



# CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center  
4800 W. Copans Road  
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: April 26, 2018  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rydell called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. He thanked Commissioner Tooley for the evening's selection, "The Greatest Love of All" by Whitney Houston.

## 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.

## PRESENTATIONS

**1. 18-077 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM STATE LOBBYIST, ERICKS CONSULTANTS, INC.**

Candice Ericks, Ericks Consulting, Inc., introduced herself and Lauren Jackson, who gave a brief overview of the 2018 Legislative Session. Ms. Jackson commented that the focus at the beginning of the session was relief from the impacts of Hurricane Irma and that the focus towards the end of the session was on school safety after the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy. She highlighted several bills that passed, including those relating to school safety and the opioid epidemic. Ms. Ericks commented that they were preparing for the next legislative session and that they were closely following the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission. Mayor Rydell thanked Ms. Ericks and Ms. Jackson for their work.

**2. 18-066 COCONUT CREEK BOYS' BASKETBALL MAYOR'S AWARD.**

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Enrique Castro and Recreation Programmer Jim Barnes presented certificates to each of the following 2018 Boys' Basketball Mayor's Award recipients:

Ages 8 and up	Brendan Rubin
Ages 10 and up	Cameron Valvo
Ages 12 and up	Brandon Lynn
Ages 14 and up	Keith Habberfield
Ages 17 and up	Vladimir Agenor

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

Mark Pannella, 6603 NW 42 Avenue, Coconut Creek, spoke about the maintenance of the property located at 4181 NW 66 Place. Assistant City Manager/Sustainable Development Director Sheila Rose stated that the Code Enforcement Division had written code violations for the property and proactively addresses code issues in the Parkwood VI community. Mayor Rydell asked that staff provide the Commission with a synopsis of violations for the property.

Grace Kelly, 2221 NW 41 Terrace, Coconut Creek, discussed code enforcement in the Township Estates community and requested that the Commission increase the number of Code Compliance Officers.

Marilyn Frisch, 3949 Cocoplum Circle, Coconut Creek, spoke about a recent article regarding the City joining a lawsuit challenging Florida's gun laws. She stated that she was proud of the Commission for their action and appreciated their effort to take a stand on an important issue.

Teresa DeCristofaro, 6600 Brandywine Drive South, Margate, spoke about the upcoming Coconut Creek/Margate Relay for Life fundraising event for the American Cancer Society being held on May 19, 2018, and invited the Commission to participate in the event.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Blasi announced that the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Tree Giveaway and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Kids and Family Expo were being held on Saturday, April 28, 2018, and that a School Principals Lunch Bunch meeting was scheduled for noon on April 30, 2018, at the Community Center.

## **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Pyburn noted that the City's joint lawsuit, challenging the penalty provisions of Section 790.33, Florida Statutes, was amended to include Commissioner Tooley as a named plaintiff.

## **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Belvedere spoke about the upcoming Annual Free Tree Giveaway event and noted that the City is a Tree City USA designee. She attended the City's 2018 Arbor Day tree planting ceremony at City Hall where the Rotary Club of Coconut Creek donated 17 trees in memory of those who lost their lives in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy. She spoke about the Governor of New York who was trying to pass a ban on the use of plastic bags. She thanked the Police Department, Police Officer Mike Zombek, and Fire Marshal Jeff Gary for their participation in community meetings at Wynmoor. She also attended the 70th Anniversary Celebration of the State of Israel at the Israeli Consulate in Miami.

Commissioner Tooley attended the South East Police Motorcycle Rodeo and congratulated Police Officer Chris Ku for winning most improved. She offered her condolences for City of Lauderhill Commissioner Hayward Benson in the loss of his wife. She received a thank you from Lisa Bocard for the display of the City's Breast Cancer Awareness police vehicle at the Race for Women's Wellness Half Marathon and 5k held in Coral Springs. She participated in the SAFE self defense course hosted by the Police Department and commended the Police Officers for a great job.

Commissioner Sarbone commented on the large number of applications for City Boards and commended Community Relations Director Yvonne Lopez for her community outreach efforts with the Citizen's Academy. He attended the Coral Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce Gala and commented on the increased participation and leadership of the organization. He spoke about the Comprehensive Street Improvements project and commended Senior Project Manager Asaad Akar for his efforts on the project.

