



## CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Date: September 24, 2020  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting No. 2020-0924SP  
Second Budget Hearing**

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

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

Mayor Sarbone asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sarbone explained that Governor Ron DeSantis' Executive Orders 20-52 and 20-69, as continuously extended, and Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, authorized all local governments to waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by both state and local law as necessary to allow local governments to continue to perform public work and take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community. He noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present and participation by one (1) Commissioner using communications media technology consistent with the Governor's Orders and State law. City Attorney Terrill Pyburn explained the procedures for public participation and comment for the meeting.

### Finance and Administrative Services

- 1. ORD 2020-029** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY'S OPERATING PROPERTY TAX AT 6.5378 MILLS FOR THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR. (SECOND PUBLIC HEARING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

**MOTION:** Welch/Rydell – To adopt Ordinance No. 2020-029.

Mayor Sarbone noted that this was the second public hearing on the City's 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and 2021 Fiscal Year Budget. He introduced Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Peta-Gay Lake, who gave a brief summary of both the Property Tax Rate Ordinance and the 2021 Fiscal Year Budget Ordinance. Ms. Lake noted that the proposed Millage Rate of

6.5378 represented a 4.62% increase over the rollback rate and explained that it was necessary to maintain service levels and was the rate included on the notice of proposed property taxes mailed to each property owner in August. She stated there was a 5.41% increase in taxable value in the City. She reviewed the steps undertaken to develop the proposed budget, including planning and analysis, and noted this year was especially challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She stated that the 2021 Fiscal Year Budget represented a financial strategy that was responsive to the community's needs and provided for essential capital projects, infrastructure maintenance, and quality municipal services in a productive and efficient manner.

Mayor Sarbone opened the public hearing.

Jack Vesey, 5109 NW 51st Terrace, Coconut Creek, stated he served on the Environmental Advisory Board but was speaking on his own behalf. Mr. Vesey noted moving from a single-stream recycling effort to multi-stream with a drop-off center was a positive move. He stated collecting the recycling bins would be a wakeup call and asked about the education campaign planned. He asked that glass be included in the recycling service.

Mayor Sarbone asked staff to address Mr. Vesey's comments and engage the Environmental Advisory Board on moving the initiatives forward. Vice Mayor Rydell stated the Commission felt forced into the decision and said he didn't agree with it. Commissioner Tooley stated that there was nowhere to recycle glass, and while she didn't like it either, the cost of continuing the curbside recycling program was prohibitive.

City Attorney explained that because the meeting had not been noticed as an Environmental Advisory Board meeting, she wanted to make clear for the record that each of the speakers was at the meeting representing their own personal interests and not in their capacity as Environmental Advisory Board members. The Commissioners and staff discussed additional public comment received in advance of the meeting from the Chair of the Environmental Advisory Board, and noted it was also received in a personal capacity.

Susi Glatt, 3960 Cocoplum Circle, Coconut Creek, stated she has served on the Environmental Advisory Board since 2009 but was speaking on her own behalf as a resident. She commented on the City's positive history of setting an example of recycling in Coconut Creek, and stated she was disappointed that the program was changing during a time of profound climate change. She asked that every effort be made to restore a dynamic recycling plan.

Irene Espinosa, 4242 NW 66 Drive, Coconut Creek, commented on the removal of the curbside recycling program. She stated she was very disturbed by the status of recycling in the community and noted that she agreed with the previous speakers. She noted education to teach the public how to recycle needed to be done, and not just online. She asserted that leaving the recycling bins with the residents was sending the wrong message. City Attorney Pyburn asked that Ms. Espinosa clarify if had spoken on her own behalf, and Ms. Espinosa confirmed that was correct.

City Clerk May read an email comment submitted by Dan Mackey regarding the change to the recycling program. He expressed concern and suggested the Commissioners start by putting in place a comprehensive, multi-faceted community educational outreach plan funded at least in part by Republic Services to teach residents how to recycle the right way. He noted that only the most ardent recyclers would bring their recyclables to the drop-off location. A copy of the email is attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and made a part hereof these minutes.

Commissioner Welch asked if the Commission could reconsider the issue of removing the curbside recycling bins. Discussion ensued regarding whether bins should be removed and whether an additional bin would be needed for the additional waste created. Mayor Sarbone suggested City Manager Brooks contact Republic Services to discuss removing the recycling bins and replacing them with a second bin for those wanting them.

City Manager Brooks clarified that recycling was not ending. She stated the City was very committed to recycling, and it was providing the service in a different manner through waste-to-energy and drop-off recycling. The Commissioners and staff discussed communication efforts regarding the issue.

Ms. Lake noted that if there were no changes from the City Commission, the City's operating property tax would be tentatively set at 6.5378 mills and the proposed FY2021 Budget would be tentatively adopted. The public hearing was closed.

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

2. **ORD 2020-030** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 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, 2020, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021. (SECOND PUBLIC HEARING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

**MOTION:** Tooley/Belvedere – To adopt Ordinance No. 2020-030.

Mayor Sarbone opened the public hearing. City Clerk Leslie May stated there were no advanced public comments received on the item. There were no further questions or comments from the public, and Mayor Sarbone closed the public hearing.

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

3. **RES 2020-178** A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2025, PURSUANT TO SECTION 602 OF THE CITY CHARTER. (PUBLIC HEARING)

Mayor Sarbone read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:** Rydell/Tooley – To approve Resolution No. 2020-178.

Director of Finance and Administrative Services Peta-Gay Lake presented the item and noted the item adopted the City's five-year Capital Improvement Program. She stated FY21 projects were funded in the FY21 Budget and future projects would be reviewed in future fiscal years.

Mayor Sarbone opened the public hearing. City Clerk Leslie May stated there were no advanced public comments received on the item. There were no further questions or comments from the public, and Mayor Sarbone closed the public hearing.

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

4. **RES 2020-179** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FROM THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR OUTSIDE LEGAL SERVICES AND ASSOCIATION FEES RELATING TO THE MAINSTREET AREA.

Mayor Sarbone read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:** Rydell/Tooley – To approve Resolution No. 2020-179.

Director of Finance and Administrative Services Peta-Gay Lake presented the item and explained the funds from the Community Improvement Fund were received through an agreement with the Seminole Tribe of Florida and provided for legal and professional expenditures related to MainStreet issues and Seminole issues.

City Clerk Leslie May stated there were no advanced public comments received on the item, and there were no further questions or comments from the public.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Transcribed by: C. Parkinson, Prototype

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Leslie Wallace May, MMC  
City Clerk

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