

We would like to provide you with information regarding the upcoming Special Election on March 11th in the City of Pembroke Pines. The ballot will include eight questions: seven related to proposed amendments to the City's Charter and one regarding a \$230 million general obligation bond.

This email is intended to offer you factual information about the items on the ballot and provide resources for further details if desired. You can access the ballot language for all eight questions on the following website: <https://www.ppines.com/124/City-Elections>.

Charter Referendum

The ballot includes seven proposed amendments to the City Charter. A city charter is a legal document that defines the city's structure, powers, and functions, much like a constitution for a country or state. The Charter outlines how the city operates and governs itself. Changes to the City Charter must be approved by a vote of the electorate.

The seven ballot questions primarily address the City Manager position and the handling of vacancies on the City Commission. For additional information on each question, you can visit the City Commission agenda for November 6, 2024. There, you will find the ordinances that were approved by the City Commission for placement on the March 11, 2025 ballot. You can click on the file number for each ordinance for further details and listen to the video recording of the meeting where these items were discussed.

[View the November 6th City Commission Agenda](#)

General Obligation Bond

The ballot will also ask residents to consider a \$230 million general obligation bond. A general obligation bond is a type of municipal bond issued by the city to finance capital improvement projects, which are repaid over time through property taxes.

The \$230 million will fund the construction and improvement of various facilities, including a public safety complex, community centers, recreational facilities, roadway and infrastructure improvements, and land acquisition. Below is a breakdown of the proposed allocation of the funds:

- Public Safety Facilities: \$110 million
- New Community Facilities: \$5.4 million
- Recreation Facility Improvements: \$80.9 million
- Purchase and Development of Future Spaces: \$30.5 million
- Roadway and Infrastructure Improvements: \$69.6 million

For a complete list of the projects, information on the financial impact, and upcoming dates for Public Forums where this information will be discussed, please visit our website at www.ppines.com/blueprint.

We encourage you to review the information and participate in the election on March 11th.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.