# CITY OF COCONUT CREEK
# LUNCH BUNCH MEETING MINUTES

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

**Date: January 27, 2025**
**Time: 1:00 p.m.**

## Present:

### City of Coconut Creek Elected Officials and Staff

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| Sandra L. Welch | Mayor |
| Joshua Rydell | Commissioner |
| John Brodie | Commissioner |
| Jeffrey Wasserman | Commissioner |
| Sheila Rose | City Manager |
| Scott Stoudenmire | Deputy City Manager |
| Bernadette Hughes | Government Affairs Manager |
| Kathy Mehaffey | Deputy City Attorney |
| Brian Blizzard | Fire Chief |
| Michael Rodriguez | Deputy Fire |
| Henry Cabrera | Deputy Chief of Police |
| Dan Eberly | Sergeant, School Resource Officer Supervisor |
| Maureen DeLaunay | Executive Administrative Assistant |
| Yvonne Lopez | Community Relations Director |
| Wayne Tobey | Parks and Recreation Director |
| Danielle Nowak | Administrative Coordinator |

### School Officials

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| Vicky LaPorte | Atlantic Technical College and Magnet High School |
| Jeffrey Guild | Broward College |
| Jocelyn Reid | Coconut Creek Elementary School |
| Bardetta Haygood | College Academy at Broward College |
| Synithia Crawford | Dave Thomas Education Center |
| Leena Itty | Lyons Creek Middle School |
| James Cecil | Monarch High School |
| Dr. Priscille Elie | Tradewinds Elementary School |

### Other Attendees

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| Linda Beauport | State Representative Christine Hunschofsky's Office |
| Jennifer Raducci | Congressman Jared Moskowitz' Office |
| Nora Rupert | Broward County School Board |

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| Ellen Tulson | Broward County School Board |
| Susan Whiting | Seminole Coconut Creek Education Foundation |
| Natala Knights-Williams | Junior Achievement of South Florida, Inc. |

## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER / WELCOME

Mayor Sandra Welch called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. She advised that there would not be a roundtable at the end of this meeting, as participants were instead invited to experience the Hate Ends Now Holocaust exhibit.

## 2. AGENDA ITEMS

### a. Police Department Update

Deputy Police Chief Henry Cabrera shared a brief update. He stated Broward County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Howard Hepburn had recently taken part in the Do the Right Thing program, and reminded principals and administrators to encourage their teachers to continue nominating students for Do the Right Thing so Coconut Creek could recognize more students.

Sergeant Dan Eberly advised that K9 Taylor would not be in the schools for the next few weeks due to training and preparation for certification. He reminded educators to not hesitate in calling him at any time.

### b. Fire Rescue Update

Fire Chief Brian Blizzard introduced himself and provided a brief Fire Rescue Department update. He shared that the Cadet Program was doing well, explaining the program was for students 14-20 years old to learn the ins and outs of the Fire Rescue Department. Fire Chief Blizzard responded to a question regarding the C.E.R.T program, advising that interested high school students should complete the Cadet Program as a first step.
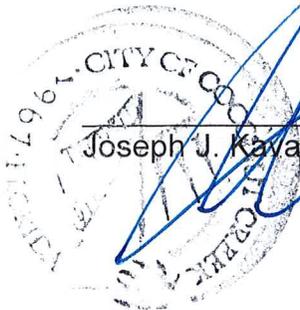
### c. Student Awards

Government Affairs Manager Bernadette Hughes stated information would soon be going out to the schools on the City's Annual Student Awards Ceremony. She advised that the City would be separating the awards ceremony into two ceremonies, one for elementary and middle school students and one for high school students. She reminded the principals that elementary and middle schools could nominate up to 10 students each and high schools could nominate up to five (5) students each. She encouraged principals to be actively engaged in the awards ceremony, and to share any suggestions for improvements with her.
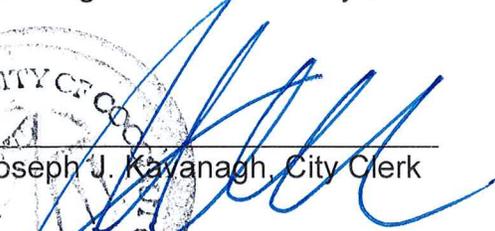
## 3. HATE ENDS NOW HOLOCAUST EXHIBIT

Ms. Hughes introduced the Hate Ends Now Holocaust exhibit and invited participants to take part. She thanked the schools that had worked with the City to bring their students to the exhibit earlier that day, and shared details to watch the livestreamed Holocaust Remembrance Day event at 6:00 p.m.

## 4. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hughes thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

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Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

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Date