



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center
4800 W. Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: January 25, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2024-0125R

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joshua Rydell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

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

Mayor Rydell 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.

- 1. 24-001** A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE EXCEPTIONAL ARTWORK OF STUDENTS FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Melissa See recognized exceptional artists from Coconut Creek Elementary School, North Broward Preparatory Elementary School, Tradewinds Elementary School, and Winston Park Elementary School.

- 2. 24-002** A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING FIRST QUARTER EMPLOYEE MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

Human Resources Director Pam Kershaw, recognized the following employees, who reached a milestone anniversary during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2024.

Five (5) Year Anniversary

Christian Azor, Meter Service Worker, Finance & Administrative Services Department
Heath Gordon, Administrative Assistant, Parks & Recreation Department
Jonathan Cortez, Police Officer, Police Department
Walter Grieve, School Resource Officer, Police Department
Vanessa Martilotto, Telecommunications Operator, Police Department
Chase Picotte, Police Officer, Police Department
Chris Cutter, Maintenance Service Worker III, Public Works Department
D'Wayne Williams, Maintenance Service Worker I, Public Works Department
Daniella Ordonez, Permit Technician II, Sustainable Development Department
Michael Righetti, Senior Project Manager, Sustainable Development Department

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Craig Miller, Electrician, Utilities & Engineering Department

Ten (10) Year Anniversary

Siobhan Hall, Accounting Technician, Finance & Administrative Services Department

Ashley Hirsch, Property & Evidence Technician, Police Department

Cristian Salas, Police Officer, Police Department

Dante Tanfulla, Police Sergeant, Police Department

Jason Thomas, Police Officer, Police Department

Orlando Smith, Maintenance Service Work III, Public Works Department

Teresa Nogueras, Senior Permit Technician, Sustainable Development Department

Fifteen (15) Year Anniversary

Rocco Favata, Police Officer, Police Department

Twenty-five (25) Year Anniversary

Clint Corey, Police Officer, Police Department

Thirty-five (35) Year Anniversary

Wayne Tobey, Director, Parks & Recreation Department

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

Tamara Lobban, 3301 N. University Drive, Coral Springs, introduced her non-profit organization, TLC 4 Teachers, which supports educators beyond the classroom. She shared a handout with the Commission about the organization.

CONSENT AGENDA (*Items 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11*)

Agenda Item 5 was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Mayor Rydell and heard before the Regular Agenda.

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

3. **24-003** A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2023-1214WS, 2023-1214R, AND 2023-1220WS)

4. **RES**
 2024-007 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2023 STATE FIRE MARSHAL REIMBURSEMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.

6. **RES**
 2024-016 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH P.L.A. ELECTRIC, INC. (PRIMARY CONTRACTOR) AND KILOWATT ELECTRIC COMPANY (SECONDARY CONTRACTOR) TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO IFB NO. 12-13-23-11.

7. **RES**
 2024-013 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK'S 2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

8. **RES 2024-020** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH HUMAN SERVICES NETWORK, INC. D/B/A MEALS ON WHEELS SOUTH FLORIDA FOR MEAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES RELATED TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY TO AID THE CITY'S COMMUNITY.
9. **RES 2024-009** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (ILA) WITH BROWARD COUNTY FOR FILM PERMITTING SERVICES.
10. **RES 2024-011** A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION FOR PERMITTING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO ALLOW FOR THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HILLSBORO BOULEVARD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ASSOCIATED HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND LANDSCAPE INCLUSIVE MAINTENANCE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH FDOT.
11. **RES 2024-017** A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION FOR PERMITTING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO ALLOW FOR THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HILLSBORO BOULEVARD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ASSOCIATED CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH FDOT.

MOTION: Welch/Railey – To approve Consent Agenda Items 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

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

Parks and Recreation

5. **RES 2024-002** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BIG FUN, INC. FOR AMUSEMENT RIDES AND CONCESSION SERVICES PURSUANT TO RFP NO. 11-15-23-11.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

Mayor Rydell stated the item was an authorization for amusement rides at the Butterfly Festival. He noted the Butterfly Festival was a one (1) day event but bringing amusement rides in for a multi-day event may be worth the additional cost. He suggested a change be considered for a more robust discussion in the future.

