

CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE

COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

MINUTES

The North Lauderdale City Commission met on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at the Municipal Complex. The meeting convened at 6:00 pm.

1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Bustamante gave the invocation and led the pledge.

2. ROLL CALL – Clerk called roll; all present.

Mayor Ana Ziade
Vice Mayor Samson Borgelin
Commissioner Rich Moyle
Commissioner Lorenzo Wood
Commissioner Mario Bustamante
City Manager Ambreen Bhatti
City Attorney Samuel S. Goren
City Clerk Patricia Vancheri

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None submitted

4. PRESENTATIONS

a. KP4 Kidz Foundation – Kim Patrick

Commissioner Wood, introduced resident, Kim Patrick, who lives in his District A, and whose KP4 Kidz Foundation does wonderful things for students in North Lauderdale as well as throughout Broward County. Commissioner Wood presented Ms. Patrick with a Letter of Honor commending her commitment and service to the community through her Foundation which advocates to support and offer programs to students to able them to strive to reach their full potential in education and future ambitions. Ms. Patrick stated she is honored to be here and spoke on the ways the foundation supports at risk youth in many aspects. A copy of the PowerPoint is available in the City Clerk's office.

b. Silver Lakes Middle Retirement Recognition – Roni Desorda

City Clerk introduced Silver Lakes Principal Alison Trautman-Lopez to join the Commission in presenting recognition to Mrs. Roni Desorda on her retirement from over 34 years of service and commitment to students of North Lauderdale Schools. Ms. Trautman-Lopez gave a glowing recount of Ms. Desorda's dedication to several generations of students and families and said she is an amazing person who will be truly missed. Ms. Desorda thanked everyone for the honor and

commented that she lived in this community for over 40 years and is now moving out of town; She recounted how she enjoyed helping the kids over the years and said Silver Lakes is a great school with a great principal. Ms. Desorda encouraged others to step up and help kids in the schools who need it.

c. Waste Management Recycling Update

Barbara Herrera, gave an update on what happens to recyclable materials; where it goes and how does it get re-used. Ms. Herrera also reiterated the correct way to recycle; what items to recycle and the value of certain recyclable material. Waste Management processes North Lauderdale's recycling which is a commodity, or goods to be sold. The Reuter's facility bales the recyclables which are then put out to market. If the materials are not "clean" recycling and are contaminated then there is no value to a load. Aluminum, steel and tin are the highest value right now. Ms. Herrera answered questions from Commissioners. After Commission discussion a consensus workshop was recommended to have Ms. Herrera and her team to hold a workshop with our team, to put ideas together to come up with a sound educational plan to get recycling information out to the public. A copy of the recycling PowerPoint presentation is available in the City Clerk's office.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – No one signed up.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

a. RESOLUTION – Appointment of Kenneth Singh to Code Enforcement Board

Commissioner Wood moved to read. Seconded by Vice Mayor Borgelin.
Attorney read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING KENNETH SINGH AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE NORTH LAUDERDALE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD (SPONSORED BY ANA M. ZIADE – MAYOR AT-LARGE); PROVIDING FOR TERM OF OFFICE; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Clerk presented the item indicating that there were vacant seats on the Code Enforcement Board and although Mr. Singh resides in District A, Mayor Ziade could make an appointment at large in accordance with the Code. **Commissioner Wood moved to adopt. Seconded by Commissioner Bustamante. No Commission discussion. Clerk called roll; all YES.**

Mr. Singh was present, introduced and Attorney Goren administered the oath of office so that Mr. Singh would be sworn for the next Code Enforcement Board meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-06-6638 PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

b. RESOLUTION - Preliminary Fire/Rescue Special Assessment Rate

Vice Mayor Borgelin moved to read. Seconded by Commissioner Wood.

