



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Date: April 11, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2024-0411R**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sandra L. Welch called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Sandra L. Welch
Vice Mayor Jacqueline Railey
Commissioner Joshua Rydell
Commissioner John A. Brodie
Commissioner Jeffrey R. Wasserman
City Manager Sheila N. Rose
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

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

City Attorney Pyburn noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present and explained the procedures for the meeting.

PRESENTATION(S)

- 1. 24-057** A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK AS AN "AUTISM FRIENDLY COMMUNITY" AS DESIGNATED BY THE AUTISM SOCIETY OF FLORIDA.

Vice Mayor Railey read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Parks and Recreation Superintendent Lenore Thomas and members of the Autism Society of Florida. Margi Hedelund, Autism Society of Florida, spoke briefly regarding the organization and thanked Ms. Thomas and Lori Lynn Smith, Police Administrative Specialist, for their efforts toward the designation.

- 2. 24-063** A PRESENTATION OF THE COCONUT CREEK MAYOR'S AWARDS FOR THE YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Janet Hall recognized the following players, who exemplified outstanding sportsmanship and promoted a positive experience for all participants during league play:

- U6 Coed Division - Matteo Navarro (The Green Frogs team)
- U8 Boys Division - Nathan Brown (Banana Peels team)
- U9 Girls Division - Reginelle Richardson (Cheetahs team)
- U10 Boys Division - Gianni Casella (Creek United team)
- U11 Girls Division - Kadence Smith (The Monarchs team)
- U12 Boys Division - Esteban Nieto (Ice Breakers team)

- U16 Boys Division - Ian Davidson (Real Coconut Creek team)
- U16 Girls Division – Emily Ferguson (The Makos team)

3. 24-058 A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE EXCEPTIONAL ARTWORK OF STUDENTS FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Lenore Thomas recognized exceptional artists from Lyons Creek Middle School, Monarch High School, and North Broward Preparatory School. She noted that the artwork was on display at the Community Center.

4. 24-046 A PRESENTATION OF \$6,000 DONATION TO THE CITY FROM NORTH CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR THE COCONUT CREEK POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM.

Pastor Mark Bolhofner presented a check in the amount of \$6,000 from North Creek Presbyterian Church to support the Coconut Creek Police Explorer Program.

5. 24-066 A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AND PLANNING AND ZONING ADVISORY BOARD FOR THEIR SERVICE DURING THE 2023-2024 YEAR.

Mayor Welch thanked the following members of the City's advisory boards for their dedicated service to the City during the past year.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Robens Decius, Kenneth Forbes, Randy Johnson, Steven LaMay, Benjamin Nazario, and Joel VanHemel.

The Commission recognized Randy Johnson for his long-term service to the City and his dedication to youth sports, as this was his last year of service on the board.

Planning and Zoning Advisory Board: Jeffrey Barker, Mikkie Belvedere, Alfred Delgado, Nancy Fry, Colleen LaPlant, and Jeffrey Light.

6. 24-054 A PRESENTATION BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE HUNSCHOFSKY REGARDING THE 2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

State Representative Christine Hunschofsky, accompanied by a second grader at Heron Heights Elementary School and Legislative Aide William Giliberti, highlighted key legislation coming out of the 2024 State Legislative Session, including a public records exemption for those signed up for the Owner Alert program through the County Property Appraiser's Office to protect their personal information, flood disclosure on property sales, school safety, and My Safe Florida Home Condominium pilot program. She provided a brief update on the State budget, which included the Coconut Creek South potable waterline retrofit project (\$75,000), Coconut Creek wastewater infrastructure improvements (\$75,000), Eagle's Haven Wellness Center (\$600,000), and Junior Achievement of South Florida workforce program expansion (\$700,000). She provided additional detail on the upcoming application cycles for the My Safe Florida Home program, and discussed the latest vacation rental legislation, legislation related to unauthorized public camping, additional Homestead valuations, and advocacy related to continued public input on the expansion of Florida's Turnpike. She highlighted the excellent working relationship between the City's elected officials and her office, and recognized Senator Tina Polsky as her partner in representing Coconut Creek. Discussion ensued regarding stakeholder input on the Florida's Turnpike expansion and a bill related to transparency in Condominium Associations.