Parks and Recreation Director Wayne Tobey commented that staffing costs should be considered for a multi-day event. He pointed out that the one (1) day event was free for residents and growing it may move away from the hometown feel.

Commissioner Wasserman noted a neighboring city does a camp out and suggested the Butterfly Festival could roll into a camp out.

City Manager Brooks advised that the Commission's strategic planning session was scheduled for March 7.

Mayor Rydell agreed they should do what works for the residents, and noted he would like to

consider how the event would be attended in future years.

MOTION: Brodie/Welch – To approve Resolution No. 2024-002.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Police Department

12. **RES 2024-015** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT WITH OFFICER JUSTIN CAPALDI FOR THE PURCHASE OF A K-9.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Railey/Wasserman – To approve Resolution No. 2024-015.

Police Chief Butch Arenal explained that K-9 Titus was nine (9) years old, and after seven (7) years of Police service he had aged out. He stated a replacement K-9 was budgeted in Fiscal Year 2024, and this retirement was on schedule. Discussion ensued regarding staffing in the K-9 Unit. Police Chief Arenal noted that staff would go through the appropriate procurement process for the next dog and would have a celebration for Titus' retirement.

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

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

City Manager

13. **ORD 2024-003** AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-027, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY FOR THE LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4900 WEST COPANS ROAD FOR A 911 EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER. (SECOND READING)(PUBLIC HEARING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

MOTION: Welch/Railey – To adopt Ordinance No. 2024-003.

City Manager Brooks explained the item would rescind the ordinance adopted related to the lease agreement with Broward County for the 911 Emergency Dispatch Center. She stated the agreement was sent to the County, and the County made amendments to the approved agreement prior to approving it. She advised the replacement lease had been authorized by resolution at the January 11 meeting.

Mayor Rydell shared that the Broward County Fire Department and Broward County Sheriff's Office (BSO) Dispatchers unions had mobilized because of changes associated with the 911 call center proposed by Sheriff Gregory Tony. Mayor Rydell stated there may be a larger conversation to be had because he did not think the County had intentions to vacate the Coconut Creek building in the next four (4) to six (6) years based on the discourse at the County Commission level. He advised that he had asked City Attorney Pyburn to bring back a conversation about the contract in eighteen (18) months. Vice Mayor Welch agreed that the

Sheriff's interest in building a 911 call center would impact the use of the Coconut Creek building. Mayor Rydell stated the Commission was not going to evict Broward County out of a 911 center to the detriment of two (2) million people in the County, but there were legal remedies which may need to be envisioned in the future. He asserted that in the meantime, the City was in the position to be a good neighbor and continue in good faith. Commissioner Railey suggested the County could use a repurposed Broward County School District building for their much-needed space.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing on the item. There were no questions or comments from the public, and the public hearing was closed.

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

Sustainable Development

City Attorney Pyburn explained the City's quasi-judicial procedures that would be applied to Agenda Items 14, 15, and 16 as follows (verbatim):

Florida courts have determined that there are certain types of matters, including Items 14, 15 and 16 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 Items 14, 15, and 16 had been met and swore in the witnesses.

Mayor Rydell asked if there were any objections to hearing Agenda Items 14, 15, and 16 together, as they were related, and there were no objections.

- 14. ORD 2023-034** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2010-006 AND THE DEVELOPMENT ORDER FOR THE MAINSTREET @ COCONUT CREEK DEVELOPMENT, A DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT TO BE LOCATED IN SECTION 42, TOWNSHIP 18, RANGE 48, AMENDING CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE VESTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS. (QUASI-JUDICIAL)(SECOND READING)(SECOND PUBLIC HEARING)
- 15. ORD 2023-033** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REZONING REQUEST OF DAVID AULD OF JOHNS FAMILY PARTNERS, LLLP AND THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK TO REZONE FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL, MCJAMES PCD, PLANNED COMMERCE DISTRICT, R.M. GREEN PCD, PLANNED COMMERCE DISTRICT, AND IO-1, INDUSTRIAL OFFICE DISTRICT TO PLANNED MAINSTREET DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PMDD) AND ADOPT THE "MAINSTREET AT COCONUT CREEK PMDD" DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS TO PERMIT A MAXIMUM OF 2,360 MULT-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND 225,000 SQUARE FEET OF NON-RESIDENTIAL USE FOR THE PROPERTIES LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A," ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF. (QUASI-JUDICIAL)(SECOND READING)(SECOND PUBLIC HEARING)
- 16. ORD 2023-035** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 13, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE," ARTICLE III, "ZONING REGULATIONS," DIVISION 8, "MASTER BUSINESS LIST," TO AMEND SECTION 13-626, "MASTER BUSINESS LIST - PLANNED MAINSTREET DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT," TO ADOPT THE LIST OF PERMITTED AND SPECIAL LAND USES FOR THE MAINSTREET @ COCONUT CREEK PLANNED MAINSTREET DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF WILES ROAD, WEST OF LYONS ROAD, NORTH OF SAMPLE ROAD, AND EAST OF STATE ROAD 7/U.S. 441 IN THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK. (QUASI-JUDICIAL)(SECOND READING)(SECOND PUBLIC HEARING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance titles into the record.

