



# CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center  
4800 W. Copans Road  
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: March 23, 2023  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting No. 2023-0323R

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Joshua Rydell  
Vice Mayor Sandra L. Welch  
Commissioner Jacqueline Railey  
Commissioner John A. Brodie  
Commissioner-Elect 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.

Mayor Rydell noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present, and City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn explained the procedures for public participation and comment for the meeting.

## PRESENTATIONS

### 1. **23-031** ELECTION RESULTS – MARCH 14, 2023, MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND REFERENDUM.

City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh stated the results of the March 14, 2023, Municipal Election and Referendum had been certified by the office of the Broward County Supervisor of Elections. He read the results into the record as follows:

- Commission seat - District A (four (4) year term)
  - Becky Tooley – 1,814 votes
  - **Jeffrey R. Wasserman – 1,864 votes**
- Commission seat - District D (four (4) year term)
  - **John A. Brodie – 1,508 votes**
  - Alfred Delgado – 997 votes
  - Nancy Gayle Fry – 1,263 votes
- Charter Question – filling of vacancies on the Commission by election
  - **Yes – 3,116 votes**
  - No – 485 votes

### 2. **23-032** INVESTITURE OF ELECTED COMMISSIONERS FOR DISTRICTS A AND D.

Former Commissioner Mikkie Belvedere administered the Oath of Office to newly-elected Commissioner

Jeffrey R. Wasserman. Commissioner Wasserman took his seat on the dais.

Campaign Manager Ivette Cerabona administered the Oath of Office to newly-elected Commissioner John A. Brodie.

*Mayor Rydell called for a recess at 7:18 p.m., and the meeting reconvened at 7:34 p.m.*

3.     **23-039**           A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF JOSHUA RYDELL AS MAYOR FOR 2022-2023.

City Manager Karen M. Brooks recognized Mayor Rydell for his service as Mayor for the 2022-2023 year, thanking him for his enthusiasm and dedication representing the City. She presented him with a crystal gavel.

### **ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR**

4.     **RES**            A RESOLUTION ELECTING A MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR FOR A ONE-YEAR  
       **2023-036**        TERM.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record and commented on the procedures for the selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor. He stated he believed the residents should be involved in the selection and expressed an interest in a future change to the process. Vice Mayor Welch and Commissioner Railey shared the sentiment that the current process could be improved.

Mayor Rydell reviewed the procedures for election of Mayor and Vice Mayor and opened the floor to nominations for Mayor.

**MOTION:** Brodie/Railey – To elect Joshua Rydell as Mayor.

**With no other nominations on the floor, the Motion carried.**

Mayor Rydell opened the floor to nominations for Vice Mayor.

**MOTION:** Railey/Brodie – To elect Sandra L. Welch as Vice Mayor.

**With no other nominations on the floor, the Motion carried.**

### **INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**

City Clerk Kavanagh stated that no advanced public comments were received for Non-agenda or Consent Agenda Items.

Broward County School Board Member Daniel Foganholi congratulated the newly-elected Commissioners. He stated there was no better way to build the relationship between the City and the schools than to elect an assistant principal to the Commission as they had in Commissioner Wasserman.

Dennis Conklin, 4581 NW 6 Court, Plantation, echoed School Board Member Faganholi's congratulations to the newly-elected Commissioners. He discussed the Plantation Pension Board and stated they had shown support of an Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) investing strategy. He suggested the City look into this option.

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 5 through 9)**

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

5.     **23-030**         A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2023-0215WS AND 2023-0223R)
  
6.     **RES  
2023-041**         A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CULLUM ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BY THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION SURTAX (“PENNY FOR TRANSPORTATION” PROGRAM) APPLICATION ASSIGNED TO THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CULLUM ROAD IN THE MAINSTREET PROJECT AREA.
  
7.     **RES  
2023-046**         A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE BANKS ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BY THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION SURTAX (“PENNY FOR TRANSPORTATION” PROGRAM) APPLICATION ASSIGNED TO THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BANKS ROAD IN THE MAINSTREET PROJECT AREA.
  
8.     **RES  
2023-047**         A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE MUNICIPAL CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRAM, FUNDED BY THE TRANSPORTATION SURTAX, FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTH CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.
  
9.     **RES  
2023-049**         A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY’S REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING TO PURCHASE BODY-WORN CAMERAS AND RELATED TECHNOLOGY.

**MOTION:** Railey/Brodie – To approve Consent Agenda Items 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

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

**REGULAR AGENDA**

10.    **RES  
2023-057**         A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TWO (2) COMMISSIONERS, ONE (1) DELEGATE AND ONE (1) ALTERNATE, TO REPRESENT THE CITY AT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE SYSTEM MEETINGS.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:**     Welch/Railey – To approve Resolution No. 2023-057.

