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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

6:00 PM

City Hall - City Commission Chambers
100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

City Commission Regular Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

BEN SORENSEN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District IV HEATHER

MORAITIS Commissioner - District I

STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II

ROBERT L. McKINZIE Commissioner - District III

CHRIS LAGERBLOOM, City Manager

DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk

ALAIN E. BOILEAU, City Attorney

PATRICK REILLY, Interim City Auditor

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Trantalis announced details regarding the meeting format, appropriate decorum and how members of the public can view and participate.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Heather Moraitis, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie (arrived at 6:32 p.m.), Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: Assistant City Manager Greg Chavarria, City Clerk David R. Soloman, and City Attorney Alain E. Boileau

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[22-0405](#)

Minutes for February 1, 2022 Commission Regular Meeting and February 15, 2022 Joint Workshop with Citizens' Police Review Board - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve the Agenda and the Minutes and was seconded by Vice Mayor Sorensen.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Vice Mayor Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [22-0382](#)

1

Mayor Trantalis to present a Proclamation declaring April 23, 2022, as Children's Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Mayor Trantalis introduced Russell Weaver, *Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International, Inc., (GFLSCI)* President. Mr. Weaver remarked on the *If I were Mayor Essay Competition* commemorating *International Children's Day*. He introduced Seda Turhan, GFLSCI Mugla, Turkey, Chairwoman. Chairwoman Turhan thanked everyone involved in supporting *International Children's Day*.

Feyza Barutçu-Altuğ, Miami Consul General of Turkey, thanked everyone involved in the *If I were Mayor Essay Competition* and discussed the significance of *International Children's Day* in the history of the Republic of Turkey. She announced the competition winners.

Mayor Trantalis presented congratulatory certificates to the winners of the *If I were Mayor Essay Competition*. He read the Proclamation declaring *April 23, 2022, as International Children's Day* in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

PRESENTED

PRES- [22-0384](#)

2

Commissioner Glassman to present a Proclamation declaring April 29, 2022, as Arbor Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Glassman presented a Proclamation declaring *April 29, 2022, as Arbor Day* in the City of Fort Lauderdale, reading the proclamation in its entirety. Mark Williams, City of Fort Lauderdale Urban Forester, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission.

PRESENTED

PRES- [22-0329](#)

3

Recognition of 2022 Neighbor Support Night Sponsors

Junia Robinson, Assistant Neighbor Support Division Manager, thanked those who contributed to *2022 Neighbor Support Night*. She recognized the *2022 Neighbor Support Night sponsors* and thanked them for their contributions.

Chris Leonard, Neighbor Support Division Manager, congratulated the Development Services Department for winning the *Neighbor Choice Award*.

PRESENTED

22-0428

WALK-ON PRESENTATION - Director of Employee Outreach for the

State of Florida Peter Caspari presented Fire-Rescue Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr with the U.S. Department of Defense Patriot Award

Peter Caspari, Director of Employee Outreach for the State of Florida, and John San Angelo, Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue (FLFR) Deputy Chief, presented FLFR Chief (Chief) Rhoda Mae Kerr with the *Department of Defense Patriot Award*, recognizing Chief Kerr for her support of firefighters serving in the military.

Mayor Trantalis acknowledged and thanked Chief Kerr for her service to the City. Chief Kerr remarked on her special pride for FLFR firefighters and thanked Mr. Caspari and FLFR Deputy Chief Angelo.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Trantalis explained procedures and details regarding how members of the public could speak on Consent Agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Trantalis confirmed Commissioner Glassman requested Consent Agenda item CM-2 be pulled for separate discussion.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Vice Mayor Sorensen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Moraitis.

Approve the Consent Agenda

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Vice Mayor Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

CONSENT MOTION

CM-1 [22-0343](#)

Motion Approving Event Agreements for Holman Fanfest and DayBreak The Breakfast Party (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Vice Mayor Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

CM-2 [22-0289](#)

Motion Approving Event Agreements and Related Road Closures for 2022 Fort Lauderdale Fitness & Exotic Car Showcase Event, Urban Jungle Artisan Market and FATVillage Art Walk - (Commission District 2)

Commissioner Glassman remarked on concerns discussed at the District 2 Pre-Agenda Meeting regarding monitoring and improving traffic flow patterns, the need for better event promotion calendaring and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Vice Mayor Sorensen.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Vice Mayor Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

CM-3 [22-0407](#) Motion Approving an Event Agreement and Related Road Closures for MASS District Events - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Vice Mayor Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

CM-4 [22-0317](#) Motion Approving the Acceptance of a Modular Decontamination Kit (MDK) from the Broward County Healthcare Coalition in the amount of \$7,700 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Vice Mayor Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

CM-5 [22-0324](#) Motion Approving the City Manager to Execute an Agreement from the International Training Program through the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Vice Mayor Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 [22-0191](#) Motion Approving Agreement for the Rehabilitation of the SW 11th Avenue Swing Bridge - Engineer Control Systems Corporation - \$262,800 - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Vice Mayor Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

