



## CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center  
4800 W. Copans Road  
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: January 23, 2025  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting No. 2025-0123R

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sandra L. Welch called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

### PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Sandra L. Welch  
Vice Mayor Jacqueline Railey  
Commissioner Joshua Rydell  
Commissioner John A. Brodie  
Commissioner Jeffrey R. Wasserman  
City Manager Sheila N. Rose  
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn  
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

Mayor Welch asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Girl Scout Troop 12222.

City Attorney Pyburn noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present and explained the procedures for the meeting.

### PRESENTATION(S)

1.     **25-011**       A PRESENTATION OF THE LIFESAVING COMMENDATION AWARD FOR POLICE OFFICER JOHN-PAUL FRAZIER-MAHONEY HARLEY.

Chief of Police Fred Hofer presented Police Officer John-Paul Frazier-Mahoney Harley with the Lifesaving Commendation Award in recognition of his response to a choking emergency at North Broward Preparatory School.

2.     **25-012**       A PRESENTATION OF THE LIFESAVING COMMENDATION AWARD FOR POLICE OFFICER HANNIE E. GIL.

Chief of Police Hofer presented Police Officer Hannie E. Gil with the Lifesaving Commendation Award in recognition of her response to a choking emergency while on a detail at Calvary Chapel.

3.     **25-022**       A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CORAL SPRINGS CITY MANAGER FRANK BABINEC FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

City Manager Sheila Rose read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Mr. Babinec, along with a City Challenge Coin. Commissioner Rydell offered brief comments in recognition of Mr. Babinec's contributions related to the events at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, mental health support, and peer support services, which the City of Coconut Creek had modeled. He stated he admired Mr. Babinec's leadership style and thanked him for his service. Mayor Welch added that Mr. Babinec was

directly connected with the City every step of the way in the transition to starting the City's Fire Rescue Department and offered her gratitude. Theresa Brier with Congressman Jared Moskowitz's office presented Mr. Babinec with a flag flown over the United States Capitol in his honor.

- 4. 25-014** A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CORAL SPRINGS COCONUT CREEK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT CINDY BRIEF FOR SERVICE TO THE CITY AND ITS BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

Mayor Welch read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Ms. Brief, along with a City Challenge Coin and flowers. Theresa Brier with Congressman Jared Moskowitz's office presented Ms. Brief with a flag flown over the United States Capitol in her honor. The Commissioners shared remarks expressing gratitude for Ms. Brief's efforts to help build and sustain a robust business community in the City of Coconut Creek.

- 5. 25-028** A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING PARKS AND RECREATION EMPLOYEES ALLISON LALLANCE AND ISIS CUNNINGHAM FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS IN RESCUING AND SAVING A BIRD IN DISTRESS.

Parks and Recreation Director Wayne Tobey recognized Parks and Recreation employees Allison Lallance and Isis Cunningham in recognition of their extraordinary efforts in rescuing and saving a bird in distress. Commissioner Brodie shared his experience with Ms. Lallance and Ms. Cunningham and stated their actions encompass what Coconut Creek was about.

*Mayor Welch called for a recess at 7:33 p.m., and the meeting reconvened at 7:38 p.m.*

## **INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**

Tiffani Wenig, 4022 Crescent Creek Place, Coconut Creek, joined by members of Girl Scout Troop 12222, sought the support of the Commission in a crayon drive planned as a Bronze Award project for the Troop. Troop members shared details of the project, explaining that broken and used crayons would be donated to the Crayon Initiative for repurposing to keep them from ending up in landfills. They asked that a crayon collection box be set up at City Hall to support the initiative. City Manager Rose stated the City could commit to hosting the box to promote the recycling effort and asked that Ms. Wenig meet with Community Relations Director Yvonne Lopez to coordinate.

Patricia Snyder, 4140 NW 9 Court, Coconut Creek, commented that she was frequently asked where South Creek was, and requested that one (1) of the banners at NW 43 Avenue be changed to say, "Welcome to South Creek." She noted every development in Coconut Creek had a sign, and outlined steps she had taken to ensure her request was not cost prohibitive. City Manager Rose asked that Mrs. Snyder reach out to her office to discuss the request.

