



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Date: May 12, 2016
Time: 5:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mikkie Belvedere called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and invited Coconut Creek Elementary Student Lorena Menendez to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

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

RECOGNITION OF THE 2016 CALIBER AWARD FINALISTS

On behalf of the City Commission, Mayor Belvedere welcomed all in attendance. She commended the students being recognized for their excellence in academics, leadership, and character. She recognized the parents for their support, and she thanked the local businesses for their donations to the student gift bags. Mayor Belvedere wished success to the students on their future endeavors.

Mayor Belvedere recognized the following school staff members as finalists for the Broward County Public Schools 2016 Caliber Awards for demonstrating exceptional leadership, hard work, and dedication:

- Nichele Williams: Assistant Principal of the Year Category, Tradewinds Elementary School
- Mary Alvarez: School/District Employee of the Year Category, Lyons Creek Middle School
- Shilpa Parikh: School/District Employee of the Year Category, Winston Park Elementary School

RECOGNITION OF THE 2016 FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES "IF I WERE ELECTED MAYOR" STATEWIDE ESSAY CONTEST SECOND PLACE WINNER

City Manager Mary C. Blasi welcomed Florida League of Cities (FLC) representative, Pembroke Pines Mayor Frank Ortiz, to recognize the second place winner of the 2016 FLC "If I Were Elected Mayor" statewide essay contest, Gianna Gentile. City Manager Blasi read Ms. Gentile's winning essay. Mayor Ortiz presented Ms. Gentile with a \$50 check and read a resolution from the FLC commending Ms. Gentile for her achievement. Mayor Belvedere presented Ms. Gentile with a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement from the City for her essay.

STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION CEREMONY

City Manager Blasi opened the student award recognition ceremony. The following students were recognized for their excellence in academics, character, and leadership:

5th Grade Elementary School Awards:

Coconut Creek Elementary: Anthony Lauro, Lorena Menendez, Killian O’Neill, Gabriel Souza, and Tyler Thompson. Principal Katherine Good.

Liberty Elementary: Ariana Alejandro, Bryce Bruington, Carina Burress, Anjalee Jaglal, Ruth Medelus, Yoshua Torres, and Leslie Watts. Principal David Levine.

Tradewinds Elementary: Roldy Barthelemy, Samantha Bernstein, Jaila Bosket, Nailah Figuereo, Romeo Galindez, Daniel Khan, William Lail, Stephen Morejon, Nicole Rezende, and Alexis Swab. Principal Michael Breslaw.

Winston Park Elementary: Veronica Avilar, Jacob Bowler, Hailey Brennan, Leyla Diaz, Joseph Gonzalez, Amanda Hammel, McKenzie Jewell, Courtney Padgett, Camryn Sargis, and MiKaylin Wazal. Principal Carolyn Eggleton.

8th Grade Middle School Awards

Lyons Creek Middle School: Mariam Aamir, Matthew Alberto, Rawan Alhindi, Madison Coutley, Carlos Gordon, Kevin Lin, Anish Mitagar, Natalia Philip, Zeneta Seenarine, and Nelson Suarez. Principal Horace Hamm.

Margate Middle School: Megan Almonte, Eliejah Blain, Julio Cabrera, Victoria Debrito, Kara Jones, Dominic Thompson, and Amber Townsend. Principal Earnest C. Toliver.

12th Grade High School Awards

Atlantic Technical High: Kimberly Calero, Vincent Chan, Diana Gomez, Taxeira Harrington, and Jared Suggs. Assistant Director Vicky LaPorte.

Coconut Creek High School: Vania Clerizier, Maria F. Cruz Polanco, Jully Dong, Amber Kelley, and Dylita Maharaj. Principal Scott Fiske.

Dave Thomas Education Center: Melissa Batista, Kevin Nicholas Deonanan, Yasmine Gracia, Shantoy McDonald, and Cassandra Pierre. Principal Tracy Lockhart-Talley.

Monarch High School: Kayla Clark, Ania Harriott, Rina Matarasso, Ava Nemanic, and Andrea Tomasini. Principal James Neer.

North Broward Preparatory School: Diego Barea, Rachel Blow, Neil Goodman, Samantha Hodes, and Lucas James. Principal James Otis.

City Manager Blasi thanked everyone for coming to honor the students and wished them success in their future endeavors.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Transcribed by Marianne Bowers

Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

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