



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

**Date: August 26, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting No. 2021-0826R**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Rydell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Rebecca A. Tooley (virtually)
Vice Mayor Joshua Rydell
Commissioner Lou Sarbone
Commissioner Sandra L. Welch
Commissioner Jacqueline Railey
City Manager Karen M. Brooks
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn
Interim City Clerk Marianne Bowers

Vice Mayor Rydell asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge, he recognized Mayor Tooley's birthday.

Vice Mayor Rydell noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present, and participation by one Commissioner using communications media technology. He explained that, in light of the pandemic, accommodations were made to allow the public to provide advanced comments without the need to attend the meeting. City Attorney Terrill Pyburn explained the procedures for public participation and comment for the meeting.

Vice Mayor Rydell noted for the record that Agenda Item #8, Resolution No. 2021-162, had been removed from the agenda and would not be heard.

PRESENTATIONS

- 1. 21-147** A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING LORI AND KEITH SHATTUCK AS BEAUTIFUL HOME AWARD WINNERS.

Vice Mayor Rydell read the proclamation for the record, and Senior Planner Linda Whitman accepted the proclamation on behalf of the residents.

- 2. 21-189** A PRESENTATION TO HONOR COCONUT CREEK EMPLOYEE PHIL RANDAZZO.

Director of Parks and Recreation Wayne Tobey gave a presentation recognizing Phil Randazzo upon his retirement from the City after 24 years of service. Mr. Randazzo briefly addressed staff and the Commission.

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

Interim City Clerk Bowers stated there were no advanced public comments received for non-agenda or Consent Agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA (*Agenda Items 3-5*)

3. **21-187** A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2021-0805WS)

4. **RES
2021-158** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) DISTRICT FOUR LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) AND THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK TO ALLOW FOR FDOT AND/OR THEIR CONTRACTOR TO ACCESS CITY-OWNED LAND TO COMPLETE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COPANS ROAD MOBILITY PROJECT.

5. **RES
2021-168** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED STATE PLAN OF OPERATION (SPO) BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) AND THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK (POLICE DEPARTMENT) TO SET FORTH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH WILL BE BINDING ON THE PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO PURCHASING SURPLUS EQUIPMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD).

MOTION: Sarbone/Railey – To approve the Consent Agenda Items 3 through 5, as presented.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

City Attorney

6. **RES
2021-182** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY, NORTH BROWARD PREPARATORY SCHOOLS, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND BMOC-MIA (FL) LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO CLARIFY THE LANGUAGE IN THE PRIOR AGREEMENTS AND TO PROVIDE THE CITY WITH INCREASED PAYMENTS FOR FIRE-RESCUE SERVICES BASED ON THE SCHOOL'S RECENT EXPANSION; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY, NORTH BROWARD PREPARATORY SCHOOLS, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND BMOC-MIA (FL) LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. (ADDENDUM)

Vice Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Welch/Tooley – To approve Resolution No. 2021-182.

City Attorney Pyburn apologized for placing the item on the agenda late and explained that this item includes a Settlement Agreement and that an offer for settlement of the pending lawsuit filed by North Broward Preparatory School against the City was presented to staff a couple of weeks ago after the Commission directed staff to meet with the applicant to try to resolve the matter. The deadline to make a decision on the offer was today. The parties had been working to reach an agreement for weeks and the draft of the agreements were finalized earlier in the day. She provided an overview of the Fourth Amendment to the Pre-annexation Agreement, stating the agreement included \$299,306.33 to be paid as a Fire-Rescue Services fee due December 31, 2021, to cover FY22 and an annual payment of a Fire-Rescue Services fee with allowance for annual adjustments at the same rate as the annual adjustments for the Fire-Rescue Services Fee assessed to all other benefitted properties, but with caps. She discussed the caps on the increases, the square footage of the school property, and the terms of a separate Settlement Agreement regarding the lawsuit pending between the parties.