7. 24-049 A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING SECOND QUARTER EMPLOYEE MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

Human Resources Director Pamela Kershaw recognized the following employees, who reached a milestone anniversary during the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2024:

Five (5) Year Anniversary

Steven Colabella, Accountant, Finance & Administrative Services Department
Veronica Munoz, Budget/Grants Manager, Finance & Administrative Services Department
Becky Bartkowicz, Crime Analyst, Police Department
Robert Lopez, Police Officer, Police Department
Sanchia Williams, Accreditation Program Manager, Police Department
Justin Zeller, Electrician, Public Works Department
Marcelo Almas, Structural Plans Examiner, Sustainable Development Department
Sean R. Flanagan, Code Compliance Officer I, Sustainable Development Department
Robert McDonald, Utilities & Engineering Project Manager, Utilities & Engineering Department

Ten (10) Year Anniversary

Darnette Grant, Records Specialist, City Clerk Department
Bernadette Hughes, Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager's Office
Adam Grasch, IT Operations Analyst, Information Technology Department
Thomas Eisenring, Police Officer, Police Department

Fifteen (15) Year Anniversary

Vaughn Huie, Facilities Attendant, Parks & Recreation Department

Twenty (20) Year Anniversary

Joseph Gallman, Police Officer, Police Department
Keisha Hicock, Crime Scene Investigator, Police Department
Pamela Pearce, Property & Evidence Custodian, Police Department

Twenty-five (25) Year Anniversary

Yancey Durham, Senior Recreation Programmer, Parks & Recreation Department

8. 24-038 A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF K-9 TITUS.

Commissioner Wasserman read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Officer Justin Capaldi and K-9 Titus.

9. 24-056 A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2024 AS "NATIONAL POETRY MONTH."

Commissioner Brodie read the proclamation into the record and presented it Poet Laureate Laura McDermott Matheric. Ms. McDermott Matheric read a poem she had written for the occasion.

10. 24-044 A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2024 AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH."

Commissioner Rydell read the proclamation into the record.

11. 24-039 A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 21-27, 2024, AS "NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK."

Mayor Welch read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Victim Advocate Tara Arena. Ms. Arena highlighted the recognition of the Coconut Creek Police Department Criminal Investigation Unit as “Agency of the Year” by the Broward Victims’ Rights Coalition.

- 12. 24-053** A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 7, 2024, AS “FOOD FOR THE POOR DAY.”

Mayor Welch read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Food for the Poor CEO Ed Raine and the organization’s leadership team.

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

Patricia Snyder, 4140 NW 9 Court, Coconut Creek, commented that the present Code regarding the number of chickens allowed in the City limits was not being obeyed by South Creek residents. She stated because South Creek did not have a Homeowners Association, property owners must rely on residents following the law. She asked that the ordinance be rewritten to clearly state that properties less than one (1) acre cannot have any chickens, and larger properties may. She played a recording of chicken noise recorded from her patio.

Resident Jorge Mederos congratulated City Manager Rose on her promotion and stated her expertise would serve the City well. He thanked the Utilities and Engineering Department for an excellent job on sidewalk repairs. He stated he was seeking solutions in enforcing existing ordinances in South Creek. He commented that staff was doing the best job they could under the circumstances and discussed quality of life in the neighborhood. He stated blight was growing in the Sunshine Drive area and asked the Commission to reach consensus and direct staff to address the issue.

Maria Lacson, 4131 NW 9 Street, Coconut Creek, spoke in defense of the chickens residing at her home, explaining she and three (3) neighbors, who were single mothers with protective dogs, shared a coop on her property. She stated chickens were flock animals and could not live alone.

Sheryl Nelson, 4141 NW 9 Street, Coconut Creek, stated she moved to South Creek with her autistic son 4.5 years ago. She asserted the chickens were emotional support for four (4) autistic children on the block, and noted her son had learned to cook with their eggs. She stated she also lived next door, and the chickens were not as loud as portrayed. She stated she hoped the chickens were not taken from the children.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 13 through 18)

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

- 13. 24-060** A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2024-0314WS AND 2024-0314R)
- 14. RES 2024-044** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS (HSI) FOR IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF JOINT OPERATIONS EXPENSES FROM THE TREASURY FORFEITURE FUND.
- 15. RES 2024-058** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

WITH THE NATIONAL INSURANCE CRIME BUREAU (NICB) TO PROVIDE THE CITY WITH ACCESS TO THE ISO CLAIMSEARCH DATABASE.

