

City of Lauderhill

Northwest Council of Elected Officials



Notice and Agenda

Monday, April 12, 2021 - 12:00 PM

Attend via phone: Dial 1-312-626-6799 & Meeting ID: 955 1776 5124

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Chairperson: Mayor Ken Thurston

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Commissioner Sarai Martin

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NOTICE

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I CALL TO ORDER

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the Northwest Council of elected Officials for March 8, 2021.

[March 8, 2021 - Northwest Council of Elected Officials Meeting Minutes](#)

III PRESENTATIONS

- A. PIVOTING IN A PANDEMIC (PRESENTED BY LAUDERHILL FIRE CHIEF MARC CELETTI).

IV OLD BUSINESS

V NEW BUSINESS

VI ADJOURNMENT



NORTHWEST COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 08, 2021

The City of North Lauderdale hosted the meeting of the Northwest Council of Elected Officials remotely utilizing Communications Media Technology (CMT) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at the City of North Lauderdale Municipal Chambers, located at 701 Southwest 71 Avenue, North Lauderdale, FL 33068.

Members Present:

Commissioner Becky Tooley	City of Coconut Creek
Commissioner Mikkie Belverde	City of Coconut Creek
Commissioner Joy Carter	City of Coral Springs
Mayor Scott J. Brook	City of Coral Springs
Mayor Hazelle P. Rogers	City of Lauderdale Lakes
Mayor Ken Thurston	City of Lauderhill
Vice Mayor Denise D. Grant	City of Lauderhill
Commissioner Saria "Ray" Martin	City of Lauderhill
Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn	City of Lauderhill
Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz	City of Margate
Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano	City of Margate
Mayor Ana M. Ziade	City of North Lauderdale
Vice Mayor Mario Bustamante	City of North Lauderdale
Commissioner Ken Cutler	City of Parkland
Mayor Rich Walker	City of Parkland
Vice Mayor Bob Mayersohn	City of Parkland
Commissioner Simeon Brier	City of Parkland
Commissioner Mike Gelin	City of Tamarac

Also Present:

City Attorney Samuel S. Goren
City Clerk Elizabeth Garcia-Beckford
Deputy City Clerk Anthony Bonamy

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ana M. Ziade, City of North Lauderdale called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. She called for a pledge of allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2021 - City of Parkland

Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz, City of Margate moved to approve the Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Joy Carter, City of Coral Springs. There was no discussion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Guest Speaker:

a. **Legislative Update – Attorney Samuel S. Goren of the Law Firm of Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol**

Attorney Goren presented a 2021 Legislative review on pending legislation based on a power point presentation detailing bills that apply to local government which have been filed to date. The legislative session began March 2, 2021. Attorney Goren provided a review of the legislative process as it pertains to bills filed. He also provided information on the 2021 key dates during the legislative session. The last day of the regular session is April 30, 2021 unless there is a special session called specifically in connection with continuing the process of adopting the budget which is the main objective. Attorney Goren explained that access to Tallahassee is limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He highlighted bills of interest as follows:

- **HB 1: Combating Public Disorder** - authorizes residents to file an appeal to the Administration Commission if a municipality makes a reduction to budgets affecting municipal law enforcement. The bill provides for a cause of action against a municipality for failing to provide enforcement protection during a riot or insurrection.
- **SB 44: Drones** - provides language for managing crowd control and traffic as well as gathering evidence at a traffic or crime scene which is an extension to current law for access to information by drones. The bill also permits state agencies and counties to operate drones for assessing damage during or after a natural disaster.
- **SB 60: County and Municipal Code Enforcement** - applies to counties and cities and suggests the person designated as a code inspector may not initiate investigation on a potential violation by way of an anonymous complaint.
- **SB 62: Regional Planning Councils** – eliminates all Regional Planning Councils.
- **SB 72: Civil Liability for Damages Relating to COVID-19** – defines a governmental entity to include municipalities. The legislation requires the plaintiff to make a detailed account to their claim and submit a signed affidavit from their physician collaborating their belief that the plaintiffs COVID-19 damages provided injury or death.
- **SB 154: Local Government Fiscal Transparency** – will require each local government to post on their website the voting records on any action taken by its governing board relating to tax increases or new tax supportive debt issuances.
- **SB 182: Risk Protection Orders** – redefines the petitioner to include an individual who has a biological or legal parent-child relationship with regards to weapons.
- **HB 219: Vacation Rentals** –prohibits local law, ordinance or regulation from allowing or requiring inspections or licensing of public lodging establishments including vacation rentals or public food service establishments.
- **HB 235: Criminal Rehabilitation** - objective to re-enter people into society once they have served a certain amount of time and provides for a lessening of the percentage of their sentence.
- **HB 239: Regulation of Smoking by Counties and Municipalities** – gives counties and cities the right to further restrict smoking within boundaries of public parks and beaches under certain circumstances.
- **SB 266: Home-Based Businesses** – specifies conditions under which a business is considered a home - based business; authorizing a home-based business to operate in a residential zone under certain circumstances and prohibiting a local government from certain actions relating to licensure and regulation.
- **SB 268: Preemption of Local Licensing** – prohibits local governments from imposing additional licensing requirements unless certain specifications are met.
- **HB 291: Legalization of Recreational Marijuana** – specifies the chapter does not apply to employer, drug policies or driving under influence laws.
- **SB 298: Electronic Payment of Governmental Fees** – requires Clerks of the Circuit Court to provide for electronic option for payment of court related fines and other fees.
- **HB 421: Governmental Action Affecting Private Property Rights** –amends the Bert J. Harris Jr. Act which gives private rights to individuals that feel aggrieved by government action. The bill creates a

