



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center
4800 W. Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: December 12, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2019-1212WS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Sandra L. Welch
Vice Mayor Lou Sarbone
Commissioner Rebecca A. Tooley
Commissioner Mikkie Belvedere
City Manager Karen M. Brooks
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn
City Clerk Leslie Wallace May

EXCUSED:

Commissioner Joshua Rydell

3. DISCUSSION – STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

City Manager Karen Brooks opened the discussion and introduced Assistant to the City Manager Bernadette Hughes, who noted that Lauren Jackson from Ericks Consultants, Inc. and Chris Nordstrom from Florida Senator Kevin Rader's Office were in attendance. Ms. Hughes commented that the proposed 2020 State Legislative Agenda was before the Commission for discussion and would be scheduled for final adoption by the Commission at their January 9, 2020, regular meeting. She highlighted several key issues that carried over from the previous year's priorities, including home rule, transportation, funding, sustainability, and public safety, and noted that the issues had been updated to include the bills being introduced this session, which would begin on January 14, 2020. She provided a brief summary of the legislative advocacy efforts by City staff and Ericks Consultants during the previous year and noted that the City submitted and received an application for funding for wastewater conveyance improvements in the amount of \$150,000. She added that this year the City submitted an application for funding for a water quality project in the amount of \$175,000, which was moving through committees.

Ms. Jackson spoke about potential impacts to the City from the proposed Turnpike-widening project and discussed strategies to increase awareness on the issue. She provided an update on the Seminole Tribe of Florida compact, noting that it was not likely for the agreement to be renewed this year. She highlighted several key issues that the consultant team was following, including:

- A bill that would change the communications services tax rates for streaming services;
- An agency request to fund a grant program for local governments related to cyber security; and

- Several bills that threaten home rule for local governments.

Discussion ensued regarding controlled substances, and Commissioner Tooley suggested adding a new drug to the list of Schedule I drugs. Commissioner Belvedere noted that over 700 petitions objecting to the Turnpike-widening project had been provided to the Florida Department of Transportation from affected residents in the Wynmoor community. Discussion ensued regarding distracted driving and a proposed bill that would require hands-free use of mobile devices. Vice Mayor Sarbone suggested that obtaining tax revenue from streaming services be a high priority issue to keep up with industry changes. Mayor Welch asked if there were any updates related to school safety or waste/recycling issues. Ms. Jackson noted that there had been progress related to implementing funding that was appropriated for school hardening. She added that there would be a bill related to funding for mental health and the findings of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission. She noted that specific language had not been proposed as of yet, and commented that she would share the information with the City as it was available. Ms. Jackson spoke about recycling and waste issues and commented that there would be a bill related to defining contaminated materials and a separate bill that would establish a recycling working group to propose new programs and statutory changes to meet statewide recycling goals. Ms. Hughes asked the Commission to provide feedback for edits to the draft legislative agenda for final consideration on the January 9 Commission agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Transcribed by Marianne Bowers

Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

Dated