

# CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center 4800 W. Copans Road Coconut Creek, Florida Date: September 11, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting No. 2025-0911R

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

# PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Jacqueline Railey
Vice Mayor Jeffrey R. Wasserman
Commissioner Sandra L. Welch
Commissioner Joshua Rydell
Commissioner John A. Brodie
City Manager Sheila N. Rose
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

Mayor Railey asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chief of Police Fred Hofer and Fire Chief Brian Blizzard. Mayor Railey reflected on the events of September 11, 2001 and the work of first responders, followed by a moment of silence.

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

# PRESENTATION(S)

1. 25-165 A SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEW POLICE OFFICERS JUAN CAMILO ACOSTA CASTRILLON AND KAI D. HEDGEMON.

Chief of Police Hofer introduced new Police Officers Kai D. Hedgemon and Juan Camilo Acosta Castrillon, providing a brief overview of each of officer's background. City Clerk Kavanagh administered the Oath of Office, followed by the badge pinning ceremony.

Mayor Railey congratulated the recent graduates of the Police Academy and the newest members of the Coconut Creek Police Department.

#### **INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**

City Clerk Kavanagh advised that no one had signed in to speak on Non-agenda or Consent Agenda Items.

# CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7)

Agenda Item 6 was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Rydell and heard before the Regular Agenda.

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

- 2. 25-157 A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2025-0807R AND 2025-0811WS)
- **3. 25-167** A MOTION TO CANCEL THE NOVEMBER 27, 2025, AND THE DECEMBER 25, 2025, REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS.
- 4. RES
  2025-136

  A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN EIGHT (8) OPIOIDRELATED LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS WITH ALVOGEN, INC., AMNEAL
  PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., APOTEX, INC., HIKMA PHARMACEUTICALS USA,
  INC., INDIVIOR, INC., MYLAN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., SUN
  PHARMACEUTICALS INDUSTRIES, INC., AND ZYDUS PHARMACEUTICALS
  (USA), INC.; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO
  EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS.
- 5. RES
  2025-137

  A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DIRECT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION, AND TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE THIRTEENTH AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF REORGANIZATION FOR PURDUE PHARMA L.P. AND ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS.
- 7. RES A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN
  2025-141 CAPITAL COSTS FROM FUTURE BOND PROCEEDS RELATING TO VARIOUS
  CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WITHIN THE CITY.

**MOTION:** Rydell/Welch – To approve Consent Agenda Items 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7.

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

# **Police Department**

6. RES A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO 2025-139 EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ALL-CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. PURSUANT TO RFP NO. 07-16-25-09 FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD SERVICES.

**MOTION:** Rydell/Welch – To approve Resolution No. 2025-139.

Chief of Police Hofer introduced Captain Fred Shelton and Sergeant Frank McManus and advised that they had supervised the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for school crossing guard services.

Sergeant McManus explained the vendor was selected based on five (5) criteria, including operational plan, qualifications and experience, resources provided, past performance, and price. He advised that All-City Management Services had outperformed the other two (2) proposals, noting that the vendor utilized a geo-fenced mobile app, providing real-time alerts to supervisors to address staffing needs, which would relieve the traffic unit from handling staffing issues.

Commissioner Rydell asked whether the references of other cities engaging the vendor had been checked and were positive. Sergeant McManus confirmed.

Commissioner Welch stated she had been concerned that it was an out-of-state company, but she was pleased to hear there were local representatives. Captain Shelton noted the company had offices in Florida and was solely focused on crossing guards. He highlighted the company's attendance rate, size, and reputation.

Brandon Hendrix, All-City Management Services, provided a brief overview of the company and plans to hire supervisors in the City. He stated the company had experience in 22 states and shared additional local contract agencies that the company provided services for.

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

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

# **City Manager**

8. RES 2025-127

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH EES DESIGN STUDIO TO PROVIDE FABRICATION, ENGINEERING, AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR A HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ART SCULPTURE TO BE PLACED AT CITY HALL.

Mayor Railey read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:** Wasserman/Brodie – To approve Resolution No. 2025-127.

Government Affairs Manager Bernadette Hughes presented the item, explaining the resolution provided for an agreement with EES Design Studio for the fabrication, engineering, and installation of a Holocaust remembrance art sculpture to be placed at City Hall. She stated this was the next step in advancing the Commission's vision to incorporate a piece of memorial art as contemplated in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and the Public Art Master Plan. She discussed the challenges with shipping the piece from overseas and explained the unique approach taken to purchase the design and utilize a local studio uniquely qualified to complete the project in time for the City's 2026 Holocaust remembrance activities. She advised the work would not exceed \$85,000 and would be funded through the City's Public Art fund, which was made up of impact fees collected from development and redevelopment projects.