## **CONSENT AGENDA (Items 6, 7, and 8)**

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

- 6. 25-017** A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO APPROVE KILOWATT ELECTRIC COMPANY TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL NEW L.E.D. LUMINAIRES AND CONCRETE LIGHT POLES TO REPLACE THE EXISTING FIXTURE AND POLES AT THE COMBINED RECREATION COMPLEX AND FIRE STATION 94 PARKING LOTS.

7.     **RES**           A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK'S 2025 STATE  
      **2025-009**       LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.
8.     **RES**           A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK'S 2025  
      **2025-010**       FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

**MOTION:**     Wasserman/Rydell – To approve Consent Agenda Items 6, 7, and 8.

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

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **Public Works Department**

9.     **RES**           A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO  
      **2025-021**       EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ALL FLORIDA CONTRACTING SERVICES,  
                          LLC, TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A 100KW EMERGENCY BACKUP  
                          GENERATOR AND CORRESPONDING AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH AT  
                          FIRE STATION 94 PURSUANT TO IFB NO. 11-13-24-11.

Mayor Welch read Resolution the title into the record.

**MOTION:**     Railey/Brodie – To approve Resolution No. 2025-021.

Public Works Director Harry Mautte outlined the request to replace the emergency generator at Fire Station 94 due to its age. He explained that the existing generator would be recycled by a scrap yard, and any other construction debris would be processed at a construction and demolition landfill where it would be recycled where possible.

Commissioner Brodie asked for clarification on whether the old generator would be recycled or scrapped. Mr. Mautte advised the scrap yard would likely remove any parts of value, but because the unit did not have residual resale value, it was likely that the metal and wiring would be sold for scrap.

Commissioner Rydell thanked the vendor for attending the meeting. He asked about warranty on the workmanship. Mr. Mautte stated the work would be warrantied for one (1) year by the contractor, and the unit would be warrantied separately, dependent on the generator selected.

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

10.    **RES**           A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO  
      **2025-016**       EXECUTE THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT WITH BLUE MARLIN  
                          INVESTMENTS, INC. DBA CAYCO TO PROVIDE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE  
                          FOR FACILITIES, PARKS, AND GREENWAYS PURSUANT TO RFP NO. 11-06-  
                          24-11.

Mayor Welch read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:**     Rydell/Railey – To approve Resolution No. 2025-016.

Mr. Mautte presented the item, noting the agreement would provide landscape maintenance

services for facilities, parks, and greenways, including mowing, trimming, edging, debris cleanup, pest control, and other services. He briefly discussed the Request for Proposals (RFP) process and stated staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Rydell noted that Cayco was not the lowest bidder, but selection was partially based on references. He asked Mr. Mautte to provide additional comment. Mr. Mautte explained each individual on the selection committee looked at past performance and checked references. He stated the references indicated Cayco had superior performance and was selected based on the five selection criteria included in the RFP.

Vice Mayor Railey asked if a termination clause was built into the contract. Mr. Mautte confirmed. City Attorney Pyburn clarified the clauses for termination for convenience, cause, and default.

Mayor Welch inquired as to whether there were staffing concerns with most of the landscaping services, or just with some. Mr. Mautte responded that this was an issue just with some, and that was a factor in the decision not to extend with the previous vendor and the selection committee's evaluation of the proposals received.

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

### **Sustainable Development**

City Manager Rose suggested that Items 11 and 12 be heard together as they were companion items, and there were no objections.

- 11. RES 2025-002** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NUMBER TEN (10) TO THE DISTRICT FOUR LANDSCAPE INCLUSIVE MAINTENANCE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING SIDEWALKS, LANDSCAPING, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF HILLSBORO BOULEVARD (STATE ROAD 810) RELATED TO THE LEDER SELF-STORAGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.
- 12. RES 2025-003** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH 4161 HILLSBORO, LLC, WHICH AGREEMENT TRANSFERS AND ASSIGNS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS, LANDSCAPING, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE WEST HILLSBORO BOULEVARD (STATE ROAD 810) RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4161 WEST HILLSBORO BOULEVARD.