Attorney read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE RESCUE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE ESTIMATED RATE FOR FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Susan Nabors, Finance Director, presented the item based on backup memorandum. This item will establish the preliminary Fire/Rescue Special Assessment rates for the upcoming FY 2020. In November of 2015 the City contracted with Government Services Group, Inc. (GSG) to review the City's Fire/Rescue program and provide a 5 year plan. In May 2016 GSG recommended a revised rate structure that would provide full funding for the Fire/Rescue operations over the next five years; this assessment only covers the Fire/Rescue operations. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is only funded through the general fund. Additionally, the general fund provides for properties such as churches and schools which are exempt from paying property taxes. Ms. Nabors explained this is the fourth year of the five year plan. Collection of assessments will continue through the tax bill which enables residents to take advantage of a 4% discount if paid prior to November 30th, with lesser discounts applying through February 28th. In the first year of the plan, there was a reduction to the multi-family, commercial and institutional properties and in fiscal year 2019, there was no Fire Assessment rate increase over all categories. Revenue received through this year's assessments will be enough to cover the Fire portion of the operations which includes the salary increases under the fire union 3 year contract. Staff recommended approval of the Preliminary Fire/Rescue Rate Resolution which reflects an adjustment to the rates for FY 2020 for single family residents to \$228 for the year which is a \$13 increase over the prior year. Multi-family properties, which also includes inspections costs, will be \$388 which is \$23 more than the prior year. Commercial and industrial will also experience their respective proportional changes. Approval of this resolution also establishes the final hearing for Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm. **Commissioner Moyle moved to adopt. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. No Commission discussion; Clerk called roll. All YES.**

RESOLUTION NO. 19-06-6639 PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

c. RESOLUTION - Preliminary Solid Waste Assessment Rate

Commissioner Wood moved to read. Seconded by Commissioner Bustamante.

Attorney read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATIONS; ESTABLISHING THE ESTIMATED RATE AT \$222.00 FOR THE RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF A RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Susan Nabors, Finance Director, presented the item based on backup memorandum. She indicated that this item is to set the Preliminary Solid Waste Assessment Rate. In fiscal year 2013, the assessment for solid waste collection was established to be collected on the tax bill. The program streamlined the payment process and residents took advantage of the 4% discount if their tax bill was paid prior to November 30th, with lesser discounts applying up to February 28th. In 2018, there were some changes made to the processor for recyclables, which resulted in some higher processing fees included in the Waste Management contract, plus additional charges for contaminated loads. The market for recyclables has changed over the years resulting in a loss of revenue to the City, causing the rate in 2019 to increase from \$216.02 to \$222. Staff feels that this rate will be sufficient to cover the processing costs for solid waste next year and seeks approval to maintain the rate at \$222 for FY 2020. The resolution will also set the final rate approval for Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm. **Commissioner Moyle moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. No Commission discussion; Clerk called roll. All YES.**

RESOLUTION NO. 19-06-6640 PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

d. RESOLUTION - Initial Fee Resolution - Stormwater

Vice Mayor Borgelin moved to read. Seconded by Commissioner Bustamante.
Attorney read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROVIDED BY THE CITY'S STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY; DETERMINING THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WILL BE SPECIALLY BENEFITED THEREBY; ESTABLISHING AND CONFIRMING THE METHOD OF CALCULATING THE COST OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICE AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY THAT WILL BE SPECIALLY BENEFITED THEREBY; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE OR DIRECT THE PREPARATION OF A PRELIMINARY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEE ROLL BASED UPON THE METHODOLOGY SET FORTH HEREIN; ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEES AND DIRECTING THE

