



## CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center  
4800 W. Copans Road  
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: April 12, 2018  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rydell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He thanked Commissioner Sarbone for selecting the music that was played before the start of the meeting, which was a song titled "Shine" that was written and sung by Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School students Sawyer Garrity and Andrea Pena.

### PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

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

Mayor Rydell asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PRESENTATIONS

1. **18-059** A SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEW POLICE OFFICER ARTHUR E. PATTON, II.

Police Chief Albert "Butch" Arenal introduced Police Officer Arthur E. Patton, II and invited him and his family to come forward for the swearing-in. The Oath of Office was administered by City Clerk May followed by the badge pinning.

2. **18-055** A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING SECOND-QUARTER EMPLOYEE MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018.

Human Resources Director Pam Kershaw recognized the employees who reached a milestone anniversary with the City during the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2018.

#### Five (5) Year Anniversary

Janet Hull, Superintendent, Parks & Recreation  
Barbara Hendrickx, Police Officer, Police Department  
Eileen Cabrera, Engineer II, Utilities & Engineering

#### Ten (10) Year Anniversary

Donnie Holoubek, Senior Payroll Specialist, Finance & Administrative Services  
Kelvin Greenleaf, Fitness Specialist, Parks & Recreation  
Timothy Martilotto, Fitness Specialist, Parks & Recreation

Joseph Fariello, Police Officer, Police Department

Fifteen (15) Year Anniversary

Richard Russell, Payroll Specialist, Police Department

David Poplawski, Landscape Inspector, Sustainable Development

Twenty (20) Year Anniversary

Jason Kohlhorst, Police Sergeant, Police Department

John Palacio, Police Officer, Police Department

Lenny Lauriello, Maintenance Service Worker III, Public Works

Dennis Underwood, Transportation Lead Worker, Public Works

Charles Marcotte, Maintenance Service Worker III, Public Works

Twenty-Five (25) Year Anniversary

Denise Stecko, Administrative Assistant, Sustainable Development

**3. 18-039 A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 26, 2018, AS “ARBOR DAY 2018.”**

Vice Mayor Welch read the Proclamation into the record. Keith Royale, President of the Rotary Club of Coconut Creek, accepted the Proclamation, and Assistant City Manager/Sustainable Development Director Sheila Rose thanked the Rotary Club for helping the City with the Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony this year.

**4. 18-043 A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 22-28 AS “CITY GREEN WEEK 2018” IN THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK.**

Mayor Rydell read the Proclamation into the record. Senior Planner Linda Whitman accepted the Proclamation.

**INPUT FROM RESIDENTS OF COCONUT CREEK**

There was no input from the residents.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Blasi met with representatives of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and reported that the Tribe’s 42 acres of land within the City went into Trust on March 19, 2018. She noted that the City’s Mitigation Agreement with the Tribe provides the City with \$2.5 million per year in revenue and establishes an Education Trust with funding of \$250,000 per year once the land goes into trust. She said that staff would be bringing forth an agenda item for the City Commission to appoint two members to the Board of Directors for the Education Trust. She announced that the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Safe School Commission would be meeting at the Broward College North Campus on April 24, 2018, and the City may need to provide public safety assistance for the meeting.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Pyburn reported that a lawsuit on the City’s behalf challenging the penalty provisions of Section 790.33, Florida Statutes, was filed in state court on April 10, 2018, by the City’s outside counsel, Every Town for Gun Safety and Proskauer Rose, LLP. She announced that she would be speaking to the International Municipal Lawyers Association in Washington, D.C. on April 20, 2018,

regarding sober homes and the opiate epidemic and would be out of the office from April 19 to April 23, 2018.

## **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Belvedere attended the Coral Springs/Coconut Creek Regional Chamber of Commerce Women in Leadership lunch meeting on March 27, 2018, and thanked City Manager Blasi for her presentation at the meeting. She also attended the Food for the Poor tribute to the victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy. She presented a proclamation to Temple Beth-Am for Holocaust Remembrance Day. She spoke about the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting and discussed changes to tolls for Florida's Turnpike. She noted that there would be twelve constitutional amendments on the November ballot and that legislation regarding texting while driving did not pass in the State Legislature this year.