City Manager Brooks presented the item, explaining former Commissioner Tooley was the City’s representative on the Regional Solid Waste Working Group and outlined the process for representation on the Working Group. She stated the Commission’s nomination would be forwarded to the Working Group for a vote.

Mayor Rydell clarified that the City had actually lost its seat on the Working Group, as it was Commissioner Tooley’s position. City Manager Brooks confirmed the City had lost its seat and

stated she believed the City had a good background for participation in the Working Group and would like to continue its efforts.

Mayor Rydell stated the City would have to lobby the middle-sized cities in order to regain its seat and discussed possible impediments.

Vice Mayor Welch stated she was the alternate when Commissioner Tooley sat on the Working Group and noted she had attended all of the meetings. She asserted she was up-to-date on the process and ready to serve in the role.

Mayor Rydell opened the floor for public input. There were no advanced public comments received for the item and no one signed in to speak.

Mayor Rydell opened the floor for nominations of the delegate position. Commissioner Railey nominated Vice Mayor Welch to represent the City on the Solid Waste Working Group as the delegate, seconded by Commissioner Brodie. With no further nominations, nominations were closed for the position of delegate.

Mayor Rydell opened the floor for nominations of the alternate position. Vice Mayor Welch nominated Mayor Rydell to serve as alternate, seconded by Commissioner Wasserman. With no further nominations, nominations were closed for the position of alternate.

**Upon roll call, the Resolution, with the slate of nominees, passed by a 5-0 vote.**

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Brooks suggested cancelling the July 27 and August 10 Commission meetings for summer break. She asked the Commissioners to check their calendars and provide feedback as needed. She noted the Florida League of Cities annual conference was confirmed for the second week in August.

## **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Pyburn welcomed Commissioner Wasserman to the dais. She provided an update on a legal case, *Joanne Roy Young v. the City of Coconut Creek and North Broward Preparatory School*, which had been going on since 2018, was being voluntarily dismissed by the Plaintiff.

## **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Wasserman stated it was an honor to be on the dais. He gave credit to his wife for being there every step of the way, and thanked his parents and parents-in-law. He stated he was there to represent the City and would do his best for those who voted for him and those who did not, noting it was a close election.

Commissioner Brodie thanked all those who supported him through the election process, beginning when he was appointed to the seat. He recognized his wife and son for their contribution and thanked his opponents for an amazing campaign and a clean race. He highlighted the work of his campaign volunteers and further thanked the organizations that supported him and the voters. Commissioner Brodie reported on his recent trip to Tallahassee. He stated he had learned funding was approved for the City's fire truck and for Sunshine Drive Park improvements and was awaiting the Governor's

signature. He provided an update regarding legislation associated with solid waste contracts, condominiums, transparency in homeowners' associations, and turnpike funding.

Commissioner Railey welcomed the new Commissioners and stated she looked forward to working with them. She congratulated Becky Tooley on her 22 years of service and the amazing impact she had. She congratulated Mayor Rydell and Vice Mayor Welch and stated she was happy to see them continue in their roles. Commissioner Railey shared regarding the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) presentation on the Turnpike expansion project for the residents of Sunshine Drive, and stated she did not see how the expansion could possibly work without displacing residents. She noted it was going to be a fight.

Vice Mayor Welch congratulated the newly-elected Commissioners and stated she looked forward to working with them. She noted she had attended a number of events recently, and highlighted the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Regional Trials, which were held in Coconut Creek and showcased the City. Discussion continued regarding the competition and the Coconut Creek Police Department canine handlers, who participated.

Mayor Rydell stated 60 residents of Wynmoor had attended the Sunshine Drive presentation, but there had been low attendance from the residents of Sunshine Drive. He commended Commissioner Railey for the efforts. He recognized staff for the food truck event and stated it was a unique event drawing people from all over. He suggested adding more seating for attendees. He commented on the Mayor's Chess Challenge and stated 12 children had beaten him. Mayor Rydell noted the Commissioners all serve at the behest of the residents, and Commissioner Tooley had left big shoes to fill. He congratulated the new Commissioners and stated he looked forward to serving with them. He highlighted the importance of friends and family in an election cycle.

Commissioner Railey gave accolades to the Fire Department and Police Department for their professional and caring response to recent difficult situations in Wynmoor. She noted she would share correspondence from community members, regarding the professionalism of the City's first responders.

City Manager Brooks stated typically when a Commissioner travels outside of the City, consensus was given for that Commissioner to represent the City. She noted Commissioner Brodie had attended Broward Days in Tallahassee, but there was no meeting before the event to gain consensus. She sought and received consensus to reimburse Commissioner Brodie for his travel costs.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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Joseph J. Kavanagh, MMC  
City Clerk

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Date