Vice Mayor Wasserman thanked Ms. Hughes for her efforts and highlighted the unique story of working with the artist in Israel. He noted this would be the first Holocaust memorial in northwest Broward County and he was excited to see it come to fruition.

Commissioner Brodie compared this project to the Veterans Park installations and commented that this memorial would serve as a reminder not to allow history to repeat itself.

Mayor Railey asked staff to provide more details about how the Public Art Fund was funded. Ms. Hughes explained the Public Art Fund was established to further the commitment of the City of Coconut Creek to provide public art to beautify the appearance of the City, commemorate the City's history, and to enhance cultural opportunities throughout the City. She advised that, at the time of development or redevelopment, developers were required to either provide artwork in the development site or, in lieu of an art piece, make a payment into the fund.

Commissioner Rydell noted the artifact from the Twin Towers on the dais in remembrance of

9/11 and recognized the importance of memorializing tragic events without judgment, commenting that this art piece was a service to the residents.

Commissioner Welch stated this was a solemn day for remembering. She agreed with previous comments regarding the importance of continuing to share the names of those impacted and recognized the collaboration that had been necessary to bring this sculpture to Coconut Creek.

Mayor Railey thanked those who came up with the creative approach.

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

# **City Attorney**

9. ORD 2025-033

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 15, "PARKS AND RECREATION," ARTICLE II, "RULES AND REGULATIONS," SECTION 15-21, "DEFINITIONS," TO ADD DEFINITIONS OF "ELECTRIC BIKE," "MOTORIZED MOBILITY DEVICE," AND "MOTORIZED SCOOTER;" AMENDING SECTION 15-25, "VEHICLES," SUBSECTION 15-25(B), "OPERATION," TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES, MOTORIZED MOBILITY DEVICES, AND MOTORIZED SCOOTERS IN CITYOWNED PARKS, EXCEPT AREAS FOR PARKING PURPOSES ONLY; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-37, "VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES." (FIRST READING)

City Attorney Pyburn read the Ordinance title into the record.

**MOTION:** Welch/Brodie – To approve Ordinance No. 2025-033 on first reading.

City Attorney Pyburn advised that the ordinance came on the heels of neighboring cities passing regulations related to electric bicycles and motorized scooters. She discussed public health and safety risks and stated the ordinance proposed to amend the City's Code to provide for a prohibition of the use of motorized mobility devices, electric bicycles, and motorized scooters on sidewalks, bike paths, greenways, and trails located within City-owned parks to address these safety concerns. She advised that under the ordinance as drafted, violators would first be warned and then trespassed from City-owned parks.

Commissioner Welch thanked staff for drafting the ordinance, commenting that she had brought it up to align the City's efforts in the use of electric mobility devices on park sidewalks. She noted that she had since had occasion to speak with a representative of a neighboring city that had an ordinance in place for about six (6) months and learned they had only issued three (3) citations due to the education process utilized. She asked City Attorney Pyburn to elaborate on the penalty for further offenses. City Attorney Pyburn explained that Section 15-37 provided that violators would be trespassed from the park in which they committed the violation for one (1) year, but they would still have access to other parks. Discussion continued regarding State law regarding warnings. Commissioner Welch asked Chief of Police Hofer to comment on the current number of incidents in the City. Chief Hofer advised that because there was not an ordinance in place, incidents were not being counted. He stated, aside from an incident in Sabal Pines Park, there had not been issues. He noted he had spoken with the Traffic Sergeant to confirm.

Commissioner Rydell commented that he did not support the ordinance for the purpose of legislating. He stated he supported safety but noted there was no documentation of a problem beyond the one (1) incident. Commissioner Rydell asked staff whether there was documentation

of mass issues or damage to City fields. Chief of Police Hofer stated there was not. Parks and Recreation Director Wayne Tobey stated there was no damage to City fields, but there had been issues with kids riding scooters on walkways and nearly hitting residents. He commented that the ordinance would help Parks and Recreation staff with addressing safety concerns. Discussion ensued as to whether the City's greenways were included. Commissioner Rydell stated he fully supported Mr. Tobey's concern and coming up with creative solutions to deal with children causing safety issues in the parks. He noted the ten mile per hour speed limit was also a concern.

Commissioner Brodie stated he saw the need to regulate, as he had witnessed the safety concern, but he also understood Commissioner Rydell's point. He noted additional review of what was being targeted with the ordinance was necessary. He suggested tabling the item.

