



## CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Date: April 12, 2018  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Workshop Meeting**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rydell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

### **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

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Albert "Butch" Arenal, Police Chief  
Jim Berkman, Public Works Director  
Adam Bergman, Budget and Grants Analyst  
Sanjeev Bissessar, Risk Manager  
Randall Blanchette, Transportation and Stormwater Engineer  
Kisha Bolden, Budget and Grants Manager  
Karen M. Brooks, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer  
Jean Dupuis, Utilities Assistant Director  
Osama Elshami, Utilities and Engineering Director  
Jeffery Gary, Fire Marshal  
Michael Heimbach, Public Works Operations Manager  
Bernadette Hughes, Assistant to the City Manager  
Pam Kershaw, Human Resources Director  
Peta-Gay Lake, Finance and Administrative Services Deputy Director  
Gregory Lees, Deputy Chief of Police  
Tim McPherson, Human Resources Manager  
Francisco Porras, Chief Information Officer  
Sheila Rose, Assistant City Manager/Sustainable Development Director  
Eric Rupert, Information Technology Chief Technology Officer  
Alex Tergis, Public Works Assistant Director  
Wayne Tobey, Parks and Recreation Director

### **PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF FY19 BUDGET**

City Manager Blasi opened the meeting and explained that the purpose of this workshop was to obtain input from the individual Commissioners for consideration in the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Budget. She reviewed the timeline for the budget's development, which included a Town Hall meeting for residents to provide input, a Commission Budget Workshop in August to review the proposed budget, and two public hearings in September.

Commissioner Belvedere asked staff to research funding available through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant for infrastructure and transportation projects. She recommended the following priorities:

- Driver education program with the Police Department to promote better use of roadways between vehicles and bicycles;
- Kayaking or boating in the City;
- Increased promotion of cultural opportunities, including art and music;
- Pop-Up Parks;
- Expansion of ADA ramps so they can also accommodate baby strollers; and
- Utility box wraps.

Commissioner Tooley recommended the following priorities:

- New show mobile;
- Cameras in all City parks;
- Increased traffic enforcement for non-compliance of stop signs in neighborhoods;
- Improved access for emergency vehicles when traffic is congested on Lyons Road; and
- Police bike patrol.

Commissioner Sarbone recommended that staff prepare a budget with no increase in expenditures from the FY18 Budget, while maintaining the same services, and asked to see each department's requests during the budget development process. Deputy City Manager/CFO Karen Brooks explained that each department is given a target at the beginning of the budget process to address existing operational costs. Commissioner Sarbone added that it was important to maintain the City's core culture and balance employee needs. Discussion ensued regarding budgeted positions and vacancies.

Vice Mayor Welch commented on the unexpended funds in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). She asked about the findings from the comprehensive analysis of police staffing, and City Manager Blasi said the draft report would be discussed at an upcoming Commission workshop. Discussion ensued regarding the new school safety legislation passed during the 2018 State Legislative Session and funding for School Resource Officers (SRO). Vice Mayor Welch recommended the following priorities:

- Additional SRO for Monarch High School;
- Community bus routes to include city facilities and stores, e.g. Walmart;
- Bike Sharing program at Sabal Pines Park or Windmill Park;
- Coordination with the South Florida Water Management District for a trail along the Hillsboro Canal;
- Solar panels for the government center;
- Pedestrian lighting on the north side of Coconut Creek Parkway;
- Stormwater education program;
- Adjustment of the temperature at the Community Center; and
- Participation in the 100-year flood map program.

Mayor Rydell recommended the following priorities:

- Gun powder/bomb detection Police K-9;
- Analysis of part-time, weekend code officer position added through last year's budget process;
- Coordination between Parks and Recreation and Public Works to establish ground cover/surface material standards for City playgrounds;
- Replacement of shade cover at the Recreation Complex;

- Expansion of WiFi coverage within the City;
- Increased promotional products to market the City’s branding;
- Taste of Coconut Creek event; and
- Use of the National Crime Prevention Council’s McGruff character for community outreach.

Mayor Rydell asked for staff to increase community outreach efforts promoting the FY19 Budget Public Input Town Hall meeting. Discussion ensued regarding FPL’s lighting project in South Creek.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Transcribed by Marianne Bowers

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Leslie Wallace May, MMC  
City Clerk

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