



## **NORTHWEST COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE:** Monday, October 14, 2019  
**TIME:** 8:15 am (*Breakfast and concurrent meeting*)  
**HOST CITY:** City of Tamarac  
**LOCATION:** Tamarac Community Center  
8601 W Commercial Blvd.  
Tamarac, FL 33351

**CHAIR:** Mayor Michelle J. Gomez

Please contact Grecia Smith at (954) 597-3460 or by email at [grecia.smith@tamarac.org](mailto:grecia.smith@tamarac.org) to advise how many representatives from your City will be attending no later than Wednesday, October 9, 2019. Please submit any Agenda items for this meeting as soon as possible.

#### **Agenda**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Minutes of May 13, 2019 hosted by City of Coconut Creek
3. PRESENTATIONS - Presentation by Sheriff Gregory Tony, BSO Initiatives
4. OLD BUSINESS
5. NEW BUSINESS
6. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES THAT IF ANY PERSON SHOULD DESIRE TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE AT THE ABOVE MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, SUCH PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AT SUCH MEETING AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE HE/SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC DO NOT NEED TO PURCHASE LUNCH IN ORDER TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

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### **MINUTES OF MEETING – MAY 13, 2019**

Host City: Coconut Creek

Meeting Location: Coconut Creek Community Center  
1100 Lyons Road  
Coconut Creek, FL 33063

Present:	Mayor Sandra Welch	Coconut Creek
	Commissioner Rebecca Tooley	Coconut Creek
	Commissioner Mikkie Belvedere	Coconut Creek
	Mayor Scott Brook	Coral Springs
	Vice Mayor Joy Carter	Coral Springs
	Mayor Ken Thurston	Lauderhill
	Commissioner Beverly Williams	Lauderdale Lakes
	Mayor Anthony Caggiano	Margate
	Vice Mayor Tom Ruzzano	Margate
	Commissioner Arlene Schwartz	Margate
	Commissioner Joanne Simone	Margate
	Vice Mayor Samson Borgelin	North Lauderdale
	Commissioner Mario Bustamante	North Lauderdale
	Mayor Christine Hunschofsky	Parkland
	Vice Mayor Ken Cutler	Parkland
	Commissioner Richard Walker	Parkland
	Commissioner Bob Mayersohn	Parkland
	Commissioner Julie Fishman	Tamarac
	Asst. to the City Manager Bernadette Hughes	Coconut Creek
	City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn	Coconut Creek
	Agenda Specialist Daphne Haynie	Coconut Creek
	Candice Ericks	Ericks Consultants, Inc.
	Lauren Jackson	Ericks Consultants, Inc.
	Robbie Holroyd	Ericks Consultants, Inc.

1. Coconut Creek Mayor Sandra Welch called the meeting to order at 12:24 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes – April 9, 2019 – Hosted by the City of Lauderdale.

Upon a motion by Coral Springs Mayor Scott Brook, seconded by Margate Mayor Anthony Caggiano, the Minutes of the April 8, 2019, meeting were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

3. 2019 Legislative Session Update - Ericks Consultants, Inc.

Mayor Welch welcomed everyone and introduced Candice Ericks of Ericks Consultants, Inc. Ms. Ericks introduced Lauren Jackson and Robbie Holroyd of Ericks Consultants, Inc. She thanked the Council for the opportunity to provide a review of the 2019 State Legislative Session. Ms. Ericks began the review of the 2019 Legislative Session. She advised the Council that 196 bills were passed, and that the Legislature passed a \$91.1 billion dollar budget. She discussed the personnel changes within the Legislature and noted the dynamic of the Session. She also noted that the next session would begin in early January 2020.

Ms. Ericks responded to Margate Mayor Anthony Caggiano regarding the budget and stated that the Governor would review the budget and exercise his authority to veto line item projects.

Ms. Jackson gave a brief overview of the policy bills that passed during the Legislative Session, including the following:

- Attorney Fees in Challenges to Local Ordinances;
- Small Cell Preemption;
- Tree Trimming Preemption;
- Development Package; and
- Community Redevelopment Agencies.

Ms. Jackson spoke about the Federal Immigration Enforcement Bill and explained that the bill requires all local governments to comply with federal immigration adherence.