Mayor Welch read the Resolutions titles into the record.

**MOTION:** Rydell/Railey – To approve Resolution No. 2025-002.

**MOTION:** Railey/Rydell – To approve Resolution No. 2025-003.

Sustainable Development Director Justin Proffitt presented the items, explaining that Site Plan approval for the Leder Self Storage project included right-of-way improvements above and beyond the minimum improvements that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) was willing to maintain so FDOT required a maintenance agreement with the City. Mr. Proffitt

explained that the second agreement was between the property owner and City to transfer the maintenance responsibility to the property owner. Commissioner Rydell thanked the property owner, Sean Leder, for outreach conducted with neighbors, and Mayor Welch commented that the trees planted would make a significant difference in the relationship with the neighboring property owners.

**Upon roll call, Resolution No. 2025-002 passed by a 5-0 vote.**

**Upon roll call, Resolution No. 2025-003 passed by a 5-0 vote.**

Mayor Welch advised that Items 13 and 14 were City-initiated Quasi-Judicial applications, and the procedures allow for waiving of the right to a full Quasi-Judicial hearing if requested by staff.

Mr. Proffitt requested that the full hearing procedures be waived. There were no objections from the Commission. Mayor Welch asked if there were any objections to hearing Items 13 and 14 together, as they were related, and there were no objections.

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| 13. | <b>ORD<br/>2025-003</b> | AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING APPLICATION FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 4100 AND 4250 NW 74 STREET FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO P (PARKS AND RECREATION) TO FACILITATE THE EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING OAK TRAILS PARK FACILITY, LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A," ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF. (QUASI-JUDICIAL)(FIRST READING)(FIRST PUBLIC HEARING) |
| 14. | <b>RES<br/>2025-007</b> | A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SITE PLAN REQUEST OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK FOR THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF OAK TRAILS PARK, AN EXISTING CITY PARK FACILITY LOCATED AT 4100, 4230, AND 4250 NW 74 STREET, LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A," ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF. (QUASI-JUDICIAL)(PUBLIC HEARING)   |

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance and Resolution title into the record.

Vice Mayor Railey made a motion to move Item 13 for discussion, seconded by Commissioner Wasserman.

Commissioner Brodie made a motion to move Item 14 for discussion, seconded by Commissioner Wasserman.

City Attorney Pyburn asked if there were any disclosures or ex-parte communications on behalf of the Commission for Items 13 and 14, and the following disclosures were made:

- Mayor Welch stated she had gone by the park.

Sustainable Development Assistant Director Liz Aguiar presented the items, outlining the applications for Rezoning and Site Plan approval for the expansion of the existing Oak Trails Park. She stated the Rezoning would encompass the two (2) parcels, which immediately abut the park to the east and west, and the Site Plan encompassed all three (3) parcels. She advised the improvements were primarily proposed to be passive in nature, with renovation of the existing building to create a nature center with restrooms and classrooms and included the addition of twenty-nine (29) parking spaces and overflow parking. She stated that staff found the applications compliant with the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the Site Plan application requirements, the Land Development Code, Landscape Code, and the Comprehensive Plan.

Public Works Assistant Director Brian Rosen reviewed the timeline of events related to the Oak Trails Park expansion, including community outreach meetings and review by the Development Review Committee, Planning and Zoning Board, and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Jessica Romer, Landscape Designer, Miller Legg & Associates, Inc., presented an overview of the proposed expansion, including photographs of existing conditions, proposed vegetation, renderings, sustainability features, and site amenities.

