



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center
4800 W. Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: January 12, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2023-0112R

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joshua Rydell called the meeting to order at 7:05 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

Mayor Rydell welcomed representatives of Cub Scout Pack 222 and invited them to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **23-001** A SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEW POLICE OFFICERS ETHAN RODRIGUEZ AND SHEHROZ AHMED.

Police Chief Albert A. (Butch) Arenal introduced new Police Officers Ethan Rodriguez and Shehroz Ahmed, providing a brief review of their backgrounds. He welcomed special guest Clewiston Police Chief Thomas Lewis and shared details of his mentorship of Officer Rodriguez. City Clerk Kavanagh administered the Oath of Office, followed by the badge pinning ceremony.

2. **23-006** A PRESENTATION OF A DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION FOR COCONUT CREEK RESIDENT JENNIFER PRADA.

Mayor Rydell noted the item would not be heard on the agenda due to scheduling conflicts.

3. **23-008** A PRESENTATION OF A \$75,000 GRANT CHECK RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK FOR ITS SELECTION AS A 2022 PERK YOUR PARK CONTEST WINNER FOR COCO POINT PARK BY NIAGARA BOTTLING, LLC.

Parks and Recreation Director Wayne Tobey introduced representatives of Niagara Bottling, LLC, who presented the \$75,000 grant award to Mayor Rydell for Coco Point Park. Mr. Tobey noted the funds

would be utilized for butterfly landscaping, educational QR codes, an ADA walkway with animal accents, adult exercise equipment, concrete games, and seating for the park.

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

City Clerk Kavanagh stated that no advanced public comments were received for Non-agenda or Consent Agenda items.

Leni Smith, 2465 Ginger Avenue, Coconut Creek, complimented staff, and especially the Parks and Recreation Department, for the high-quality events put on in the City. She stated she was looking forward to the Fluffy Friday Food Trucks event and hoped the Hometown Market would continue to grow. She commented she believed the events would be impacted by additional signage and asked that the Commission consider an exception to Code provisions to allow for City-run event signage.

Discussion ensued briefly regarding signage for events. Consensus was to have Sustainable Development staff work with the Parks and Recreation Department and review the Code to identify opportunities for additional signage.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 4, 5, 6, and 7)

Mayor Rydell read each of the titles of the Consent Agenda Items into the record.

- 4. **23-003** A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2022-1208R)

- 5. **23-002** A MOTION TO APPOINT THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, AS THE CITY’S PROXYHOLDER TO VOTE AND TAKE SUCH OTHER ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK TO PRESERVE THE CITY’S INTERESTS AS A PROPERTY OWNER AND MEMBER OF THE COMMERCE CENTER OF COCONUT CREEK ASSOCIATION, INC.; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE SUCH PROXY FORMS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

- 6. **RES
2023-001** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CTIY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ALLSTATE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR MAINTENANCE OF PRESERVE AREAS AND AQUATIC VEGETATION CONTROL SERVICES PURSUANT TO RFP NO. 11-09-22-11.

- 7. **RES
2023-004** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUNDS (LETF) IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS’ SALARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

MOTION: Tooley/Brodie – To approve Consent Agenda Items 4 through 7.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Police Department

8. **ORD 2023-001** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, “ADMINISTRATION,” ARTICLE III, “DEPARTMENTS,” DIVISION 2, “POLICE DEPARTMENT,” SECTION 2-57, “USE OF OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICERS FOR UNOFFICIAL FUNCTIONS,” TO ADD JUNETEENTH AS A HOLIDAY, AND TO UPDATE PROCEDURES AND FEES FOR THE USE OF OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICERS AND POLICE SERVICE AIDES. (FIRST READING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

MOTION: Welch/Tooley – To approve Ordinance No. 2023-001 on first reading.

Police Chief Arenal presented the item, summarizing the proposed Code amendments based on the most recent Collective Bargaining Agreements and Department policies.

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

Sustainable Development

9. **ORD 2022-029** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS TO ADOPT A NEW ANTENNA LAYOUT AND THE CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN RENT FOR THE ADDITIONAL LOADING ON THE CITY’S TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER AT SABAL PINES PARK, SUBJECT TO ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS PROVIDED THEREIN. (SECOND READING)(PUBLIC HEARING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

MOTION: Welch/Railey – To adopt Ordinance No. 2022-029.

Sustainable Development Director Scott Stoudenmire presented the item on second reading.

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

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Brooks recognized the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and noted she would be out with jury duty the following week. She commented on the continuing progress of the Seminole Coconut Creek Education Foundation and shared details of courses being offered for students in grades six (6) through eight (8) related to social skills, along with test preparation classes for high school juniors and seniors.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Pyburn reminded the Commission that the Broward League of Cities was offering an ethics

training on January 27. She reviewed the requirements briefly and stated she would provide interactive ethics training later in the year.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Tooley shared that she had attended an event recognizing Detective Larry Scates as “Big Brother of the Year” by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward County.

Commissioner Brodie thanked Assistant to the City Manager Bernadette Hughes for her efforts on providing a book of background materials for the Commission Workshop regarding the City’s Federal and State Legislative Agendas. He commented on his time sitting in with several City departments and stated he was proud to be part of the City.

Commissioner Railey congratulated Detective Scates and recognized all of the City’s participants in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. She stated she wished everyone the opportunity to be mentored and have someone to look up to in their lives. Continuing, Commissioner Railey welcomed the new Police Officers sworn-in earlier in the meeting. She shared positive feedback from community members regarding the City’s emergency response times and the professionalism of its first responders. She stated she was happy to hear Waste Management’s proposal to expand the landfill was no longer on the County Commission agenda. Mayor Rydell provided additional background on the issue of Waste Management. He stated he believed they would be changing teams and starting the process again at a later date.

Vice Mayor Welch thanked staff for their participation in the holiday caravan and stated it had been well received. She commented on Mayor Rydell’s January 15 Challenge for Damar Hamlin and Good Neighbor’s Day and stated she loved it. She highlighted the day of service on January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and thanked City Manager Brooks for taking her up on the offer to take a tour of the City together. She recognized the State Legislators who had participated in the City’s Workshop earlier in the week.

Mayor Rydell commented on the January 15 Challenge he had posted on Twitter, noting how wonderful it was that the country had come together over tragedy. He thanked staff for the team effort to declare January 15 as Damar Hamlin and Good Neighbor’s Day.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Joseph J. Kavanagh, MMC
City Clerk

Date