Ms. Jackson discussed several other bills that passed including, Texting While Driving and noted that it would become a primary offense beginning in October. Discussion ensued regarding penalties for the offense. She also discussed the key highlights of the Human Trafficking Bill. Discussion ensued regarding training requirements related to the bill. Tamarac Commissioner Julie Fishman urged everyone to ask the Governor to sign the bill. Ms. Jackson advised that the Sober Homes and Substance Abuse Treatment Bill also passed. She explained that the bill did not contain language to study mandatory certification for recovery residences. Discussion ensued with regard to the provisions in the bill.

Ms. Jackson discussed several bills that did not pass from the Legislative Session, including the following:

- Recycling and Plastic Straw Ban Moratorium;
- Regulation of Occupational Licensure;
- Rebranding of Taxes and Fees; and
- Retainage from Contractors.

Ms. Jackson discussed the provisions of the Finance and Tax Cut Package Bill that included the Back to School and Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holidays, and also a 0.2 percent reduction on commercial lease tax.

Ms. Jackson discussed the following additional bills that passed:

- School Safety and Security Act;
- Firefighter Cancer Benefits; and
- Carrying of Firearms by Tactical Medical Professionals.

Ms. Ericks advised that the information on what bills passed/failed during the 2019 State Legislative Session was available electronically. Ms. Jackson noted that a bill to ban fracking did not pass. She stated that Governor Ron DeSantis would exercise his veto power for local legislative projects and urged each City to discuss their local projects with the Governor's staff. She noted that \$1.85 billion was included in the budget for Hurricane Michael recovery efforts. She provided highlights of the 2019-2020 budget, including the following:

- Increase in Education - \$242.60 increase per student;
- Health Care – \$83 million state opioid funding;
- Environment;
- Criminal justice;
- Transportation;
- Housing; and
- Economic Development.

Mr. Holroyd discussed medical marijuana and stated that there was no preemption from the state on regulation of local dispensaries. He also mentioned hemp production and noted that the Department of Agriculture would submit a program to the federal government for approval.

Parkland Mayor Christine Hunschofsky asked about funding for Bright Futures and funding allocations for safe schools and mental health. Mr. Holroyd advised that the threshold amount for Bright Futures was expanded and noted that the allocation for safe schools was based on a minimum funding requirement and population size. Discussion ensued regarding the mental health allocations for state schools and mental health agencies.

Tamarac Commissioner Julie Fishman asked if Governor DeSantis was going to veto the water quality, beach management and alternative water supply projects included in the environmental budget. Discussion ensued, and Ms. Jackson explained that the local projects were separate from the environmental budget. She also advised that the Beach Management program was approved.

Lauderhill Mayor Ken Thurston asked for an explanation for the change in the Legislative start date. Discussion ensued regarding the change.

Margate Mayor Anthony Caggiano asked about the start date for public schools, commenting that the date is earlier each year, and Ms. Ericks explained that the start date varies across the state.

There was discussion regarding social media and public records requests. Tamarac Commissioner Julie Fishman advised that the Florida League of Cities provides a seminar regarding public records.

Margate Commissioner Joanne Simone spoke about the medical malpractice Statute 768.21, stating that damages from a medical malpractice could not be recovered from lawsuits and asked about revising the statute. Discussion ensued regarding sovereign immunity laws.

Parkland Commissioner Bob Mayersohn asked about Florida Statute 836.10, and the written intent to kill or bodily injury language. Discussion ensued regarding clarification of the language concerning intent. Ms. Ericks advised that she would look into the matter.

Ms. Ericks discussed the minority party leaders for the Broward Legislative Delegation for FY 2020.

4. Old Business

There was none.

5. New Business

Parkland Vice Mayor Ken Cutler announced that the Temple of Time ceremony would be held on May 19.

Mayor Welch attended the Broward Water Advisory Board meeting on May 10. She briefly spoke about septic tank conversion and alternatives to permitting and connections of service. She distributed a copy of the June 2019 Coconut Creek Senior Center calendar and briefly discussed membership fees and the program benefits.

Margate Commissioner Arlene Schwartz spoke about the coordination of a calendar that would list events from each city in order to prevent an overlap of events. Mayor Welch advised each City to discuss the matter with their City Clerk.

6. The meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Transcribed by: Daphne Haynie



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

*6/4/2019*