



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

**Government Center
4800 W. Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida**

**Date: February 9, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2023-0209R**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joshua Rydell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Joshua Rydell
Vice Mayor Sandra L. Welch
Commissioner Rebecca A. Tooley
Commissioner Jacqueline Railey
Commissioner John A. Brodie
City Manager Karen M. Brooks
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

Mayor Rydell asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of the 17 lives lost and victims at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in February 2018.

Mayor Rydell noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present, and City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn explained the procedures for public participation and comment for the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

- 1. 23-016** A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF BRIAN BLIZZARD.

Mayor Rydell highlighted the members of the Coconut Creek Fire Rescue Department in attendance and thanked them for their service. Fire Chief Jeffery Gary and City Manager Karen Brooks recognized Deputy Fire Chief Brian Blizzard's contributions since joining the City and during his tenure as Interim Fire Chief.

- 2. 23-022** A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2023 AS "AMERICAN HEART MONTH."

Mayor Rydell noted the proclamation, recognizing February 2023 as "American Heart Month," would be mailed to the City of Sunrise in honor of Sunrise Commissioner Jacqueline Guzman.

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

City Clerk Kavanagh stated that no advanced public comments were received for Non-Agenda items.

Susan Steinhauser, 5842 Eagle Cay Circle, Coconut Creek invited the Commissioners and public to the Sierra Club Earth Day event on March 5. She stated a coalition of environmental organizations would be

in Tallahassee during Spring Break to meet with legislators. She distributed a flyer with a QR code for registration for the bus trip and stated it was an opportunity for young people to get involved. She noted the Climate Reality Leadership Corps was hosting a virtual training in April regarding funding opportunities related to the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Samantha Novick, 4072 NW 63 Street, Coconut Creek, spoke regarding the non-profit organization, The Friendship Journey, whose mission is to create friendships for people of all abilities. She noted Marjory Stoneman Douglas (MSD) student Jamie Guttenberg was an active participant before she lost her life in the 2018 MSD tragedy. Members of the organization spoke in support of an initiative to change the name of the Coco Plum Room at the Coconut Creek Recreation Complex to Jamie's Room as following the MSD tragedy, this room had been painted orange by the Friendship Journey and used for inclusive recreation programming in Jamie's memory. City Manager Brooks stated the City would be happy to add a plaque to the room indicating it as "Jamie's Room." Commissioner Tooley and Vice Mayor Welch commented on the room and keeping Jamie's legacy alive.

Jorge Mederos spoke on behalf of the Cocomar Water Control District Advisory Board and requested assistance in recruiting members from Coconut Creek to fill vacancies on the Board.

REGULAR AGENDA

City Clerk

3. **23-013** A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2023-0110WS AND 2023-0112R)

MOTION: Tooley/Welch – To approve the Minutes from the January 10, 2023, Commission Workshop and January 12, 2023, Regular Commission meeting.

Upon roll call, the Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Public Works Department

4. **RES 2023-024** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF BUS SHELTERS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADDITION OF TEN (10) BUS SHELTERS.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Welch/Tooley – To approve Resolution No. 2023-024.

Vice Mayor Welch commented on the City's Transit Master Plan that was under development and spoke in support of additional bus shelters.

Upon roll call, the Resolution passed by a 5-0 vote.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Brooks reminded the Commission that the Budget Strategic Planning Session was scheduled for February 15. She noted the workshop format was developed in line with the City's Vision 2030 priorities.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Pyburn followed up on a request from the last Commission meeting to look into whether deed restrictions on the Vista Gardens property could be removed. She stated Ordinance No. 2020-27 provided some prohibitions on the property and reviewed those restrictions briefly. She asked for direction as to whether to bring that ordinance back for consideration of a revision of the restricted uses for the property.

Mayor Rydell asked that the Commission consider the request and be prepared to discuss the matter at the next Commission Meeting to provide formal direction to staff.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Tooley commended the Parks and Recreation Department on the success of the Butterfly Run held the prior weekend. She stated it was a great event and a lot of people enjoyed it.

Commissioner Brodie commented on the City’s excellent team of First Responders. He highlighted the tragedy in Turkey and expressed his sympathies for the victims of the recent earthquake.

Commissioner Railey stated her heart and prayers also go out to those impacted by the earthquake, and to those families who had lost loved ones due to violence. She commented on the Butterfly Run and stated she had participated in the 5k. She stated she had attended School Board Member Nora Rupert’s engagement workshop and appreciated the information that was shared. She wished everyone an enjoyable weekend and happy Valentine’s Day.

Vice Mayor Welch shared a request from a resident to make the Commission meeting video livestream available after the meetings. City Manager Brooks explained new technology would be needed and noted it could be addressed with the renovation of the Commission Chambers. Vice Mayor Welch stated she had attended the brainstorming session for Light Up the Knights fundraising campaign at Monarch High School, and shared details from the session regarding the formation of the committee for the project.

Mayor Rydell commended the Parks and Recreation Department, Poet Laureate Laura McDermott Matheric, and Fire Rescue Chaplain Eleanor Marschke for the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School memorial event held earlier in the evening. He stated he would be out for a week and would be attending meetings virtually. He invited everyone to attend the fundraising event at Bar Louie in support of first responders and the upcoming K-9 Regional Competition being hosted in the City.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Joseph J. Kavanagh, MMC
City Clerk

Date