



**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF PARKLAND
AGENDA**

Monday, March 12, 2018

at 5:00 PM

**Commission Chambers
6600 University Drive
Parkland, FL 33067**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge Of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approval of The Agenda**
- 5. Regular Agenda**
 - A. March for Our Lives Event - March 24, 2018
- 6. Comments by the City Manager**
- 7. Comments by the City Attorney**

Adjournment

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD, AGENCY OR COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTERS CONSIDERED AT SUCH HEARING OR MEETING HE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE HE WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. (FLORIDA STATUTE 286.0105)

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT AND FLORIDA STATUTE 286.26, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK NO LATER THAN 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT (954) 757-4132 FOR ASSISTANCE.



CITY OF PARKLAND Interoffice Memorandum

To: Mayor Christine Hunschofsky, Vice Mayor Stacy Kagan, and
Commissioners Ken Cutler, Bob Mayershon, and Grace Solomon

From: Robert Payton, City Manager

Date: March 12, 2018

Reference: Resolution number 2018-030, March for Our Lives Special Event Permit

Initially the March for Our Lives event was a community-size, high school student event with limited impact on the City, its facilities, personnel, traffic, and budget. At this stage it required small-scale safety measures due to expected participation and it was thought other Broward County cities would have similar marches in their own cities on the same day.

By the first weekend in March, it had spread via social media to a large-scale regional-size event far beyond what would fit in any Parkland park and requiring resources of personnel and equipment that Parkland does not possess. With approximately 30,000 social media hits and information that marches initially planned for other cities would instead join the march in Parkland, it became apparent the March for Our Lives in Parkland would be a massive, regional-size event.

The first Monday in March began with an early morning meeting with event organizers at City Hall with the City Manager and City of Parkland personnel. The subject matter was the handling of such a large event in Pine Trails Park. Attempts to relocate the event to a venue equipped for large crowds (i.e. 15,000 on the low end to 40,000 on the high end) were met with resistance as the organizers were adamant the event needs to be in Parkland. With regard to public appeal, other than the National march in Washington, D.C., the March for Our Lives event in Parkland has the most attention.

Recognizing this is a regional event requiring regional coordination, at noon on Monday, March 5th an impromptu meeting was quickly established in the offices of County Administrator Bertha Henry. The meeting was attended by Bertha Henry, Deputy County Administrator Alphonso Jefferson, members of Broward County Public Works, Broward County Parks and Recreation, Coral Springs-Parkland Fire personnel, Major Nate Osgood and other members of the Broward Sheriff's Office, City Manager Bob Payton, and staff from the City of Parkland.

The meeting was set-up to engage regional personnel to help manage this regional event taking place in a neighborhood park. It is significant to note the City of Parkland roadways are not designed to handle the amount of traffic this event will attract. It was essential to engage all available resources and agencies to do everything in our power to make this event as safe as possible.

A large-scale meeting was held on Friday, March 9th at Parkland City Hall involving:

- Broward County Administration
- Broward County Traffic Engineering
- Broward County Parks and Recreation
- Broward County Public Works
- Broward County Office of Public Information
- Broward County Sheriff's Office
- City of Parkland Administration
- City of Parkland Engineering
- City of Parkland Parks and Recreation
- City of Parkland Public Works
- City of Parkland Intergovernmental Affairs
- City of Parkland Office of Public Information
- Coral Springs-Parkland Fire-Rescue
- Broward County Public Schools
- Florida Highway Patrol
- Coconut Creek Police Department
- Coral Springs Police Department
- Everytown
- Markham Group
- Student Representatives
- Multiple Consultants

This meeting was established to discuss all details possible including a march route. It is clear numerous road closures will be necessary within Parkland City limits to accommodate both the march route and extreme traffic. Broward County Public Schools' busses will be used to shuttle participants from regional parks that can accommodate the number of vehicles expected for this event.

