



# **City of Coconut Creek**

## **Minutes**

### **Budget Town Hall Meeting**

**Date: June 13, 2017**  
**Time: 6:30 PM**

**MEETING LOCATION: City Commission Chambers,  
4800 West Copans Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33063**

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The meeting commenced at 6:04 p.m.

#### **1. OPENING REMARKS**

City Manager Mary C. Blasi welcomed all in attendance to the City's annual Budget Town Hall Meeting. She outlined the agenda for the evening, introduced City Staff in attendance, and recognized Mayor Becky Tooley and Commissioner Sandy Welch, who were present in the audience. Self-introductions were made by the residents in attendance.

#### **2. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

##### **a. Financial Overview of City Revenues and Expenditures**

Assistant City Manager/Finance and Administrative Services Director Karen M. Brooks explained the different sources of City revenues and expenditures. She discussed property tax revenues and explained how the funds are utilized. She reviewed the City's following top priorities for the FY18 Budget:

- Purchase of land for additional athletic fields;
- Increased Public Safety – additional police officers; and
- Locally-operated 911 System.

She also discussed the potential impact of a proposed referendum question for the November 2017 ballot to increase the homestead exemption by \$25,000 and shared important upcoming dates related to the budget process, including a Commission Budget Workshop scheduled for August 2, 2017, and two public hearings in September.

##### **b. New Commercial and Residential Developments Approved in the City**

Director of Sustainable Development Shelia Rose discussed several new and proposed commercial and residential projects within the City, including:

- Long Pines and In the Pines Townhomes;
- Midtown Residences;
- Marriott Residence Inn;
- Gupta Medical Center;
- First Baptist Church;
- Dunkin Donuts;
- Expansion of FORTS facility;

- Expansion of North Broward Preparatory School;
- Texas Roadhouse;
- Clarty Pointe memory care facility; and
- Volvo Car Dealership.

She concluded with a summary of the Hillsboro Corridor Visioning project and several residential assistance programs offered by the City. She answered a question regarding the increase in multi-family residential development, and City Manager Blasi added that it is a nation-wide trend.

**c. Overview of Current Capital Improvement Programs Approved in the City**

City Manager Blasi first noted that the construction of Fire Station 50 was complete and that the south end of the City was benefiting from improved emergency response times. She gave an overview of several approved Capital Improvement Projects, including:

- Windmill Park;
- Expansion of Lakeside Park;
- Sabal Pines Park Playground enhancements;
- Coconut Creek High School area improvements;
- Hillsboro Boulevard Median enhancements;
- Comprehensive Street Improvement Program; and
- Butterfly Express Bus Route.

She mentioned that the City Commission would be considering the financing of several of the Capital Improvement Projects with a revenue note that would utilize revenues from the Seminole Tribe of Florida Municipal Service Provider Agreement to pay the debt service.

**3. PUBLIC INPUT AND QUESTIONS**

City Manager Blasi opened the meeting for public input. A Township Estates resident suggested the City research offering a community garden on City-owned land. Discussion ensued regarding the implementation of a community garden program. There were no further questions or input from the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Leslie Wallace May, MMC, City Clerk  
City of Coconut Creek

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