Commissioner Welch asked that City Attorney Pyburn review the amount and how it was arrived at. City Attorney Pyburn outlined the history of agreements between the parties and how the amount was determined. She explained the school had also generously offered to cover the Fire Assessment Fees of the other private schools in the City which are currently exempt from Ad Valorem taxes, and that amount was also included in the total.

Commissioner Welch asked for clarification on adjustments to be made if the school expands and the term of the agreement. City Attorney Pyburn explained.

Commissioner Sarbone thanked the City Attorney's office and the team at North Broward Preparatory School for the diligent effort between meetings to come to an agreement acceptable to both parties. He asked for and received clarification on the structure of future increases to the amount of the agreement.

Commissioner Sarbone noted the agreement was contingent upon how the Commission voted on item seven (7) and asked for confirmation that the agreement covered the Fire Assessments for all the private schools in the City. City Manager Brooks confirmed.

Mayor Tooley stated she was happy staff could work the agreement out. She asked whether a change to the agreement could be made if there was a need in the future. City Attorney Pyburn asserted the City always has the ability to speak with North Broward Preparatory School and try to negotiate any changes if needed. She stated beyond that, changes to the Fire Assessment could be made independent of the agreement.

The Commissioners thanked the administration at North Broward Preparatory School and City staff for their efforts.

Vice Mayor Rydell thanked the teams for the resolution and provided additional explanation for those who had not followed the process. He asked City Manager Brooks to confirm that if this agreement was accepted, her recommendation would be to exempt private schools from the Fire Assessment. City Manager Brooks responded that was correct.

Vice Mayor Rydell invited public comment on the item, and there was none.

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

Finance and Administrative Services

7. **ORD 2021-019** AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FUNDING AND PROVISION OF FIRE RESCUE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA; DESCRIBING THE METHOD OF ANNUALLY ASSESSING PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK; PROVIDING AN ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A MAXIMUM ASSESSMENT; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF. (SECOND READING)(PUBLIC HEARING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

MOTION: Welch/Sarbone – To adopt Ordinance No. 2021-019.

City Manager Brooks presented the item, explaining the Ordinance authorized the Fire Assessment and set the rate for Fiscal Year 2021-22 based on the fire study completed and incorporating the increased service levels. She noted the increased cost would have been accrued even if the City had remained with Margate for its Fire Rescue services. She outlined the process for advertising the rates and discussed the rates recommended by staff. She stated staff had responded to all inquiries to explain the fee and that once the details were explained, most property owners were comfortable with the explanation. Approximately 15 property owners still disagreed with the Fire Assessment.

City Manager Brooks explained that staff recognized the situation of COVID-19 and worked diligently to minimize any increases to property owners during the budget process. She stated staff was able to prepare a balanced budget with a property tax decrease and a solid waste decrease, and with a lower increase to the Fire Assessment than advertised. City Manager Brooks stated the staff recommendation was to set the rate at \$234 for single family, \$210.60 for multi-family, and \$117 for mobile homes. She noted the increase to commercial properties was reduced to a nine (9) percent increase and industrial warehouse properties would see an overall decrease of 19 percent. She stated with the agreement approved in item six (6), the recommendation was to exempt private schools from the Fire Assessment.

Commissioner Sarbone asked if full recovery was being recommended, and City Manager Brooks stated the recommendation was 83 percent cost recovery, while the advertisement was for 87 percent. She added that in the current environment and considering COVID-19, the 83 percent was sufficient for FY22 and staff would work to get to the 100 percent over time.

Commissioner Welch stated most of the questions and misinformation she had seen were related to the trim notice and the proposed rate. She noted it was better understood when people understood this was not the first time the Fire Assessment was to be assessed and that the increase of \$4 per month for three fire stations and a full-time staff was a significant value. Discussion ensued regarding the balance of the Fire Rescue costs being made up by revenue from the Seminole agreement and other General Fund dollars.

Commissioner Welch asked that City Manager Brooks confirm for the record that the City had not deleted any programs or services in FY22 as a result of taking the lower cost recovery rate or exempting the private schools. City Manager Brooks stated that was correct.