PROVISION OF NOTICE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Susan Nabors, Finance Director, presented the item based on backup memorandum. She indicated that this item is to continue with transferring the stormwater charge from the utility bill and onto the annual tax bill. This transition will allow more timely collection of the stormwater fees. Ms. Nabors indicated that this fee is not consumption driven so it will be taken off from the utility bill which will now only be for water and sewer consumption. The residents will also benefit from a 4% discount if the tax bill is paid early. In October 2018, the Commission approved an "Intent Resolution" in order to move forward with an assessment. On May 28, 2019, the Commission adopted ordinance changes which allow collection of the stormwater fee through the tax bill method. Administration seeks approval of this initial fee resolution. Ms. Nabors noted that no methodology changes would be made to the way the equivalent residential unit (ERU) is calculated. One ERU is valued at 2,138 square feet of impervious surface. Currently the stormwater fee is \$6.00 per month, equating to \$72 per year which will be removed from a monthly charge on the utility bill to an annual charge on the tax bill. Multi-family property (equivalent to .6 ERU) there is currently a monthly charge on the utility bills of \$3.60 for stormwater, which on an annual basis is \$43.20 which will now appear on the tax bill. Approval of the attached Initial Stormwater Fee Resolution will set forth the rate at \$72.00 per year; will establish the methodology and schedule the public hearing for Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm. **Commissioner Wood moved to adopt. Seconded by Commissioner Wood.** Commissioner Wood reiterated that educational information should reflect on the utility bill that the stormwater fee will be coming off the monthly utility bill and moving it to the tax bill and that the discount will apply if the tax bill is paid by November and showing savings also through [February 28]. Ms. Nabors responded that a bill insert has been drafted to explain the transition which will be going out soon. City Manager Bhatti confirmed that the discount language is also on the tax bill and that a significant number of residents take advantage of the savings. Ms. Nabors commented that mortgage companies escrow for taxes and make every effort to pay in a timely manner to take advantage of the 4% discount. City Manager also stated the information could be added to upcoming newsletter. Vice Mayor Borgelin suggested a sticker on the bill to advertise "important savings inside". Ms. Nabors replied that there is limited space on the bill where special notices can be placed. She stated the insert she has drafted will be in bright yellow. The information will also be available for walk-in customers; on the newsletter; on the website and robo-calls can be done. Mayor Ziade asked how the 4% discount affects the budget. Ms. Nabors replied some stormwater fees are collected by other governmental agencies like Fort Lauderdale and Broward County which will bring in slightly more revenue, and in getting the money earlier interest is accrued which helps offset and the first year is a break-even on it. City Manager stated that this is all factored in when calculating the budget. **No further discussion; Clerk called roll. All YES.**

RESOLUTION NO. 19-06-6641 PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **REPORTS - None**

8. **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

- a. **Discussion and possible motion to recess for Summer after the July 9th Commission meeting until the first meeting in September as done in previous years.**

City Manager explained that historically the Commission recesses during July and August to allow for summer vacations while school is out, but that a meeting can be held at any time in the event of an emergency. School will start back up on August 15th. It was proposed to start back in September for the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 10th, with the first budget hearing being held on Thursday, September 12th based on the time frame set by the County and the State. Commissioner Moyle said it's a good idea to keep the regular meeting on the second Tuesday in September for all the business that accrues over the summer and to keep the budget hearing on Thursday, September 12th separate. Attorney Goren related that the Charter calls for one meeting a month; however the Code reflects two Commission meetings per month, but the Commission has the ability to cancel meetings under Section 2-32 by motion. He reiterated that historically the Commission has done this, but if the need arises it does not preclude the Commission from holding a meeting during the recess. **Commissioner Wood moved to approve a recess after the July 9th Commission meeting until September 10th for a regular meeting, with the public budget hearing scheduled for September 12th at 6:00 pm and the second public hearing on the budget set for September 27th at 6:00 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Moyle. All in favor by voice vote.**

City Manager Bhatti gave an update on the City's stage reporting that a staff member went to Indiana to have it evaluated for repairs by the manufacturer. The manufacturer noted the repairs needed and recommended some enhancements that would give the stage approximately 10 more years of service, for an estimate of about \$30,000.

