

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING CITY OF WESTON

A special meeting of the City Commission of the City of Weston was conducted virtually (online) on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard, Weston, Florida.

Online and constituting a quorum were:

Daniel J. Stermer	Mayor
Thomas M. Kallman	Commissioner
Margaret H. Brown	Commissioner
Byron L. Jaffe	Commissioner
Mary Molina-Macfie	Commissioner

Also online were:

Donald P. Decker	City Manager
Darrel L. Thomas	Assistant City Manager/CFO
Karl C. Thompson, P.E.	Assistant City Manager/COO
Patricia A. Bates, MMC	City Clerk
Jamie Alan Cole	City Attorney, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, PL
Thaddeus Bielecki	Director of Landscaping
Bryan E. Cahen	Director of Budget
Reddy Chitepu, P.E.	Director of Public Works
Ryan M. Fernandes, GISP	Director of Technology Services
Kara Petty	Director of Parks and Recreation
Steven Murray	Assistant Director of Technology Services, MuniTech LLC
Chief Kevin Butler	BSO DLE – Weston
Lt. Sam Cavalieri	BSO DLE – Weston
Chief Todd Draizin	BSO DFRES – Weston
Grace Sigal	
Henry Mead	
Dalia Quinones-Zayas	
Maria Luque	
Joseph Mullen	
Eitan Waisfeld	
Rachel West	
Jean Qian	

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Jim Norton
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Anya Jackson
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Claudio Vilas
Tess Segal
Sydney Eldeiry
Kim Schnitzius
Elsa Shum
Jody Steinlauf
Alyssa Williams
Steve Romero
Kathleen Itturalde
Ana Royes
Maria Duran
Andrew Grub
Patty DeBiase
Jennifer Adler
Bianka Murray
Alejandro Berrios
Rebecca Smith
Jennifer Kessler
Melanie Rojas
Jagneet Singh
Francisco Jimenez

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call

Mayor Stermer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
City Clerk Patricia Bates called the roll.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the City Commission and Staff.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Announcements/Overview

Mayor Stermer welcomed the public to the special meeting of the City Commission.

Mayor Stermer stated we are going to continue our community conversation about the Broward County Chiefs of Police 5 Step Promise of Action which includes: 1. The eradication of bad cops from within our ranks; 2. A collective review process of the Use of Force policy; 3. Educating officers on systemic racism, cultural sensitivity, and Implicit & Explicit Bias; 4. Training & Tracking the behavior of officers through Early Warning Alert programs; and 5. Building Trust, Legitimacy, Transparency & Accountability to the various communities particularly Weston with regards to the Broward Sheriff's Office. Also, we have heard about the Mayor's Pledge that speaks to finite inspection of our municipalities Use of Force policy – the pledge demonstrates the necessary oversight and inclusivity that our community demands. It is quite simple: 1. Review your use of force policy; 2. Engage your communities by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories; 3. Report the findings of the review to your community and seek feedback; and 4. Reform the your community's police Use of Force policy.

Mayor Stermer explained the rules of public participation for the City Commission Special Meeting.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Review of Broward County Chiefs of Police (BCCPA) 5 Step Promise of Action

City Manager Don Decker thanked the Commission for allowing him to take a few minutes to address the issue that is important to the community, and then read prepared remarks.

Mayor Stermer made comments. Mayor Stermer stated, the five members of the City Commission support the Broward Sherriff's Office; oppose the defunding of the Broward Sheriff's Office; oppose the removal of School Resource Officers from our school campuses. We do support additional funding for mental health and mental health services from the applicable agencies.

Commissioner Molina-Macfie, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Kallman and Commissioner Jaffe made comments.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Personal Perspective

Assistant City Manager/CFO Darrel Thomas shared his personal perspective with the City Commission and virtual audience.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Community Input

City Clerk Bates read a letter submitted by 104 individuals for the Item No. 10, June 15, 2020 City Commission Meeting Agenda into the record.

City Clerk Bates read a letter submitted by 43 individuals into the record.

City Clerk Bates read a letter submitted by Victoria Romero into the record.

City Clerk Bates read a letter submitted by Aleida Suarez Kimmel into the record.

Grace Sigal

Henry Mead

Dalia Quinones-Zayas

City Clerk Bates read a letter submitted by Ben Ruddy into the record.

City Clerk Bates read a letter submitted by Kate Grasshopper into the record.

City Clerk Bates read a letter submitted by Fatima Torres Romero into the record.

Maria Luque

City Clerk Bates read a letter submitted by Josberto Romero into the record.

City Clerk Bates read a letter submitted by Brett Kimmel into the record.

City Clerk Bares read a letter submitted by Jack Suarez Kimmel into the record.

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Closing Remarks

Commissioner Jaffe, Commissioner Kallman, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Molina-Macfie, and Mayor Stermer made closing remarks.

Captain Kevin Butler, BSO District VIII Weston, and Chief Dexter Williams, City of Miramar Police Department will be speaking at the July 14, 2020 City Commission Workshop meeting.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 PM.

Adjournment



Daniel J. Stermer, Mayor