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

Commissioner Rydell asked about the tentative occupancy for the classroom space. Ms. Romer stated the capacity for the building was around twenty-five (25) people, and the expectation was that it would not be used frequently. Commissioner Rydell inquired as to whether there would be dog waste stations situated throughout the open spaces, and Ms. Romer confirmed dog waste stations were proposed. Commissioner Rydell asked if the mobile exercise equipment would correlate with what exists in the park. Ms. Romer stated the proposed exercise equipment was meant to be an addition to the park, and was a different style than the existing equipment, to support all ages and fitness interest. Commissioner Rydell shared that he had received feedback from residents and was hearing that they support a passive park and do not support any type of active park, ball fields, or dog park on the site. He asked staff to comment on the tie between the type of park being built and the grant funding received for the project. Mr. Rosen explained this was Phase 1 of the project, which was focused on meeting the requirements of the Florida Communities Trust (FCT) grant. He noted the park was designed to allow for additional opportunities in the future. Commissioner Rydell stated he had been asked whether this was a place a Homeowners Association (HOA) meeting could be held. Parks and Recreation Director Wayne Tobey stated the space would be available, but space and staffing would be minimal. Commissioner Rydell asked if an individual resident would have the ability to rent the space. Mr. Tobey stated that the idea could be investigated. Commissioner Rydell asked for a brief review of the decisions made regarding parking flow and parking spaces. Ms. Romer reviewed briefly, noting the location of existing trees and the effort for low impact design and protection of native vegetation. Commissioner Rydell expressed concern there was green space being lost to protect trees. Ms. Romer noted part of the driving force in bringing parking closer to the building was due to Fire Rescue Department and Building Department requirements for fire access. Discussion continued.

Commissioner Wasserman commented that he had heard from a resident regarding a dog park on the site, and asked staff to address reasons a dog park near horse trails was not the right thing to do. City Manager Rose stated there had been several public engagement meetings and there had been discussion of a dog park in the area, but there was also a very active horse community, and the dog waste stations had been proposed in lieu of a dog park with the idea that the dogs would be leashed and under the owners' control as opposed to roaming. She noted a dog park was not budgeted at this time in this phase, and considering a dog park would require additional public meetings. Discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Railey expressed concern as to whether there was sufficient parking, and noted she saw Commissioner Rydell's point regarding the location, but it was also convenient to the rest of the park. Ms. Romer reviewed the locations of overflow parking at the northeast and northwest portions of the site. She stated the site had capacity for more than one hundred (100) parking spaces, including the overflow. City Manager Rose suggested the location of the parking could be reviewed while refining the construction plans to possible shift some parking north while maintaining direct access to the building. She stated they expected continuous rentals of the

building similar to the operations at the Rowe Center. Discussion continued.

Mayor Welch, noting the park was passive, asked what time the nature center would be considered closed. Ms. Romer stated the park would be open dawn to dusk. Mr. Tobey advised the rental hours would be reviewed along with programming of the facility. Mayor Welch inquired as to the location of the pollinator garden. Ms. Romer explained the pollinator garden had just been added in the most recent round of revisions and was placed just south and east of the nature center. She confirmed this would be staff maintained. Mayor Welch asked about security at the park. Mr. Rosen stated there would be site lighting on the exterior of the building on all four (4) sides, and the infrastructure would be installed for cameras. He noted there would be gates at the entrances and split rail fence preventing vehicular access along NW 74 Street and a continuous chain link fence along the three (3) back sides of the park. Mayor Welch referenced a comment made at the Planning and Zoning Board meeting regarding the addition of bicycle lanes on NW 74 Street and asked if there was a way to mark a shared lane capability on the narrow road to respond to this request. Mr. Proffitt explained this was a constrained roadway because it was a rural area, but staff could investigate the potential for use of a sharrow in the future.

Commissioner Rydell, noting consultant recommendations, asked for clarification if operationally the Parks and Recreation Department staff would have the opportunity to develop programming and hours. City Manager Rose confirmed this was correct, and noted the exterior lighting did not meet the requirements for night time activities on the site at this time, but that could be added at a future date. Mr. Tobey stated rentals in evening hours would need to be looked into. He noted evening rental was not available at Donaldson Park due to neighboring residential properties. Mr. Rosen advised there was not lighting proposed for the interior drive, so it would not meet photometric requirements under the Code. Discussion ensued regarding lighting and future rental programming.

