacity of the building. Ms. Smith advised that Council should not arbitrarily pick a number as capacity was determined by the Fire Marshal and Building Department, which would be part of the site plan review process with staff.

The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Felix, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adopt Resolution 2024-17. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Felix, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea.

2. Ordinance 2024-23, providing for a temporary moratorium to prohibit the acceptance, processing, or consideration of applications for a permit or development order to allow self-storage facilities (Case MOR24-00001, City of Palm Bay), first reading. (Councilman Johnson)

This item, addressed under Agenda Revisions, was withdrawn by Councilman Johnson.

3. Ordinance 2024-24, providing for a temporary moratorium to prohibit the acceptance, processing, or consideration of applications for a permit or

development order for stand-alone automated and self-service car washes (MOR24-00002, City of Palm Bay), first reading. (Councilman Johnson)

This item, addressed under Agenda Revisions, was withdrawn by Councilman Johnson.

4. Ordinance 2024-08, amending the City’s Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map to change the designated use of property located west of and adjacent to Robert J. Conlan Boulevard, in the vicinity south of Commerce Park Drive, from Commercial Use to Neighborhood Center Use (26.5 acres) (Case CP23-00020, Palm Bay Development Group, LLC), only one reading required. (CONTINUED FROM 04/04/24 RCM)

The Planning and Zoning Board recommended denial of the request.

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only. The public hearing was opened. Attorney Kim Rezanka and other representatives for the applicant presented the request to Council. An individual spoke in favor of the request.

Deputy Mayor Felix expressed concern with the need for more affordable and workforce housing. He felt that ten percent (10%) of the project should be dedicated to affordable housing. James Garbarsky, applicant, said the unit counts were not set in stone and he was willing to be flexible. Mayor Medina said that there would be 294 units; therefore, ten percent (10%) would be twenty-nine (29) units. Mr. Garbarsky said he would commit to fifteen (15) units instead of the ten (10) currently reflected in the project.

The public hearing was closed.

Mayor Medina relinquished the chair to the Deputy Mayor and made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-08. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Felix, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea.

Mayor Medina resumed as the presiding officer.

5. Resolution 2024-04, granting approval of a Preliminary Development Plan for a proposed mixed-use subdivision to be known as ‘Palm Bay Suites and Residences’ in HC (Highway Commercial District) zoning, which property is located west of and adjacent to Robert J. Conlan Boulevard, in the vicinity south of Commerce Park Drive (26.5 acres) (PD23-00008, Palm Bay Development Group, LLC). (Quasi-Judicial Proceeding) (CONTINUED FROM 04/04/24 RCM)

The Planning and Zoning Board recommended denial of accompanying Ordinance 2024-08, thereby rendering this request moot.

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only. The public hearing was opened. Attorney Kim Rezanka, representative for the applicant, presented the request to Council. The public hearing was closed.

Mayor Medina relinquished the chair to the Deputy Mayor and made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-04. Deputy Mayor Felix seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith advised that the conditions, as stated by Ms. Rezanka, should be included in the motion. Deputy Mayor Felix and Mayor Medina withdrew their motions.

Motion by Mayor Medina, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adopt Resolution 2024-04, with the following conditions: a) the 5,000 square foot hotel shall be constructed during the first phase; b) traffic calming measures shall be implemented based on the homeowners association and City's Traffic Engineer and paid for by the applicant; and c) a minimum of fifteen (15) units shall be set aside for workforce housing. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Felix, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea.

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

2. Contract: Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), implementation and advisory services – RFP 37-0-2023 – Information Technology Department (Cognizant Technology Solutions US Corporation (implementer); Sherpa Government Solutions LLC (software provider)).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the contract for implementation and advisory services with Cognizant Technology Solutions US Corporation (implementer), in the amount of \$2,619,807; and approve the budget software/implementation with Sherpa Government Solutions LLC (budget software provider), in the amount of \$240,866.

Bill Battin, resident, said the entire packet was \$2.5 million and \$240,000 annually. He asked what was included in both costs and why it took almost two (2) years to implement. He was curious if the software would be outdated by the time it would be used.

Ms. Sherman explained that this was a full replacement of the current system which was antiquated and had limited functionality. Hundreds of thousands of dollars had already been paid in support costs annually for the current system so now that funding

could be allocated towards the new system. Ms. Sherman stated that with the new, modern system, updates would be constant, and it would not be outdated by the end of the two (2) year implementation period.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Felix, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the contract for ERP implementation and advisory services with Cognizant Technology Solutions US Corporation and Sherpa Government Solutions LLC. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Felix, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea.

