



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES

Government Center
4800 W. Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: October 11, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2022-1011WS1

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joshua Rydell called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Joshua Rydell
Vice Mayor Sandra L. Welch
Commissioner Jacqueline Railey
Commissioner John A. Brodie
City Manager Karen M. Brooks
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

EXCUSED:

Commissioner Rebecca A. Tooley

MOTION: Welch/Railey – To excuse Commissioner Tooley’s absence from the workshop.

The Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Rydell noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present. He explained that the meeting material was available online, and the meeting was being broadcast live on the City’s website and YouTube channel.

PRESENTATION – COCONUT CREEK BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACCESS PROGRAM

Risk Manager Sanjeev Bissessar and Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Sullivan shared a *PowerPoint* presentation, outlining the City’s existing Behavioral Health Access Program (BHAP).

Assistant Fire Chief Sullivan shared personal stories regarding behavioral health struggles to highlight the importance of the program.

Risk Manager Bissessar explained what the BHAP was and how it was developed. He reviewed the current services in place, services in progress, and further explained each component and the importance of integrating the program into City culture.

The Commissioners thanked Assistant Fire Chief Sullivan for sharing his personal stories and staff for moving the program forward.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline for implementation and the potential to provide additional visits through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Risk Manager Bissessar noted there were six (6) free sessions through the program per issue, per year, and stated staff could look into the request.

Discussion ensued regarding the training programs, program logistics, and expansion of the Chaplain Program to include interreligious faith-based leaders.

Mayor Rydell commented on the importance of including the entire family in the service. He noted there may be health insurance companies offering some of these services as a result of a national shift to eliminate the stigma of behavioral health concerns.

City Manager Brooks thanked the Commission for their support and patience. She highlighted the importance of strategic, deliberate implementation of the components of the program discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Joseph J. Kavanagh, MMC
City Clerk

Date