16. **RES 2024-059** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE TO PROVIDE THE CITY WITH DIGITAL FORENSIC EVIDENCE AND REIMBURSEMENT OF OVERTIME AND OTHER EXPENSES.
17. **RES 2024-057** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE SOLE SOURCE INTERNET-BASED SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH LEADSONLINE, LLC TO PROVIDE A REAL-TIME CRIME INVESTIGATION SYSTEM.
18. **RES 2024-065** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY TO PROVIDE INTEROPERABLE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.

MOTION: Rydell/Brodie – To approve Consent Agenda Items 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Finance Department

19. **24-064** A MOTION TO ACCEPT FOR FILING AS THE RECORD COPY WITH THE CITY CLERK THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR) AND THE OTHER INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023.

Mayor Welch read the Motion title into the record.

MOTION: Railey/Wasserman – To approve the Motion.

Finance and Administrative Services Director Peta-Gay Lake advised the City had completed a successful audit, with no recommendations for changes or improvements and no issues or concerns raised by the auditors. She stated the City ended Fiscal Year 2023 financially strong, noting proactive efforts to leverage grant funding and institute departmental savings.

Mark Grace, Auditing Partner, Citrin Cooperman, provided a brief overview of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). He highlighted the State requirements and purpose of the audit, as well as the process and assessments conducted. He advised the audit resulted in an unmodified opinion with no issues identified.

Commissioner Brodie commended City staff for their outstanding work and expressed his pride.

Commissioner Rydell asked whether Mr. Grace saw the methodology of the audit changing with advancements in artificial intelligence, and Mr. Grace responded briefly.

There were no question or comments from the public on the item.

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

20. **ORD 2024-010** AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-040 AND RESCINDING THE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY THAT WAS ATTACHED HERETO; AND ADOPTING A NEW INVESTMENT POLICY IN ITS PLACE, ATTACHED TO ORDINANCE NO. 2024-010 AS EXHIBIT "A". (FIRST READING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

MOTION: Railey/Rydell – To approve Ordinance No. 2024-010 on first reading.

Ms. Lake presented the item, noting the ordinance provided for an update of the City's investment policy, last updated in 2017. She stated since that time, there had been changes in State law that govern investments, and staff had procured the services of Public Trust Advisors to serve as investment managers for the City's long-term investment portfolio. She advised that the revised policy complied with State Statutes, provided for diversification of investments and internal control procedures, limited the maximum allocation for certain types of investments, and set individual issuer limits, all with the underlying objective of safeguarding public funds. Rod Bettini, Senior Director of Investment Services, Public Trust Advisors, was present to answer questions.

Mayor Welch asked about the rate of return on investments. Ms. Lake stated, as of the last statement, the total rate of return on the investment portfolio was 4.62 percent. She discussed diversification of investments to get the best yield based on the environment, with the primary objective being the safety of the principal.

Commissioner Rydell asked for clarification on the selection process for the vendor and how the vendor would be paid. Ms. Lake outlined the process under the procurement policy, advising the City used a piggyback agreement to secure the agreement with Public Trust Advisors. She explained the vendor received a small percentage based on the dollars invested and noted they only invest the long-term portion of the portfolio. She stated the fees were budgeted at a maximum of \$25,000 per year. Mr. Bettini provided additional details, outlining the inclusions in the fee and noted they were a low-cost provider in comparison to other firms due to operation at economies of scale. Discussion ensued.

There were no questions or comments from the public on the item.

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

Sustainable Development

21. **ORD 2024-012** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 13, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE," TO CONSOLIDATE AND STREAMLINE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES, UPDATE PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL LAND USES, PLATS, AND SITE PLANS, REVISE CITY DEPARTMENT NAMES AND THEIR RELATED DIRECTOR TITLES TO REFLECT THE CITY'S CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, AND UPDATE OR DELETE OUT-OF-DATE STATUTORY REFERENCES. (SECOND READING)(PUBLIC HEARING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

MOTION: Wasserman/Rydell – To adopt Ordinance No. 2024-012.

Sustainable Development Director Scott Stoudenmire advised there had been a full presentation of the staff report on first reading and staff was available for questions. There were no further questions from the Commission.

