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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 15, 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

HEATHER MORAITIS Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District I

STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II

ROBERT L. McKINZIE Commissioner - District III

BEN SORENSEN Commissioner - District IV

CHRIS LAGERBLOOM, City Manager

DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk

ALAIN E. BOILEAU, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Ben Sorensen (arrived at 6:28 p.m.), Vice Mayor Heather Moraitis, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie (arrived at 6:40 p.m.) and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, City Clerk David R. Soloman and City Attorney Alain E. Boileau

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following changes to the published Agenda:

Revision:

M-3 - Exhibit 2 - Correction on page 12

A copy is attached to these minutes.

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[22-0275](#)

Minutes for January 5, 2022 Commission Regular Meeting and January 18, 2022 Joint Workshop with Florida Department of Transportation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 2 - Commissioner Sorensen and Commissioner McKinzie

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [22-0228](#)
1

Vice Mayor Moraitis to present a Proclamation declaring Tuesday, March 15, 2022, as Westminster Academy Girls Basketball Team Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Members of the *Westminster Academy Girls Basketball Team*, Coach Shannon Wallhof and Headmaster Joel Satterly joined Vice Mayor Moraitis at the podium.

Vice Mayor Moraitis presented a Proclamation declaring *Tuesday, March 15, 2022, as Westminster Academy Girls Basketball Team Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale* in recognition of winning the *State Championship*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Headmaster Satterly accepted the Proclamation and thanked Mayor Trantalis and the Commission.

PRESENTED

PRES- [22-0229](#)
2

Vice Mayor Moraitis to present a Proclamation declaring March 20-26, 2022 as National Surveyors' Week in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Youssef Kaddoura and Benjamin B. Hoyle joined Vice Mayor Moraitis at the podium.

Vice Mayor Moraitis presented a Proclamation declaring *March 20-26, 2022 as National Surveyors' Week in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Mr. Kaddoura and Mr. Hoyle accepted the Proclamation, thanking Mayor Trantalis and the Commission.

PRESENTED

RECESS

Mayor Trantalis recessed the Regular Meeting at 6:37 p.m. and

reconvened the Commission Conference Meeting.

RECONVENE

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:06 p.m. He announced Conference Meeting Commission Reports would be heard following adjournment of the Regular Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Trantalis announced that no Consent Agenda items were pulled for separate discussion by Commission Members.

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

CM-3:

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paul Chettle, 200 S. Birch Road. Mr. Chettle discussed concerns related to the Commission's termination of the City Auditor and the role and responsibilities of the City Auditor.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Boyd Corbin, 12 NE 26th Street, Wilton Manors. Mr. Corbin discussed Fiveash Water Treatment Plant concerns and related engineering reports.

CM-5:

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive. Ms. Fertig discussed the history and numerous contributions of Ivy Cromartie Stranahan (Ivy Stranahan) to the community and the City. Ms. Fertig discussed her support of Ivy Stranahan's nomination as a *2022 Inductee into the City of Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame* and recommended Commission approval.

CR-1:

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paul Chettle, 200 S. Birch Road. Mr. Chettle discussed concerns related to the stormwater bond, including the need to move aggressively and adding Melrose Park and Melrose Manors to the City's top priority neighborhoods for stormwater infrastructure.

CP-2:

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paul Chettle, 200 S. Birch Road. Mr. Chettle discussed concerns regarding underground infrastructure mapping and the *Consent Order* between the *Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)* and the City. Commissioner Sorensen commented on his understanding of underground infrastructure mapping.

City Manager Lagerbloom explained the need for this Agenda item and confirmed the urgency of underground infrastructure mapping.

