



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Date: February 11, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting No. 2021-0211R**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sarbone called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

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

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

Following the Pledge, Mayor Sarbone called for a moment of silence in remembrance of former City of Margate Mayor and Commissioner Joe Varsallone, who passed away on February 8.

Mayor Sarbone explained that Governor Ron DeSantis' Executive Order 20-52, as continuously extended, and Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, authorized all local governments to waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by both state and local law as necessary to allow local governments to continue to perform public work and take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community. He noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present and participation by one (1) Commissioner using communications media technology consistent with the Governor's Order and State law. City Attorney Pyburn explained the procedures for public participation and comment for the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

- 1. 21-035** A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 14, 2021, AS A "DAY OF SERVICE AND LOVE" HONORING THE VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND FIRST RESPONDERS OF THE MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL TRAGEDY ON FEBRUARY 14, 2018.

Mayor Sarbone read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Parkland City Manager Nancy Morando, Parkland Commissioner Ken Cutler, and Parkland Vice Mayor Bob Mayersohn. Vice Mayor Mayersohn thanked the Commission and staff for their support of the Parkland community.

- 2. 21-044** A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING A \$40,000 DONATION FROM THE JOHN I. CODDINGTON, JR. CHARITABLE FUND OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF BROWARD TO THE FOUNDATION FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (FIL).

Coconut Creek Police Detective Clint Corey stated the Foundation for Independent Living (FIL) had reached out to the Coconut Creek Police Department in December and asked for assistance in raising funds for much needed fitness equipment. He explained after the deadline passed with only a few hundred dollars raised, School Resource Officer Lance Morgan put him in touch with the Community Foundation of Broward, which led to the announcement that FIL would be receiving a gift of \$40,000 from the James I. Coddington, Jr. Charitable Fund. He stated the funds would allow FIL to build a state-of-the-art fitness center.

Detective Corey played a brief video, and Justine Morgan, Director of the Community Foundation of Broward, presented the check to Mark Jacoby, Executive Director of FIL, and Andre Wright, Director of Business Development for FIL.

Mayor Sarbone stated the Commission had a special place in their heart for the organization through Detective Corey and thanked those present for their service. Each of the Commissioners shared their support and appreciation. Vice Mayor Rydell added that Detective Corey was an unsung hero in the community, who does not get the praise he deserves. He encouraged the audience to give a round of applause, noting this dedication was what made Coconut Creek great.

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

City Clerk May stated there were no advanced public comments received for the meeting and no one who signed-in to speak.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Brooks had no report.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Pyburn had no report.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Welch thanked staff for the vote banner on the City's website. She stated she attended two presentations by the new Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott during the week regarding new programs provided by their office, including the "Adopt a Precinct" Program, which invites nonprofits to participate in civic engagement. Commissioner Welch thanked the Police Department for traffic enforcement on Wiles Road, noting calls from residents had diminished about the issues with trucks there. She congratulated Deputy City Manager Sheila Rose on being the two (2) time champion at the Safe Streets Summit and stated she hoped the Commission would give consensus for her to champion the issue of sound walls for the South Creek area. City Manager Brooks stated staff could pursue the issue, and Ms. Rose explained it would be a difficult process, but would continue to pursue the issue. Commissioner Welch asked that the Commission reconsider the idea of video livestreaming meetings, and the Commission asked staff to research options.

Commissioner Tooley stated the Broward League of Cities had held several recent meetings on issues including the vacation rental issue that recently came up in Coconut Creek. She noted a new chair for the Solid Waste Working Group would be named shortly. She spoke about the ceremony held earlier in the day in remembrance of the Parkland shooting tragedy three years earlier, and noted her continued

support of the Parkland community in the aftermath. She stated they had to keep pushing security in the schools and added that Coconut Creek was a step ahead with its School Resource Officers.

Commissioner Belvedere stated she was sorry she had missed the tribute earlier in the evening. She thanked the staff for their support to allow her to continue working with and for the City on a daily basis and shared her attendance at meetings with Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott. Commissioner Belvedere asked that Deputy City Manager Rose add a sound wall at Wynmoor to her discussions with the Turnpike.

Vice Mayor Rydell stated there were other neighborhoods besides Wynmoor and South Creek, such as Coco Lake that had been promised a sound wall at construction and asked that other areas be taken into consideration as well. He shared his thoughts on the drive-in movie theater event the previous weekend, stating it was novel and cute, and he liked that the City was utilizing its 10-acre lot in MainStreet for more community events. Vice Mayor Rydell recognized Fire Chief Jeff Gary for his readiness to assist people with medical needs while elevators were being fixed and replaced at Wynmoor. He reminded everyone that there was great Parks and Recreation programming coming up in the next few weeks, including the Farmers' Market.

Mayor Sarbone shared an update from the Broward County Mayors call regarding COVID-19, stating the positivity rate in Broward County was hovering at around 7.9 percent, and 181,500 doses of vaccine had been administered in the County. He explained the Biden Administration was considering travel restrictions into and out of Florida due to the state's level of the more contagious variants of the virus. He stated Mayor Geller was going to ask the County Commission to consider a curfew on establishments that serve alcohol in advance of Spring Break, expecting that a curfew would be tested in the courts. He stated the Broward County Transportation Options Program (TOPS) was set up to transport seniors for the COVID-19 vaccine, and registered users could skip the line by using the service. He noted an effort to focus vaccinations for those with underlying conditions and lobby the Governor to bring the eligibility age down to 55. He reported the County was developing a form to allow cities to apply to host vaccine pods and asked that staff be on the lookout for the form to become available. Vice Mayor Rydell suggested working with Broward County Commissioner Mark Bogen, as he had successfully coordinated several vaccination sites, including the effort in Wynmoor.

REGULAR AGENDA

City Clerk

3. **21-023** A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2021-0114R)

MOTION: Welch/Tooley – To approve the minutes from Meeting No. 2021-0114R.

City Clerk May stated there were no advanced public comments received on the item.

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

Sustainable Development

4. **RES 2021-015** A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE JOHNSON ROAD COMPLETE STREETS AND OTHER LOCALIZED INITIATIVES PROGRAM (CSLIP) PROJECT CONSISTENT WITH THE MODIFIED POLICY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Mayor Sarbone read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Welch/Tooley – To approve Resolution No. 2021-015.

Sustainable Development Director Scott Stoudenmire presented the item, explaining the City had approved a similar resolution in 2019 expressing support of the CSLIP project. He outlined the parameters of the project and stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) would no longer be providing assistance with the federal Local Agency Program (LAP) requirements so the original resolution of support needed revision. He stated the project was still funded, but this resolution acknowledged that the City would be responsible for upfront reimbursable costs related to design and inspection services and that the project would need to be done in accordance with LAP procedures. He stated the project was scheduled for 2024.

City Clerk May stated there were no advanced public comments received on the item.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

Date