



**NORTHWEST COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024**

The City of North Lauderdale hosted the meeting of the Northwest Council of Elected Officials on Monday, March 18, 2024 at the City of North Lauderdale Municipal Complex, Commission Chambers, located at 701 Southwest 71 Avenue, North Lauderdale, FL 33068.

**Members Present:**

Vice Mayor Sandra Welch	City of Coconut Creek
Mayor Veronica Edwards Phillips	City of Lauderdale Lakes
Commissioner Tycie Causwell	City of Lauderdale Lakes
Commissioner Sharon Thomas	City of Lauderdale Lakes
Mayor Ken Thurston	City of Lauderhill
Vice Mayor Arlene Schwartz	City of Margate
Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano	City of Margate
Commissioner Joanne Simone	City of Margate
Mayor Samson Borgelin	City of North Lauderdale
Vice Mayor Darrell (Dee) Lewis- Ricketts	City of North Lauderdale
Mayor Rick Walker	City of Parkland
Commissioner Bob Mayerson	City of Parkland
Commissioner Ken Cutler	City of Parkland
Commissioner Kicia Daniels	City of Tamarac
Commissioner Hazelle Rogers	Broward County

In attendance was City Manager, Michael Sargis, City Assistant Attorney Paul Hernandez, City Clerk Elizabeth Garcia-Beckford, Fire Chief David Sweet, Public Works Director Sam May, Andrew Disbury, Assistant Community Development Director, and Rodney Felix, IT Department staff.

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**  
Mayor Samson Borgelin called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. There were self-introductions by the members in attendance and guests present.
- 2. Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2024, City of Parkland**  
Commissioner Anthony Caggiano moved to approve the Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Tycie Causwell. There was no discussion. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3. Presentations**
  - a. North Lauderdale Fire Rescue by Chief David Sweet

Fire Chief David Sweet introduced himself to members. He presented information regarding the North Lauderdale Fire Rescue fire training facility. The fire training facility provides a central location to train firefighters on all the latest techniques and fire tactics. Training includes advanced search and rescue, aerial operations, placement and deployment, and joint operation training with other cities. Additionally, the City of North Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department partners with Broward Sheriff's Office for a location for the K-9 unit to train. Chief Sweet also spoke about plans to make the training facility a licensed fire academy and the Fire Explorer program.

b. **Form 6 Financial Disclosure Update by Attorney Samuel S. Goren, Esq.**

Assistant City Attorney Paul Hernandez attended in place of Attorney Samuel S. Goren. He presented information regarding requirements for filing Form 6. All elected officials or appointed members of a governing body are required to submit a Form 6 financial disclosure which requires reporting net worth, assets and liabilities valued at an excess of \$1,000 and each source of income in excess of \$1,000. The report is due July 1<sup>st</sup>, subject to fines if not filed. Attorney Hernandez referenced Florida Administrative Code 34-8 for [disclosure of financial interests] information. He provided information on the following bills that passed during the legislative session that ended March 8, 2024:

- SB 1628 Local Government [Actions]
- HB 267 Residential Building [Regulations] relating to permits.
- SB 328 Affordable Housing, (also referred as Live Local).

Attorney Hernandez explained that live local requires municipalities to authorize certain proposed developments within industrial and commercial zoned properties. There is a provision in the new bill pending signature for local government to authorize multi-family family and mixed use residential as allowable uses on on any site owned by that government. There was discussion regarding requirements for zone changes and high rises built within a mile of another city that does not allow the height.

c. **North Lauderdale School Zone Speed Camera Program**

Jim McClure, Mike Reese, and Tom Hixon with SaferSpeeds presented information on automated school zone enforcement. Mr. McClure advised that Florida was listed as the worst State referenced in a survey conducted for dangerous drivers around schools. Florida legislature set HB 657, which allows municipalities and counties to install automated school zone enforcement cameras and requires county or city to enact an ordinance. The traffic studies are important to consider as evidence for a school zone that requires heightened enforcement. Mr. McClure spoke on changing driver behavior around school zones and that cameras are proven to decrease violators. John Hixon presented information on revenue share, funding, the company and software. There was discussion regarding the legislature not rising to the level of points on a person's driver's license that may be due to concession for the automation for violations issued to the registered owner of the vehicle. There was discussion regarding use of funds collected, police presence as the best deterrent and the storage of the video information. Mr. McClure advised that each governing body would have to have a person designated to review and issue the violation to trigger the system to mail out the violation, such as a traffic enforcement officer. There is a certification class for traffic enforcement that can be taken with FDLE [Florida Department of Law Enforcement]. Municipality participation is optional. There was clarification regarding the sixty dollars (\$60) retained by the county or a municipality must be used to administer speed detection systems in school zones and other public safety initiatives.

4. **Old Business – None.**

5. **New Business**

There was discussion regarding sending a letter to the Broward League of Cities with reference to Form 6 to encourage them to join the fight on Form 6. There was also discussion regarding the Broward County School Board holding a meeting Wednesday, March 20, 2024 regarding repurposing schools. Discussion ensued regarding attendance at public and Charter schools, enrollment being counted inaccurately due to portables in comparison to permanent capacity, having a long-term range facility plan, the funding of school choice, and school bonds. There was also reference to the Board of Rules and Appeals.

6. **Next Scheduled Meeting** – April 8, 2024. Hosted by City of Lauderhill.

7. **Adjournment** - There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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