Vice Mayor Rydell stated there had been a lot of misinformation circulating, and asked City Manager Brooks to confirm the City had actually reduced taxes. City Manager Brooks explained the Millage Rate was reduced in the proposed budget.

Vice Mayor Rydell asserted none of the neighboring cities were reducing the Millage Rate, and stated the majority had millage increases in their proposals for COVID-19 recovery. City Manager Brooks responded that a survey had shown many had tax rate increases and many kept their rate the same.

Vice Mayor Rydell stated the City had to build the new fire station even if fire services remained in partnership with Margate. He explained traditionally due to the agreement with Margate, Coconut Creek had also been responsible for purchasing its own equipment. He noted the increases for building Fire Station 113 were costs anticipated regardless of what happened between the cities.

City Manager Brooks stated the last Fire Assessment study had looked for a 25 percent increase in FY22 to cover costs.

Vice Mayor Rydell asserted there was also no control over decisions of the Margate City Commission if they wanted to increase administrative fees and surcharges in the contract between the cities, so ultimately the required increase could have been much higher if Coconut Creek had maintained the agreement.

City Manager Brooks agreed, and stated she thought it would have been much higher. She noted the contract had been increasing at an unsustainable rate, and staff felt they could control costs better. Vice Mayor Rydell expressed frustration at the misinformation circulating. He stated he was looking forward to the public comments.

Mayor Tooley stated Coconut Creek had purchased its own equipment for Fire Station 94 and Fire Station 50, and she was glad because they got what they wanted and got better equipment. She noted the biggest thing would be when they were able to switch to Coral Springs dispatch despite Margate not wanting to. She asserted that change would be a 100 percent improvement.

Vice Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing on the item. He invited comments first from those present.

Baila Gansburg, South Florida Jewish Academy, thanked everyone for going above and beyond in coming to the agreement with North Broward Preparatory School. She led a round of applause for the efforts.

Vice Mayor Rydell stated he spoke for the entire Commission in saying South Florida Jewish Academy was an asset to the community.

Maria Calderon and her son spoke in support of South Florida Jewish Academy and shared his story of nine years of attendance at the school. She thanked the Commission.

Eliezer Jones, 5851 SW 32 Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, stated he was a high school principal and was a parent of a new student at South Florida Jewish Academy. He noted the school was a source of pride and discussed how the academy teaches children and not subjects.

Larry Teich, 4210 NW 55 Drive, Coconut Creek, submitted a written comment to the City Clerk and stated on behalf of the residents of Winston Park he was asking the Commission not to

approve the assessment. He asserted special assessments were a form of tax avoidance and stated the City needed to manage the budget properly.

Suzanne Horowitz, 1503 Cayman Way, Coconut Creek, spoke in support of South Florida Jewish Academy.

Gerald Linker, Bru's Room Sports Grill, 5460 W. Hillsboro Boulevard, stated the Fire Assessment puts an unfair burden on his type of business. He noted the government mandated reduction in business due to COVID-19 and asked the Commission to consider what it is like to run a business when fixed costs continue to go up.

Bob Brudzinski, Bru's Room Sports Grill, 5460 W Hillsboro Boulevard, echoed Mr. Linker's comments and stated they were all for fire safety, but the cost to run a business was going up.

Vice Mayor Rydell pointed out that commercial businesses were significantly less than the residential increases. He noted staff had reviewed the issue painstakingly and thanked Mr. Linker and Mr. Brudzinski for their comments.

There being no further comments from those present, Interim City Clerk Bowers read the following written advanced public comments for the record, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and made a part hereof these minutes:

Ana C. Villamil, 4400 NW 30 Street, Coconut Creek, wrote to request an exception to the payment of the Fire Assessment in consideration of her disability. Interim City Clerk Bowers stated Ms. Villamil had also sent two (2) additional emails with the same sentiment on different dates.

Howard Wasserman, 3301 Aruba Way, Coconut Creek, wrote in opposition to the Fire Assessment. He stated residents were not getting any relief from government agencies, and questioned the total amount collected.

