



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES

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

**Date: April 22, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2021-0422WS**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebecca A. Tooley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Rebecca A. Tooley
Vice Mayor Joshua Rydell
Commissioner Lou Sarbone
Commissioner Sandra L. Welch
Commissioner Jacqueline Railey
City Manager Karen M. Brooks
City Attorney Terrill Pyburn
City Clerk Leslie Wallace May

Mayor Tooley explained that Governor Ron DeSantis' Executive Order 20-52, 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. She noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present consistent with the Governor's Order and State law. City Attorney Pyburn explained the procedures for public participation and comment for the meeting.

The Vision 2030 Update was heard prior to the Budget Discussion.

DISCUSSION – FISCAL YEAR 2022 (FY2022) BUDGET

Director of Finance and Administrative Services Peta-Gay Lake explained the purpose of the Workshop was for the City Commission to share any programs, services, or capital improvements they would like staff to include in the draft FY2022 budget. She briefly outlined the strategic approach to recovery from COVID-19 and shared the results of the public input session held to discuss the budget. She reviewed the schedule for adoption of the budget, including the Commission Workshop on August 10 and two public hearings on September 13 and 23.

Commissioner Railey stated she would like to see beautification efforts in South Creek to bring the area to the same level as North Creek. She mentioned youth golf and live theater as things she would like to see expanded in the community. Discussion ensued regarding developing community partnerships with Broward College for youth golf programming.

Commissioner Welch stated she would like to use equity to review measurable progress for all the City's strategic pillars and to tie it into the budget. She listed ideas to build relationships within the community for meaningful conversations and the promotion of Creek TV. She shared an idea to incentivize recycling efforts and commented on concerns related to commercial use of bulk and yard waste pick-up day. She discussed property taxes and signage that would clearly show the public how tax dollars were being used. Commissioner Welch asked about the resources shared in the recent Unity in the Community update, and

whether those resources were being considered in the budget. She asked the Commission to discuss the areas of expertise within the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board membership. Discussion ensued if there was a need to consider expansion of the Advisory Board to include additional positions related to professional standards, and there was none. Commissioner Welch asked if layers of sea grape trees or some other landscape buffer could be added around the volleyball courts at Winston Park Nature Center in consideration of those in the adjacent neighborhood. Director of Finance and Administrative Services Lake stated staff would evaluate options.

Commissioner Sarbone expressed concern regarding the direction the Solid Waste Working Group was taking and asked that staff consider putting time and effort into exploring technology for recycling. He shared an example of bricks which were created by a waste-to-energy plant for construction to reduce waste and stated he would like the FY2022 budget to include a research group for alternative waste and recycling methods.

Vice Mayor Rydell commented on the logistics of expanding the recycling drop-off program by adding locations in the north or south end of the City and incentivizing recycling efforts. He noted he would like to triple the amount of neighborhood enhancement grants available and encourage homeowners' associations to utilize the grants for security improvements. He stated that safety was a constant theme throughout the Vision 2030 meetings and should be addressed. Vice Mayor Rydell added that he would like to see more license plate readers in the City. He explained that he had spoken with staff about small business incentive programs and would like the idea to be further explored.

Mayor Tooley requested two park rangers at Windmill Park, noting that the park was heavily used at night. She asked that the budget include new phones for Parks and Recreation staff and funds for a SWAT vehicle. City Manager Brooks responded that staff had not lost sight of the goal and continued to look for grant opportunities that would fit the request. Vice Mayor Rydell noted that the State Department of Economic Opportunity was specifically earmarking funds for police and fire. City Manager Brooks responded that staff would follow up. Mayor Tooley noted she had been asked frequently about Fire Explorers. City Manager Brooks stated it was the intention of the City to implement the program, but it may not be in the first year of the Fire Department implementation.

UPDATE REGARDING THE VISION 2030 STRATEGIC PLAN

Sheryl Trent, SBrand Consulting, provided an update on the Vision 2030 Strategic Planning process, including the steps taken to gather feedback from the community and work with staff. She explained the goal was to bring a draft version of the plan to the City Commission for review at the end of May. Ms. Trent briefly reviewed the results of the survey and interviews conducted and shared the draft graphic representation of the main themes created by artist Alece Birnbach at the March 23, 2021, Public Input Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

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