



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Date: March 27, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rydell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

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

EXCUSED:

Commissioner Lou Sarbone

PRESENTATION BY FEDERAL LOBBYIST VAN SCOYOC ASSOCIATES

Assistant to the City Manager Bernadette Hughes explained that Van Scoyoc Associates has represented the City for several years on federal issues that affect the City and its residents and noted that the firm has assigned new staff members to support the City on its federal legislative agenda. She introduced Van Scoyoc Associates Vice President and the City's Co-team Leader Jim Crum, who spoke about the new team. Vice President and Co-team Leader Harry Glenn introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his background and work experience. Mr. Crum summarized the work experience and expertise of team members Lauren Cowles and Van Carver.

Ms. Hughes noted that she and City Manager Blasi reviewed the City's federal legislative agenda and key issues affecting the City with the new team. The Commission discussed additional issues to monitor, including legislation related to police officer safety. Discussion ensued regarding improved support services for the City related to federal issues, including funding for City projects. It was noted that the regular updates on federal legislation provided by Van Scoyoc Associates were very helpful and an important level of service. Discussion ensued regarding relationship building with the federal delegation.

Mr. Glenn discussed pressing issues facing cities, including school violence and gun safety. He spoke about federal funding and grant opportunities for local governments and noted that the appropriations bill includes increased funding for certain grant programs. He mentioned that there were discussions about reinstating congressional earmark spending. Mr. Crum commented that additional issues impacting cities were the current administration's efforts to roll back regulations and privacy issues related to drone policies. Discussion ensued regarding gun safety legislation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Transcribed by Marianne Bowers

Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

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