**MOTION:**       Railey/Brodie – To approve Ordinance No. 2025-003 on first reading.

**Upon roll call, the Ordinance passed on first reading by a 5-0 vote.**

**MOTION:**       Wasserman/Brodie – To approve Resolution No. 2025-007.

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

15.   **ORD**       AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE IMPACT FEE STUDY ENTITLED, "CITY OF  
      **2025-001**   COCONUT CREEK IMPACT FEE STUDY" DATED JANUARY 15, 2025,  
                  PREPARED BY BENESCH, INC.; AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF  
                  ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 13, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE,  
                  ARTICLE I, "ADMINISTRATION, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES,"  
                  DIVISION 5 "IMPACT FEES," BY DELETING SECTIONS 118 THROUGH 126  
                  RELATING TO IMPACT FEES, IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND CREATING A NEW  
                  SECTION 118, "FIRE-RESCUE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND PARKS AND  
                  RECREATION IMPACT FEES," TO ADOPT A NEW IMPACT FEE PROGRAM  
                  FOR FIRE-RESCUE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND PARKS AND RECREATION  
                  FACILITIES; AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 13, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE,  
                  ARTICLE II, "SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS," DIVISION 5, "SUBDIVISION  
                  DESIGN STANDARDS," TO DELETE SECTION 13-267, "PUBLIC SITES AND  
                  OPEN SPACES," IN ITS ENTIRETY TO DELETE DEDICATION  
                  REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS. *(FIRST READING  
                  POSTPONED FROM THE JANUARY 23, 2025 COMMISSION MEETING)*

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

**MOTION:** Wasserman/Rydell – To approve Ordinance No. 2025-001 on first reading.

Sustainable Development Director Justin Proffitt presented the item, noting the ordinance would update the City's Fire Rescue and Law Enforcement impact fee schedules and create a new Parks and Recreation Facilities impact fee schedule. He advised that all three (3) changes would require an update to the City's Land Development Code. He stated the City's impact fees were last updated in 2006, at which time the Fire Rescue and Law Enforcement schedules were created, and the Parks and Recreation ordinance was last updated in 1986. Mr. Proffitt introduced Nilgun Kamp, Principal Associate with Benesch, Inc., the consultant the City partnered with to complete the impact fee study. Ms. Kamp began a *PowerPoint* presentation that outlined the background and purpose of the study, legal requirements, and the analysis performed in the technical study for each of the fees. Mr. Proffitt provided a summary of the ordinance, including definitions, procedures, exemptions, use of funds, penalties, and appeals. He noted the impact fee charts included a four (4) year phasing schedule as required by State law. He stated the Planning and Zoning Board unanimously recommended approval of the ordinance and staff recommended approval of the ordinance. He discussed the next implementation steps briefly.

Commissioner Rydell asked if the maximum allowable impact fees were being imposed, and Mr. Proffitt confirmed.

In response to a question regarding the MainStreet development project, City Manager Rose clarified that the MainStreet developer addressed their Parks and Recreation impact fees through the Development of Regional Impact agreement, so those fees would not apply to the development. She stated the project would be subject to the modified Fire Rescue and Law Enforcement impact fees, and the developer had been informed.

Commissioner Rydell asked if previously submitted pending projects before the Sustainable Development Department would be subject to the revised fee schedules. Mr. Proffitt stated they would be subject to the changes, as the fees were paid at the time of building permit. Commissioner Rydell asked the projected fiscal impact on development services. Mr. Proffitt explained it was hard to project the impact based on the charts because land use categories were being expanded so staff utilized example developments to make projections.

Commissioner Rydell inquired as to whether impact fees represented earmarked funding. Finance and Administrative Services Director Peta-Gay Lake explained that impact fees were separated from the General Fund and any other funding sources by law. She stated the funds would be set aside for future Capital Improvement Projects such as a new Fire Station or expanded Police Department, and it would be tracked separately. Commissioner Brodie clarified that Fire Rescue impact fees would go into a fund for fire projects. Ms. Lake confirmed this was correct.

