



## CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center  
4800 W. Copans Road  
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: March 9, 2023  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting No. 2023-0309R

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joshua Rydell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Joshua Rydell  
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

Mayor Rydell asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rydell noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present, and City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn explained the procedures for public participation and comment for the meeting.

### PRESENTATIONS

- 23-024** A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT DAN NOORDELOOS, SERGEANT DANTE TANFULLA, AND SERGEANT ADAM MARTS AS PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENTS FROM THE EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE (ESGR).

Peter Caspari, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Employer Outreach Director, made a presentation on behalf of Andrea Calderon, Florida National Guard and Coconut Police Department, recognizing Lieutenant Dan Noordeloos, Sergeant Dante Tanfulla, and Sergeant Adam Marts as Patriot Award recipients.

### INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

City Clerk Kavanagh stated that no advanced public comments were received for Non-agenda or Consent Agenda items.

Resident Jorge Mederos shared an update regarding collaboration with Broward College for improvements to Coconut Creek Boulevard where the City limit and Broward College intersect. He stated they had discussed potential collaboration regarding a mutual park space and noted a site visit would be planned. He briefly discussed future plans for the bridge at Broward College. Mayor Rydell commended Mr. Mederos on his activism.

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6)**

Mayor Rydell read each of the titles of the Consent Agenda Items into the record.

2.     **23-029**         A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2023-0209R)
  
3.     **RES**  
       **2023-038**         A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY FOR THE DIVISION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE BROWARD COUNTY ADDITIONAL THREE-CENT LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX ON MOTOR FUEL.
  
4.     **RES**  
       **2023-039**         A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY FOR THE DIVISION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE BROWARD COUNTY ONE-CENT LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX (FIFTH-CENT) ON MOTOR FUEL FOR TRANSIT.
  
5.     **RES**  
       **2023-043**         A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ONE (1) REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SEMINOLE COCONUT CREEK EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC., PURSUANT TO THE COCONUT CREEK FEE TO TRUST LANDS MITIGATION AGREEMENT AND THE BYLAWS OF THE SEMINOLE COCONUT CREEK EDUCATION FOUNDATION.
  
6.     **RES**  
       **2023-035**         A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH BROWARD PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 2023.

**MOTION:** Tooley/Railey – To approve Consent Agenda Items 2 through 6.

**Upon roll call, the Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Police Department**

7.     **RES**  
       **2023-031**         A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$165,000) FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 FORD TRANSIT T350 HIGH ROAD DUAL REAR WHEEL VAN SWAT VEHICLE AND THE USE OF STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) TO PROVIDE A DONATION TO THE POLICE EXPLORER POST; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CONTROLLED EQUIPMENT APPROVAL REQUEST FORM FOR THE EQUITABLE SHARING PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE SWAT VEHICLE.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:** Tooley/Welch – To approve Resolution No. 2023-031.

Police Captain Fred Hofer presented the item, explaining the request to purchase the SWAT vehicle and the protections offered by the vehicle.

Commissioner Tooley expressed her appreciation that the item was moving forward, noting she had been a proponent for it for a long time and believed it was needed.

Commissioner Railey asked whether the vehicle would be shared with other municipalities. Captain Hofer stated that was not generally the plan, but the Police Department does work closely with other agencies, and they would assist if needed.

Vice Mayor Welch discussed the aesthetics of the vehicle and stated it did not look like a military vehicle. She stated she was in support of what was presented.

Mayor Rydell added a lot of other cities that do not use Bearcat-type vehicles have SWAT utility vehicles in the form of a pickup truck to bring additional equipment. He asked whether that was a need which was foreseen. Captain Hofer stated the vehicle was multifaceted and commented that two (2) separate vehicles were not needed.

Mayor Rydell opened the floor for public input. There were no advanced public comments received for the item.

Resident Lourdes Mederos stated she understood the importance of the vehicle. She asserted it was a forward-thinking decision and was fiscally responsible. She commented on the City's excellent Police and Fire Departments and encouraged the City to start a Fire Explorers Program. City Manager Brooks explained a Fire Cadet program was in the planning stages.

Discussion ensued briefly regarding the donation to the Police Explorers Post.

**Upon roll call, the Resolution passed by a 5-0 vote.**

8. **RES 2023-008** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED BROWARD HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU).

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:** Welch/Railey – To approve Resolution No. 2023-008.

Police Captain Fred Hofer presented the item, noting the partnership with law enforcement agencies to combat human trafficking. Mayor Rydell discussed the pervasiveness of the human trafficking issue and highlighted the significance of participation with the task force.

There were no advanced public comments received on the item, and no one who signed in to speak.

**Upon roll call, the Resolution passed by a 5-0 vote.**

9. **RES 2023-028** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) CHILD EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) TO COMBAT HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:** Tooley/Welch – To approve Resolution No. 2023-028.

Police Captain Fred Hofer presented the item.

There were no advanced public comments received on the item, and no one who signed in to speak.