4. Contract: Target Systems, parts, repairs and services – Police Department (Action Target Moving Systems (sole source) - \$125,829).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the sole source purchase for the repair of the firearms range moving target system with Action Target Moving Systems, in the amount of \$125,829, along with the annual purchases of parts, repairs and services on an “as-needed” basis.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Felix, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the contract. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Felix, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea.

5. Resolution 2024-16, scheduling a Special Election to be held in conjunction with the Regular Municipal Election on November 5, 2024, to elect a successor to serve the remainder of the initial term of City Council Seat 5 due to the resignation of Peter Filiberto.

The City Attorney read the resolution in caption only.

Bill Battin, resident, asked the cost of the special election and why it was needed when there was an upcoming regular election.

Ms. Smith explained that since the vacancy was not filled by appointment by City Council, Section 3.062 of the City Charter required that the vacancy be filled by a special election.

Mayor Medina asked for clarification on the cost of a special election. Mrs. Lefler stated that an official estimate had not been received from the Supervisor of Elections, but the City Clerk estimated the costs to be \$11,000 for the general election and \$4,000 for the special election.

Mayor Medina asked why there would be no primary election for Seat 5. Ms. Smith explained that primary elections had never been held for a special election and it was not required pursuant to the City Charter.

Mayor Medina felt that the process was flawed and if there was an opportunity to hold a special election for a vacancy prior to the next scheduled general election, it should be considered.

Deputy Mayor Felix reminded Council that the electorate approved this change to the City Charter and the process was not honored by City Council. Mayor Medina said there was a misconception of the language stating the special election would be held at the same time as the general election.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Felix, to adopt Resolution 2024-16. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Felix, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea.

8. Consideration of an Interlocal Agreement with Brevard County to transfer ownership rights and maintenance of a right-of-way located within Cisna Park Subdivision.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the Interlocal Agreement, transferring ownership, maintenance, drainage, and associated responsibilities of the unnamed 30-foot-wide right-of-way located in CISNA Park Subdivision, from Brevard County to the City of Palm Bay.

Bill Battin, resident, asked if the property would be part of the green space for the new development or the City. Ms. Sherman responded that this request was only to transfer ownership. There were no plans for the property at this time.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Felix, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Felix, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea.

9. Consideration of Cost Allocation Agreement with Heritage Square Partners, LLC, for proportionate fair share transportation improvements.

Staff Recommendation: Authorize the execution of the Cost Allocation Agreement for proportional fair share contributions between the City of Palm Bay and Heritage Square Partners, LLC, in the amount of \$872,394.91.

Bill Battin, resident, felt that the \$872,000 was a good amount being paid, but it did not solve the infrastructure issues. He questioned how the remaining \$3.8 million would be paid and when it was expected to be received.

Ms. Sherman explained that this was not the only development in the area and other developments, upon approval by Council, would also contribute their fair share towards the overall project. She mentioned that staff was working on applying for a Federal earmark to seek funding for the construction of the bridge over the C-1 Canal. Staff may have to review debt service options to address some of these multi-million-dollar projects.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Felix, to approve the agreement as requested. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Felix, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea.

11. Consideration of adopting Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act (URA) Policies and Procedures.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act (URA) Policies and Procedures as presented in the Legislative Memorandum.

The Community Development Advisory Board recommended approval of the request.

Bill Battin, resident, understood that this was to establish policies and procedures, but he wanted to see a cap on the amount that individuals or companies were eligible to receive. Ms. Berardi explained that the amount was built into the budget line item.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Felix, to approve the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act (URA) Policies and Procedures. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Felix, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea.

18. Consideration of appropriating funds from General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance for Intuitive Municipal Solutions (IMS) software expansion; and authorization to standardize to IMS Application Suite (\$108,000).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the appropriation of funds on the next scheduled budget amendment from General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance for Intuitive Municipal Solutions (IMS) software expansion; and authorization to standardize to IMS Application Suite, in the amount of \$108,000.