Mayor Welch asked the reason behind the timing of the study and ordinance. Mr. Proffitt stated there had been statutory changes, and Ms. Kamp provided additional detail. Mayor Welch commented that the study results showed that a revision of impact fees was needed to correct disparities. Discussion ensued briefly regarding the light industrial impact fees in Deerfield Beach and Pompano.

There were no questions or comments from the public on the item.



**Upon roll call, the Ordinance passed on first reading by a 5-0 vote.**

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Rose shared that the City would be hosting the mobile Hate Ends Now Holocaust Exhibit for International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Monday, January 27. She stated students would be touring the exhibit throughout the day in 30-minute blocks, and staff would also be invited to attend.

City Manager Rose reported there was a time certain of 1:15 p.m. for the landfill items on the Broward County Commission meeting agenda on Tuesday, January 28, and staff urged residents to sign up for bus transportation. She noted County staff continued to add backup to the agenda item, so staff would continue to monitor that throughout the weekend as they prepare for the meeting.

## **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Pyburn advised that her team was working with outside counsel to draft a letter to be sent to Broward County regarding the landfill and would forward the letter to the Commission before it was sent out.

## **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Rydell commented that there had been consensus by the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) Executive Committee the previous week to pen a letter from Chair Michael Ryan, asking the County Commission to wait on voting on the landfill issue until the SWA completed the Master Plan Study, providing a comprehensive and educational perspective on the matter. He stated he had forwarded the letter to staff for distribution via email and hoped the County Commissioners would read it. He asserted this was the first time he had seen the region taking a stand beyond the cities in North Broward and encouraged his colleagues to reach out to other elected officials. He stated Waste Management had become extraordinarily aggressive on this matter, and it appeared the vote would be close. He noted an article in the Florida Bulldog, which provided a comprehensive and historical summary of events that had led to the current expansion request. He urged that time was of the essence to increase advocacy efforts and engage other local elected officials.

Commissioner Wasserman commented that Monday would be a special day in the City with the Second Annual Holocaust Survivor evening and the traveling exhibit. He recognized the team effort that went into getting the exhibit to Coconut Creek. He asked City Manager Rose for an update on the traffic study in front of Tamarind Village on Lyons Road, and City Manager Rose confirmed that the request had been submitted. Commissioner Wasserman congratulated Mayor Welch for her efforts with the School Board to have Coconut Creek Elementary School expanded to a K-8 school. He stated he would like to be considered for leadership on the dais as that matter comes before the Commission in March.

Commissioner Brodie shared that there would be a car show on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center and encouraged the community to participate in the event.

Vice Mayor Railey reported on the Broward County Planning Council meeting earlier in the day, which included discussion of Waste Management and the Monarch Hill Landfill. She agreed they needed to continue advocating to secure the votes on the County Commission. She stated Wynmoor expected to have two (2) buses for the meeting, and any resident of Coconut Creek that wanted to join was welcome. Vice Mayor Railey stated it was forward thinking to have emotional support dogs at the Holocaust Exhibit and thanked staff for providing the support. Vice Mayor Railey highlighted the Big

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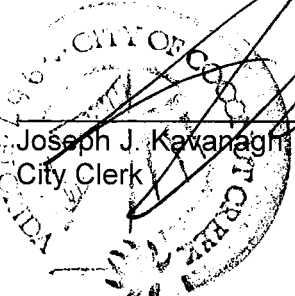
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Brothers/Big Sisters Breakfast scheduled for Saturday in Weston.

Mayor Welch reiterated the importance of the Holocaust Remembrance events scheduled for January 27 and the County Commission Meeting on January 28. She asked about the bus transportation to the County Commission meeting, and City Manager Rose discussed ongoing outreach efforts to share the information with the community and the newly-announced time certain for the agenda items. Mayor Welch shared that she learned Catherine Givens would be the new transitional City Manager in Coral Springs, following Frank Babinec's retirement. She noted that she had met the owners of an event catering service at a recent Chamber of Commerce event who were looking for a new event center location, and she had connected them with staff to look into the facility on Hillsboro Boulevard.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

  
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Joseph J. Kavanagh MMC  
City Clerk

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Date