



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center
4800 W. Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: December 3, 2018
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rydell called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

2. PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Joshua Rydell
Vice Mayor Sandra L. Welch
Commissioner Rebecca A. Tooley
Commissioner Mikkie Belvedere
City Manager Mary C. Blasi
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn
City Clerk Leslie Wallace May

EXCUSED:

Commissioner Lou Sarbone

3. DISCUSSION – STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

City Manager Mary Blasi opened the discussion and reminded everyone that at the post-legislative session workshop for last year's State Legislative Agenda, the Commission requested staff schedule a pre-legislative session workshop to go over concerns and priorities before the Legislative Session begins. She introduced Senator Kevin Rader, who was participating via teleconference; Representative Kristin Jacobs; Anika Hamilton, Representative Jacobs's District Secretary; Ashley Cacicedo, Senator Rader's Legislative Assistant; and Candice Ericks and Lauren Jackson from Ericks Consultants, Inc.

Ms. Ericks spoke about the organizational session where new members of the State Legislature were sworn-in. She summarized the changes at the state level since the recent election of Governor-elect Ron DeSantis.

Senator Rader spoke about the climate in Tallahassee with the transition of administration. He noted that school security was expected to be a focus of legislative discussions.

Representative Jacobs commented that the status of committee leadership in the House of Representatives was unknown at this time. She spoke about advocates for environmental and water priorities who could potentially chair key committees.

Ms. Jackson noted that the balance of power in the Legislature changed very little as a result of the November Election and commented that there were several members on the Governor's transition team from Broward County. She spoke about issues regarding local government, and Ms. Ericks mentioned that Representative Chip LaMarca may help with bridging the gap

between state and municipal government. Ms. Ericks noted that the 2018 Legislative Agenda would be the basis for discussion and added that many of the issues from last year that did not pass were expected to come back this year.

Senator Rader spoke about a new committee that was being formed in the Senate and commented that once the new Senate President's priorities were known, they would have a better idea what the committee might focus on. Discussion ensued regarding appropriations.

Ms. Jackson mentioned a new bill regarding texting while driving, which would make it a primary offence, as opposed to the secondary offense that it currently is in Florida.

Commissioner Tooley spoke about legislation that would require municipalities to hold their general elections in November and commented that she was in favor of the City maintaining the March election cycle. Ms. Ericks mentioned that there would be more discussion on the election process due to the statewide issues with the recent election. Commissioner Tooley emphasized the need for more laws regarding gun safety. Representative Jacobs mentioned that Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture-elect, Nikki Fried, supports moving concealed weapons licenses from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE).

Commissioner Belvedere emphasized the need to follow legislation related to transportation, environmental issues including fracking and recycling, and gaming issues. Discussion ensued regarding recycling and off-shore drilling in federal waters. Ms. Ericks noted that there were four newly-elected members to the State Legislature from the Broward County delegation.

Vice Mayor Welch commented on the need to follow legislation concerning landfill regulations, recycling, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Turnpike extension, and distracted driving. Discussion ensued regarding the algae and red tide issues. Representative Jacobs mentioned focusing on some of the Broward and Miami-Dade projects that would help with the issue locally.

Mayor Rydell commented on issues related to reclaimed water and obtaining grant funding for reclaimed water projects. He emphasized the need to follow any legislation that impacts wireless communications. He spoke about residents' concerns over credit card security breaches at gas pumps and commented about being an advocate for municipalities to have oversight of security regulations at gas pumps. Discussion ensued regarding protecting home rule.

Senator Rader left the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

City Manager Blasi asked for an update on the compact with the Seminole Tribe, and Ms. Ericks explained that it is still unclear what may happen with the compact at this time but they would continue to follow legislation related to the issue. Discussion ensued with regard to medical marijuana and school safety legislation, and Ms. Ericks commented that they would follow those issues also. Representative Jacobs discussed school safety issues, including the need to assess the size of a school campus for staffing of police at the school.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Transcribed by Marianne Bowers


Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

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Dated

