



## CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Date: March 28, 2019  
Time: 7:00 p.m.**

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rydell called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 led by the Coconut Creek Honor Guard.

### 1. 19-051 THE ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR.

**MOTION:** Belvedere/Tooley - To elect Sandra L. Welch as Mayor.

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

Mayor Welch passed the gavel.

**MOTION:** Welch/Rydell - To elect Lou Sarbone as Vice Mayor.

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

### PRESENTATIONS

### 2. 19-037 A SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEW POLICE OFFICER ROBERT JAY LOPEZ.

Police Chief Albert "Butch" Arenal introduced Police Officer Lopez and invited him and his family to come forward for the swearing-in. The Oath of Office was administered by City Clerk May followed by the badge pinning.

### 3. 19-069 A CEREMONY RECOGNIZING THE PROMOTION OF LIEUTENANT RYAN K. MARKEN TO CAPTAIN, SERGEANT DARREN M. KARP TO LIEUTENANT, AND OFFICER JOSEPH W. FARIELLO TO SERGEANT.

Police Chief Arenal recognized Aventura Police Chief Bryan Pegues and Riviera Police Department Major Josh Lewis, who were in attendance. He introduced Captain Marken, Lieutenant Karp, and Sergeant Fariello and invited them and their families to come forward for the badge pinning ceremony.

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4. **19-091** A CEREMONY RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT SHAWN SHELTON, SERGEANTS JAMES DINGUS, ADAM MARTS, AND JOSEPH JAHRSDOERFER, AND OFFICERS VICTOR BLACKWOOD, THOMAS EISENRING, GAVIN HENRY, OMEIL MOLYNEAUX, AND NICHOLAS SCHERR.

Police Chief Arenal introduced Seminole Police Department Chief John Auer and Assistant Chief Kevin Tyrie, who recognized the above-listed Coconut Creek Police Department members who assisted with a rescue at the Seminole Coconut Creek Casino on February 14, 2019. City Manager Blasi presented each of them with a lifesaving uniform bar for their heroic efforts.

5. **19-041** A PRESENTATION OF A \$3,000 DONATION TO THE CITY FROM NORTH CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR THE COCONUT CREEK POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM.

Mayor Welch introduced Pastor Mark Bolhofner of North Creek Presbyterian Church, who presented the Coconut Creek Police Explorer Program with a \$3,000 donation from the proceeds of the Tenth Annual Police Explorer 5K Run. Police Officer Mike Zombek thanked the church for their support of the Police Explorer Program.

6. **19-079** A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE CITY AS A FULL FAIR SHARE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS.

Natasha Elfarghali, Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County Interim Executive Director, presented the City with a plaque for its support of the Aging and Disability Resource Center for the past 35 years.

7. **19-067** A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE 2019 CITIZEN'S ACADEMY GRADUATES.

Community Relations Director Yvonne Lopez thanked the Department Directors and City staff for their participation with the Citizen's Academy. She noted that this was the fifteenth Citizen's Academy class and presented each of the following graduates with a certificate of completion:

Anita Adams	Daniel Gallagher	Gina Malvezzi	Gloria Shibuya
Kevin Adams	Kevin Haring	Cecilia Martin	Jessica Simpson
Mark Alcazar	Shirley Hanta Fersten	Edwin Martinez	Ramesh Sivaraman
Patricia Aponte	Daphne Haynie	Annie McClary	Susan Smith
Brenda Bland-Harrell	Gaynell Heastie	Sherri McGlynn	Lynn Studnick
Thomas Casey	Cynthia Honick	Rosemary Papagno	Corey Tickner
Jo-Elaine Castrovinci	Doreen Izzi	Carol Pawelczyk	Agneta Zelman
Jeanette De Rosa	Janice Jacobs	Rene Prince	
Moramed Desroches	Peg Lackner	Richard Rice-Dilme	
Kelly Fallon	Fiorella Lavena	Jackie Railey	
Nina Fersten	Matt Lazarus	Iraida Rivera	
Robin Figueroa	Jeff Light	Eda Rosa	
Amanda Fishman	Stephanie Lopez	Carol Saler	

## **INPUT FROM RESIDENTS OF COCONUT CREEK**

Lisa Aronson, 5163 NW 74 Court, Coconut Creek, congratulated Mayor Welch and Vice Mayor Sarbone on their elections. She also congratulated Commissioner Rydell for his service during the previous year and Commissioner Tooley for her re-election in March. She spoke about the recent changes to the recycling program and asked that the City conduct more outreach to inform residents of the changes. She thanked staff for the CreekTV video explaining the changes. Mayor Welch noted that Public Works Program Manager Mike Heimbach was meeting with homeowners' associations in the City to disseminate the information. City Manager Blasi explained the changes to recyclable materials.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Blasi congratulated Mayor Welch and Vice Mayor Sarbone and thanked Commissioner Rydell for his contributions as Mayor during the previous year. She recognized staff from the Department of Sustainable Development, including Director Sheila Rose, Deputy Director Scott Stoudenmire, Housing and Grants Specialist Dan Nelson, and Senior Planner Linda Whitman, for their efforts in obtaining a \$1.1 million reimbursement grant from the Florida Communities Trust. The City will be receiving the grant funds for the recent purchase of ten acres of property to expand Oak Trails Park.

