



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center
4800 W. Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: September 25, 2025
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2025-0925SP
FY26 Second Budget Public Hearing

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jacqueline Railey called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

She advised that Vice Mayor Wasserman had provided notice that he was unable to attend the meeting. Commissioner Rydell made a motion to excuse Vice Mayor Wasserman from the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Welch. The motion passed.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Jacqueline Railey
Commissioner Sandra L. Welch
Commissioner Joshua Rydell
Commissioner John A. Brodie
City Manager Sheila N. Rose
Deputy City Attorney Kathy Mehaffey
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

EXCUSED:

Vice Mayor Jeffrey R. Wasserman

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

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

Finance and Administrative Services

- 1. ORD 2025-044** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY'S OPERATING PROPERTY TAX AT 6.8988 MILLS FOR THE 2026 FISCAL YEAR. (SECOND READING)(SECOND PUBLIC HEARING)

Deputy City Attorney Mehaffey read the Ordinance title into the record.

MOTION: Welch/Rydell – To adopt Ordinance No. 2025-044.

Finance and Administrative Services Director Peta-Gay Lake presented the proposed Millage Rate and operating budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26). She advised there had been no changes to the budget since the First Budget Public Hearing held on September 15, 2025. She explained that the tentatively-adopted Millage Rate of 6.8988 mills represented a 6.47 percent

increase over the rollback rate of 6.4793 and represented a zero percent increase over the current Millage Rate. She stated that adopting the Millage Rate was necessary to sustain service levels and represented the rate included on the proposed property tax document mailed to residents in August.

Continuing, Ms. Lake provided a brief overview of the City's FY26 Budget. She stated despite the challenges of inflation, competing priorities, and the associated impacts it had on financial operations, guided by community input and the City Commission directives from the March 25 Strategic Planning Workshop, the proposed budget addressed the community's needs, desires, and priorities. She advised that the City continued to move forward with the three (3) capital priorities previously identified, including Fire Station 113, Police Department renovations, and the MainStreet development. She stated, in spite of challenges, staff was presenting a balanced budget focused on addressing the community's needs, priorities, and desires in alignment with the Strategic Plan, taking into consideration the City's ability to sustain the costs into an uncertain economic future. She stated the City's residents deserve and insist on quality municipal services, provided in a productive and efficient manner, while deriving the greatest value for dollars spent. She commented that staff believed the FY26 budget addressed these expectations.

Ms. Lake advised that Florida Statute required that every taxing authority publish an advertisement stating the date and time of the second public hearing on the property tax rate and budget, along with a budget summary adjacent to the notice of proposed tax increase. She stated that the City complied with this law by running an advertisement in the September 22, 2025, edition of the Sun-Sentinel newspaper.

Mayor Railey opened the public hearing on the item. There were no questions or comments from the public, and Mayor Railey closed the public hearing.

Upon roll call, the Ordinance passed by a 4-0 vote.

2. **ORD 2025-045** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AS THE CITY'S OFFICIAL BUDGET. THIS ORDINANCE WILL APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR OPERATING CITY DEPARTMENTS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2025, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026. (SECOND READING)(SECOND PUBLIC HEARING)

Deputy City Attorney Mehaffey read the Ordinance title into the record.

MOTION: Welch/Brodie – To adopt Ordinance No. 2025-045.

Mayor Railey opened the public hearing on the item. There were no questions or comments from the public, and Mayor Railey closed the public hearing.

Upon roll call, the Ordinance passed by a 4-0 vote.

3. **RES 2025-134** A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2030, PURSUANT TO SECTION 602 OF THE CITY CHARTER. (PUBLIC HEARING)

Mayor Railey read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Brodie/Welch – To approve Resolution No. 2025-134.

Finance Director Lake explained that the Resolution would adopt the City's proposed Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to Section 602 of the City's Charter. She noted that FY26 projects were funded in the FY26 budget, explaining that FY27 through FY30 projects and funding sources would be fully evaluated in future years.

Mayor Railey opened the public hearing on the item. There were no questions or comments from the public, and Mayor Railey closed the public hearing.

Upon roll call, the Resolution passed by a 4-0 vote.

4. **RES 2025-135** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FROM THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR OUTSIDE LEGAL SERVICES, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, AND ASSOCIATION FEES RELATING TO THE MAINSTREET AREA.

Mayor Railey read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Brodie/Welch – To approve Resolution No. 2025-135.

Finance Director Lake explained that the Resolution was required by ordinance in order to spend funds from the Community Improvement Fund, which was funded by monies received through the Municipal Service Provider Agreement with the Seminole Tribe of Florida. She noted that the expenditures were for professional and legal services related to the MainStreet area and Seminole projects and activities.

There were no questions or comments from the public on the item.

Upon roll call, the Resolution passed by a 4-0 vote.

5. **RES 2025-143** A RESOLUTION SPONSORING CERTAIN NAMED NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE CITY RESIDENTS THROUGH FUNDRAISING EVENTS, CITY SPONSORSHIP ACTIVITIES, CASH DONATIONS, AND/OR IN-KIND SERVICES; AND FORMALLY APPROVING CITY COMMISSION SOLICITATIONS ON BEHALF OF SAID NAMED NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

Mayor Railey read the Resolution title into the record.

MOTION: Brodie/Welch – To approve Resolution No. 2025-143.

Finance Director Lake explained that the Resolution authorized sponsorship of designated non-profit charitable organizations through means of fundraising events, City sponsorship activities, cash donations, and/or in-kind services, as well as authorized personal solicitations on behalf of individual City Commissioners for the designated non-profit charitable organizations without the need for additional reporting under the Broward County Ethics Code. She noted that the list would be reviewed annually, but the City Commission may add eligible non-profit organizations at any time throughout the year.

There were no questions or comments from the public on the item.

Upon roll call, the Resolution passed by a 4-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Joseph J. Kavanagh, MMC
City Clerk

Date