



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center
4800 W. Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: March 27, 2025
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2025-0327R

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sandra L. Welch called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Sandra L. Welch
Vice Mayor Jacqueline Railey
Commissioner Joshua Rydell
Commissioner John A. Brodie
Commissioner Jeffrey R. Wasserman
City Manager Sheila N. Rose
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

Mayor Welch asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence in memory of Utilities and Engineering Utility Service Worker II Gary Innocent.

City Attorney Pyburn noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present and explained the procedures for the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **25-061** ELECTION RESULTS – MARCH 11, 2025, MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

City Clerk Kavanagh stated that the results of the March 11, 2025, Municipal Election had been certified by the Broward County Supervisor of Elections Office. He read the results into the record as follows:

- Commission seat - District B (four (4) year term of office)
 - **Jacqueline Railey – 2,724 votes**
 - Philippa Sklaar – 753 votes
- Commission seat - District C (four (4) year term of office)
 - Patricia Louise Duaybes – 1,024 votes
 - **Sandra L. “Sandy” Welch – 2,407 votes**
- Commission seat - District E (four (4) year term of office)
 - Felicia Shuman Newkirk – 508 votes
 - **Joshua David Rydell – 2,916 votes**

2. **25-062** INVESTITURE OF ELECTED COMMISSIONERS FOR DISTRICTS B, C, AND E.

City Clerk Kavanagh administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Commissioner Jacqueline Railey. Commissioner Railey took her seat on the dais.

City Clerk Kavanagh administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Commissioner Sandra L. Welch. Commissioner Welch took her seat on the dais.

Judge John D. Fry of the 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Commissioner Joshua Rydell. Commissioner Rydell took his seat on the dais.

3. **25-063** A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF SANDRA L. WELCH AS MAYOR FOR THE 2024-2025 YEAR.

City Manager Rose recognized Mayor Welch for her service as Mayor for 2024-2025 year, highlighting her unwavering dedication to the City, and presented her with a crystal gavel and plant.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

4. **RES** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR FOR A
 2025-042 ONE-YEAR TERM.

Mayor Welch read the Resolution title into the record. She reviewed the procedures for appointment of Mayor and Vice Mayor and opened the floor to nominations for Mayor.

Mayor Welch passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Railey.

MOTION: Welch/Rydell - To appoint Jacqueline Railey as Mayor.

With no further nominations on the floor, the Motion carried and Jacqueline Railey was seated as Mayor.

Mayor Railey opened the floor to nominations for Vice Mayor, and passed the gavel.

MOTION: Railey/Rydell - To appoint Jeffrey R. Wasserman as Vice Mayor.

With no further nominations on the floor, the Motion carried and Jeffrey R. Wasserman was seated as Vice Mayor.

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

City Clerk Kavanagh advised that there was no one who signed in to speak on Non-agenda or Consent Agenda items.

REGULAR AGENDA

City Clerk

5. **25-064** A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2025-0227R)

Mayor Railey read the Motion into the record.

MOTION: Rydell/Welch – To approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2025, City Commission Meeting, as presented.

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

Public Works Department

6. **RES** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO
 2025-048 SIGN OUTSIDE AGENCY PERMIT APPLICATIONS THAT BIND THE CITY
 AND/OR GRANT PERMISSION TO ACCESS CITY PROPERTY FOR PERMIT-
 RELATED PURPOSES.

Mayor Railey read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Rydell/Wasserman – To approve Resolution No. 2025-048.

Public Works Director Harry Mautte advised that there were instances where Public Works needed to submit permit applications to various agencies to complete capital improvement projects. He stated some of the permit language had recently changed, and it was determined that the appropriate course of action was to present a resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to sign permit applications on behalf of the City to ensure timely completion of projects.

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Rose congratulated the Commissioners and stated she looked forward to a great year working together. She stated that, in the site plan approval for the Greystar project, there was discussion of a wall along the north property line. She advised that in reviewing the plans, it required that a wall be constructed along the south property line of the City's adjacent park where a black vinyl fence existed. She stated that staff believed that a wall in this location would be inappropriate due to long term maintenance issues and blocking the view of the natural area and recommended eliminating that portion of the wall.

Vice Mayor Wasserman asked for clarification that the only portion of the originally-discussed wall that would not be walled would be the portion along the adjacent park. City Manager Rose confirmed. She stated there were portions that would be more fence-like due to Florida Power & Light (FPL) access, but it would be screened.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Pyburn congratulated the Commissioners. She provided an update on the litigation against Broward County related to the landfill expansion, stating that the City had filed a Chapter 120 petition with the Division of Administrative Hearings and a complaint with Broward County Circuit Court under Section 163.3215, both challenging the consistency of the ordinances providing the horizontal and vertical expansion with the Comprehensive Plan. She advised that the Chapter 164 Intergovernmental Dispute process was proceeding. She noted future actions may be required if the matter was not resolved through the Chapter 164 process.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Rydell shared an update on the Solid Waste Authority (SWA), noting that the SWA Vice

Chair Furr, had made it clear that he would not spearhead an effort to purchase the 26 acres for the expansion that happened prior to litigation. He stated the item was expected to go before the County Commission in the summer, and assistance would be needed to advocate for this purchase. He noted that he would keep the Commission and staff updated. Commissioner Rydell congratulated his colleagues and recognized the family and friends of the candidates present in the room for their staunch support and the residents for being active and engaged in the process.

Commissioner Welch congratulated her colleagues and reiterated that it was not just the Commissioners that run for office and serve, it was their families and friends. She highlighted the importance of time management and recognized her granddaughter and her husband for being present and moving back to Coconut Creek.

Commissioner Brodie shared that he had the honor of representing Coconut Creek in Tallahassee the previous week at Broward Days. He stated that he and other local elected officials had met with Representative Shane Abbott regarding E911 legislation that would undo the City's efforts on this front to partner with the City of Coral Springs for dispatch services. He highlighted a bill he had supported related to regulations on the drug, xylazine, to help save lives, and stated he had meetings on agriculture, negotiations of salaries for professors, and insurance concerns. He stated he had met with the Deputy Director of Florida Department of Environmental Protection on PFAS regulation and other issues.

Vice Mayor Wasserman thanked his wife and daughter for being present. He commented that he had also been a part of Broward Days in Tallahassee with Commissioner Brodie and had a lot of good meetings. He stated he had met with the Appropriations Chair regarding the City's fleet building and was optimistic, as well as the Insurance Commissioner. He shared that Holocaust Remembrance Day was not recognized by the State of Florida, and he had been able to be present for the proposal to the legislature, so he was hopeful it would be recognized in 2026.

Mayor Railey thanked everyone and stated that the support, encouragement, and feedback from residents help the Commissioners to be better leaders. She congratulated everyone and stated she was honored to serve as Mayor. She recognized staff and her family. Mayor Railey commented that the Live Local Act was a major issue to follow and noted House Bill 943 would take all of the authority the local municipality has in restricting development and redevelopment. She urged support against the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Joseph J. Kavanagh, MMC
City Clerk

Date