



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Date: September 27, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Second Budget Hearing**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rydell called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Joshua Rydell
Vice Mayor Sandra L. Welch
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

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

Finance and Administrative Services

- 1. ORD 2018-021** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY'S OPERATING PROPERTY TAX AT 6.5378 MILLS FOR THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR. (SECOND PUBLIC HEARING)

Mayor Rydell noted that this was the second public hearing on the City's 2018 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and 2019 Fiscal Year Budget.

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

MOTION: Tooley/Belvedere – To adopt Ordinance No. 2018-021.

Mayor Rydell introduced Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Karen Brooks, who gave a brief summary of both the Property Tax Rate Ordinance and the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget Ordinance. She stated that the first public hearing was held on September 12, 2018, at which the City Commission passed both Ordinances on first reading. She noted that the proposed Millage Rate of 6.5378 represented a 5.4% increase over the rollback rate and no increase over the current Millage Rate; she stated that the proposed Millage Rate was included on the notice of proposed property taxes mailed to each property owner in August. She stated that the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget represented a financial strategy that was responsive to the community's desire for increased public safety, maintained service levels, continued investments in capital projects and infrastructure maintenance, and promoted economic development.

Ms. Brooks noted that pursuant to Florida Statutes, every taxing authority is required to publish an advertisement that states the date and time for the second public hearing on the property tax

rate and budget, and publish a budget summary adjacent to the notice of property tax increase. She stated that the City complied with the law by running an ad in the September 24, 2018, edition of the *Sun Sentinel*. Ms. Brooks reviewed the steps undertaken to develop the proposed budget, including the variety of forums used to gather information and feedback from the community.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing. There were no questions or comments from the public, and the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Brooks responded to a question from the Commission regarding the City's operating budget, noting that the operating budget was \$91,439,520. She added that the General Fund budget, which is funded primarily with tax dollars, was \$65,151,170. She noted that because the City is located in a hurricane-prone area, it was prudent to maintain approximately thirty-four percent reserve funding for emergency purposes.

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

2. **ORD 2018-022** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AS THE CITY'S OFFICIAL BUDGET. THIS ORDINANCE WILL APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR OPERATING CITY DEPARTMENTS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2018, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019. (SECOND PUBLIC HEARING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

MOTION: Tooley/Welch – To adopt Ordinance No. 2018-022.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing. There were no questions or comments from the public, and the public hearing was closed.

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

3. **RES 2018-189** A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2023, PURSUANT TO SECTION 602 OF THE CITY CHARTER. (PUBLIC HEARING)

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Tooley/Welch – To approve Resolution No. 2018-189.

Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Karen Brooks presented the item. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Broward County Transportation Surtax on the November ballot. It was noted that if Broward County voters approve the surtax in November, some of the City's Capital Improvement Projects could receive funding from the surtax, which would represent a cost savings to the City.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing. There were no questions or comments from the public, and the public hearing was closed.

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

4. **RES 2018-190** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FROM THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR OUTSIDE LEGAL SERVICES AND ASSOCIATION FEES RELATING TO THE MAINSTREET AREA; AND AUTHORIZING ALL FUTURE ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS FOR THE 2018 SERIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUE NOTE.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Tooley/Welch – To approve Resolution No. 2018-190.

Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Karen Brooks presented the item. Discussion ensued regarding outside legal services and association fees for the City’s property in the MainStreet area. City Manager Blasi commented on the debt service payments for several capital improvement programs, noting that tax dollars were not being used for those identified projects.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing. There were no questions or comments from the public, and the public hearing was closed.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Transcribed by: Marianne Bowers

Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

Date