City Attorney Boileau explained the background details of this Agenda item related to a dispute over the process.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

CONSENT MOTION

CM-1 [22-0236](#) Motion Approving an Event Agreement for Tease - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-2 [22-0187](#) Motion Approving an Event Agreement and Related Road Closures for Mercedes-Benz Corporate Run - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-3 [22-0141](#) Motion Approving Large User Wastewater Agreements with City of Oakland Park, City of Wilton Manors, City of Tamarac, Town of Davie, and Broward County - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-4 [22-0221](#) Motion Approving FY 2022 Beach Business Improvement District (BBID) Grant Participation Agreement with Lauderdale Air Show LLC., - \$100,000 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

- CM-5** [22-0234](#) Motion Approving Recommendations from the Walk of Fame Committee for 2022 Walk of Fame Inductees - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

- CR-1** [22-0002](#) Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Stormwater Utility System Special Assessment Revenue Bonds - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-2** [22-0173](#) Resolution Approving a Request for a Special Permit to Extend Construction Hours for the Pier Sixty-Six Hotel & Marina Development Subject to the Requirements of Section 17-10 - Construction of Large or Complex Projects (Transportation and Non-Transportation) of the City of Fort Lauderdale's Code of Ordinances District - (Commission District 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-3** [22-0201](#) Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Easement with Florida Power & Light (FPL) - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-4** [22-0249](#) Resolution Amending Resolution 21-98 by Rescinding City-Owned Property Designated as Affordable Housing Located at 509 NW 20th Avenue - (Commission District 3)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 [22-0239](#) Motion Rejecting all Proposals for Real Estate Brokerage Services RFQ - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CP-2 [22-0285](#) Motion Rejecting all Proposals for Program Management and Mapping Services RFQ - 12596-421 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

MOTIONS

M-1 [22-0186](#) Motion Approving an Event Agreement and Requests for Music Exemption for TACOCRAFT Cinco de Mayo and Rocco's Tacos Cinco De Mayo - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

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

APPROVED

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

M-2 [22-0238](#) Motion Approving an Event Agreement, Related Road Closures and Requests for Music Exemptions for Food in Motion- (Commission District 2)

Commissioner Glassman discussed concerns related to this event in the past and commented on backup information.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's comments, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed issues raised by Commissioner Glassman have been discussed with the event promoter towards ensuring they do not occur going forward.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Chris Gaidry, 1111 SE 15th Street, Deerfield Beach, on behalf of *Atlantic Studios - Strictly Local*. Mr. Gaidry explained *Food in Motion* is a smaller version of the *Night Owl Festival* and only closes a section on the north side of Sixth Street between Third Avenue and Fourth Avenue. He explained additional measures taken to prevent sidewalk parking and other items of concern.

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

APPROVED

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

M-3 [22-0272](#)

Motion Approving a Comprehensive Agreement with One Stop FTL, LLC Pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 255.065, related to City-owned Property located at 301 N Andrews Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 Commonly Known as the One Stop Shop - (Commission District 2)

Ken Krasnow, *Colliers International (Colliers)* Vice Chair, 800 Brickell Avenue, Miami. Mr. Krasnow narrated a slide presentation entitled *One Stop Shop Comprehensive Agreement Review & Analysis (Report)*.

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

Commissioner Glassman commented on discussions with One Stop FTL, LLC (Applicant) regarding venue capacity seating for local non-profit arts organization events. Updated language will be added to the Comprehensive Agreement related to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts' competition concerns.

Mr. Krasnow discussed details associated with an estimated value for the Applicant's proposed use of twenty-two percent (22%) of the Site versus the Site's appraised land value, including consideration of market demand and market dynamics.

Commissioner Sorensen remarked on the seventy-eight percent (78%) public use portion of the Site, similar plans associated with the Bahia Mar site, and related opportunities. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions regarding the Site's highest and best use, Mr. Krasnow noted mixed development, including retail and apartments or condominiums. Open greenspace would be as determined by Development Services Department Staff and less than seventy-eight percent (78%). Mr. Krasnow explained revenue numbers for the highest and best use and the Applicant's proposal over fifty (50) years and one hundred (100) years and expounded on financial details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions regarding the \$10,000,000

included in the Comprehensive Agreement and project timelines, Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., 901 Ponce de Leon Drive, on behalf of One Stop FTL, LLC (Applicant), explained related details. The \$10,000,000 relates to the open greenspace park area of the Site (Park). The Comprehensive Agreement requires issuing the Park Certificate of Occupancy before constructing the buildings. Ms. Toothaker discussed timeline details, estimated at two (2) years plus for site plan development, the approval process, and the development of construction documents.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question related to editorial comments in the *Sun-Sentinel* newspaper, Mr. Krasnow provided his opinion as a real estate professional. Mr. Krasnow said the City is receiving a generous return on the portion of the Site being developed and expounded on his perspective.

