



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Date: September 28, 2023
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2023-0928SP
Second Budget Hearing**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joshua Rydell called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Joshua Rydell
Vice Mayor Sandra L. Welch
Commissioner Jacqueline Railey
Commissioner John A. Brodie
Commissioner Jeffrey R. Wasserman
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 led by Deputy Police Chief Fred Hofer.

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.

- 1. ORD 2023-019** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY'S OPERATING PROPERTY TAX RATE AT 6.4463 MILLS FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR. (SECOND READING)(SECOND PUBLIC HEARING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

MOTION: Brodie/Railey – To adopt Ordinance No. 2023-019.

Finance Director Peta-Gay Lake stated this was the second public hearing of the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 operating millage rate and budget, with the first hearing held on September 14, 2023. She explained that the proposed millage rate of 6.4463 mills represented a 10.38 percent increase over the rollback rate of 5.8399 and no increase over the current millage rate. She stated adopting the millage rate was necessary to maintain service levels and noted this rate was included on the proposed property tax document mailed to residents.

Continuing, Finance Director Lake provided a brief overview of the City's 2024 Fiscal Year Budget. She stated that despite the challenges of high inflation and competing priorities and the associated impacts it had on financial operations, staff was presenting a balanced budget, which included a four percent (4%) wage and salary range increase for staff and an increase in the City's contribution to the high-deductible healthcare plan. She stated the budget focused on addressing the community's needs, priorities, and desires in alignment with the Strategic Plan,

taking into consideration the City's ability to sustain the costs with an uncertain economic future. She stated the City's residents deserve and insist on quality municipal services, provided in a productive and efficient manner, while deriving the greatest value for dollars spent. She noted staff believed the proposed budget accomplished those goals.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing. City Clerk Joseph Kavanagh stated there were no advanced public comments received for the item, and no one had signed in to speak. Mayor Rydell closed the public hearing.

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

2. **ORD 2023-020** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AS THE CITY'S OFFICIAL BUDGET. THIS ORDINANCE WILL APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR OPERATING CITY DEPARTMENTS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2023, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024. (SECOND READING)(SECOND PUBLIC HEARING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

MOTION: Welch/Railey – To adopt Ordinance No. 2023-020.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing. City Clerk Kavanagh stated there were no advanced public comments received for the item, and no one had signed in to speak. Mayor Rydell closed the public hearing.

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

3. **RES 2023-141** A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2028, PURSUANT TO SECTION 602 OF THE CITY CHARTER. (PUBLIC HEARING)

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Railey/Brodie – To approve Resolution No. 2023-141.

Finance Director Lake explained the Resolution would adopt the City's proposed five (5) year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), including changes made at the Commission Workshop held on August 7, 2023. She stated Fiscal Year 2024 projects were funded in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget adopted by Ordinance No. 2023-020, and funding sources for future projects would be assessed and fully evaluated in future years.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing. City Clerk Kavanagh stated there were no advanced public comments received for the item, and no one had signed in to speak. Mayor Rydell closed the public hearing.

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

4. **RES 2023-142** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FROM THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR OUTSIDE LEGAL SERVICES, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, AND ASSOCIATED FEES RELATING TO THE MAINSTREET AREA.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Brodie/Welch – To approve Resolution No. 2023-142.

Finance Director Lake explained the Resolution was required by ordinance in order to expend money from the Community Improvement Fund, which was funded through the municipal service provider agreement with the Seminole Tribe of Florida. She stated the Resolution provided for expenditures for professional and legal fees related to MainStreet issues or Seminole issues, as well as outside legal fees and association fees related to the MainStreet area.

Mayor Rydell opened the floor for public comment. City Clerk Kavanagh stated there were no advanced public comments received for the item, and no one had signed in to speak.

Mayor Rydell asked staff whether the money for past legal services regarding the Seminole Tribe had always come from the Community Improvement Fund, and City Attorney Pyburn stated she believed it had.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Joseph J. Kavanagh, MMC
City Clerk

Date