Vice Mayor Welch made a motion to move Agenda Item 14 for discussion, seconded by Commissioner Railey.

Vice Mayor Welch made a motion to move Agenda Item 15 for discussion, seconded by Commissioner Wasserman.

Commissioner Railey made a motion to move Agenda Item 16 for discussion, seconded by Commissioner Wasserman.

City Attorney Pyburn asked if there were any disclosures or ex-parte communications on behalf of the Commission for Agenda Items 14, 15, and 16, and there were no disclosures.

Sustainable Development Director Scott Stoudenmire presented the items and explained the updates since first reading on December 14, 2023. He noted there were no changes to Agenda Item 16 and further explained the changes to Agenda Item 14, which included clarifications and updates as a result of responding to staff in the final set of Development Review Committee (DRC) comments. He advised that staff had reviewed the responses and were satisfied. He noted the most substantial change to the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) ordinance included a change to the signal warrant bond from two (2) years to three (3) years at the Commission's request on first reading. Mr. Stoudenmire advised that changes were also made to Agenda Item 15 between readings, again mostly as a result of responses to the final DRC comments. He stated there were outstanding changes, which stemmed from Commission comments on first reading and noted the applicant had modified their presentation to address these changes. He commented that there had also been changes to the existing conditions of approval, and staff had added two (2) additional conditions of approval. He reviewed the comments briefly. He stated staff recommended approval of all three (3) items.

Attorney Scott Backman, Dunay Miskel, and Backman, LLP, on behalf of the applicant, presented an overview of the master plan and site plan, and then discussed the changes made between first and second reading. He noted updates to the anticipated approval schedule and stated the development team was present to answer questions.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing on Agenda Items 14, 15, and 16. There were no questions or comments from the public, and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Rydell clarified that site plan applications were being moved through the City process, but they were conditional pending additional approvals down the line. Mr. Backman confirmed he understood and highlighted the conditions of approval. Mayor Rydell stated something that had come up in his meetings with the development team was the concept of a Community Development District (CDD). He advised this was not an item before the Commission at this time, but the implications were significant for the City and the development team. He suggested a workshop to discuss the issue further. City Attorney Pyburn stated a workshop generally about the concept of CDD would be appropriate, but the topic could not cross over into specifics of the project or any matters which were quasi-judicial. Mr. Backman stated the applicant welcomed the dialogue and consensus was to schedule a workshop.

Vice Mayor Welch asked about the impact of sales of property on the three (3) year signalization bond. Mr. Backman stated he believed the intention was to exclude the municipal components, as the City may or may not develop them within a certain timeframe, and to include only the parcels to be acquired through a purchase and sale agreement or through land swap with the City. He advised that property that was sold would not be excluded, so language could be clarified further. Vice Mayor Welch inquired as to why there would be a need for above ground lines other than Florida Power and Light (FPL) transmission lines, which could not be relocated. Jay Hubner, HSQ Group, stated the applicant had been having active conversations with FPL for over a year trying to work out undergrounding the lines. He advised the transmission lines could not be touched, but they had been working on the distribution lines where possible. He stated everything inside the property was underground. Vice Mayor Welch advised that she wanted to discuss the Master Association Agreement and Homeowners Association (HOA) Agreement. City Attorney Pyburn stated the agreements had been requested as part of the development agreement to allow for review of the language for consistency and to ensure that continuity of services was provided.

