



# CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Date: January 26, 2023  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting No. 2023-0126R**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Joshua Rydell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

## **PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Joshua Rydell  
Vice Mayor Sandra L. Welch  
Commissioner Rebecca A. Tooley  
Commissioner Jacqueline Railey  
Commissioner John A. Brodie  
City Manager Karen M. Brooks  
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn  
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

Mayor Rydell welcomed representatives of Girl Scout Troop 12222 and invited them to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Girl Scout Promise.

Mayor Rydell noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present, and City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn explained the procedures for public participation and comment for the meeting.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- 1. 23-019** A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING BROWARD COUNTY PIONEER DAYS HONOREE DONALD SCHLICHTMANN.

Mayor Rydell provided a brief overview of the Broward County Pioneer Days recognition program and introduced Coconut Creek's 2022 honoree, Donald Schlichtmann, a long-time resident who served as the City's first Volunteer Fire Chief. Commissioner Tooley presented Mr. Schlichtmann with a Certificate of Recognition and a City Challenge Coin. Mr. Schlichtmann shared stories of firefighting in the early days of Coconut Creek.

- 2. 23-015** A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE EXCEPTIONAL ARTWORK OF STUDENTS FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS.

Recreation Programmer Nicole Samsel recognized the 2023 Student Art Show participants, who included students from Coconut Creek Elementary School, North Broward Preparatory School, Tradewinds Elementary School, and Winston Park Elementary. She introduced the art teachers from each school, who presented certificates to each student participant.

- 3. 23-014** A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING FIRST QUARTER EMPLOYEE MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

Human Resources Director Pamela Kershaw recognized the following employees, who had reached a milestone anniversary during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2023.

Five (5) Year Anniversary

Aliea Seeram, Procurement Technician, Finance & Administrative Services  
John Besada, Police Officer, Police Department  
Andrea Calderon, Police Officer, Police Department  
Dorian Pumalo, Police Officer, Police Department  
Janet Moppert, Code Compliance Officer I, Sustainable Development

Ten (10) Year Anniversary

Andrew Saint-Remy, Parks & Recreation Supervisor, Parks & Recreation  
Suzette Schuyler, Telecommunications Operator, Police Department

Twenty (20) Year Anniversary

Kyle Duffey, Police Service Aide, Police Department

Thirty (30) Year Anniversary:

Stephen Corum, Maintenance Services Worker III, Public Works

**INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**

City Clerk Kavanagh stated that no advanced public comments were received for Non-agenda or Consent Agenda items.

Jasmin Evangelista, 5319 Flamingo Court, Coconut Creek, sought guidance in dealing with a tree removal permit she had filed with the City. She discussed the issues she was facing as a result of a sick tree on her property. Sustainable Development Director Scott Stoudenmire provided Ms. Evangelista with his contact information for assistance.

**CONSENT AGENDA (*Items 4, 5, and 6*)**

Mayor Rydell read each of the titles of the Consent Agenda Items into the record.

4.     **RES**           A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK’S 2023  
       **2023-006**       STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.
  
5.     **RES**           A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK’S 2023  
       **2023-009**       FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.
  
6.     **RES**           A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AS  
       **2023-013**       SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO  
                          DISPOSE OF SAID PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED LIST.

**MOTION:** Welch/Tooley – To approve Consent Agenda Items 4, 5, and 6.

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

## REGULAR AGENDA

### Public Works Department

7. **RES 2023-011** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY FOR MEDIAN BEAUTIFICATION OF LYONS ROAD BETWEEN COCONUT CREEK PARKWAY AND ATLANTIC BOULEVARD.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:** Tooley/Welch – To approve Resolution No. 2023-011.

Public Works Director Harry Mautte presented the item, providing a brief history of work done to improve the medians along Lyons Road. He explained the next steps to complete beautification of the final stretch of medians in cooperation with Broward County. He discussed the landscape material that would be utilized and plans to address material that reached its useful lifecycle in previously completed sections of the medians.

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

### Police Department

8. **ORD 2023-001** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE III, "DEPARTMENTS," DIVISION 2, "POLICE DEPARTMENT," SECTION 2-57, "USE OF OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICERS FOR UNOFFICIAL FUNCTIONS," TO ADD JUNETEENTH AS A HOLIDAY, AND TO UPDATE PROCEDURES AND FEES FOR THE USE OF OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICERS AND POLICE SERVICE AIDES. (SECOND READING)(PUBLIC HEARING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

**MOTION:** Tooley/Welch – To adopt Ordinance No. 2023-001.

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 Ordinance passed by a 5-0 vote.**

### Sustainable Development

9. **RES 2023-002** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AS PART OF THE HILLSBORO CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT AREA PROJECT.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:** Tooley/Railey – To approve Resolution No. 2023-002.

Sustainable Development Director Scott Stoudenmire presented the item. He provided a brief history of the project and explained inter-agency coordination issues that led to delays in the project.

