



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center
4800 W. Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: March 12, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2020-0312R

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

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

Mayor Welch asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Coconut Creek Honor Guard.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

1. **RES 2020-062** A RESOLUTION ELECTING A MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

Mayor Welch read the Resolution title into the record and passed the gavel.

MOTION: Welch/Belvedere - To elect Lou Sarbone as Mayor.

With no other nominations on the floor, the Motion carried.

MOTION: Belvedere/Welch - To elect Joshua Rydell as Vice Mayor.

With no other nominations on the floor, the Motion carried.

Mayor Sarbone thanked Commissioner Welch for her service during the previous year as Mayor, and Commissioner Welch thanked her family and City staff for their support during the previous year.

PRESENTATIONS

2. **20-069** A PRESENTATION OF THE COCONUT CREEK YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE MAYOR'S AWARD.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Colette Okamoto presented certificates to the following 2019-2020 Youth Soccer Mayor's Award recipients:

U6 Coed Division – Michael Sampieri II
U8 Boys Division – Dean Chuychai
U9 Girls Division – Abigail Sullivan
U10 Boys Division – Eduardo Aparicio-Garcia
U12 Girls Division – Jaycie Cancienne
U12 Boys Division – Matthew Just
U16 Girls Division – Rhiannon Markaj
U16 Boys Division – Matthew Shortino

- 3. 20-052** A PRESENTATION OF A DONATION TO THE CITY FROM NORTH CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR THE COCONUT CREEK POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM.

Mayor Sarbone introduced Pastor Mark Bolhofner of North Creek Presbyterian Church, who presented the Coconut Creek Police Explorer Program with a \$10,000 donation from the proceeds of the Eleventh Annual Police Explorer 5K Run. Police Officer Mike Zombek and Police Chief Albert “Butch” Arenal thanked the church for their support of the Police Department and the Explorer Program.

- 4. 20-019** A PRESENTATION OF THE LIFESAVING COMMENDATION AWARD FOR POLICE OFFICER EMMANUEL TORRES-CARRASQUILLO.

Police Chief Arenal presented Police Officer Emmanuel Torres-Carrasquillo with the Lifesaving Commendation Award for his efforts to administer CPR and apply an AED machine to an unconscious victim until fire rescue arrived.

- 5. 20-061** A CEREMONY RECOGNIZING THE PROMOTION OF SERGEANT FRANK FUENTES TO LIEUTENANT AND POLICE OFFICER DONALD P. DAVIS TO SERGEANT.

Police Chief Arenal introduced Lieutenant Fuentes and Sergeant Davis and invited them and their families to come forward for the badge pinning ceremony.

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

Jean Sinclair, 3470 NW 21 Street, Coconut Creek, spoke about the new sidewalk installed on the north side of Copans Road, between Tradewinds Park and Blount Road. She asked if the sidewalk could be extended west to NW 42 Avenue. She commented that the streetlights on the south side of Copans Road, between Lyons Road and NW 42 Avenue, were not working, and asked if streetlights could be added to the north side of Copans Road. She asked for increased police enforcement along Copans Road to address speeding. Assistant City Manager/Sustainable Development Director Sheila Rose responded that Copans Road was a County roadway and staff has been in communication with the County regarding the missing sidewalk connection and would contact the County regarding the streetlights.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Brooks congratulated Mayor Sarbone and Vice Mayor Rydell, and thanked Commissioner Welch for her contributions as Mayor during the previous year. She commented that she was in communication with the city managers of neighboring cities regarding the community response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. She recommended that the City declare a Local State of