Mayor Welch opened the public hearing. There were no questions or comments from the public, and Mayor Welch closed the public hearing.

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

City Attorney Pyburn explained the City's quasi-judicial procedures that would be applied to Agenda Item 22 as follows (verbatim):

Florida courts have determined that there are certain types of matters, including Item 22 on tonight's agenda, that are to be treated differently than other items considered by the Commission. In these quasi-judicial applications, the Commission is applying existing rules and policies to a factual situation and is therefore acting like a Judge and Jury do in a trial held in the courtroom. In such cases, the courts have decided that due process and fundamental fairness require that more formal procedures be followed.

The City Commission's decision must be based on the evidence and information that is presented at the public hearing including the agenda materials, Planning and Zoning Board recommendation, testimony presented at the public hearing, and the deliberations of the City Commission. The quasi-judicial procedures require that the Commission consider the evidence presented to it and base their decision on the applicable law and primarily on credible evidence presented whether by staff, the applicant, or members of the public.

In a quasi-judicial proceeding, the City Commission is not allowed to take into consideration public sentiment or the popularity of a particular development proposal or application. The City Commission may only consider competent substantial evidence. This means testimony or other evidence that a reasonable mind would accept as credible and adequate to support a conclusion. Florida courts have made it clear that mere generalized statements of opposition are to be disregarded, but fact-based testimony can be considered competent and substantial evidence. This can include eyewitness observation testimony about relevant facts and documentary evidence, including photographs, aerials, and maps. Citizens who want to participate in a quasi-judicial hearing can testify as to factual matters and any element of the case that would not require specialized training or specific academic degrees. Their testimony will be considered provided their testimony is backed up by established facts, studies, or evidence that is not conjecture or just based on a feeling. The quasi-judicial hearing process is not a popularity contest. The strict rules of evidence do not apply during the public hearing, but any comments must be relevant to the agenda item.

Everyone who seeks to speak on an item will be given an opportunity to speak. If you intend to provide testimony as to any of the applications to be considered tonight, you will be sworn in before your testimony is taken. Please know if you speak, you may be subject to cross examination; the City Commission may comment or ask questions of persons addressing the Commission at any time. If you refuse to either be cross-examined or to be sworn, your testimony will be considered in that context and given its due weight. The general public will not be permitted to cross examine witnesses but may request that the Commission direct questions on their behalf to the applicant or staff.

City Clerk Kavanagh confirmed the public notice requirements for Agenda Item 22 had been met and swore in the witnesses.

- 22. RES 2024-053** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SITE PLAN REQUEST OF DAVID AULD OF JOHNS FAMILY PARTNERSHIP, LLLP TO PERMIT A MAXIMUM OF 148 TOWNHOMES FOR THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A,” ATTACHED HERETO AND GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS BLOCKS 5 & 6 OF THE MAINSTREET AT COCONUT CREEK DEVELOPMENT (QUASI-JUDICIAL) (PUBLIC HEARING)

Mayor Welch read the Resolution title into the record.

Commissioner Railey moved the item for discussion, seconded by Commissioner Rydell.

City Attorney Pyburn asked for any ex-parte disclosures, and the following disclosures were made:

- Commissioner Rydell noted he had a Zoom meeting with Scott Backman and Landon Massell, which had been duly logged by Mr. Backman;
- Commissioner Wasserman noted he had a Zoom meeting with Mr. Backman, Mr. Massell, Mike Nunziata, and City Attorney Pyburn on April 10;
- Commissioner Brodie noted he met with Mr. Backman, Mr. Massell, and Mr. Nunziata and had a phone call with Mr. Backman earlier in the day;
- Vice Mayor Railey noted she met with Mr. Backman; and
- Mayor Welch noted she met with Scott Backman and members of the development team.

Sustainable Development Assistant Director Justin Proffitt presented the item, noting that the applicant was proposing to develop 148 single family townhomes on approximately thirteen (13) acres of land on Blocks 5 and 6 of the MainStreet Master Plan. He discussed the project phasing and summarized the site plans approved to date and forthcoming for Phase I. He advised that the staff found the site plan to be in compliance with the site plan application review standards, the Planned MainStreet Development District (PMDD), MainStreet Master Plan, MainStreet Design Standards, the City’s Land Development Code, and the City’s Comprehensive Plan, and recommended approval subject to the conditions outlined in the staff memorandum.