Vice Mayor Welch noted the increased interest in serving on City Boards. She commended City Manager Blasi for her recognition as a 2018 Home Rule Hero by the Florida League of Cities. She recognized Urban Forester Sharon Vollmer for sharing her expertise in landscaping. She toured the SOS Children's Village with the Women's Club of Coconut Creek and spoke about the Coral Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce working to partner non-profit organizations with local businesses. She attended the Cocomar Water District quarterly meeting where they discussed repairing lake banks after Hurricane Irma. She announced that there would be a Promise Town Hall meeting on May 7, 2018, at Piper High School. She mentioned that the Broward League of Cities Scholarship Awards were recently held and noted that a student from the Coral Springs Political Teen Forum would be speaking to Coconut Creek students about the program. She commended the Parks and Recreation Department for their work on the spring dance.

Mayor Rydell congratulated City Manager Blasi and noted that she was the only non-elected official to be honored as a 2018 Home Rule Hero. He recommended looking for additional ways that interested residents could get involved with the City. He attended the elected official roundtable for transportation with Commissioner Tooley, Commissioner Belvedere, and City staff. He spoke about the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High Public Safety Commission meeting that was held at Broward College and asked staff to advise the Commission when future meetings would be held. He attended the Earth Day celebration at the Monarch Hill landfill, and he thanked Commissioner Tooley for attending his daughter's violin performance.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### City Clerk

3. 18-062 A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2018-0327WS)

Mayor Rydell read the Motion into the record.

**MOTION:** Tooley/Sarbone – To approve the Minutes of the March 27, 2018, Commission Workshop.

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

### City Commission

4. 18-058 A MOTION TO CANCEL THE JUNE 14, 2018, AND AUGUST 23, 2018, REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS.

Mayor Rydell read the Motion into the record.

**MOTION:** Welch/Tooley – To approve the Motion to cancel the June 14, 2018, and August 23, 2018, Regular City Commission Meetings.

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

5. **RES 2018-070** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIVE (5) REGULAR MEMBERS AND ONE (1) ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

Vice Mayor Welch made a motion to hear the item, seconded by Commissioner Belvedere.

Kevin Haring, 2361 NW 37 Avenue, Coconut Creek, commented that he was interested in being more involved with the City to help improve the community.

**MOTION:** Tooley/Welch – To approve Resolution No. 2018-070.

- Commissioner Belvedere appointed Morris Chase.
- Commissioner Tooley appointed Doug Young.
- Commissioner Sarbone appointed Debra Voorhees.
- Vice Mayor Welch appointed Jerry Poole.
- Mayor Rydell appointed Steven Hall.
- Mayor Rydell appointed Jeffrey Barker, Alternate.

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

6. **RES 2018-071** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIVE (5) REGULAR MEMBERS AND ONE (1) ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

Vice Mayor Welch made a motion to hear the item, seconded by Commissioner Belvedere.

**MOTION:** Welch/Tooley – To approve Resolution No. 2018-071.

- Commissioner Belvedere appointed Charles Coxon.
- Commissioner Tooley appointed Delilah Harden.
- Commissioner Sarbone appointed Dan Mackey.
- Vice Mayor Welch appointed Irene Espinosa.
- Mayor Rydell appointed Susi Glatt.
- Mayor Rydell appointed Michel Chamberlain, Alternate.

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

7. **RES 2018-072** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIVE (5) REGULAR MEMBERS AND ONE (1) ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

Commissioner Tooley made a motion to hear the item, seconded by Commissioner Belvedere.

**MOTION:** Welch/Tooley – To approve Resolution No. 2018-072.

- Commissioner Belvedere appointed Elliot Rappaport.
- Commissioner Tooley appointed David Anderson.
- Commissioner Sarbone appointed Randy Johnson.
- Vice Mayor Welch appointed Paul Gajus.
- Mayor Rydell appointed Kenneth Forbes.
- Mayor Rydell appointed Joel Van Hemel, Alternate.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Transcribed by: Marianne Bowers

Leslie Wallace May  
Leslie Wallace May, MMC  
City Clerk

5/09/18  
Date