Commissioner Tooley attended the Broward League of Cities (BLC) meeting where they discussed lawsuits filed in state court challenging the penalty provisions of Section 790.33, Florida Statutes. She noted that the BLC would be hosting an ethics training on May 4, 2018, at the Coconut Creek Community Center. She announced that Atlantic Technical High School won third place for their video submission at the Junior Achievement Fellows Spark Tank Finale on April 7, 2018, and student Ruthan Nelson won a \$1,000 scholarship. She commended Atlantic Technical High School Teacher Diana Marquez for her work with the Spark Tank team and her recognition as a Marti Huizenga "Roll Up Your Sleeves" Teacher of the Year Honoree. She attended Congressman Ted Deutch's Town Hall meeting where she spoke to some of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas student activists.

Commissioner Sarbone announced that the homegrown concert on April 13, 2018, would feature a Van Halen tribute band. He encouraged everyone to attend the Farmers Market at the Recreation Complex on April 15, 2018, and the Tip-A-Cop fundraiser that was taking place this evening at Texas Roadhouse benefiting the Special Olympics.

Vice Mayor Welch attended a meeting in the Township community hosted by Broward County Vice Mayor Mark Bogen regarding landfill issues, and noted that the County would be installing an air quality monitoring station in the Applewood Village III neighborhood. She commented that the County would consider an amendment that would require any variance to the land use of Monarch Hill to go before the County Commission for approval and a surtax on waste deposited at the landfill. She explained the importance of residents reporting odor complaints about the landfill to Broward County and referenced the number to call. She thanked Mayor Rydell for writing a letter inviting international guests to attend the first annual Kung Fu Tournament and Expo at Coconut Creek High School in October. She spoke about recent safety improvements at Monarch High School and Atlantic Technical High School.

Mayor Rydell spoke about the upcoming Waste Management Earth Day event on April 14, 2018. He attended the City of Coral Springs teen political forum and asked the Commission if they would be interested in starting a similar program. Discussion ensued regarding researching the program. It was noted that Vice Mayor Welch would discuss the topic at the April Lunch Bunch meeting.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **City Clerk**

5. **18-054** A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2018-0308R AND 2018-0322R)

Mayor Rydell read the Motion into the record.

**MOTION:** Sarbone/Tooley – To approve the Minutes of the March 8, 2018, and March 22, 2018, Regular Commission Meetings.

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

#### Finance Department

6. **18-068** A MOTION TO ACCEPT FOR FILING WITH THE CITY CLERK THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) AND THE OTHER INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017.

Mayor Rydell read the Motion into the record.

**MOTION:** Sarbone/Tooley – To approve the Motion to accept for filing with the City Clerk the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the other independent auditor's reports for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2017.

Deputy City Manager/CFO Karen Brooks presented the item and announced that Moises Ariza from Marcum, LLP was present to answer any questions. Commissioner Sarbone noted that the City had received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for over 30 years. Ms. Brooks thanked her staff and recognized Senior Accountant Elise Adler for her work preparing the report.

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

#### Sustainable Development

7. **RES 2018-057** A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR INCENTIVE STRATEGIES.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:** Welch/Tooley – To approve Resolution No. 2018-057.

Assistant City Manager/Sustainable Development Director Sheila Rose presented the item and introduced Housing and Grants Specialist Dan Nelson. City Manager Blasi added that the City budgets \$250,000 per year for economic development purposes and the amended program guidelines would direct the use of the funds. Discussion ensued regarding the guidelines.

**AMENDMENT:** Sarbone/Tooley - To amend the program guidelines to add the following language to the last sentence of the Program Administration Overview: under \$25,000. Any awards over \$25,000 shall require the approval of the City Commission.

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

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

**City Commission**

8. **18-057** A MOTION TO APPOINT A DIRECTOR, ALTERNATE, AND SECOND ALTERNATE TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT ANY 2018-2019 BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

Mayor Rydell read the Motion into the record.

**MOTION:** Welch/Sarbone – To approve the Motion, appointing a Director, Alternate, and Second Alternate to attend and vote at any 2018-2019 Broward League of Cities Board of Directors or general membership meetings.

Mayor Rydell passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Welch.

Mayor Rydell nominated Commissioner Tooley as the Director, seconded by Commissioner Sarbone.

Commissioner Sarbone nominated Mayor Rydell as the Alternate, seconded by Vice Mayor Welch.

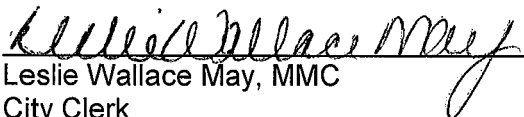
Commissioner Tooley nominated Vice Mayor Welch as the Second Alternate, seconded by Commissioner Sarbone.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Transcribed by: Marianne Bowers

  
Leslie Wallace May, MMC  
City Clerk

5/10/18  
Date