Vice Mayor Wasserman asked Chief of Police Hofer to review what would happen if a child was stopped on their e-bike in a park if the ordinance was in place. Chief Hofer advised that under the ordinance, the rider would be issued a trespass warning from that park. He stated there were different sizes of e-bikes, and some required a driver's license, which would be addressed as a regular traffic citation. Vice Mayor Wasserman inquired as to the next step after the warning. Chief Hofer stated this would lead to an arrest, whether a juvenile or adult. Vice Mayor Wasserman advised that he agreed with previous comments that the ordinance should be reorganized, but he did not agree with the punishments. He asked about alternative penalties. City Attorney Pyburn explained that the City of Parkland had issued tickets, with a process to appeal to the court. She noted this method would require additional changes to the City's Code. She stated it was also an option to make it part of the park rules and post signage without a more specific regulation. Discussion ensued regarding trespassing rules and signage benefits.

Mayor Railey opened the item to public comment.

John Hendricks, 4440 NW 4 Street, Coconut Creek, shared an incident that happened to him with a near accident with an adolescent riding her scooter at the Community Center.

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

Commissioner Welch discussed her concerns with the ordinance and agreed the trails and greenways should not be included. She stated she had brought this up to address sidewalks in the parks, as they were narrow and did not accommodate electric mobility devices. She added that with the speed possible, it was important to be proactive for safety purposes and stated she looked forward to robust changes. Commissioner Rydell agreed there were creative ways to address safety concerns and protect residents like Mr. Hendricks. He stated he did not want the unintended consequence of punishing the adults.

City Manager Rose suggested a review of the park rules to address the specific concerns. Discussion continued regarding locations to address. Chief of Police Hofer clarified that tearing up a field with an ATV or other motorized vehicle would be addressed as criminal mischief.

**MOTION:** Brodie/Welch – To table Ordinance No. 2025-033 with a status report from the City Manager at the October 9, 2025, Commission Meeting.

Upon roll call, the Ordinance was tabled by a 5-0 vote.

#### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Rose reported that the MainStreet Development Project closing had been delayed to October 17. She stated a special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was scheduled for September 22 to go over the ongoing work of the consultant related to the Parks and Recreation policies and operating procedures, with plans to bring the item to the Commission at a workshop on November 13. Commissioner Rydell suggested the consultant meet individually with each of the Commissioners prior to the workshop. City Manager Rose agreed.

City Manager Rose stated there were issues with erosion on the Greystar site and soil stabilization had been started this week to eliminate the concern.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Pyburn advised that she had sent the Commissioners an Office of the Inspector General (OIG) report, which summarized an investigation they had completed pertaining to some cities within Broward County that attended the Broward County Mayor's Gala and failed to report the free tickets received as gifts and invited anyone with questions to reach out to her. She shared that her office would also be holding two (2) hours of interactive training on Ethics, Sunshine, and Public Records Law near the end of October. Commissioner Brodie asked that weekends and evenings be considered for scheduling.

#### **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Rydell provided an update on the Solid Waste Authority, noting that the Solid Waste Authority had deemed North Broward Preparatory School as the marquee school in Broward County for campus sustainability efforts related to recycling and composting. He stated there would be a tour the following week. He shared that, during the most recent Executive Board meeting, the Solid Waste Authority had decided to fast track the fiscal component of the Master Plan to determine the obligation of cities should the Authority officially pass. He stated this process would assist with educating cities prior to approval of the Master Plan. Commissioner Welch asked if the Alpha 250 sludge dryer was discussed. Commissioner Rydell stated it was not part of the official Master Plan. Discussion continued briefly.

Commissioner Welch commented on the somber remembrance of 9/11 and shared that she received an email from a resident with an article they had written proposing a week of music for peace. She encouraged participation.

Commissioner Brodie commented on the turnout for the 9/11 Stair Challenge and thanked those who participated. He shared that the 917 Society handed out 35,000 pocket Constitutions to 186 public, private, and homeschools in recognition of Constitution Day. He noted there was a great turnout and Broward County was leading the effort and highlighted the importance of the Constitution and its protections.

Vice Mayor Wasserman asked for an update on the Do the Right Thing auction. Chief of Police Hofer stated more than \$10,000 was raised, which was more than the last two years. Vice Mayor Wasserman thanked City Manager Rose for addressing the erosion concerns at the Greystar site. He asked what level of oversight the City had during the construction of development projects. City Manager Rose explained that, based on the status of various permits, there were ongoing inspections throughout the development process. She advised that due to the size of this project, various disciplines of staff were on site daily, both unannounced and as scheduled. Discussion continued regarding implementation of

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| the tree preservation plan.   |  |
| Mayor Railey recognized the loss of Charlie Kirk's life<br>somber events of the day. She noted the investiture of<br>stated she would attend Junior Achievement the follo<br>Secretary of Labor, along with roundtables on Browal | of Tory Alston as President of Broward College and wing week for a visit by the United States Deputy |

# ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. Joseph J. Kavanagh, MMC City Clerk Date

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