Phoebe Nguyen, 3535 NW 35 Street, Coconut Creek, wrote to object to the Fire Assessment. She stated in the COVID-19 era, everyone was trying to make ends meet and costs are rising. She questioned the mobile home rate being lower and stated the assessment targeted multi-family dwellings.

Emile and Susan Baladi, 1803 Eleuthera Point, Apt. A1, Coconut Creek, wrote to state their rate for the Fire Assessment should be \$0, not \$220.64.

Christie Voss, 2908 Carambola Circle S, Apt. 206, Coconut Creek, wrote that she had no interest in giving any more money to the government and stated they should tighten their belts and find another way.

Berge H. and Meline A. Markarian, 6500 Flamingo Way, Coconut Creek, wrote to say they live in Coconut Creek seven (7) months out of the year, and in 26 years, had never used Fire Rescue services for their property. They stated they were against an increase in the Fire Assessment.

Lenore Greller wrote to object to assessments being imposed. She stated multi-family should be charged more than single family dwellings.

Esther Yadin, 3404 Bimini Lane, Apt. A4, Coconut Creek, wrote she did not understand why the City could not remain in its budget. She stated if an increase was needed the public should be

given the opportunity to vote on it, and asked why the City's meetings are not on Zoom.

Jimmy L. Johnson, 4838 NW 21 Street, Coconut Creek, wrote in opposition to the Fire Assessment. He stated this was not the appropriate time for such a thing. He referenced the Delta variant of COVID-19 and asserted things were extremely difficult for a lot of people.

Cornelio Lopes wrote that the streets and public areas were being neglected. He stated residents pay a considerable amount in taxes, and said he was in opposition to the Fire Assessment.

Nikki Yeandle, on behalf of Correct Construction Co Ltd., Tax Parcel # 484220GG0160, wrote with objections to the Fire Assessment. She stated units of different sizes should be different, and seasonally used properties should be assessed proportionately.

Allan Dennis and Carolyn Joy Kalish, Tax Parcel # 484229DG0150, wrote to ask whether the Fire Assessment fee would replace the previous Fire Assessment fee or be billed separately.

Ellen Hossain, wrote on behalf of the estate of Mohammed R. Hossain, 6410 Mallards Lane, Coconut Creek, to object to the Fire Assessment. She stated the assessment was not in the interest of the citizens and was an undue hardship. She asked that the Fire Assessment and proposed budget be withdrawn.

Tamah Lettieri, 3302 Carambola Circle S, Coconut Creek, wrote in opposition to the plan to sever ties with Margate Fire Rescue and Broward Sheriff's Office and start an independent Fire Rescue department in the middle of a pandemic. She stated seniors were facing an undue hardship of increased expenses and could not absorb the costs on a Social Security income.

Hien Nguyen wrote it would have been prudent to explain the reason for the increase in the letter. He asked when was the Fire Assessment last increased, what was the total cost of the new fire station, that a copy of the study be provided, and asked if the City's insurance rating would improve.

Atarah, no last name or address given, wrote that the City did not decrease anything for those who had lost their jobs during the pandemic, and stated they did not understand why an assessment was needed.

Lisa Meade Romero, 5420 NW 49 Avenue, Coconut Creek, wrote that it was a shame that City Commissioners had stated the fire department would be fully funded, and then ask for a larger Fire Assessment. She stated it should have been disclosed to the public more transparently, and noted she was not in favor of the increase.

Gail Hamaty-Bird, general counsel for Food for the Poor, wrote that the organization's Fire Assessment was calculated incorrectly and stated the time should be taken to make sure each entity was properly assessed.

Maria Costa, 4126 Carambola Circle S, Coconut Creek, wrote that she was a single mother working two (2) jobs and could not afford the Fire Assessment.

Vice Mayor Rydell asked staff to respond to the email from Gail Hamaty-Bird before proceeding with the advanced voicemail comments. City Manager Brooks explained Food for the Poor did have a combination assessment because they are part warehouse and part commercial. She noted staff had discussed the range of square footage with the organization and the attorney would be explaining it to the client.

