



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Date: May 24, 2018
Time: 7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rydell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He thanked Vice Mayor Welch for the evening's music selection, "Butterfly" by Lizzie Sider.

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
Assistant City Attorney Eve M. Lewis
Deputy City Clerk Marianne Bowers

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. 18-079 STUDENT ARTWORK RECOGNITION.

Recreation Programmer Josh Salter introduced staff members from Winston Park Elementary School, Tradewinds Elementary School, and North Broward Preparatory School. Certificates were presented to the students who participated in the Student Artwork Display at City Hall.

The Commission took a five-minute recess, and the meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

2. 18-090 A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNE 1, 2018, AS "NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY."

Mayor Rydell read the Proclamation into the record. Abigail Langweiler, Event Leader for *Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America*, accepted the Proclamation and briefly addressed the Commission. She invited all to attend the "Healing Through Harmony" Wear Orange event being held at Pine Trails Park in Parkland, Florida, on June 2, 2018.

INPUT FROM RESIDENTS OF COCONUT CREEK

Sarah Phelps, 4430 NW 9 Court, Coconut Creek, spoke about the extended stay hotel project proposed at the southwest corner of Coconut Creek Parkway and Lyons Road and commented that she felt it was not a good fit for the location.

David Robshaw, 1832 NW 48 Terrace, Coconut Creek, expressed his concerns about the extended stay hotel project. He thanked the Commissioners and City staff who met with him and appreciated the opportunity to voice his concerns.

Joanne Thuna, 4167 NW 22 Street, Coconut Creek, noted that she attended a roundtable event held at Wynmoor where they discussed crime and recent break-ins in the area. She stated that she was concerned about crime rates near hotels.

Linda Laviano, 1832 NW 48 Terrace, Coconut Creek, stated that she was opposed to the extended stay hotel project and that she appreciated the staff and Commissioners who responded to her emails and met with her to discuss her concerns.

Steve Hall, 6214 NW 45 Terrace, Coconut Creek, stated that there were numerous residents who were concerned about the extended stay hotel project and thanked the Commissioners for listening to their concerns. He spoke about the Student Art Exhibit held earlier in the evening and commended staff for organizing the event and providing opportunities for students to be involved in extracurricular activities.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Blasi had no report.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Assistant City Attorney Lewis had no report.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Belvedere thanked the Police Department for attending meetings at Wynmoor and for speaking to residents about safety. She commented that the Wynmoor Security Department had been working together with the Police Department to improve security in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Tooley commented that she wore orange in recognition of the Proclamation for gun safety. She announced that it was also Red Nose Day, a fundraiser to help children in poverty. She attended the Broward County Crime Commission Active Shooter Conference and asked staff to research the feasibility of using an app to contact emergency personnel in the event that 911 dispatch services fail. She spoke about National Kids to Parks Day and commented that participation was declining. She hoped that more families would participate in the free event in the future. She attended the 4th Annual Rocking the USA event at Coconut Creek Elementary and noted that she had been meeting with residents about the extended stay hotel project.

Commissioner Sarbone thanked the residents for attending the meeting this evening. He spoke about the Student Art Exhibit held earlier in the evening and commended Recreation Programmer Josh Salter for his work on the event.

Vice Mayor Welch also thanked the residents for attending the Commission meeting. She spoke about this month's Northwest Council of Elected Officials meeting where they discussed the safe schools group and establishing standard operating procedures in Broward County Schools. It was noted that the topic would be further discussed with the Broward League of Cities.

Consensus was given for City Manager Blasi to begin conceptually drafting a position letter to the Broward County School Board regarding school safety and standard operating procedures for County schools. She said she would send the draft Task Force report to the Commission to review, and they could then provide their input to help guide the direction of the letter. They agreed.

Vice Mayor Welch spoke about the Coral Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce Wake Up Breakfast event. She attended the Broward Climate Roundtable where there was discussion on countywide resiliency projects. She requested that the City submit a project that focused on flooding resiliency. She announced that the Women's Club presented scholarships at their meeting held earlier in the week and noted that former City Clerk Barbara Price sent her regards.

Mayor Rydell commented on participation in the City's National Kids to Parks Day event and said he hoped the City could increase engagement for future events. He thanked the residents who attended this evening's meeting to speak about the extended stay hotel project. He announced that Broward County would be placing a proposal for a penny sales tax on the November ballot for transportation and urged the residents to stay informed on the issue as more information becomes available.

REGULAR AGENDA

City Clerk

3. **18-086** A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2018-0426WS AND 2018-0426R)

Mayor Rydell read the Motion into the record.

MOTION: Welch/Belvedere – To approve the Minutes of the April 26, 2018, Workshop Meeting and April 26, 2018, Regular Commission Meeting.

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

Sustainable Development

4. **RES 2018-104** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SIGN DEVIATION REQUEST TO SECTION 13-466.8, "WALL IDENTIFICATION SIGNS," BY GUNTHER MOTORS CO. TO ALLOW A SECOND FAÇADE SIGN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4350 NORTH STATE ROAD 7, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 13-473, "DEVIATIONS." (QUASI-JUDICIAL)(PUBLIC HEARING)

Assistant City Attorney Lewis read aloud the City's quasi-judicial procedures that would be applied to Agenda Items 4 and 5. Deputy City Clerk Bowers confirmed that the public notice requirements were met for Agenda Items 4 and 5 and swore in the witnesses. She instructed the speakers, when they come forward to speak, to state their name and address clearly for the record and whether or not they were sworn-in and understood the rules of the proceedings. Assistant City Attorney Lewis read the Resolution title into the record. Commissioner Sarbone disclosed that the company he works for represents Volvo Cars USA and Volvo Car Financial Services in their finance company and used car sales.