Scott Backman, Dunay, Miskel, and Backman, LLP, representing Johns Family Partners, LLLP, presented on behalf of the applicant. He shared a *PowerPoint* presentation, including an overview of the MainStreet area, overall Master Plan, and location of Blocks 5 and 6 in the Master Plan. He highlighted the allowable and proposed densities and the intent to focus on neighborhood design. He shared elevations and renderings and commented on features of the townhomes briefly, including rear-loaded garages, main central plaza, and site plan amenities. He reviewed an updated version of the anticipated approval schedule and outstanding approvals required.

Mayor Welch opened the public hearing.

Maria Lacson, 4131 NW 9 Street, Coconut Creek, stated she had seen that this section was two (2) stories high, but there were four (4) story buildings in the background, and it stated they could go up to eight (8) stories. She asked whether the City would be allowing that height of buildings. She asserted there was not space on the roads or water to supply an eight (8) story condo, and she wished for it not to be in her City.

There were no further questions or comments from the public, and Mayor Welch closed the

public hearing.

Mr. Stoudenmire responded to Ms. Lacson's comments briefly. He explained the application before the Commission at this time was a townhouse project with a maximum of two (2) stories. He noted the Planned MainStreet Development District (PMDD), as approved, did allow for strategic placement of various heights.

Commissioner Rydell commented on access to the amenities in townhouse community. He noted the approval would be subject to final approval of the development agreement, and the applicant had chosen to move forward on components as that process continues. Mr. Backman stated the PMDD established guidelines, but the development agreement would have components that may impact the individual blocks. Commissioner Rydell shared his concern related to the amenities package based on information he has learned regarding other rental communities in the City. He asked his colleagues to join him in pushing for more robust amenities packages. Mr. Backman reviewed the conceptual plan for amenities, noting the full plan remained in review at this time. He stated it was the intention of the applicant to circle back with all members of the Commission while reworking the amenity site plan to ensure there was a level of comfort with the amenities proposed. Discussion continued regarding amenities on the block and the color palette. Commissioner Rydell asked for clarification on what was envisioned for self-governance of the block. He asserted this was important to any future discussion of a Community Development District (CDD). Mr. Backman advised Blocks 5 and 6 were being processed together and would be under one (1) association. Landon Massell, 13th Floor, provided additional details. Discussion continued regarding governance.

Commissioner Wasserman asked that resident parking at the recreation area be considered as that phase of the plan was brought forward. He inquired as to whether outdoor workout equipment had been considered. Mr. Backman stated the applicant would investigate the option.

Commissioner Brodie asked whether the shutters were functional or decorative. Mr. Backman advised the shutters would be decorative and all impact windows would be utilized. Commissioner Brodie asked about water for the landscaping. Mr. Backman stated reclaimed water would be used. Mr. Stoudenmire noted this was a part of the previously-approved Development of Regional Impact (DRI). Commissioner Brodie inquired as to whether sound deafening insulation would be used between the units in the building. Susan LaFleur, One Line Design Studio, stated it would be masonry.

Vice Mayor Railey stated she understood there were different amenities for rentals and owner-occupied properties, so the entire population would not be concentrated on one (1) set of amenities. Mr. Backman confirmed.

Mayor Welch expressed her excitement to be reviewing the first for sale product within the development. She highlighted aspects of the project she liked, including the variation in design, colors, and square footage; that the alleys would be for residential use only; and the open, wide spaces for people to use as they see fit. Discussion ensued briefly regarding management of solid waste and recycling on Blocks 5 and 6. Mr. Stoudenmire provided additional clarification. Mayor Welch advised that she was reserving comments on the amenities until those applications were before the Commission. Discussion continued.

MOTION: Wasserman/Rydell – To approve Resolution No. 2024-053.

AMENDMENT: Rydell/Wasserman – To amend the motion to state the approval was based on the testimony presented and the application's consistency with the PMDD, the

City's Land Development Regulations, and Comprehensive Plan.

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 Manager

23. **RES 2024-064** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE (1) REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SEMINOLE COCONUT CREEK EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC. TO FULFILL THE REMAINDER OF THE THREE (3) YEAR TERM ENDING IN APRIL 2026, PURSUANT TO THE COCONUT CREEK FEE TO TRUST LANDS MITIGATION AGREEMENT AND THE BYLAWS OF THE SEMINOLE COCONUT CREEK EDUCATION FOUNDATION.