Emergency to be signed by Mayor Sarbone and cancel all nonessential events and mass gatherings, including those involving vulnerable populations. Discussion ensued regarding the status of recreation classes and gym facilities.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Pyburn congratulated Mayor Sarbone and Vice Mayor Rydell on their election and thanked Commissioner Welch for her work as Mayor during the previous year. She explained that the Local State of Emergency Declaration would be in effect for seven days consistent with State law, while the Governor's State of Emergency was in effect for 60 days. She noted that the local declaration could be extended as necessary and was in place to ensure the City is eligible to receive reimbursement for emergency response provisions.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Welch asked that staff advise the residents of the Local State of Emergency Declaration and to continue using social media to keep the community informed on the COVID-19 response efforts. She noted her attendance at a recent School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting where school cleanliness was discussed and spoke of the need for soap dispensers in the restrooms. She shared that area schools expressed an interest in having student ambassadors promote the 2020 Census. She thanked the City Clerk Department staff for their assistance during her mayoral term with preparing her for the Commission meetings.

Commissioner Tooley congratulated Mayor Sarbone and Vice Mayor Rydell on their election. She spoke about the Celebration of Life for Wilton Manor's Mayor, Justin Flippen, who recently passed away unexpectedly. She attended the Baseball Program Opening Day Ceremonies at Sabal Pines Park and the CREEK HOPE Golf Classic benefit tournament.

Commissioner Belvedere spoke about the City's Vision 2030 Strategic Planning process and encouraged community involvement through written comments as an alternative to attending community meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. She commented that the Wynmoor community had canceled all meetings and community events in response to the threat of COVID-19. She spoke about vocational training opportunities for mentally and physically challenged youth provided by the Florida Department of Education. She shared the phone number for the COVID-19 hotline, 1-866-779-6121, for the public to contact with questions. She announced that she would be resigning her seat on the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and thanked Assistant City Manager/Sustainable Development Director Sheila Rose for her assistance in serving on the MPO. She shared information regarding the agency's function and funding priorities. She encouraged everyone to participate in the 2020 Census. She commended City staff for their work on the Butterfly Festival. She reminded everyone that early voting for the March 17 Presidential Preference Primary was available at the Broward College Library through March 15. She congratulated Mayor Sarbone and Vice Mayor Rydell on their election.

Vice Mayor Rydell commended staff for their efforts on the Butterfly Festival. He suggested that staff include additional healthy food options and adjust the line queues for the rides for next year's festival. He praised the Police Department for their response and follow up with a resident after a recent tragic incident at their home. He shared practices that other cities have implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and urged Community Relations Director Yvonne Lopez to continue communicating with the public on social media regarding COVID-19 measures and response efforts. He asked that the Police Department increase patrols at essential businesses such as grocery stores while the community prepares for the threat of the virus. He thanked Commissioner Welch for her leadership during her term as Mayor. He spoke about the need to attend the upcoming School Board

Meeting regarding the City’s school safety canine and officer handler being allowed into the Broward County public schools.

Mayor Sarbone commented on the success of the Butterfly Festival. He thanked the Commission for their collaboration with serving the community and their confidence in him to serve as Mayor. He commended Commissioner Welch for her service as Mayor during the previous year. He thanked City staff for their preparation and response to the COVID-19 pandemic and reminded everyone to expect response efforts to change frequently as new information becomes available. He spoke about slowing the spread of the virus to ensure that the medical community had the resources to respond to those critically impacted by COVID-19. He offered an encouraging word that the community would remain resilient during the challenging times ahead.

REGULAR AGENDA

City Clerk

- 6. **20-072** A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2020-0213R)

Mayor Sarbone read the Motion into the record.

MOTION: Welch/Rydell – To approve the February 13, 2020, Commission Meeting Minutes.

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

City Commission

- 7. **20-098** A MOTION TO APPOINT A NEW VOTING MEMBER FOR DISTRICT 2 ON THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (BMPO) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Mayor Sarbone thanked Commissioner Belvedere for her dedicated service on the MPO and highlighted several of her accomplishments while serving on the board. He read the Motion into the record.

Vice Mayor Rydell made a motion to move the item for discussion, seconded by Commissioner Tooley.

MOTION: Tooley/Belvedere – To nominate Commissioner Welch to serve as the BMPO District 2 Board of Directors Voting Member.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Transcribed by: Marianne Bowers

Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

Date