Commissioner Welch confirmed the Commissioners would be receiving copies of the written comments.

Commissioner Railey asked if the comments had been received before the Fire Assessment was properly explained and whether the property owners understood it was not a new assessment. City Manager Brooks responded that staff had responded to each property owner who submitted advanced public comments.

Interim City Clerk Bowers played the advanced voicemail comments, as follows:

Anthony Marshal spoke in opposition to the Fire Assessment.

Clementina Debourgh stated she did not understand the notice and asked that someone call to explain.

Sandra Bond spoke in opposition to the increase in Fire Assessment.

Marta Dixon called to request an explanation of the notice in Spanish.

James Erickson asked for further explanation of the notice.

I Ashkenazi asked for further explanation of the Fire Assessment notice.

Kathy Grande spoke in opposition to the Fire Assessment and stated the issue should be put to a public vote.

Felicia Jaffee asked for an explanation of the Fire Assessment.

Mauricio Gomes stated he was in opposition to an increase to the Fire Assessment and commented on department budgeting.

Sandra Villiers stated she believed the Fire Assessment was exorbitant and not well explained. She asked that someone explain the percentage of increase.

Maria Costa stated she was a single mother and did not have extra money to pay a Fire Assessment.

Liliana Morais called to question the calculations on her notice regarding the Fire Assessment.

Priya Nanchoo stated she did not agree to the Fire Assessment and asserted she pays enough taxes as a retired person.

Claritz Turcios asked for an explanation of the Fire Assessment in Spanish.

Following the advanced voicemail comments, Vice Mayor Rydell asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak.

Ralph Ito, Banyan Trails, stated he agreed with the Fire Department being created on its own, and asserted the City deserves its own department. He noted there was a public information issue and hoped the City could address that. He stated Coconut Creek should have its own dispatch rather than working with Coral Springs, and questioned fire departments being in school

zones. He congratulated Fire Chief Jeffery Gary and City staff for making Coconut Creek a better place to live.

There were no further comments, and Vice Mayor Rydell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Sarbone commended staff for addressing each of the letters and phone calls received in a professional way to make sure the public understood. He stated the increase in the assessment would have been there whether or not the department stayed with Margate, and they would not have had control or adequate reporting. Commissioner Sarbone responded to the dispatch comment and stated they had done a thorough vetting of Coral Springs. He shared details of the training to help the dispatchers learn the area.

Commissioner Welch agreed the education component needed to be something considered in the future and thanked staff for responding with information. She stated the Commission did not take spending tax payer dollars lightly, especially in the safety of the residents.

Commissioner Railey stated she would like residents to understand that Coconut Creek is among the lowest communities in Fire Assessment.

Vice Mayor Rydell echoed that he also did not take lightly spending money. He thanked Scott Backman for paying the Fire Assessment fees and stated South Florida Jewish Academy was an asset to the community and the region. He thanked staff for the consistent messaging.

Mayor Tooley stated she agreed with the Fire Assessment and encouraged additional publication of the annual meetings to discuss taxes and budget. She responded to the comment that Broward Sheriff's Office dispatch was free, and explained it was not free. She shared issues with BSO dispatch and stated Coral Springs would be a positive move.

AMENDMENT: Welch/Railey – To amend Ordinance No. 2021-019 to exempt private schools from the Fire Assessment.

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

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

Staff was directed to attach an addendum to the Ordinance reflecting the 83 percent cost recovery rate selected by the Commission and exempting private schools from the Fire Assessment.

Public Works Department

- ~~8. **RES** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A CONSULTING SERVICES WORK AUTHORIZATION WITH CPZ ARCHITECTS, INC. TO PROVIDE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE LAKESIDE PARK IMPROVEMENTS.~~
~~2021-162~~

Agenda Item #8 was removed from the agenda.