Mayor Rydell requested an update on the Hillsboro Marketplace redevelopment, noting the projects were related. Mr. Stoudenmire explained the ongoing discussions with the Hillsboro Marketplace development team regarding maintaining the phasing of the project. He discussed the timeline for permit review and noted he had spoken with the owner's representative regarding delays in responding to staff comments on permits.

Vice Mayor Welch asked about maintenance to the existing sidewalk before work takes place, noting issues with vegetation along the sidewalk. Mr. Stoudenmire stated Code Enforcement would investigate the property issues and discuss issues related to the preserve with the appropriate County officials.

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

10. **RES 2023-003** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY FOR LAND ACQUISITION AS PART OF THE HILLSBORO CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:** Tooley/Brodie – To approve Resolution No. 2023-003.

Mayor Rydell asked for an update on the Vista Gardens development project, and Mr. Stoudenmire explained that due to changes in the market related to COVID-19, the property was for sale and did not yet have a viable redevelopment candidate. He noted the County was providing three (3) years from the date of a new owner taking over the property to redevelop.

Mayor Rydell asked whether the City had the ability to undo the deed restriction on the property to make the property more viable for development. City Attorney Pyburn stated she would need to look into the restrictions specifically before advising on the matter.

Commissioner Tooley stated she would like to see the property redeveloped as originally planned as an event space. Mr. Stoudenmire stated the two (2) acre parcel was now a single plat with commercial zoning, so it was a good candidate for redevelopment. Discussion ensued regarding the restrictions.

Commissioner Brodie asked about condemning the current building. Mr. Stoudenmire explained the building was closed and unoccupied but had not been deemed as unsafe. He noted the owners had investigated what needed to be done to make the building usable.

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

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Brooks shared comments from resident Sherri McGlynn that had been received after the deadline for the meeting. She stated Ms. McGlynn had asked about the design on Lyons Road, Coco

Point Park, and banners for the Hometown Market. City Manager Brooks noted she had replied back to the email and reviewed the responses she had given briefly.

## **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Pyburn provided an update on the recent Florida Supreme Court ruling in the Nikki Fried and the City of Weston v. State of Florida case, regarding the penalty provisions enacted by the Florida Legislature related to firearms and ammunition preemption. She noted the involvement of Coconut Creek and other communities, counties, and elected officials in the case and outlined the results of the case. She noted it was not likely that rehearing would be pursued for the two (2) provisions of the law that were upheld and she would keep the Commission apprised of any further updates.

## **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Tooley shared her experience at the Hometown Market and commented the market could benefit from additional signage. She noted it was great to hear from Mr. Schlichtmann at the beginning of the meeting and discussed the importance of honoring the City's history.

Commissioner Brodie had no report.

Commissioner Railey shared that the Panthers Hockey Team had honored veterans the previous Saturday, and Coconut Creek residents from World War II and the Korean War were included in the honorees. She shared her experience at the event and thanked everyone for their service. Continuing, Commissioner Railey discussed a January 7 *New York Times* article regarding widening of roads, and stated she hoped it provided leverage with ongoing discussions regarding the proposed expansion of Florida's Turnpike. She spoke about the first food truck event, noting she heard positive feedback and looked forward to the next event.

Vice Mayor Welch addressed an email she had received from Monarch High School Principal James Cecil, and asked that staff forward it to the rest of the Commission. She explained the school would be holding a community input meeting on February 8, regarding resurrecting the Light Up the Knights Campaign. Discussion ensued regarding community support for a public/private partnership to provide for lighting and/or construction of a stadium. Vice Mayor Welch received consensus to participate in the meeting. Continuing, Vice Mayor Welch asked staff to inform the Commission when a business received a Certificate of Occupancy prior to ribbon cutting events, and City Manager Brooks confirmed staff could provide the information. Vice Mayor Welch shared regarding an event she had attended at the Township Performing Arts Center, and asked the status of the City's partnership with the organization. City Manager Brooks noted disruptions, which had been caused by COVID-19, and stated staff would follow up. Vice Mayor Welch stated there had been a positive community input meeting earlier in the day regarding the search for a principal for Dave Thomas Education Center, and stated City staff and students had given amazing input.

Mayor Rydell thanked Budget and Grants Manager Kisha Holland for engaging with the Girl Scout Troop touring City Hall earlier in the day. He highlighted potential State legislation that would end the ability for servicing cities to charge outside entities an additional service charge, noting the example of the City as a water service provider to Parkland. Mayor Rydell thanked the Commission and staff for their efforts at the County Commission meeting earlier in the week regarding the residential development in a neighboring unincorporated area. He noted the developer agreed to work with the City regarding the Building Code. He thanked Sustainable Development Assistant Director Justin Proffitt for providing valuable insight during the meeting and also thanked County Commissioner Mark Bogen for his efforts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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Joseph J. Kavanagh, MMC  
City Clerk

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Date