CP-2 [22-0284](#) Motion Approving Agreement for Hendricks Isle Seawall Replacement

- Ebsary Foundation Co. - \$1,471,590 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Vice Mayor Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

CP-3 [22-0287](#)

Motion Approving Agreement for the Purchase of Water Meter Reading and Related Services - Bermex, Inc. - \$1,538,062 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Vice Mayor Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

Mayor Trantalis announced Agenda items relating to PH-3 and OSR-1 would be heard at this time due to Vice Mayor Sorensen's early departure. There was no objection from Commission Members.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-3 [22-0403](#)

Public Hearing - First Reading of an Ordinance Establishing Geographical Boundaries of the Four City Commission Districts - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Michael Stamm, Jr., *Florida Atlantic University (FAU)*. Mr. Stamm reviewed Commission comments, provided details related to redistricting map configurations and cited examples of proposed redistricting map alternatives. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on input from the *Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations (CFLCA)* to not split neighborhood associations and expounded on neighbor feedback. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dr. Pamela Beasley-Pittman, *Historic Dorsey-Riverbend Civic Association* President. Dr. Beasley-Pittman spoke in opposition to the redistricting maps under consideration. She commented on the impact of this discussion on the history of the Historic Dorsey-Riverbend area and noted the community's opposition. She expounded on the history of the neighborhood efforts to build a commercial district along Seventh Avenue and requested Seventh Avenue remain in District 3. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Leann Barber, 500 NE 1st Avenue. Ms. Barber concurred with Dr. Beasley-Pittman's comments that redistricting efforts should ensure the success of neighborhoods.

Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the Commission's input on this Agenda item and previous comments made at the Conference Meeting.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Vice Mayor Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Vice Mayor Sorensen, and Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner Glassman introduced the Ordinance selecting redistricting Map Alternative 6 as amended, allowing the Lakeridge Neighborhood Association to remain intact, which was read by title only.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question, Mayor Trantalis confirmed the ability to select another Map Alternative should Map 6 not be adopted.

PASSED FIRST READING AS AMENDED - Map 6 as amended

Yea: 3 - Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Moraitis and Commissioner McKinzie

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 [22-0281](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Establishing Geographical Boundaries of the Four City Commission Districts - (Commission Districts, 1, 2, 3 and 4) - Requesting Deferment to May 3, 2022

Assistant City Manager Greg Chavarria inquired about a deferral date for this Agenda item before May 2, 2022. Further comment and discussion ensued on Commission Member availability and deadlines related to the November 2022 mid-term election. There was a consensus on Commission Member availability on April 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. for the Second Reading of Agenda item OSR-1.

Vice Mayor Sorensen left the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

City Manager Lagerbloom participated in this discussion via communications technology. He explained his recent discussions with Joe Scott, Broward County Supervisor of Elections regarding upcoming

deadlines and receiving the City's redistricting map by May 1, 2022.

Assistant City Manager Chavarria remarked that City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed he would advise Mr. Scott of the deferment date.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to defer this Ordinance to the April 27, 2022 Special Meeting at 4:00 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Moraitis.

DEFERRED to April 27, 2022 Special Meeting at 4pm

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

MOTIONS

M-1 [22-0291](#)

Motion Approving Event Agreements, Related Road Closures on Barrier Island past 10:00am and Requests for Music Exemptions for National Senior Games Flame Arrival and 2022 National Senior Games Celebration of Athletes - (Commission District 2)

Commissioner Glassman commented on concerns related to the closure of a traffic circle near the event, negatively impacting residents.

Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation Department Director, explained event promoters are aware of the needs of residents in the area and will maintain ingress and egress for *Venetian Condominium* residents. He confirmed challenges related to accessing the *Las Olas Garage (Garage)*.

Commissioner Glassman recommended Staff contact all impacted buildings and provide signage advising how to access the *Garage*. Mr. Thornburg confirmed Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) would be in place.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding closing off Las Olas Circle, Commissioner Glassman explained details related to roadway event staging areas to prevent damage to lawn greenspace. Mr. Thornburg commented on his understanding of this topic. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jay Hall, National Senior Games Association, Inc. Mr. Hall commented on his understanding of the event setup. Mr. Hall concurred with Mayor Trantalis' comment regarding resurfacing a portion of the park instead of closing roadways for special event staging. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the

logistics of event participants and related event details.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Thornburg confirmed the event staging could happen on the lawn greenspace, but the event promoters would be required to repair any damage.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie.

APPROVED

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [22-0367](#) Appointment of Board and Committee Members - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Clerk David Soloman read the names of Board and Committee nominees for appointment and reappointment at the May 3, 2022 Commission Regular Meeting.

City Clerk Soloman read into the record the names of the Board and Committee appointments and or reappointments for Agenda item R-1.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

R-2 [22-0397](#) Resolution Appointing an Interim City Auditor - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Attorney Boileau commented on working out employment contract details, including a contract similar to other Charter Officers. Further comment and discussion ensued on related contract terms for similar temporary positions.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Reilly agreed to the terms discussed.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' questions, Mayor Trantalis

confirmed Mr. Reilly would be able to hire and terminate Staff in conjunction with the Human Resources Department. City Attorney Boileau confirmed a contract would be forthcoming before April 27, 2022. Mayor Trantalis confirmed his availability to execute the employment contract with Mr. Reilly.

