



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center
4800 W. Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: May 27, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting No. 2021-0527R

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tooley called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Rebecca A. Tooley
Vice Mayor Joshua Rydell
Commissioner Lou Sarbone
Commissioner Sandra L. Welch
Commissioner Jacqueline Railey
City Manager Karen M. Brooks
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn
City Clerk Leslie Wallace May

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

Mayor Tooley explained that Governor Ron DeSantis' Executive Order 20-52, as continuously extended, and Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, authorized all local governments to waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by both state and local law as necessary to allow local governments to continue to perform public work and take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community. She noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present consistent with the Governor's Order and State law. City Attorney Pyburn explained the procedures for public participation and comment for the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **21-094** A CEREMONY RECOGNIZING THE PROMOTION OF OFFICER RAFAEL MARIN TO SERGEANT.

Police Chief Albert "Butch" Arenal introduced Sergeant Rafael Marin and invited him and his family to come forward for the badge-pinning ceremony.

2. **21-125** A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNE 4, 2021, AS "NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY."

Vice Mayor Rydell read the proclamation into the record, and presented it to the administrative team from the Broward local group of Moms Demand Action. Volunteer Nancy Fry briefly addressed the Commission, thanking them for their support.

3. **21-129** A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE 2021 CITIZEN'S ACADEMY GRADUATES.

Community Relations Director Yvonne Lopez recognized the 17th class of the Coconut Creek Citizen's

Academy. She congratulated the following graduates on becoming community ambassadors:

Marybeth Ahlum	Alysha Klein
Maria Bachir	Harriet Lopez
Jahmel Brown	Laura Matheric
Susan Brown	Walter Matheric
Edward Carifio	Edwin Napoleoni
Lillian Carifio	Beverly Pereira
Victor Coutinho	John Schneider
Trudianne Dixon	Vinny Silva
Connie Finley	Lynette Steinbruckner
Susi Glatt	Jessica Tobey
Yvette Herrera	Robbin VanHemel
Cheryl Higgins	Jack Vesey
Marvin Keith	

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

Jeff Berger, 4405 Cordia Circle, Coconut Creek, spoke on the Copans and Lyons Road improvement project. He asked that nighttime work be avoided, and a sound wall barrier be considered to protect the peace and quiet of the adjacent homeowners. City Manager Brooks responded that staff was still working with the County to come up with the best alternatives for the project. Deputy City Manager Sheila Rose described community input and the reduction of the project as a result. She noted that the County's position was that the reduced project was ineligible for a sound wall, but staff was working with the County Engineering Department to come up with creative solutions. She stated progress was being made, but commitments were not yet in place. Vice Mayor Rydell thanked Mr. Berger for coming and stated that the City was committed to finding a solution to the issue. He stated staff and the Commissioners would continue to advocate on the matter.

City Clerk May stated there were no advanced public comments received for the meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

City Clerk

4. **21-105** A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2021-0422WS AND 2021-0422R)

Mayor Tooley read the Motion into the record.

MOTION: Sarbone/Railey – To approve the minutes of the April 22 meetings.

Commissioner Welch identified a correction on page two (2) regarding the location of sea grapes to be planted.

AMENDMENT: Welch/Sarbone – To amend the April 22 Workshop minutes to clarify the location of sea grapes to be planted.

City Clerk May stated there were no advanced public comments received for the item, and no one had signed in to speak.

Upon roll call, the Motion to amend the April 22, 2021, Workshop minutes passed by a 5-0 vote.

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

City Manager

5. **21-111** A MOTION TO CANCEL THE JULY 8, JULY 22, AND AUGUST 12, 2021, REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS AND HOLD A SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING ON AUGUST 9, 2021.

Mayor Tooley read the Motion into the record.

MOTION: Welch/Rydell – To approve the Motion.

City Clerk May stated there were no advanced public comments received for the item, and no one had signed in to speak.

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

Police Department

6. **RES** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED SCHOOL BOARD RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY TO PROVIDE ONE (1) SRO AT TRADEWINDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ONE (1) SRO AT MONARCH HIGH SCHOOL, AND ONE (1) SRO AT COCONUT CREEK HIGH SCHOOL, FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING JUNE 21, 2021, AND ENDING JULY 29, 2021.

Mayor Tooley read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Welch/Railey – To approve Resolution No. 2021-102.

Commissioner Welch asked if the Dave Thomas Education Center would have SRO coverage during summer school. Police Chief Arenal stated he would find out and report back.

City Clerk May stated there were no advanced public comments received for the item, and no one had signed in to speak.

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

Community Relations

7. **21-115** A MOTION TO REJECT RFP NO. 03-31-21-09 FOR PRINTING AND MAILING MONTHLY COCONEW NEWSLETTER AND THE CITY'S POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (PAFR).

MOTION: Rydell/Welch – To approve the Motion.

Community Relations Director Yvonne Lopez presented the item, noting the rejection was due to

cost. Commissioner Sarbone asked if the item would be brought up during the budget discussion, and City Manager Brooks commented on the importance of print materials and the history of communication methods. She explained the Community Outreach Advisory Board would be evaluating communication opportunities and make a recommendation to the City Commission.

City Clerk May stated there were no advanced public comments received for the item, and no one had signed in to speak.

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

City Commission

8. **21-107** A MOTION TO APPOINT A VOTING DELEGATE TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES (FLC) ANNUAL BUSINESS SESSION TO BE HELD DURING THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 12-14, 2021.

Vice Mayor Rydell made a motion to discuss the item, seconded by Commissioner Welch.

Vice Mayor Rydell nominated Mayor Tooley to serve as the City's delegate to the FLC annual business session, seconded by Commissioner Sarbone.

City Clerk May stated there were no advanced public comments received for the item, and no one had signed in to speak.

MOTION: Sarbone/Welch – To approve the nomination of Mayor Tooley to serve as the voting delegate at the FLC annual business session.

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Brooks responded to Commissioner Welch's earlier question and stated there would be SRO coverage at the Dave Thomas Education Center and Atlantic Technical High School for summer. She distributed cards with information on how to report a compliment or concern, receive emergency information, subscribe to the Cocogram, and learn about events to the Commissioners as previously requested by Mayor Tooley. Discussion ensued regarding the cards and potential uses. City Manager Brooks stated she would be out of the office the following week for vacation and to attend the Florida City and County Management Association conference.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Pyburn noted she had sent out a memorandum summarizing 17 pieces of legislation that have some impact directly or indirectly on the City and encouraged the Commissioners to reach out if they had questions.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Railey congratulated the Citizen's Academy graduates and encouraged others to sign up

for the next series. She thanked her fellow Commissioners and staff for their patience and support as she navigated the learning curve. She stated she was attending any webinars she can to learn the role. Commissioner Railey shared her sympathy with Mr. Berger.

Commissioner Welch thanked Mayor Tooley and staff for their solid waste presentation at the City of Miramar. Commissioner Welch also commented on a resident who had spoken at a previous meeting about an SRO's positive interaction with the residents' son. In addition, she was able to coordinate a meeting with a group of autistic student's parents to brainstorm ideas for interaction with police. She noted the meeting was fruitful and action was planned in response to the input. Commissioner Welch spoke about the town hall update with School Board Member Nora Rupert, stating the discussion was enlightening and distressing. She commented on several projects getting delayed, including the removal of portable classrooms, replacement of a roof at Atlantic Technical High School, and interior improvements at Coconut Creek High School. Commissioner Welch shared details of an induction ceremony for a mentorship program at Dave Thomas Education Center, and commented that Ms. Rupert was working on getting the program implemented in other Coconut Creek schools. She discussed the merit of retreats for Commissions and asked the Commission for their thoughts. Discussion ensued regarding holding a Commission retreat, and City Manager Brooks clarified that the direction was to explore a retreat to include communication and team building activities.

Commissioner Sarbone shared details on the Memorial Day ceremony and asked about the plan in case of rain. City Manger Brooks stated staff would provide an update through social media with alternate plans in case of rain.

Vice Mayor Rydell stated he had planned to discuss the sound barrier issue for the Copans Road improvement project, as he did not know Mr. Berger was attending. He asked staff to let the Commissioners know of any needs in lobbying the County regarding the project. He thanked City Attorney Pyburn for the analysis of the legislative session and stated he would like to find a way to make it available for residents to view. City Manager Brooks responded that staff would make the document available on a City platform.

Mayor Tooley reported that a new principal had been named at Coconut Creek Elementary School, former Assistant Principal Dr. Bree Miron. She shared details of the recent "Poles for Peace" project at the school and encouraged residents to view the displayed poles. Mayor Tooley discussed recent events she had attended, including the Monarch High School Softball Banquet and a parade for the winners of the 15 Women's Club scholarships. She spoke about the staff presentation the day before in Miramar regarding solid waste and shared some of the questions asked during the presentation. City Manager Brooks shared additional details of the conversation, stating it was positive to gain support for the City's position regarding the independent solid waste district. She noted they had made a difference by being there to illustrate some of the counter points to the County's position.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

Date