



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES

Government Center
4800 W. Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: February 15, 2023
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2023-0215WS

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Sandra L. Welch called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Finance and Administrative Services Director Peta-Gay Lake
Budget and Grants Manager Kisha Holland
Deputy City Manager Sheila N. Rose
Assistant to the City Manager Bernadette Hughes

Vice Mayor Welch noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present and Mayor Rydell was participating via communications media technology.

DISCUSSION – FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET STRATEGIC PLANNING

Budget and Grants Manager Kisha Holland opened the discussion, providing an overview of the meeting agenda. She introduced Assistant to the City Manager Bernadette Hughes, who provided a brief recap of the City's Vision 2030 Strategic Plan. Ms. Hughes explained the City's budget was aligned across the five (5) areas of focus identified in Vision 2030, and funding was allocated to support policies and initiatives that drive improvement in each area. She shared the timeline for the development and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Budget.

Ms. Holland continued the presentation, providing an update on the FY23 objectives in each of the City's focus areas, including Adaptable and Progressive Mobility, High Performance Government, Safety and Quality of Life, Sustainable Environment, and Smart Growth. She invited Commission input on priorities in each of these areas for the FY24 Budget and explained the process for identifying projects among competing priorities.

City Manager Brooks provided brief comments, noting the workshop was intended to stimulate thinking on the City's priorities in the areas of Adaptable and Progressive Mobility, High Performance Government, Safety and Quality of Life, Sustainable Environment, and Smart Growth and serve as a starting point for the development of the FY24 Budget.

Commissioner Tooley provided input on FY24 Budget priorities as follows:

- Find ways to entice residents to become better informed;
- Enhance the City’s website for a more user-friendly experience;
- Expand on diverse recreation programs and recreation opportunities for seniors;
- Purchase a new Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) vehicle;
- Highlight availability of affordable and workforce housing programs;
- Expand mental health options in the City; and
- Provide additional electric vehicle charging stations.

Commissioner Brodie provided input on FY24 Budget priorities as follows:

- Upgrade the communication system in the Commission Chambers;
- Create a Safe City Park to educate young people about traffic safety and to hold public safety events;
- Implement a diabetes detection and education program; and
- Upgrade Veterans Park.

Commissioner Railey provided input on FY24 Budget priorities as follows:

- Expand communication and information-sharing with residents;
- Make website easier to navigate for those who are less tech savvy;
- Focus on traffic safety, including expansion of enforcement and addressing speeding;
- Expand cultural programs, including theater, art, and library services;
- Improve multi-modal mobility around the City;
- Adjust the bus schedule during peak hours for improved accessibility; and
- Acknowledge employees with a recognition program.

Vice Mayor Welch provided input on FY24 Budget priorities as follows:

- Increase the number of bus shelters;
- Educate the public on local bus ridership and why residents would want to use local transportation;
- Research grant funding for “Ride on Demand” pilot program;
- Commence improvements to Lyons Road north of the Sawgrass Expressway;
- Focus on employee succession planning for continuity of operations;
- Partner with the Chamber of Commerce on a “Small Business Assist” program;
- Host an outreach with realtors in the City to encourage checking for outstanding liens and permits prior to property purchase;
- Look into whether American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) mental health funds can be utilized to fund Behavioral Health Access Program (BHAP) initiatives for employees;
- Continue creative community policing initiatives;
- Expand mental health outreach in the community;
- Ensure playground improvements include accessible equipment for all abilities;
- Explore partnership opportunities with the Township Performing Arts center;
- Consider insurance costs when shifting to electric vehicles;
- Encourage older shopping centers to upgrade and improve infrastructure;
- Pursue affordable housing opportunities within the City;
- Use MainStreet project to enhance and expand mobility linkages;
- Continue to promote availability of Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program;
- Expand environmental events and associated partnerships (compost demonstrations, recycling education, expanded tree giveaway);

- Seek funding opportunities for recycling education campaign with a focus on student education;
- Consider solar panels when replacing roofs on City facilities, such as Community Center and Recreation Complex; and
- Make live stream video available following Commission meetings.

City Manager Brooks responded briefly to Commission comments, noting staff was preparing an agenda item regarding the purchase of an armored SWAT vehicle and explained the City had a robust employee recognition program in place. She apologized on behalf of Mayor Rydell for his need to participate virtually due to a medical issue and shared his written comments, attached hereto as Exhibit “1,” as follows:

- Focus on Coconut Creek vendors as preferential on all procurement requests;
- Create vehicle to inform local companies on how they can engage with the City on a business level;
- Create a storefront for new products at the Recreation Complex and City Hall to sell Coconut Creek branded items;
- Establish “Taste of Creek” program to expand publicity for local businesses; and
- Provide additional staffing to Public Relations as needed for purposes of additional community outreach.

City Manager Brooks thanked the Commissioners for their input and noted staff was open to additional comments throughout the FY24 Budget process.

Commissioner Tooley stated she had heard feedback regarding damage to the speed bumps on NW 45th Street and noted other neighborhoods were requesting assistance with the installation of speed bumps.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Joseph J. Kavanagh, MMC
City Clerk

Date