Commissioner Moraitis introduced this Resolution appointing Patrick Reilly as Interim City Auditor as amended which was read by title only.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

R-3 [22-0110](#) Resolution Supporting and Endorsing Municipal Capital Projects for Broward County Transportation Surtax Funding - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' questions, Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Department Director, explained the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) process and related details. Submission of these projects does not guarantee that each municipality would receive a percentage of Broward County Transportation Surtax Funding, which is dependent upon ranking and cost. Mr. Rogers confirmed his recollection that the MPO will submit its rankings to Broward County in June.

Commissioner McKinzie introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

R-4 [22-0395](#) Resolution Calling 2022 Special Municipal Election on November 8, 2022 - (Commission District 1)

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, City Attorney Boileau explained details related to having the ability to hold special municipal elections in November 2022. The deadline for Commission Members submitting letters of resignation is June 3, 2022, ten (10) days before the start of qualifying. The estimated cost for having three (3) Commission District elections on November 8, 2022, is roughly \$70,000. The alternative requires individual standalone municipal district special elections at a significantly higher price, estimated at roughly \$210,000.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

R-5

[22-0200](#)

Quasi-Judicial Resolution to Vacate a Portion of a Parking Easement Located at 419 SE 2nd Street - MQMF Las Olas Owner, LLC - Case No. UDP-EV21011 - (Commission District 4)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

Each Commission Member disclosed verbal communications, written communications, site visits, and expert opinions received.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Andrew Schein, Esq., Lochrie and Chakas, P.A., 1401 East Broward Boulevard, on behalf of the applicant.

Mr. Schein narrated a slide presentation related to vacating a portion of the parking easement.

A copy has been made part of the backup to this Agenda item.

City Attorney Boileau agreed with Mr. Schein's remarks regarding two (2) conditions listed in subsection B of the Resolution that do not apply in this circumstance.

Anthony Fajardo, Development Services Department Director, confirmed Staff does not object to removing two (2) conditions and said it is not a utility easement. It vacates a parking easement and the Resolution contains language typically used for utility easement vacations.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, and Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner McKinzie introduced this Resolution as amended which was read by title only.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

R-6 [22-0203](#)

Quasi-Judicial Resolution to Vacate a Storm Sewer Easement Located at 2724 Sea Island Drive - Marco and Shannon Markin - Case No. UDP-EV21006 - (Commission District 2)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

Each Commission Member disclosed verbal communications, written communications, site visits and expert opinions received.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, and Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [22-0241](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning from Intense Commercial Business (B-3, Broward County) District to Uptown Urban Village Northeast (UUV-NE) District - City of Fort Lauderdale - 6210-6282 North Andrews Avenue - Double Mountain Development Ventures, LLC. - Case No. UDP-Z22001 - (Commission District 1)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. Commission will

announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

Each Commission Member disclosed verbal communications, written communications, site visits, and expert opinions received.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' questions, Mr. Fajardo confirmed when a developer applies for the residential component for mixed-use development, they will need to apply for flex units. Mr. Fajardo explained details associated with prior efforts related to the process to add flex units through a land-use amendment. Further comment and discussion ensued.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner Moraitis. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, and Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Resolution for the First Reading, which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

PH-2 [22-0315](#)

Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution Approving the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board's Recommendation for Approval of 12 Parks Improvement Projects - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4) - Requesting Deferment to May 3, 2022

Commissioner Moraitis requested the Pickleball Courts in District 1 at George English Park included in this Agenda item be approved, and the balance of the projects in the Resolution be deferred until the May 3, 2022, Commission Meeting. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Thornburg confirmed Staff would be ready to move this item forward at the May 3, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Mayor Trantalis recognized James LaBrie, 1514 NE 20th Street. Mr. LaBrie commented on his viewpoint and the need to move this Resolution forward.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to defer this item until May 3,

2022, and was seconded by Commissioner Moraitis.

DEFERRED to May 3, 2022

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-2 [22-0325](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to Reflect the Change of the Department of Sustainable Development's Name to Development Services Department, and Amending the Classification Table of the Pay Plan of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to Revise the Title of Two Job Classifications Accordingly - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's questions, Mr. Fajardo noted details associated with the department name change to Development Services Department (DSD). Previous signage associated with a second naming of the building will be reinstalled in a prominent location following upgrades to the exterior of the building.

Commissioner McKinzie introduced this Ordinance for the Second Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

OSR-3 [22-0341](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending Division 2, Water Safety Rules, of Article V, Boats and Waterways, of Chapter 8, Boats, Docks, Slips etc., Section 8-166, Speed Limits on Waterways of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale Providing for the Rezoning of a Portion of the Seminole River Canal from a Slow Speed Minimum Wake Area to an Idle Speed No Wake Area - (Commission District 4)

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Ordinance for the Second Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk