



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center
4800 W. Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: October 10, 2019
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2019-1010WS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Sandra L. Welch
Vice Mayor Lou Sarbone
Commissioner Rebecca A. Tooley
Commissioner Mikkie Belvedere
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn
Deputy City Attorney Kathryn Mehaffey
City Clerk Leslie Wallace May

EXCUSED:

Commissioner Joshua Rydell

STATE AND COUNTY ETHICS/PUBLIC RECORDS/SUNSHINE LAW/SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING

Deputy City Attorney Kathryn Mehaffey shared a *PowerPoint* presentation covering Florida's Sunshine Law, Florida's Public Records Law, the Broward County Code of Ethics, the State Ethics Code, and social media. She reviewed the provisions of the Sunshine Law, explaining the public meeting requirements for governing bodies with decision-making authority and the importance of public observation and input. She noted that meetings of public boards and commissions must be reasonably noticed, open and reasonably accessible to the public, and minutes must be taken. She discussed the ramifications for violations of the Sunshine Law.

Deputy City Attorney Mehaffey summarized the requirements of Florida's Public Records Law, explaining that public records are those that are made or received by an agency in connection with official city business, regardless of their form, means of transmission, or location. She provided examples of types of public records and commented on statutory exemptions under the law. She discussed the penalties for violations of the Public Records Law.

Deputy City Attorney Mehaffey mentioned City Charter Section 304.c., which prohibits the Commission's interference with administration. She explained the provisions of State and Broward County Ethics Codes, including misuse of position/resource, acceptance or solicitation of gifts, voting conflicts, nepotism, doing business with one's agency, conflicting employment, procurement selection committees, lobbyists and lobbying activities, outside/concurrent employment, and penalties for violations. Deputy City Attorney Mehaffey spoke about the jurisdiction of the Broward County Office of the Inspector General and its responsibility to investigate misconduct and mismanagement. She explained safe harbor opinions under the Broward County Ethics Code.

City Attorney Pyburn discussed social media legal issues, including First Amendment provisions related to blocking users and deleting comments; compliance with open meetings, public records, campaign resources, copyright, and accessibility laws; and bad behavior.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Transcribed by Marianne Bowers

Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

Dated