While the City fully expects Everytown to stay true to its commitment to finance the event, the potential exists for the City to incur costs that cannot be reimbursed. Resolution number 2018-030 allows for expenditures by the City Manager to ensure the safety of attendees of this event. Due to the numerous dangers inherent in events with large numbers of participants, the City could not wait for payment to begin the process of coordinating regional planning to safely accommodate this event. The approval of the special event permit for an event on this scale would typically take 60-90 days. With respect and sensitivity to recent events in the City of Parkland, the permit process for this event has been accelerated and taken less than three weeks.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-030

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARKLAND, FLORIDA DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT BASED ON THE APPLICATION OF EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY ACTION FUND, INC. (EVERYTOWN) FOR THE MARCH 24TH “MARCH FOR OUR LIVES” RALLY THAT WILL OCCUR IN PARKLAND PROVIDED THAT EVERYTOWN BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COST, INSURANCE, INDEMNITY AND OTHER CONDITIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE PERMIT

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2018 a tragic event occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to support the community and families that have been impacted by this tragic event and assist with the healing process for the Community; and

WHEREAS, this tragic event has gained national attention and has rallied the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Community to create a national movement for gun safety; and

WHEREAS, the national movement for gun safety has grown tremendously following the weeks after the Stoneman Douglas shooting; and

WHEREAS, this national movement has formed into a rally called “March for Our Lives”, standing up against gun violence and marching for the right to live; and

WHEREAS, on March 24th, the students and families of “March for Our Lives” will take to the streets of Washington DC to demand that their lives and safety become a priority and gun violence and mass shootings in schools ends today; and

WHEREAS, on March 24th, the students and families unable to attend the Washington DC “March for Our Lives”, will attend a local march in the City of Parkland where Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School is located; and

WHEREAS, the City of Parkland requires a special event permit for all events taking place in the City of Parkland; and

WHEREAS, recognizing this event has gained national attention the local march in Parkland will draw regional participation bringing a large number of people into a neighborhood environment comprising of neighborhood parks with limited parking and relevant accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Parkland Administration understood that with a march of this magnitude it would be necessary to reach out to Broward County Parks & Recreation, Broward County School Board, Broward County Sheriff’s Office (BSO), Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), Coral Springs/Parkland Fire Rescue, Coral Springs Police Department, Coconut Creek Police Department and local Public Information Officers (PIOs) for assistance; and

WHEREAS, the regional nature of this event will require a Broward County special event permit, as well as a City of Parkland permit; and

WHEREAS, City Administration is accommodating the City Commission's desire to support all events which will lead to the healing of our Community; and

WHEREAS, Everytown has applied for a special event and has enlisted Markham Group to organize the local "March for Our Lives" rally in the City of Parkland; and

WHEREAS, Everytown, as the permit applicant, will be required to obtain liability insurance and list the City of Parkland as additionally insured; and

WHEREAS, under normal circumstances a special event permit process for an event of this magnitude would take 60-90 days and has been accelerated to be completed in less than three weeks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Parkland is insured with the Florida League of Cities, Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT) which protects the City for its negligence; and

WHEREAS, Everytown agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the City, its agents, employees, officers, or contractors (Indemnities) harmless from any and all claims, causes of action, suits, judgments or any other liability covered by the permit; and

WHEREAS, Everytown will also provide insurance coverage for the event as required by the City in the special event permit; and

WHEREAS, Everytown, as the event sponsor, will cover all costs associated with this event, including bus transportation for participants from a regional park to and from Pine Trails Park. Reimbursable cost will be provided to the City of Parkland, Broward County, Law Enforcement Agencies and the Broward County School Board; and

WHEREAS, the City of Parkland may incur costs that are not reimbursable and/or determined to be an immediate need. The City Commission authorizes the City Manager to expend funds for the rally to ensure the safety of its participants; and

WHEREAS, the special event permit for this event (hereinafter, The Permit) shall contain the above conditions (as set specifically set forth therein) and such other conditions and terms deemed necessary by the City Manager and based upon all such conditions as will appear in The Permit, the City Commission is support of the approval of The Permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARKLAND, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Each and every Whereas clause set forth above is a true and correct recital and representation and is incorporated herein as if set forth fully.

Section 2. The City Manager is directed to approve The Permit for the March 24th “March for Our Lives” rally occurring in the City of Parkland provided it is consistent with the conditions set forth above and with such other conditions deemed necessary to protect the public health safety and welfare. Upon completion of The Permit with all necessary conditions, it shall be signed by an authorized signatory of Everytown. Everytown, as the permit holder, shall be responsible for compliance with the terms of The Permit.

Section 3. The City Commission looks forward to a safe, successful march where the voices of our youth may be heard in an orderly, respectful manner.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2018.

CITY OF PARKLAND

CHRISTINE HUNCHOFSKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JENNIFER JOHNSON CITY CLERK