



## CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center  
4800 W. Copans Road  
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: January 23, 2020  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting No. 2020-0123WS

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

### 2. PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

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

Mayor Welch recognized Commissioner Belvedere's birthday.

### 3. DISCUSSION – FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Assistant to the City Manager Bernadette Hughes opened the discussion and introduced Harry Glenn and James Crum from Van Scoyoc Associates, the City's federal lobbying consultant. Ms. Hughes highlighted the team's efforts during the past year regarding key issues, including cyber security, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, 5G wireless technology deployment, Clean Water Act, landfill emission standards, appropriations, Thin Blue Line legislation, offshore oil exploration, National Flood Insurance Program, and gun legislation.

Mr. Crum commented that the City's Federal Legislative Agenda had been updated for the 2020 year to include four new issues:

- Waste Recycling / Recycling Programs;
- Federal Housing Policy on assistance animals;
- ADA requirements for websites; and
- Cyber security.

He provided an update on several key issues that had action last year and would likely have action this coming year. He commented that the courts ruled on the remote sales tax legislation, allowing states to collect sales tax from internet sales, and that cities could expect to see revenue forthcoming once Florida adopts its procedures in accordance with the ruling. He noted that there was a bill written that would revoke the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rule-making that limited local government's oversight on 5G wireless technology implementation. Discussion ensued regarding possible health effects related to 5G technology, and Mr. Crum stated that there was no definitive study accepted by the FCC or the

U.S. Congress at this time. He provided the Commission a draft support letter of opposition to Bill H.R. 4741 that would exempt improvements to telecommunications facilities from environmental regulations during their restoration after a disaster. City Attorney Pyburn commented that those provisions, if approved, would apply for up to five years after the occurrence of the natural disaster. The Commission gave consensus to sign the letter in support of removing the exemption from environmental regulations.

Discussion ensued regarding the National Flood Insurance Program and the proposed Risk Rating 2.0 system. Mr. Crum noted that implementation of the rating system had been moved out to 2021, and the issue would be moved to the City's monitor list as a result of the new implementation timeline.

Mr. Crum stated that they would be closely monitoring two bills related to cyber security and ransomware threats that had been introduced late last year, which would establish grant programs to local communities and schools to fight ransomware attacks. He spoke about two recycling bills that they would be tracking, the Recover Act introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Recycling Act introduced in the U.S. Senate, that would create grant programs to help communities to develop new strategies for recycling programs and outreach efforts to educate communities who have changed their recycling programs in response to the changing market conditions.

Mr. Glenn noted that there would be several bills this year focused on environmental resiliency, mitigation, sustainability, and climate change. Discussion ensued regarding legislation regulating emotional support dogs, AIR BNB short term rentals, and bans on the sale of harmful vaping products. Mr. Crum stated that they would research the issues and follow up with staff. Discussion ensued regarding ADA compliance related to livestreamed public meetings, and Mr. Crum commented that they would coordinate with Congressman Ted Deutch on ADA related issues.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Transcribed by Marianne Bowers

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Leslie Wallace May, MMC  
City Clerk

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