



# CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center  
4800 W. Copans Road  
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: February 23, 2023  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting No. 2023-0223R

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Joshua Rydell  
Vice Mayor Sandra L. Welch  
Commissioner Rebecca A. Tooley  
Commissioner Jacqueline Railey  
Commissioner John A. Brodie  
City Manager Karen M. Brooks  
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn  
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

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

Mayor Rydell noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present, and City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn explained the procedures for public participation and comment for the meeting.

## PRESENTATIONS

1. **23-021** A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2023 AS "PROCUREMENT MONTH" AND MARCH 8, 2023, AS "PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS' DAY."

Vice Mayor Welch read the proclamation into the record, and Procurement Manager Linda Jeethan accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Procurement Division.

2. **23-025** A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 20-24, 2023, AS "GOVERNMENT FINANCE PROFESSIONALS' WEEK."

Commissioner Railey read the proclamation into the record, and Finance and Administrative Services Director Peta-Gay Lake accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Department.

## INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

City Clerk Kavanagh stated that no advanced public comments were received for Non-agenda or Consent Agenda items.

Wayne Bellando, 6300 NW 44 Avenue, Coconut Creek, suggested that the City have an annual parade to bring the community together for the Fourth of July holiday. Mayor Rydell stated the Commission and staff would discuss the idea.

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 3, 4, and 5)**

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

3.     **23-023**         A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS CITY COMMISSION MEETING(S). (2023-0126R)
  
4.     **RES**  
       **2023-007**         A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED STATE AND LOCAL TASK FORCE AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) TO ALLOW THE CITY TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL TASK FORCE GROUPS 10 AND 16.
  
5.     **RES**  
       **2023-032**         A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACTOR SERVICES WORK AUTHORIZATION WITH IMPERIAL ELECTRIC, INC. TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL NINETEEN (19) REPLACEMENT PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS ALONG THE HILTON ROAD GREENWAY.

**MOTION:** Tooley/Welch – To approve the Consent Agenda Items 3, 4, and 5.

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

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Finance Department**

6.     **RES**  
       **2023-033**         A RESOLUTION WAIVING 7.4 PERCENT OF THE 9.9 PERCENT AUTOMATIC ANNUAL RATE INCREASE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 EFFECTIVE ON APRIL 1, 2023.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:** Tooley/Welch – To approve Resolution No. 2023-033.

Finance and Administrative Services Director Peta-Gay Lake presented the item.

Commissioner Brodie thanked staff for their diligence in keeping the annual rate increase down.

Vice Mayor Welch asked whether the reduction in increase took into account supply chain issues, and Ms. Lake stated it did.

Mayor Rydell clarified that the annual increase was required to be 2.5 percent or the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever was higher, and staff recommended that the lowest permissible increase would be utilized. Ms. Lake confirmed that was correct.

City Clerk Kavanagh stated that no advanced public comments were received on the item and one (1) member of the public wished to speak on the item.

Sherri McGlynn, 854 Banks Road, Coconut Creek, asked whether the rate adjustment applied to residents in south Coconut Creek with Margate water. Mayor Rydell explained that residents who receive water service from the City of Margate were subject to rates set by the City of

Margate and the resolution would not apply to those areas in south Coconut Creek. Commissioner Tooley provided additional history.

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

### **Sustainable Development**

7. **RES 2023-027** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WYNMOOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC. APPLICATION FOR MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS.

Mayor Rydell read the Resolution title into the record.

**MOTION:** Welch/Brodie – To approve Resolution No. 2023-027.

Commissioner Railey stated she had a conflict of interest as the President of the Wynmoor Community Council and recused herself from the item.

Sustainable Development Director Scott Stoudenmire presented the item, noting it was the first Neighborhood Enhancement Grant of the year, and because of the security nature of the request, the backup information was confidential and exempt under State law.

