



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Date: September 12, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2022-0912SP
First Budget Public Hearing**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joshua Rydell called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Joshua Rydell
Vice Mayor Sandra L. Welch
Commissioner Rebecca A. Tooley
Commissioner Jacqueline Railey
Commissioner John A. Brodie
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 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 C. Pyburn explained the procedures for public participation and comment for the meeting.

City Manager Karen Brooks introduced the City's new Public Works Director Harry Mautte and provided a brief review of his background and education. Mr. Mautte stated he was looking forward to growing roots in the City of Coconut Creek.

PRESENTATION(S)

- 22-177** A CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION OF AN APPROPRIATIONS CHECK BY STATE SENATOR TINA POLSKY AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE HUNSCHOFSKY FOR THE WASTEWATER CONVEYANCE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

State Senator Tina Polsky and State Representative Christine Hunschofsky presented a ceremonial check to the City of Coconut Creek for the wastewater conveyance system improvement project. Utilities and Engineering Director Osama Elshami thanked the legislators for their assistance in identifying and securing the appropriations for the improvement.

Finance and Administrative Services

- ORD
2022-018** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY'S OPERATING PROPERTY TAX AT 6.4463 MILLS FOR THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR. (FIRST PUBLIC HEARING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

MOTION: Tooley/Welch – To approve Ordinance No. 2022-018 on first reading.

Budget and Grants Manager Kisha Holland presented the proposed operating Millage Rate and Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23). She explained the proposed Millage Rate of 6.4463 mills represented a 9.19 percent increase over the rollback rate of 5.9040 and represented no increase over the current Millage Rate. She stated adopting the Millage Rate was necessary to maintain service levels and noted the rate was included on the proposed property tax document mailed to residents.

Continuing, Ms. Holland provided a brief overview of the City's FY23 Budget. She stated despite the challenges of the current economic environment and the significant impacts it has had on financial operations, staff was presenting a balanced budget, which included a four and one-half (4.5) percent wage and salary range increase for staff and an increase in the City's contribution to the high-deductible healthcare plan. She stated the budget focused on addressing the community's needs, priorities, and desires in alignment with the Vision 2030 Strategic Plan.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing. City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh stated there were no advanced public comments received for the item, and no one had signed in to speak. Mayor Rydell closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Welch shared a question received from a resident during a recent meeting, which asked whether the assessed valuation increases went into reserves. She read a response from City Manager Brooks, noting the City's fund balance and emergency reserves were healthy and the increased assessed valuations went into the general fund.

The Commission thanked staff for their hard work and Mayor Rydell added the City's independent audit was also testament to the quality team managing the City's finances and budget.

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

3. **ORD 2022-019** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AS THE CITY'S OFFICIAL BUDGET. THIS ORDINANCE WILL APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR OPERATING CITY DEPARTMENTS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2022, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. (FIRST PUBLIC HEARING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

MOTION: Welch/Tooley – To approve Ordinance No. 2022-019 on first reading.

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

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

4. **RES 2022-169** A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE FUND AND PROVISION OF FIRE RESCUE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023; IMPOSING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES ASSESSMENT AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY; AND APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL. (PUBLIC HEARING)

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Tooley/Welch – To approve Resolution No. 2022-169.

Ms. Holland explained the Resolution set the Fire Rescue Assessment for Fiscal Year 2023, which was intended to fund approximately ninety (90) percent of the cost of fire rescue services. She stated the rate to be imposed would be \$257.40 for single family and \$231.60 for multi-family per year, representing a ten (10) percent increase over 2022 due to increased costs.

Commissioner Railey noted the City was still on the low end of the spectrum for fire assessment rates in the area, and Ms. Holland confirmed.

Mayor Rydell stated he had received a call regarding the increase. He asked staff to confirm that costs related to maintenance were increasing, and this would have been true with any contract for services. City Manager Brooks confirmed.

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

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

5. **RES 2022-170** A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE IN THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023; RE-IMPOSING SOLID WASTE SERVICES ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY; AND APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL. (PUBLIC HEARING)

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Tooley/Railey – To approve Resolution No. 2022-170.

Ms. Holland explained the Resolution set the Solid Waste Assessment Rate for single family homes for FY23. She stated the rate to be imposed would be \$329.70 for single family homes, which represented a four (4) percent increase from the current rate and included hauling and disposal of municipal solid waste, cleaning and sanitizing of carts twice per year, the household hazardous waste program, and the recycling drop off center.

Commissioner Tooley asked whether the City could fine Republic for times when pickup did not happen. Deputy City Manager Sheila Rose stated the mechanism was put in place to fine the company and noted efforts were made to improve customer service.

Mayor Rydell stated there should be follow through on promises made by Republic, including improvements to service and cardboard recycling. He noted he had seen an improvement in customer service via Facebook. Discussion continued regarding customer service issues with solid waste pickup.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Joseph J. Kavanagh, MMC
City Clerk

Date