



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center
4800 W. Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: February 11, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Rebecca A. Tooley
Vice Mayor Mikkie Belvedere
Commissioner Lou Sarbone
Commissioner Sandra Welch
City Manager Mary C. Blasi
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn
City Clerk Leslie Wallace May

1. DISCUSSION OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS.

City Manager Mary Blasi opened the item and explained that the City had received many inquiries relating to parking enforcement in private residential developments. She noted that the City Attorney had researched the type of enforcement that the City can do in private neighborhoods and reviewed the City Code relating to parking violations on public streets.

City Attorney Pyburn noted that the Commission had each received a copy of the current City Code relating to parking (Section 19-31 through 19-37). Under the current Code, parking on public streets is not allowed. The current Code allows for parking on a paved driveway, within a carport, garage, or a screened side yard for all residential districts. The Code allows for parking on swales within single family districts for owners or guests. It does not permit vehicles to protrude onto the sidewalk. Next, she summarized the State Law for parking on private streets. Section 316.006(2)(b) f.s., precludes the City from enforcing parking requirements on private streets, except by contract. She said the City can contract with homeowners associations for parking enforcement, but compatibility with the City's Code is required. She said that the City would want to consider the cost of the enforcement within private developments, and noted that under state law the City is required to charge for the enforcement. She explained that Staff was seeking the Commission's direction and input on how to proceed.

Director of Sustainable Development Sheila Rose summarized the constraints placed on Code Enforcement with regards to enforcing parking. Discussion ensued regarding parking issues and which streets are private and which ones are public. Ms. Rose showed a diagram that displayed which streets are private and which are public. Discussion ensued regarding private streets that were not built to public standards. City Attorney Pyburn clarified that the streets that are considered to be Public were the roads the City is responsible for maintaining. The private roads were constructed as part of private developments, which the development is responsible for the maintenance.

Police Chief Butch Arenal explained a parking policy he used in another city that enacted a 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. ordinance that only allowed overnight parking in driveways. He discussed allowing an exception to this rule during holidays. He recommended utilizing this approach. Discussion ensued regarding the different process for parking citations by Code Enforcement and by the Police Department; the various

types of parking violations and the time of occurrence of the violations; the desire for private developments to have the City help with enforcement; the enforcement of the rule that restricts on-street parking, and the issue of residents not parking inside of their garages. Commissioner Rydell asked about staffing coverage of Community Service Aides. Sergeant Christopher Beroldi explained that the times the Community Service Aides are on duty were from 7 a.m. to midnight. Any parking violations after midnight would be handled by Police Officers. Discussion ensued. It was suggested to have a discussion within the Police Department regarding options, including staffing needs, to present at a future workshop.

City Manager Blasi noted that some of the private communities might not want to sign an agreement with the City for parking enforcement. She added that City would need to see how many developments would enter into an agreement with the City and how much time it would take away from police officers in the evening. Discussion ensued regarding the use of golf carts on streets, educating the residents regarding parking issues in private communities, and providing consideration when a resident is holding a graduation party, etcetera. The consensus was that more data was needed on the number of communities that are private and for the police department to come back with options regarding enforcement.

Bonita Marriott, president of Victoria Isles Community Association and president of the Sawgrass Exchange POA, stated that there are many issues with on-street parking within these two developments. She wanted stronger parking enforcement and not just warnings for repeat violators. She expressed concerns regarding associations being charged for parking enforcement and suggested that her associations would be interested in entering into an agreement with the City for parking enforcement. Robert Miller, the property manager for six associations within the City, stated that he would like the associations to be able to regulate the parking for its communities. He wanted guidelines set by the City for parking constraints. He discussed various parking issues within the communities he manages and mentioned a solution being used by associations that hire a third party to enforce parking regulations by placing a boot on a vehicle that is in violation

Bill Welch, a resident of Coquina, stated that he felt the biggest concern with parking in his community was with public safety when vehicles are parked on sidewalks, which forces pedestrians to walk on the road. He thought that his association did not have the full ability to enforce parking.

Mayor Tooley reiterated that the City would need to have further discussion regarding this matter and hold another workshop at a later date.

Annette Rose, Coquina Homeowners Association, stated that the community is having issues with enforcing parking, and the association would like to enter into an agreement with the City.

City Manager Blasi confirmed that the homeowner associations will be mailed notices of the next workshop to discuss this matter. She stated and that possibly a survey would be conducted to gauge interest in parking enforcement agreements in private residential developments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Transcribed by Janice Ninesling



Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

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