



## **CITY OF COCONUT CREEK SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**

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

**Date: March 23, 2023  
Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Meeting No. 2023-0323SP**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Joshua Rydell called the meeting to order at 5:33 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

### **A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING COMMISSIONER BECKY TOOLEY FOR 22 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK**

Mayor Rydell provided brief opening remarks in celebration of Commissioner Becky Tooley. He recognized her 22 years of dedicated service to the community and highlighted a list of Commissioner Tooley's accomplishments, areas of civic involvement, and her impact on the community.

Broward County Commissioner Mark D. Bogen read a proclamation from the Broward County Board of County Commissioners in recognition of Commissioner Tooley's service and contribution to building a robust community in Coconut Creek. He declared March 23, 2023, as "Becky Tooley Day" in Broward County.

Theresa Brier, Deputy District Director, Congressman Jared Moskowitz's Office, spoke regarding her personal relationship with Commissioner Tooley. On behalf of Congressman Moskowitz, she presented a Congressional Record from March 21, 2023, recognizing Commissioner Tooley in the U.S. Congress.

Linda Beauport, District Aide, Representative Christine Hunschofsky's Office, shared a tribute on behalf of Representative Hunschofsky for her 22 years of service, commitment, and legacy to the City of Coconut Creek.

Bob Mayersohn, Broward League of Cities President, thanked Commissioner Tooley for always wearing her heart on her sleeve in her many years of service. He presented a Certificate of Stock from the Broward League of Cities in recognition. Mary Lou Tighe, Executive Director, and Traci Callari, Treasurer, added their comments and thanks.

Broward County School Board Member Nora Rupert spoke in appreciation of Commissioner Tooley's service to the community. She thanked her for being a friend to herself and her husband, as well as everyone in Coconut Creek. She emphasized Commissioner Tooley's active participation in the community, attending baseball games and numerous community events.

Commissioner Brodie and Commissioner Railey each shared personal stories of working with Commissioner Tooley in the community and on the City Commission, thanking her for all she taught them and contributed to Coconut Creek.

Vice Mayor Welch recognized Commissioner Tooley's contributions to the community and spoke regarding the impact she made as a survivor of breast cancer and advocate for others facing cancer.

City Attorney Pyburn spoke regarding Commissioner Tooley's engagement of young people in the community, as well as her support of employees and advocacy for important issues while working through illness and loss.

City Manager Brooks discussed the growth of Coconut Creek since Commissioner Tooley was appointed to her first City Board. She noted she had started with the City just 10 days later, and recognized the journey they had shared together. She stated her tireless commitment was clear, and Commissioner Tooley would always be a part of the City of Coconut Creek.

John Kelly, former City Manager, spoke regarding Commissioner Tooley's deep investment in the City. He reminded her of what she said to him on his last day on the dais.

Mayor Rydell shared a memory of his first time meeting Commissioner Tooley. He thanked her for her professional and personal support and for her advocacy on behalf of children, the elderly, and everyone in between.

Commissioner Tooley shared brief closing words and was recognized with a standing ovation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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Joseph J. Kavanagh, MMC  
City Clerk

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Date