Mayor Welch read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Railey/Rydell – To approve Resolution No. 2024-064.

City Manager Rose stated Karen Brooks was an appointed representative to the Seminole Coconut Creek Education Foundation, Inc., and her retirement had created a vacancy on the Board. She recommended Peta-Gay Lake for the position.

There were no questions or comments from the public on the item.

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

City Commission

24. **24-051** A MOTION TO APPOINT A DIRECTOR, ALTERNATE, AND SECOND ALTERNATE TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT ANY 2024-2025 BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

Mayor Welch read the Motion title into the record.

Commissioner Wasserman moved the item for discussion, seconded by Commissioner Rydell.

There were no questions or comments from the public on the item.

Vice Mayor Railey nominated Commissioner Brodie for the position of Director, seconded by Commissioner Rydell.

Commissioner Wasserman nominated Vice Mayor Railey for the position of Alternate, seconded by Commissioner Rydell.

Commissioner Wasserman nominated Commissioner Rydell for the position of Second Alternate, seconded by Commissioner Rydell.

MOTION: Wasserman/Rydell – To approve the slate of nominees.

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Rose stated the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) would be mailed this week. She shared that the Budget Town Hall was scheduled for April 17, and noted that Ambassadors, as well as the general public, would be invited to share their thoughts on future budget items. She advised that staff was developing a scope of services for a parking study for the Lakewood East neighborhood to include a strong community input component on what works best for that neighborhood. She stated the Love and Music Festival would be held on April 21 at Tradewinds Park, in partnership with the Broward County Parks Foundation. She advised the draft Charter language and a memo detailing staff research on providing translations via QR Code would be sent to the Commission over the next week. She highlighted the Teen Political Forum, noting the event would be held on April 18 in the Commission Chambers.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Pyburn commented that she had emailed the Commission her annual legislative update to highlight items likely to impact the City and invited any questions on the update.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Rydell stated there would be a Community Meeting at the Recreation Complex on April 16 at 6 p.m. related to the CVS property on the corner of Hillsboro Boulevard and Lyons Road and noted he would be in attendance. He sought and received consensus to put an item on the next agenda to waive the requirement for the City Manager to live in the City, should one exist.

Commissioner Wasserman asked that details of the May 21 Broward County Commission meeting in regard to Waste Management's land use plan amendment application for the landfill be shared with the residents to allow them to plan to attend. He shared his experience with translations at the school level and expressed confusion as to why it would be difficult on the City level. City Manager Rose advised that she would provide details and then the Commission could hold a follow-up conversation at the next meeting. Commissioner Wasserman asked Mayor Welch to clarify comments regarding the removal of the Texas U-turn at Lyons Road and the Sawgrass Expressway and the further expansion of the Turnpike. Mayor Welch explained her comments. City Manager Rose stated the City continues to press on the issue. Commissioner Wasserman referenced Mr. Mederos' public comments related to Code Enforcement in South Creek and noted he was not the only person to have brought forward the concern. He stated he had spoken with staff about making the area a priority. Vice Mayor Railey agreed.

Vice Mayor Railey shared that it had been a great day fundraising at Wynmoor for the Torch Run for the Special Olympics, noting it was a great collaborative effort with the City. Continuing, Vice Mayor Railey highlighted the efforts of County Commissioner Mark Bogen on the issue of PFAS and stated there had been an in-depth discussion on the issue on *Good Morning America*. She referenced discussion at the Northwest Council of Elected Officials meeting that Lauderhill was now the Cricket Capital and stated it might be a good idea to livestream the cricket games to make it a family event in the parks.

Mayor Welch stated they had mentioned the cricket games at the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting and encouraged all of the cities to participate. She commented on a post on social media about a Coconut Creek resident who had put her CPR knowledge to use at a concert and stated this was good testimony to encourage people to take CPR training. Mayor Welch commented on the ballot initiative related to an elected Mayor which was brought forward by a resident and invited discussion as to how the Commission might embrace the concepts included. Commissioner Rydell noted the item would be publicly noticed for the next meeting. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Joseph J. Kavanagh, MMC
City Clerk

Date