



## CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Date: May 23, 2019  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting No. 2019-0523R**

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and thanked City Attorney Pyburn for the evening's song selection, Luke Bryan's "Most People Are Good."

### PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Sandra L. Welch  
Vice Mayor Lou Sarbone  
Commissioner Rebecca A. Tooley  
Commissioner Mikkie Belvedere  
Commissioner Joshua Rydell  
City Manager Mary C. Blasi  
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn  
Deputy City Clerk Marianne Bowers

Mayor Welch asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge, she asked all to remain standing for a moment of silence in remembrance of the lives of Police Chief Albert "Butch" Arenal's mother and American Legion Commander Ralph Trapper, who both recently passed away.

### PRESENTATIONS

- 1. 19-112** A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 23, 2019, AS "NORTH BROWARD PREPARATORY SCHOOL LEXUS ECO CHALLENGE TEAM FOOD MILES MATTER DAY."

Vice Mayor Sarbone read the proclamation into the record. North Broward Preparatory Middle School Principal Alex Birchenall, Assistant Head of School Genevieve Hoppe, Teacher Hope Kennedy, and students Grant Fawcett, Ryan Folic, Nate Harmelin, Camila Palladino, Madison Sage, Hayden Simmons, and Isabela Wiley from the "Food Miles Matter" team accepted the proclamation.

- 2. 19-118** A PRESENTATION OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION FOR COCONUT CREEK RESIDENT SAYEED RAHMAN.

Police Captain Ryan Marken presented Coconut Creek resident Sayeed Rahman with a Police Department Commendation for his assistance in apprehending a burglary suspect.

- 3. 19-114** A SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEW POLICE OFFICER JONATHAN R. CORTEZ.

Captain Marken introduced Police Officer Jonathan Cortez and invited him and his family to come forward for the swearing-in. Deputy City Clerk Bowers administered the Oath of Office followed by the badge-pinning ceremony.

## **INPUT FROM RESIDENTS OF COCONUT CREEK**

Tom Hepple, 4271 NW 8 Street, Coconut Creek, thanked Commissioner Tooley and City staff for their assistance in resolving a concern regarding the planting of hedges in the rear of his property. He discussed a code citation he received for his lawn and requested consideration for alternatives to sod replacement. Mayor Welch suggested that Urban Forester Sharon Vollmer contact Mr. Hepple to discuss his request.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Blasi had no report.

## **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Pyburn had no report.

## **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Rydell hosted the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) inaugural Officer of the Year Banquet and announced that Coconut Creek Police Officer Mike Leonard was honored as the Coconut Creek Officer of the Year. Commissioner Rydell mentioned the joint workshop hosted by the Margate City Commission regarding public safety on April 30 where there was consensus to join with the City of Coral Springs for dispatch services, and he commented on the positive discussion regarding the future contractual services between Coconut Creek and Margate for fire services. He mentioned that, at their most recent Commission meeting, the Margate City Commission had questioned the move to Coral Springs dispatch as well as fire assessment fees associated with the fire services agreement with the City. He discussed dispatch response data that was collected by City staff and shared with Margate staff and Commissioners. City Manager Blasi explained the ramifications if Margate decided not to join the interlocal agreement with Coral Springs for dispatch services. She discussed the budget preparations that the City had done in regards to establishing its own fire department if negotiations were not successful. Discussion ensued. City Manager Blasi received consensus to hire a consultant to complete a fire services analysis before having any further workshops. Discussion ensued regarding the discrepancy in response time data shared by Margate and that collected by City staff. City Manager Blasi stated that she expected to receive the proposal from Coral Springs for dispatch services within a week and spoke about the reporting provisions discussed with Coral Springs to accurately analyze performance.

Commissioner Tooley offered her condolences to former Public Works Director Scott Sundermeier for the loss of his wife. She commended Recreation Programmer Debra Browning for her work on the National Kids to Parks Day celebration. She attended Coconut Creek Elementary School's Career Day, the Monarch High School softball team banquet, and the Broward League of Cities annual gala, where the League presented the police recruitment video that would be distributed to each city in Broward County.

Commissioner Belvedere attended the "Coffee with a Cop" event and suggested that staff place signage advertising the community event so the public is not alarmed when seeing the volume of police vehicles. She commended the Police Department for honoring employee military veterans with a barbeque. She noted that the Coconut Creek Multicultural Circle donated five hundred dollars to the Police Explorer Program and that they hosted their fifth annual Iftar event, a fast-breaking meal during

Ramadan. She asked staff to research a ban on the use of plastic straws and mentioned that a local group was interested in starting a Coconut Creek Historical Society. She asked for the Commission's support of the group after they finalize their non-profit status. She thanked the Code Enforcement Division for attending a recent Wynmoor community meeting to speak about code and building regulations with the residents.

Vice Mayor Sarbone mentioned the City's upcoming Memorial Day ceremony on May 27 and encouraged everyone to participate in a day of remembrance and family time. He thanked City staff for organizing the ceremony.

Mayor Welch attended the National Kids to Parks Day event and commented on the attendance at the Kids Expo. She spoke with a resident in the Paloma Lakes community who asked the City to consider posting a "No U-turn" sign in the northbound median on Lyons Road just north of the Wiles Road and Lyons Road intersection across from the Paloma Lakes community entrance, noting the impacts on the residents entering and exiting the community. City Manager Blasi commented that staff would contact Broward County to discuss the request, as well as light synchronization. Mayor Welch commended Parks and Recreation Supervisor Enrique Castro for the new Teen Leadership and Development Program.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **City Clerk**

4.     **19-119**           A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2019-0425R AND 2019-0430WS)

Mayor Welch read the Motion title into the record.

**MOTION:**       Rydell/Tooley – To approve the minutes of the April 25, 2019, Regular Meeting and April 30, 2019, Workshop.

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

### **Finance and Administrative Services**

5.     **RES**                A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH ICMA RETIREMENT CORPORATION FOR SECTION 401 AND 457 PLAN NUMBERS 106098, 107812, 109335, 109336, 109337, AND 300490; AND VANTAGECARE RETIREMENT HEALTH SAVINGS PLAN NUMBERS 800800 AND 803132.

Mayor Welch read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:**       Rydell/Tooley – To approve Resolution No. 2019-115.

Deputy City Manager / CFO Karen Brooks presented the item.

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

**City Commission**

6.     **19-113**           A MOTION TO CANCEL THE JULY 25, 2019, AND AUGUST 22, 2019, REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS.

Mayor Welch read the Motion into the record.

**MOTION:**       Tooley/Rydell – To cancel the July 25, 2019, and August 22, 2019, City Commission Meetings.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Transcribed by: Marianne Bowers

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Leslie Wallace May, MMC  
City Clerk

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Date