Mr. Backman shared that the team had a conference call earlier in the day with association counsel. He stated there were a handful of provisions in the current approvals which would need to be included in the document, as well as elements of the development agreement. He stated

the plan was to finalize and transmit the documents for City Attorney Pyburn’s review in the next week.

Mayor Rydell stated the approvals before the Commission at this time reference HOA agreements, but the ultimate formal governing structure would fall on the development agreement based on discussions which remained outstanding, and changes could be made to that structure in the future. City Attorney Pyburn confirmed that was correct, which was why all of these approvals were also contingent on approval of the development agreement and, ultimately, the closing of the sale of the property. Mr. Backman agreed.

Vice Mayor Welch noted there had been comments at the DRC about providing updated school enrollment numbers. She stated she had received data from multiple sources, and some showed that Monarch High School was currently overenrolled. Mr. Backman advised that updated school capacity had been received from the School Board earlier in the day. He reviewed the figures briefly, and stated Monarch High School met the level of service standard but was overenrolled by 32 seats at 101.4 percent. He noted this included more than 600 vested units in the Regional Activity Center (RAC). Vice Mayor Welch asked for clarification that the school numbers were being reassessed as each application comes through. Mr. Stoudenmire stated that would occur all the way through the project. Vice Mayor Welch asked for clarification on the traffic signals. Mr. Backman stated he thought it was important to continue those conversations with Broward County, which would include the development team, staff, at least one (1) representative of the City Commission, and possibly a County Commissioner. Vice Mayor Welch referenced the condition related to screening of the garages and asked if living walls would be utilized. Mr. Backman stated he believed the language gave flexibility for a variety of ground covers and other aesthetic features to screen the garages.

Commissioner Railey asked whether the parking garages would be open to the public, and if a section would be specific to residents and guests. Mr. Backman stated the current plan was for three (3) garages, which would be open to residents and guests of those communities only. Mr. Stoudenmire added that the City was considering a public parking garage as part of the overall components in the civic node.

Mayor Rydell asked if the City was bound by the road names referenced. Mr. Stoudenmire stated there was flexibility. Mr. Backman commented that the applicant had provided several concepts for the street names, and stated the applicant was happy to work with the City to rename some or all of the roads on the plan. Mayor Rydell stated he would like the Commission to have input into the feel of the names and defining the City center as part of a larger concept.

Neither the applicant nor staff had closing remarks.

MOTION: Wasserman/Welch – To adopt Ordinance No. 2023-034.

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

MOTION: Railey/Welch – To adopt Ordinance No. 2023-033.

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

MOTION: Welch/Brodie – To adopt Ordinance No. 2023-035.

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Brooks shared that staff from Florida's Turnpike had met with City staff related to the Sawgrass expansion earlier in the week, and she had provided a copy of the *PowerPoint* presentation, outlining the preferred alternative to the Commission. She stated they had removed the Texas U-turn at Lyons Road and were extending walls farther than originally contemplated. She asked the Commissioners to review the presentation and provide any comments and concerns. She noted the public hearings would be held February 27 and 28. City Manager Brooks stated staff had drafted a letter to the communities surrounding Oak Trails Park to invite them to a community input meeting on March 12 at 6:30 p.m., and the Commission would have an opportunity to review the letter before it was sent out. Mayor Rydell asked what radius was used. City Manager Brooks advised that she would follow up with the actual radius.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Pyburn provided an update on the Weiss Serota litigation related to the new Form 6 financial disclosure requirements. She stated approximately thirteen (13) cities had joined the lawsuit so far, and she was informed that despite there not being a consensus for the Commission to join, there was an opportunity for individual Commissioners to take part for approximately \$2,000. Mayor Rydell asked if the lawsuit had been filed. Discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Welch stated the webinar that City Attorney Pyburn had shared on the Form 6 requirements was extremely helpful. Mayor Rydell suggested that Commissioners needing further guidance on the Form 6 requirements review Broward County Commissioner Mark Bogen's latest filing as an effective example.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Wasserman stated he had received inquiries about the ordinance related to parking on the roadways in South Creek and Lakewood East, and asked if there was something that could be done, as people do not have enough parking and guests were being ticketed for parking on the road. Mayor Rydell asked staff for clarification, noting he thought enforcement was caller-generated. Police Chief Arenal confirmed that the Police Department receives complaints frequently. Deputy City Manager Sheila Rose provided a brief background on the issue. She stated there had been significant issues, especially in Lakewood East, where parking was blocking street sweepers and emergency access. She advised that staff had suggested to the HOA that the City would work with them on a plan that provides for designated areas that could be marked for limited on-street parking. She noted there was not a broad agreement that parking on the street was acceptable, and the City received as many complaints about people parking in the street as they do complaints about the restriction. Discussion continued regarding the logistics of parking issues. Commissioner Wasserman asked that staff reach out to the HOA again. Commissioner Wasserman commented that the Holocaust Remembrance Night had been very special and thanked Janet Hull in the Parks and Recreation Department for her outstanding contribution.