**Upon roll call, the Resolution passed by a 5-0 vote.**

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Brooks stated the Police Department had established an outreach program with the Fire Department where they have cookouts in neighborhoods throughout Coconut Creek to share public safety information and resources with the community. She noted the outreach program was a community event, not a political event, and commented that the first event held at Coquina was well-attended and well-received by the residents. She stated the second cookout had been scheduled for March 8 in Regency Lakes; but following a concern on the part of representatives from the Homeowners Association (HOA) and property management company regarding campaigning, the event had been canceled. She apologized and stated the City would welcome a future event for the residents of Regency Lakes. She invited any neighborhoods interested in hosting an event to reach out to the City Manager's Office.

Mayor Rydell read an email which was sent to the residents of Regency Lakes by their property management company, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "1." He expressed disappointment with the communication and the cancelation of the event. Commissioner Tooley commented that State Representative Christine Hunschofsky had also been denied attendance at a Regency Lakes HOA meeting. Commissioner Brodie stated all members of the Commission understood that this was not a campaign event, and that was never a consideration. Discussion continued.

### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Pyburn stated the staff was monitoring Senate Bill 1010 and House Bill 1303, which had to do with substance abuse and mental health services, and was proposing to freeze local zoning ordinances regarding recovery residences for a period of three (3) years. She noted staff was working to have that proposed language removed as it impacted the City's recently-adopted ordinance.

### **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Tooley stated she and Vice Mayor Welch had attended the Chamber of Commerce's International Women's Day event, and noted she was awed by Captain Jenna Kriplean, who was a panelist at the event, and proud she was selected. She reminded the public that the food truck event would be the following evening, and the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event was scheduled for Saturday at City Hall.

Commissioner Brodie mentioned he would be participating in the basketball game with the Foundation

of Independent Living against the Police Department and encouraged residents to come support the Foundation on Friday night at the Community Center.

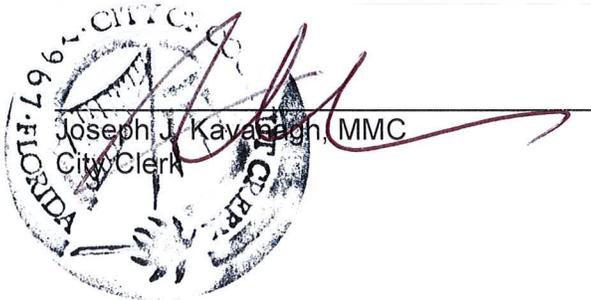
Commissioner Railey congratulated Captain Kriplean on her participation at the Chamber of Commerce's International Women's Day event and apologized for being unable to attend. She shared that she had been approached about a 9/11 Memorial and asked that staff check into options.

Vice Mayor Welch commended Sergeant Barbara Hendrickx for her participation in the Chamber of Commerce's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Summit, and stated it highlighted that the City had great leaders in the Police Department who represented the City well. She stated the Butterfly Festival was the best one ever and asked that recycling bins be set along the edges of the park next year for water bottles. She asked that after the K9 event at the City-owned equestrian park, the temporary fences guarding the entrances be kept in place due to liability concerns. She discussed the ribbon cutting at Golden Krust Caribbean Restaurant and noted they had put on an extravaganza. Vice Mayor Welch indicated her interest in being nominated as Mayor when the selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor takes place at the March 23 Commission meeting. She commented on the canceled cookout and thanked City Manager Brooks for addressing the issue publicly. She stated the first event in Coquina had been a happy event, celebrating first responders, and expressed disappointment that the second event had not been received in the same way. City Manager Brooks commented that staff would continue to work toward an event in the Regency Lakes neighborhood in the future. Mayor Rydell stated that every person from Regency Lakes who had reached out to him had stated they wanted the cookout event in their community.

Mayor Rydell stated the Butterfly Festival was amazing. He sought consensus on a request to direct staff to look into ways to prioritize Coconut Creek residents at the festival. Discussion ensued regarding logistical issues associated with prioritizing residents and with management of the event itself, as well as addressing unattended minors. The Commission was supportive of staff researching options to prioritize Coconut Creek residents at the festival for further discussion as to the viability of implementing any changes. Mayor Rydell suggested that staff share with the residents the types of food trucks that would be participating in Fluffy's Foodie Food Truck Friday event before the event. He reminded residents that there was an election on Tuesday, March 14.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



4/13/2023  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit "1"

**From:** GateAccess.NET/RL Notifications <[system@CommunityNotifications.gateaccess.net](mailto:system@CommunityNotifications.gateaccess.net)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 8, 2023 1:57 PM  
**To:** [susan0725@icloud.com](mailto:susan0725@icloud.com)  
**Subject:** Cancellation of Cook Out

Good afternoon Regency Lakes,

It is with the utmost regret I have to inform everyone the planned cook out has been cancelled by the City.

We were advised about an hour ago, this is used as a platform for City Commissioners to use as a means of politicking. When we were advised of this, we requested this not be used for political gain, but rather as we were told it would be, a community event for the police and fire to present safety issues.

Apparently there is no such thing as a free lunch and since the potential for political gain was not mentioned when this was presented, the City refused to acknowledge our concerns and the City has cancelled the event.

Thank you,

**Lennie Plazure**

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