Bill Battin, resident, asked if the software expansion for IMS would interface with the new \$2.5 million software (Workday) that was approved. Mr. Robinson explained that this software would be for e-permit applications to accommodate for developer credit agreements tracking. He confirmed that it would integrate with the new Workday software.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Felix, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the appropriation of funds on the next scheduled budget amendment from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance for Intuitive Municipal Solutions (IMS) software expansion. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Felix, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea.

A brief recess was taken after which time the meeting resumed.

PROCUREMENTS:

1. Consideration of purchasing four (4) Fire Rescue vehicles utilizing the expedited quoting process. (AGENDA REVISION)

Staff Recommendation: Approve the purchase of four (4) Fire Rescue vehicles utilizing the expedited quoting process, in the amount of \$404,000.

Ms. Sherman presented the item to Council.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mayor Medina, to approve the purchase of four (4) Fire Rescue vehicles utilizing the expedited quoting process, in the amount of \$404,000. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Felix, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of a co-sponsorship request from Kasik Heritage Corp. for the Haitian Flag Day Celebration and Parade on May 18, 2024, and the soccer tournament on May 5, 12, and 18, 2024, at Fred Poppe Regional Park.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the City's co-sponsorship with Kasik Heritage Corp. for the Haitian Flag Day Celebration and Parade on May 18, 2024, and the soccer tournament on May 5, 12, and 18, 2024, at Fred Poppe Regional Park, approving \$2,250 of in-kind wages (labor) and authorizing \$2,320 in fee waivers.

Bill Battin, resident, expressed concern that the event was scheduled for three (3) days and staff would need to be present at the event every day. He asked how much money was still available in the co-sponsorship fund, with other events forthcoming potentially asking for co-sponsorship.

Ms. Sherman explained that the budgeted amount for Fiscal Year 2024 was \$50,000, and \$32,000 was currently in the account as of March.

Mayor Medina asked about upcoming events that may affect the remaining balance. Mr. Poppe confirmed that the only significant event before the end of Fiscal Year 2024 was the Puerto Rican Day Parade.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Felix, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the co-sponsorship request. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Felix, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea.

2. Consideration of initial funding appropriation for Fire Station 9 (\$250,000) and authorization to purchase a Pierce Saber Pumper (fire truck) from Ten-8 & Safety, LLC (\$795,789). (AGENDA REVISION)

Staff Recommendation: Approve the initial funding appropriation for Fire Station 9, in the amount of \$250,000, and authorization to purchase a Pierce Saber Pumper (fire truck) from Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC, in the amount of \$795,789.

Ms. Sherman presented the item to Council.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mayor Medina, to approve the funding appropriation for Fire Station 9, in the amount of \$250,000, and authorization to purchase a Pierce Saber Pumper (fire truck) from Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC, in the amount of \$795,789. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Felix, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea.

3. Consideration of travel and training for specified City employees (Police Department). (AGENDA REVISION)

Staff Recommendation: Approve the travel and training as specified.

Ms. Sherman presented the item to Council.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mayor Medina, to approve the travel and training. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Felix, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmembers addressed various subject matters.

1. Councilman Johnson requested a full operational audit and asked staff to report back on the cost, but felt it was necessary, regardless. Mr. Johnson also proposed a change to the Charter to include an Inspector General as an appointed position. Council concurred for staff to gather information and report back to Council.
2. Deputy Mayor Felix asked for an estimated cost for a sidewalk along Malabar Road, from Garvey Road to the Palm Bay West shopping center (Winn-Dixie plaza). He also requested a cost estimate for safety measures when turning onto Minton Road from the intersection of Franklin T. DeGroodt Public Library and the Palm Bay West shopping center. He suggested a flashing pedestrian light walkway.
3. Mayor Medina asked when the last prescribed burn occurred at the Space Force Malabar Annex. He felt that controlled burns should be done more often because of the recent fire in the area and its close proximity to the adjacent neighborhood.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

1. Ms. Smith requested an Executive Session on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. to seek advice pertaining to Community Asphalt Corporation vs. City of Palm Bay, Case 05-2023-CA-036384. Attendees would include Mayor Rob Medina; Deputy Mayor Donny Felix; Councilmembers Kenny Johnson and Randy Foster; City Manager Suzanne Sherman; City Attorney Patricia Smith; Deputy City Attorney Rodney Edwards; and a court reporter. The attorney-client session would last approximately thirty (30) minutes. Council concurred.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/RESPONSES:

Individuals made general comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:41 P.M.

Rob Medina, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Terri Lefler, DEPUTY CITY CLERK