MOTION: Tooley/Belvedere – To approve Resolution No. 2018-104.

Assistant City Manager/Director of Sustainable Development Sheila Rose presented the item and introduced the applicant’s attorney, Dan Taylor. Mr. Taylor noted that the Commission previously approved the site plan application for the Gunther Volvo dealership. He explained that the two proposed façade signs for Gunther and Volvo were not able to be combined because of trademark issues. He displayed several renderings of the proposed signage. Discussion ensued regarding the sign specifications. Mr. Taylor noted that Jay Gunther from Gunther Motor Co. was present in the audience and explained the Planning & Zoning Board’s condition of approval to provide additional justification to the Commission.

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

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

- 5. **ORD 2018-013** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SPECIAL LAND USE APPLICATION OF ESCAPE ROOMS, FL FOR AN AMUSEMENT CENTER (INDOOR) FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4937 COCONUT CREEK PARKWAY, PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-35, “SPECIAL LAND USE,” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES. (QUASI-JUDICIAL)(FIRST PUBLIC HEARING)

Assistant City Attorney Lewis read the Ordinance title into the record. She asked if there were any disclosures or ex parte communications on Agenda Item 5, and there were none.

MOTION: Tooley/Welch – To adopt Ordinance No. 2018-013.

Assistant City Manager/Director of Sustainable Development Sheila Rose presented the item and introduced the applicant, Angela Mastrangelo of Escape Rooms FL, who was sworn-in and began a *PowerPoint* presentation. She explained the business concept, benefits of team building exercises, operational policies, hours of operations, and target audiences.

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

Ms. Mastrangelo discussed the advertising and marketing strategies for the business. Discussion ensued regarding the themed rooms, staffing, and pricing. The Commission gave staff direction to modify the proposed hours of operation before second reading of the Ordinance upon consultation with the Police Department.

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

- 6. **ORD 2018-012** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 13, “LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE,” ARTICLE III, “ZONING REGULATIONS,” DIVISION 4, “ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES,” BY AMENDING ALL OF SUBDIVISION IX, “WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES;” CHANGING THE SUBDIVISION TITLE TO “COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES;” AND CHANGING ALL SECTIONS THEREIN IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE CITY’S TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCES TO COMPORT WITH RECENT CHANGES TO STATE AND FEDERAL LAW AND TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY WITH INDUSTRY STANDARDS. (SECOND READING)(PUBLIC HEARING)

7. **ORD 2018-009** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 6.5, “CABLE COMMUNICATIONS;” REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 22, “FRANCHISING AND LICENSING;” AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 13, “LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE,” ARTICLE I, “ADMINISTRATION, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES,” DIVISION 3, “IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES,” SECTION 13-40, “ENGINEERING PERMITS,” TO PROVIDE FOR CONSISTENT REGULATIONS REGARDING PERMIT ISSUANCE FOR WIRELINE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES INSTALLATION WITHIN THE CITY. (SECOND READING)(PUBLIC HEARING)

Assistant City Attorney Lewis read the Ordinance titles for Agenda Items 6 and 7 into the record.

Vice Mayor Welch made a motion to move Agenda Item 6, seconded by Commissioner Tooley; and Commissioner Tooley made a motion to move Agenda Item 7, seconded by Vice Mayor Welch.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing. Janna Lhota, 515 East Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, on behalf of Verizon Wireless, noted that she sent a letter earlier in the day highlighting Verizon Wireless’ concerns with the Ordinances. She requested that both items be deferred for further discussion with staff.

Scott Backman, 14 Southeast 4 Street, Boca Raton, on behalf of Crown Castle, asked for more time to review the proposed Ordinances.

Victor Beninate, 2856 NE 24 Court, Fort Lauderdale, on behalf of AT&T Florida, requested additional time to review the proposed Ordinances. There were no further questions or comments from the public, and the public hearing was closed.

Discussion ensued regarding changes made to the Ordinances based on comments from the wireless industry after First Reading. Elizabeth Herington-Smith, CityScape Consultants, Inc., noted that the City of Coral Springs was considering code amendments for second reading in June and that staff was working with the wireless industry to address their concerns. Mr. Backman, Ms. Lhota, and Mr. Beninate committed that their clients would not submit new applications under the proposed regulations until Second Reading of the Ordinances.

MOTION: Welch/Sarbone – To table Ordinance No. 2018-012 and Ordinance No. 2018-009 to the June 28, 2018, Commission Meeting based upon the representations made by the industry professionals to not submit new applications pursuant to the proposed regulations until Second Reading of the Ordinances.

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

Consensus was given for Commissioner Tooley and Commissioner Belvedere to attend the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference being held in Hollywood, Florida on August 16-18, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Transcribed by: Marianne Bowers

Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

Date