City Manager gave a report on BSO security for Charter Schools stating that BSO would not provide deputies and it would be up to the cities. She requested direction and consensus on two options:

- 1) Continue to provide a deputy to the Charter Schools at a cost of \$125,000 per deputy per year (3 schools = \$375,000)
- 2) Authorize notification to Charter Schools that for the upcoming school year they would provide their own security guardians

Discussion ensued with Commission comments regarding school security. BSO Captain Lupo related information regarding training of security guardians; State mandated requirements; and costs of deputies v. security guardians. City Manager commented on School Board funding toward costs for public school SROs and the cost to the City to provide security for Charter Schools. **Commissioner Wood moved to authorize City Manager to contact the local Charter Schools to inform them that we will no longer be able to provide the security. Commissioner Bustamante seconded the motion. Clerk called roll. Motion passed unanimously.**

City Manager called for a moment of silence for the Public Works employees that lost their lives in the tragic event that occurred in Virginia Beach. She also spoke on the impact the MSD tragic event had on everyone. She reported that she gathered the employees together to discuss the environment and security and to be aware of any changes and mentioned that some hardening will be taking place at City Hall. She also mentioned that employees could go to HR for resources to help with any issues. Comments were made about employees being respected and being respectful of one another.

9. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Wood

- Attended BLC Directors meeting in Pompano and reported that a proposed MOU with Broward County dealing with solid waste recycling is being considered by the League for participation by all municipalities. City Manager reported that the County adopted the MOU today and have given the cities until September 30th to consider and approve.
- Reported that the City was featured on the front page of the Forum for participation in the MPO walking audit on May 23.
- Spoke at the Bethel Christian Academy kindergarten graduation on May 31st and commented on the talent of these young graduates.
- Attended a dance recital at a new business, Simply Inspired Dance Company and School, the past Saturday and commented on their talent. He encouraged new businesses to become part of the North Lauderdale Tamarac Chamber of Commerce and also encouraged recognition of new businesses.
- Reported that District A will hold a Community Forum on June 19th at 6:00 pm at Champions Hall.

Vice Mayor Borgelin

- Thanked residents for attending the Commission meetings
- Attended the Institute of Elected Municipal Officials and commented that this sharpens his knowledge and allows him to be more efficient in representing the residents
- Thanked BSO Police Chief and Mayor Ziade for assistance in District D regarding illegal activities
- Thanked Mr. Sargis, Deputy Clerk Garcia-Beckford, BSO, IT Dept., City Manager and his wife Dorothy, for assistance with putting together District D Community Forum to be held this Saturday, June 15 at 2:00 pm.
- Invited Tammy Reed-Holguin to present information regarding a giveaway event to be held on Saturday, June 22 at Teleperformance on Southgate Blvd. Families in need will receive vouchers provided by Teleperformance for 200 families, through the Commissioners, to receive donated items such as food, toiletries and backpacks.

Mayor Ziade

- Commented that the Commission came to a consensus in workshops with regard to video streaming and asked for status. City Manager replied that there will be a line item in the budget with regard to the expenditure and upon approval of the budget, after October 1st, staff will start to put it into place

- Commented that she attended three school graduations on one day and that it was the best feeling to support the young people.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Goren commented that the City Attorney's Office provided a 17 page report on what happened in the recent legislation. He noted that some bills some become law without signature of the Governor. Some bills were signed by the Governor, such as texting while driving bill; smokeable marijuana bill; local government financial reporting bill; and implementation of the recommendation for MSD High School Public Safety Commission. Attorney Goren said there may be one more report forthcoming and thanked the Commission for their vigilance and inquiries and stated that Attorney Shana Bridgman also worked hard to get these reports done with regard to these matters that affect local governments in the State.

Attorney Goren reported that his firm did file a lawsuit in the matter of the Village Mobile Home Park case as authorized and directed by City Commission and the parties have been served. A copy of the complaint was provided on May 30th.

- 11. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm and convened to the Water Control District meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Vancheri, MMC
City Clerk