



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center
4800 W. Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: January 24, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rydell called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Joshua Rydell
Commissioner Rebecca A. Tooley
Commissioner Lou Sarbone
Commissioner Mikkie Belvedere
City Manager Mary C. Blasi
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn
City Clerk Leslie Wallace May

EXCUSED:

Vice Mayor Sandra L. Welch

3. DISCUSSION – FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Assistant to the City Manager Bernadette Hughes introduced representatives from the City's Federal Lobbyist firm Van Scoyoc Associates, Jim Crum and Harry Glenn, and Deputy District Director Theresa Brier from Congressman Ted Deutch's Office. She gave a brief overview of the services provided by Van Scoyoc Associates and several key issues they had assisted the City with over the past year, including:

- Oil and gas leasing off the Florida coast
- Government funding and grants
- National Flood Insurance Program
- Small Cell Wireless towers
- Landfill Emissions guidelines and changes
- Gun control, bump stocks, school safety
- Medical Marijuana
- Disaster Assistance
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grants
- Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Rulemaking
- Online sales tax
- Thin Blue Line
- Emotional Support Animals
- Hazardous Substance Reporting for landfills
- 3D Guns Printing

She noted that the City's proposed 2019 Federal Legislative Agenda contained many of the same issues from the 2018 Federal Legislative Agenda as well as two new issues, Thin Blue Line Legislation and Small Cell Wireless Towers. She noted that the City has applied for two grants from the Assistance for Firefighters Grants program this year with the assistance of Van Scoyoc, a \$925,000 grant for a fire suppression Quint and a \$50,000 grant for a fixed air compressor.

Discussion ensued regarding legislation for a national gun registry. Mr. Crum opened the discussion on the Federal Legislative Agenda, noting the updates that had been made to each item in the document and asked for the Commission's input. The Commission discussed monitoring legislation on the following matters:

- education, including school vouchers;
- marijuana legislation;
- remote sales tax for online merchants;
- thin blue line legislation;
- infrastructure; and
- environmental concerns.

Mr. Crum and Mr. Glenn spoke about rule changes related to earmarking funds and suggested having projects ready for consideration should new rules be implemented. Discussion ensued regarding the City writing a letter together with Congressman Deutch to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) related to amending the 2016 landfill emissions guidelines, and Van Scoyoc writing a White Paper on the subject.

Mr. Crum responded to a question regarding small cell wireless facilities and implementation of the 5G cellular communications infrastructure, noting the importance of cities staying involved in the conversation regarding 5G deployment. City Attorney Pyburn noted that the City was party to a class action lawsuit against the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding the rule for small cell wireless installation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Transcribed by Marianne Bowers

Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

Dated