Commissioner Brodie asked whether the system would be tied into the City to be monitored by the Police Department, and Mr. Stoudenmire responded that was not the intent at this time. He stated there was a representative of Wynmoor’s security team present to answer any questions.

City Clerk Kavanagh stated that no advanced public comments were received on the item and no one had signed in to speak.

**Upon roll call, the Resolution passed by a 4-0 vote, with Commissioner Railey abstaining.**

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Brooks shared details of the Butterfly Festival scheduled for Saturday, February 25, at Sabal Pines Park.

### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Pyburn followed up on a previous request to investigate whether deed restrictions on the Vista Gardens Ballroom property could be removed. She stated Ordinance No. 2020-027 had provided some restrictions on the property and reviewed those briefly. She outlined the process to be followed if the Commission wanted to amend the ordinance. The Commission discussed amending the deed restrictions and the potential need to further discuss the matter at a workshop.

Sustainable Development Director Stoudenmire stated that City staff had received numerous inquiries since the property was placed on the market, and none of the inquiries related to the restricted uses in the ordinance. Discussion ensued regarding the lengthy community input process for the Vista Garden’s development project and the abutting neighborhoods’ desire for the restrictions.

Deputy City Manager Sheila Rose stated the Commission’s discussion should be enough to communicate to a prospective developer that the City was open to alternate projects. She reiterated Mayor Rydell’s comments that a new project would have to go through the approval process with final

action by the City Commission and suggested that may be the appropriate time to amend the ordinance if needed. Consensus was to leave the ordinance as adopted at this time.

### **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Tooley commented on the Margate water infrastructure project in south Coconut Creek, noting there were three (3) phases of redoing the pipes in that area, and she recently learned they were only working on the first phase in South Creek, and then they were going back to Margate to complete three (3) additional phases there before finishing the improvements in South Creek. She asserted this was not fair to Coconut Creek residents who pay 25 percent more for water and asked that staff speak to Margate staff to communicate that they want the project completed all at once, not piecemealed. Commissioner Tooley commented that the fountain lights were working at Windmill Park and thanked staff for repairing the fountain, as well as the gates at the dog park. She shared her experience visiting Coconut Creek Elementary School for “A Day of Love and Peace.”

Commissioner Brodie stated he had earlier in the day attended the employee chili cook-off and noted it was an enjoyable event. He shared that, on March 10, the Foundation for Independent Living would be playing a basketball game against the Police Department at the Community Center and invited the public to attend and support the Foundation. He commented that he was excited to attend the Butterfly Festival on Saturday.

Commissioner Railey shared that she had attended the Student Advisory Council (SAC) meeting at Coconut Creek High School and complimented the inspirational work of Principal Nicole Nearor. She stated residents were appreciative of the events the City was putting on to keep the community entertained and engaged. She thanked staff for their hard work and ideas.

Vice Mayor Welch applauded the results of the Biased Policy Training the Police Department had just undergone as part of their accreditation process. She highlighted an article in the Sun–Sentinel, regarding House Bill 543 and school safety, and stated she was glad to have K-9 Taylor in Coconut Creek schools. She shared positive feedback from teachers and parents about the recent college preparatory courses offered in partnership with the Seminole Coconut Creek Education Foundation. She asked that additional courses be offered, and that they be held sooner in the school year. City Manager Brooks responded that the Education Foundation had budgeted to continue the program next year and would offer more classes earlier in the school year. Vice Mayor Welch noted the Women’s Club of Coconut Creek was hosting the inaugural Butterfly Garden Tour on March 4, which would feature 12 secret gardens throughout the City. She stated the event would provide scholarship funds for high school seniors in the City.

Mayor Rydell stated he had attended the Kids Heart Challenge at the North Broward Preparatory School, and they had broken all national records, raising more than \$250,000 for the American Heart Association. He mentioned the Lyons Creek Middle School Health Expo was a well-attended event and commented briefly on recreation programs, noting soccer had wrapped up and softball season had kicked off.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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Joseph J. Kavanagh, MMC  
City Clerk

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