Commissioner Brodie commented on the accident which took the life of a pedestrian on Lyons Road and expressed concern that Winston Park to Wiles Road became a drag strip at night. He stated he believed they needed better presence not just during the day, but overnight. Commissioner Brodie shared that he had the opportunity recently to work with some of the community's non-profit organizations and suggested a cooperative effort to highlight and grow the therapy taking place in the City. He reported on his participation in Broward Days at the State Legislature and advised that the City's lobbyist, Candice Ericks, had put together a great seminar. He shared an update on an issue at Monarch High School and stated he would be continuing to monitor the situation. He discussed ongoing concerns related to Home Rule and commented on the level of engagement from local students on the trip to Tallahassee.

Commissioner Railey recognized the Holocaust Remembrance Night and stated Commissioner

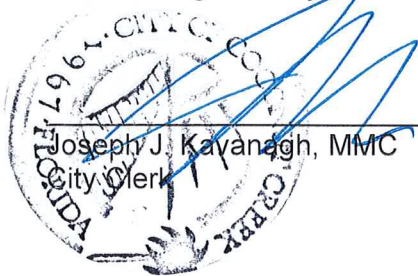
Wasserman had done a great job. She stated it was heartwarming and the presenters had been genuine and moving. Commissioner Railey asked for clarification on how joining the litigation with Weiss Serota would work, and City Attorney Pyburn explained. Commissioner Railey advised that she had received a request from an HOA regarding the water meters and asked for a meeting, and City Manager Brooks stated she had a presentation available. Commissioner Railey asked for an update on the tree replacement issue brought forward by residents at the January 11 meeting. City Manager Brooks advised that staff has been looking into the issue and she would be prepared to distribute a proposal to the Commission next week. Mayor Rydell asked that Sustainable Development make a presentation to the Commission on the policy. Discussion continued. Commissioner Railey stated she had met with First Tee, a non-profit organization that would be presenting at the Lunch Bunch meeting, regarding juvenile golf programs.

Vice Mayor Welch followed up on Commissioner Brodie's reference to the accident which took the life of a pedestrian on Lyons Road. She commented on the Florida's Turnpike meeting and stated she was pleased to see that the Tallowood Mobile Home Park was scheduled to get its wall early in the process due to the impacts of a Turnpike project north of them. Vice Mayor Welch followed up on the Land Use Plan Amendment (LUPA) for the landfill and stated she believed a clear plan for advocacy to the County Commission should be mapped out to brainstorm what would be best received. Mayor Rydell asserted they needed to get someone on the Broward County Solid Waste Authority Board. Vice Mayor Welch asked for an update on the picnic table for Coco Point Park. City Manager Brooks advised that the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments were coordinating on the matter. Vice Mayor Welch shared that her granddaughter, a Coconut Creek public school graduate, had passed her Veterinary Board exam the previous week. She stated she would be graduating May 29 and had signed an offer to practice in Boca Raton.

Mayor Rydell asked that a dry erase board be available as a tool for future meetings. Mayor Rydell stated that Commissioner Wasserman had spearheaded something that left him humbled and without words with the Holocaust Remembrance Night. He discussed his personal experiences as an elected official and a Jewish man and father, and stated he thought Commissioner Wasserman should continue to put the event on each year. Mayor Rydell discussed the Waste Management LUPA briefly. He referenced articles written by investigative reporter Dan Christianson on the website Florida Bulldog and comments Mr. Christianson had uncovered, showing Waste Management plans to amend the plan to increase the height of the landfill and assert that waste-to-energy was more toxic and worse for the community than a landfill. Discussion continued regarding the project and plans to advocate.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



Joseph J. Kavanagh, MMC
City Clerk

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Date