## **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Pyburn congratulated Mayor Welch and Vice Mayor Sarbone and thanked Mayor Rydell for his contributions as Mayor during the previous year.

Following the City Attorney Report, Mayor Welch presented Commissioner Rydell with a commemorative gavel in recognition of his contributions as Mayor.

## **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Rydell commented that it was an honor to serve as Mayor during the previous year and thanked Mayor Welch for assisting him as Vice Mayor. He thanked the City staff and his colleagues for their work.

Commissioner Tooley thanked the police officers, firefighters, and softball league members who helped with her campaign.

Commissioner Belvedere congratulated Mayor Welch and Vice Mayor Sarbone, and thanked Commissioner Rydell for his service. She thanked Police Chief Arenal and Fire Marshal Jeff Gary for attending a Wynmoor community meeting. She attended a community meeting in Centura Parc and met with Pompano Beach Mayor Rex Hardin regarding their recent action to ban the use of plastic straws. She asked City staff to contact the City of Pompano Beach to get more information. She spoke with a resident who thanked the City for the availability of electric car chargers and requested that the City look into alternate electric car chargers that charge electric cars faster.

Vice Mayor Sarbone thanked Commissioner Rydell and Mayor Welch for their service during the previous year. He thanked the Commission for working together as a team.

Mayor Welch thanked Commissioner Rydell for his service as Mayor and commented that she looked forward to the year ahead.

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*There was consensus to pull Agenda Items 8 and 9 from the Consent Agenda to be heard on the Regular Agenda.*

## REGULAR AGENDA

### City Clerk

8. **19-066** A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2019-0228R)

Mayor Welch read the Motion into the record.

**MOTION:** Tooley/Rydell – To approve the February 28, 2019, Commission Meeting Minutes.

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

### City Commission

9. **RES 2019-081** A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SOLAR EFFORTS AND PROGRAMS, INCLUDING SOLAR CO-OPS.

Mayor Welch read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:** Tooley/Rydell – To approve Resolution No. 2019-081.

Susan Steinhauser, 5842 Eagle Cay Circle, Coconut Creek, thanked the Commission for the support of solar programs and announced that the Broward County Solar Co-op had been launched. She explained the program, noting that residents could join the co-op by using the website [www.solarunitedneighbors.org/broward](http://www.solarunitedneighbors.org/broward).

Chris Hood, 5101 NW 66 Avenue, Lauderhill, member of Solar United Neighbors, thanked the Commission for being forward-thinking in support of solar initiatives and spoke about the cost savings from solar use.

Jeff Dorian, 11481 NW 27 Court, Plantation, member of the Broward County Citizens' Climate Lobby, thanked the City for its support of environmental initiatives and spoke about the benefits of solar power.

City Manager Blasi noted that the City would be adding solar panels to the City Hall roof.

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

10. **RES 2019-082** A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT THE ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT OF 2019.

Mayor Welch read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:** Tooley/Belvedere – To approve Resolution No. 2019-082.

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City Manager Blasi presented the item.

Susan Steinhauer, 5842 Eagle Cay Circle, Coconut Creek, spoke about the environmental impacts of greenhouse gases and explained the provisions of the proposed Carbon Dividend Act of 2019. She spoke about the efforts of the Citizens' Climate Lobby.

Jeff Dorian, 11481 NW 27 Court, Plantation, member of the Broward County Citizens' Climate Lobby, spoke about the proposed legislation and discussed the research conducted to support the legislation.

Louis Merlin, 7586 Sierra Drive East, Boca Raton, group leader of the Boca Raton Chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby, spoke about the organization's efforts. He thanked the Commission for their support of the resolution and the importance of the proposed legislation.

Aryan Ranjan, 10622 Wheelhouse Circle, Boca Raton, member of the Boca Raton Chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby, spoke in favor of the Carbon Dividend Act of 2019.

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

**Police Department**

11. **RES 2019-064** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED BROWARD COUNTY MULTI-AGENCY GANG TASK FORCE AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

Mayor Welch read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:** Belvedere/Rydell – To approve Resolution No. 2019-064.

City Manager Blasi presented the item.

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

12. **RES 2019-078** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AMONG THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK AND OTHER BROWARD COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

Mayor Welch read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:** Rydell/Tooley – To approve Resolution No. 2019-078.

City Manager Blasi presented the item. Discussion ensued regarding mutual aid from agencies throughout Broward County.

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

Mayor Welch recognized her family members, who were in attendance, and thanked them for their support.

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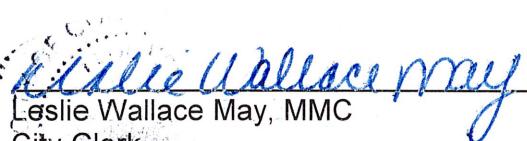
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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Transcribed by: Marianne Bowers

  
Leslie Wallace May, MMC  
City Clerk

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Date