presumption that certain settlement offers protect public interest raised by the governmental agency; specifies that property owners retain the option for a court to determine an award of compensation and allows for homeowners to bring claims to government agencies.

- **HB 563: Tax Exemption for Affordable Housing** – provides a mechanism to authorize local government to adopt ordinances to grant ad valorem tax exemptions if the property is being put through an affordable housing use.
- **SB 596: Preemption of Tree Pruning, Trimming, and Removal** – repeals a provision on tree pruning and trimming or removal on a residential property.
- **SB 658: Violations of the Florida Election Code** – specifically deals with the topic of violations.
- **SB 694: Displacement of Private Waste Companies** – speaks about the right of local governments to displace contracts only upon the payment of compensation.
- **HB 883: County and Municipal Code Enforcement** – prohibits certain code inspectors from initiating investigations and enforcement proceedings on potential violation of codes and ordinances received by anonymous complaint.
- **HB 1053: Attorney General Designation of Matters of Great Governmental Concern** – local governments would not be able to file lawsuits.
- **HB 6009: Traffic Infraction Detectors** – eliminates the red-light camera program.

Attorney Goren commented that many of the bills this year use the language, “preemption”. He thanked the members for their time.

4. Old Business – Mayor Arlene Schwartz, City of Margate provided an update on the letter that was sent to Walmart regarding the COVID-19 vaccine distribution sites on behalf of the NWCOEO. She thanked those cities that sent a letter. She advised that Mayor Hazelle P. Rogers, City of Lauderdale Lakes had the opportunity to have vaccinations distributed at the Walmart located in her city. Mayor Ana M. Ziade, City of North Lauderdale advised that Chen Medical reached out directly to her and to Mayor Michelle Gomez, City of Tamarac to state they received vaccines and offered to assist with facilitating a location to distribute the vaccines. The City of Tamarac and City of North Lauderdale have jointly come together to offer vaccines. Mayor Ziade expressed that she is hopeful that this will be an ongoing arrangement for a facility for distribution of the vaccines. Chen Medical has facilities throughout the County. This is the first go-around and that is why they did not open up the facility to other cities. Commissioner Denise D. Grant, City of Lauderhill stated that Chen Medical reached out to her as well. The City of Lauderhill will be organizing a similar distribution of the vaccine. She will notify members when the distribution coordinated.

5. New Business – Mayor Ana M. Ziade, City of North Lauderdale mentioned sharing matters of mutual interest with neighboring cities. She made reference to an item that is being worked on by City of Tamarac officials Commissioner Mike Gelin and Mayor Michelle Gomez. Commissioner Gelin indicated that the item is being led by Mayor Gomez which involves delaying the distribution of mug shots for people who are charged for a crime. The mug shot becomes a public record and affects a person for a lifetime. The item proposes talking with legislators regarding having a 90-day moratorium on the distribution of mug shots since some of these types of issues are resolved within 30 days.

6. Next Scheduled Meeting – Monday, April 12, 2021 – City of Lauderhill

Mayor Ken Thurston, City of Lauderhill announced that the April 12, 2021 Northwest Council of Elected Officials Meetings would be hosted by the City of Lauderhill.

7. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Garcia-Beckford, MMC,
City Clerk, City of North Lauderdale