9. **ORD** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND REPUBLIC SERVICES OF FLORIDA, L.P. D/B/A ALL SERVICE REFUSE DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2019, TO PROVIDE FOR AMENDMENTS
2021-001

RELATED TO RECYCLING, INCLUDING A WAIVER TO PERMIT SOURCE SEPARATED RECYCLING TO BE COLLECTED AND TRANSPORTED WITH GARBAGE AND RUBBISH TO THE TRANSFER STATION AT THE WHEELABRATOR NORTH BROWARD RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY AND PROVIDING FOR A RATE ADJUSTMENT DUE TO CHANGES IN THE RECYCLING PROGRAM AS WELL AS A TEMPORARY RATE ADJUSTMENT DUE TO THE FORCE MAJEURE EVENT COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. (FIRST READING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

MOTION: Sarbone/Railey – To approve Ordinance No. 2021-001 on first reading.

Public Works Director Jim Berkman presented the item, explaining the Ordinance cleaned up language based on the changes made to the recycling program, provided for a study of the routes to determine any changes needed, and addressed COVID-19 relief.

Vice Mayor Rydell asked Republic Services staff to walk him through the provision in the contract which allows the City to reinstitute cardboard pickup. Joanne Stanley stated the contract signed in 2019 provided for cardboard pickup twice per year. She asserted they would be willing to work with the City to do weekly cardboard pickup at the curb. Vice Mayor Rydell stated he believed the community would benefit from that service and asked staff to start looking at the issue.

Commissioner Welch added that education was an issue, as people needed to know cardboard had to be broken down. Discussion ensued regarding education on recycling, cardboard, and bulk pickup. Mr. Berkman stated staff would review and determine the best way to approach cardboard pickup.

The Commissioners thanked Republic Services for their responsiveness.

Interim City Clerk Bowers stated there were no advanced public comments received for the item, and no one had signed in to speak.

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

City Clerk

10. **ORD 2021-018** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 8, "ELECTIONS," SECTION 8-51, "OATH: CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS; STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS; FEE," TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTRONIC FILING AND POSTING OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORTS. (SECOND READING)(PUBLIC HEARING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

MOTION: Welch/Railey – To adopt Ordinance No. 2021-018.

Vice Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing on the item. Interim City Clerk Bowers stated there were no advanced public comments received for the item, and no one had signed in to speak. Vice Mayor Rydell closed the public hearing.

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Brooks explained conflicts with the November and December Regular Commission meetings and asked for and received consensus to place an item on the next agenda to move the meeting on November 11 to November 18 and cancel the second meeting in November, as well as to cancel the December 23 meeting. She wished Mayor Tooley a happy birthday.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Pyburn wished Mayor Tooley a happy birthday.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Sarbone reiterated a happy retirement to Phil Randazzo and thanked him for representing the City well. He echoed wishes of a happy birthday to Mayor Tooley and congratulated the Police Department on their pending recertification.

Commissioner Welch shared a note she had received from Fred Lorenzo, a middle school student who regularly came to the Commission meetings prior to COVID-19. She commended Deputy City Manager Sheila Rose and Commissioner Railey for their active participation at the Broward County Commission meeting in the discussion regarding Waste Management’s land use plan amendment. She congratulated the Police Department on a successful reaccreditation assessment.

Commissioner Railey wished Mayor Tooley a happy birthday and congratulated the Police Department and Phil Randazzo. She stated Deputy City Manager Rose was a wealth of information and an asset to the City. She discussed the waste issue briefly. She visited Tomorrow’s Rainbow, the South Florida Jewish Academy, and North Broward Preparatory School to learn of the services they provide.

Vice Mayor Rydell shared details of an investigation into Monarch Hill landfill expanding to accept asbestos from other countries. He commended staff from the Transportation & Stormwater Division that had done a professional job of work in his neighborhood.

Mayor Tooley discussed the recent Florida League of Cities annual conference and shared details of a crisis management session she had attended. She stated she was honored with a group of others as a Home Rule Hero and she and Commissioner Sarbone were recognized for 20 years on the Commission. She thanked staff for their hard work and wished Phil Randazzo well on his retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Marianne Bowers, CMC
Interim City Clerk

Date