



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Date: June 11, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting No. 2020-0611R**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Lou Sarbone
Vice Mayor Joshua Rydell
Commissioner Rebecca A. Tooley
Commissioner Mikkie Belvedere
Commissioner Sandra L. Welch
City Manager Karen M. Brooks
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn
City Clerk Leslie Wallace May

Mayor Sarbone explained that the City Commission was conducting this meeting using communications media technology pursuant to Governor Ron DeSantis' Executive Order 20-69, as extended by Executive Order 20-112, which provided that local governments may conduct meetings without the requirement to have a quorum physically present or to hold the meeting at a physical location in response to the emergency circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

He further explained that the Governor's Executive Order 20-52, as extended by Executive Order 20-114, and Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, authorized all local governments to waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by both state and local law as necessary to allow local governments to continue to perform public work and take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community. He noted that the meeting would be conducted consistent with the virtual meeting procedures adopted by the Commission April 15, 2020. City Attorney Pyburn explained the procedures for public participation and comment for the virtual statement.

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

City Clerk May stated there were no voicemail or email public comments received for the meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Brooks apprised the Commission of staff efforts to be responsive to recent events in Minneapolis and around the country regarding social justice. She discussed existing initiatives and ideas for new programming, including evolving the culture series, implementation of an inspirational banner program, and incorporating topics regarding social justice and diversity into the Citizens Academy and Vision 2030 Strategic Planning Process.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Pyburn asked for consensus to sign on to a letter to the Governor's Office on behalf of the Broward County and City Attorneys requesting Governor Ron DeSantis to extend Executive Order 20-69, which suspended the requirement that a public body have a physical quorum in order to meet, through the end of the fiscal year. She noted the current order would expire June 30, and it was not believed Broward County would be in full Phase Two (2) re-opening at that time. The Commission gave consensus to sign on to the letter.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Welch spoke about the recent events in Minneapolis and the City's adoption of a recent resolution supporting the safety and well-being of all community members. She stated she was among those requesting a community forum to give the community the opportunity to share their thoughts on social injustice. She noted that Broward College recently held a Town Hall with over 900 participants and that Broward College North Campus President Dr. Sunem Beaton-Garcia offered assistance if the City wanted to hold its own Town Hall. Commissioner Welch commented that she was supportive of reinventing the culture series and suggested including smaller influence groups in the community and City Board involvement. She thanked City Manager Brooks and City staff for celebrating local high school seniors with the graduation parade. Commissioner Welch attended the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting held earlier in the day and announced that Pembroke Pines Mayor Frank Ortis had been elected chair. She noted the first agenda item, the 2021 priority list, had touched on the City of Coconut Creek in multiple ways and she was glad to be there to provide input. She explained additional agenda items, including funding allocated for roadway programs and the turnpike widening.

Commissioner Tooley thanked staff for the work on the Farm Share food distribution event and graduation parade. She sought consensus regarding the vote at the upcoming Broward County Solid Waste Working Group on whether to go with an Independent District or Dependent District as the governance structure for regional solid waste management. She noted Assistant Director of Public Works, Alex Tergis, was present to take questions. At the request of the Commission, Mr. Tergis explained the main benefits of the Independent District, including guaranteeing every municipality is included and tax caps with other options.

By consensus, the Commission agreed to support an Independent District at the next Broward County Solid Waste Working Group meeting.

Commissioner Belvedere stated that she was adhering to stay-at-home and social distancing guidelines but participating in many virtual meetings. She said Commissioner Welch did an excellent job at the MPO meeting.

Vice Mayor Rydell echoed the sentiments of his colleagues, thanking staff for their work on the graduation parade and Farm Share event, and noted that it highlighted a larger calling to help those in the community in need. He commented that he was interested in hosting a virtual forum to discuss unity in the community and asked the Commissioners if they were interested in participating or if he should organize a forum on his own. The Commissioners each agreed they would like to participate in the forum, and Vice Mayor Rydell stated he would start working with City Manager Brooks to coordinate the event.

Mayor Sarbone spoke about the Food Share event, and commented that he was grateful to be able to help those in the community who were hurting. He discussed improvements Police Chief Albert "Butch" Arenal had instituted in the police department since joining the City five years earlier and commented

that he felt good about the community policing efforts which had been made. Mayor Sarbone also commended City Manager Brooks and her team for their work on the graduation parade and thanked Broward College North Campus President Dr. Sunem Beaton-Garcia for the community partnership.

REGULAR AGENDA

City Clerk

- 1. 2020-129** A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2020-0514R)

Mayor Sarbone read the Motion into the record.

MOTION: Welch/Tooley – To approve the Minutes of the May 14, 2020, Regular City Commission Meeting.

City Clerk May stated there were no questions or comments submitted by the public on the item.

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

Public Works Department

- 2. RES 2020-128** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK AND UNITED STATES SERVICE INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL CLEANING AND SANITIZING SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Mayor Sarbone read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Tooley/Welch – To approve Resolution No. 2020-128.

Public Works Assistant Director Alexis Tergis provided a brief overview of the response to COVID-19 related to cleaning and sanitizing, which was initiated the second week of March. He explained that the service needed to continue and additional locations needed to be added due to re-opening. He commented that costs may be reimbursed through FEMA.

City Clerk May stated there were no questions or comments submitted by the public on the item.

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

City Manager

- 3. RES 2020-127** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ERICKS CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR STATE AND LOCAL LOBBYING SERVICES PURSUANT TO L.O.I. NO. 04-28-20-09.

Mayor Sarbone read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Belvedere/Tooley – To approve Resolution No. 2020-127.

Assistant to the City Manager Bernadette Hughes presented the item, noting that two (2) proposals had been received in response to the L.O.I. for lobbying services, and the selection committee unanimously recommended Ericks Consultants, Inc.

City Clerk May stated there were no questions or comments submitted by the public on the item.

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

City Attorney

4. **ORD 2020-016** AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING TWO (2) QUITCLAIM DEEDS CONVEYING THE TITLE TO A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF NW 45 AVENUE FROM BROWARD COUNTY TO THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK. (SECOND READING) (PUBLIC HEARING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

MOTION: Tooley/Welch – To adopt Ordinance No. 2020-016.

City Attorney Pyburn presented the item.

Mayor Sarbone opened a public hearing. City Clerk May stated there were no questions or comments submitted by the public on the item, and Mayor Sarbone closed the public hearing.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Transcribed by: C. Parkinson, Prototype

Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

Date