Ms. Toothaker narrated a presentation entitled *ArtsPark at One Stop Shop Comprehensive Agreement with One Stop FTL, LLC, according to Florida Statutes Section 255.065*.

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

In response to Vice Mayor Moraitis' question, City Attorney Boileau clarified the Site could qualify for Parks Bond funding and expounded related details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the need to strengthen language included in the Comprehensive Agreement regarding local non-profit use.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding local non-profit use, City Attorney Boileau said this language was requested by the Applicant and confirmed the need to address. Ms. Toothaker confirmed. Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Attorney Boileau remarked that language addressing amplified music until 11:00 p.m. would be removed from the Comprehensive Agreement.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions regarding public access to the seventy-eight percent (78%) portion of the Site, Ms. Toothaker explained no proposed fencing. Due to the open greenspace park being privately managed by the Applicant, inappropriate activities can be addressed.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on *Bahia Mar* greenspace and accessibility compared to the Site. Ms. Toothaker explained any organized events in the greenspace would require a Special Event Permit approved by the Commission. City Attorney Boileau confirmed that related language is included in the Comprehensive Agreement. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Moraitis' question, Ms. Toothaker said the Applicant does not anticipate closing the Site's park area for special events. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman commented on a large amount of previous public comments. Mayor Trantalis concurred and requested tonight's public statements address the financial information presented.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Renee Quinn, 440 NE 4th Avenue. Ms. Quinn spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Marilyn Mammano, 1819 SE 17th Street. Ms. Mammano commented on concerns related to her opposition to this Agenda item.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Ms. Mammano recommended including payment in lieu of taxes due to anticipated public services utilized by the Applicant. Ms. Mammano remarked on the need to strengthen the language in the Comprehensive Agreement related to special events in the Arts Park.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive. Ms. Fertig submitted *Downtown Master Plan* information regarding the Site's designation as a park and reviewed items of concern.

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

City Attorney Boileau remarked on discussions with Commission Members and updates to the Comprehensive Agreement addressing the topics raised by Ms. Fertig.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed other recent private-public partnership (P3) projects in the City, which did not include payment in lieu of taxes, i.e., *Inter Miami Stadium at Lockhart* and *War Memorial Auditorium at Holiday Park*. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stefanos Makrymichalos, 2406 SE 17th Street. Mr. Makrymichalos spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Anne Hilmer, 621 Idlewyld Drive. Ms. Hilmer spoke in opposition to this Agenda item, recommended deferral, and explained her viewpoint regarding aspects of the Comprehensive Agreement.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paul Chettle, 200 S. Birch Road. Mr. Chettle spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and recommended deferral.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Nancy Thomas, 1924 SE 24th Avenue. Ms. Thomas spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and expounded on concerns.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Madfis, 1619 SW 8th Avenue, on behalf of the Flagler Village Civic Association. Mr. Madfis spoke in opposition to this Agenda item, discussed concerns, and confirmed the highest and best use of the Site as a park.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Roth, 333 Sunset Drive. Mr. Roth spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and explained the need for additional details related to proposed plans for the Site and logistics.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, City Attorney Boileau confirmed the state statute regarding unsolicited proposals suggests a conceptual site plan when considering a Comprehensive Agreement. City Attorney Boileau expounded on details related to the process and explained project details and logistics would be dealt with in the Development Review Committee (DRC) process. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, City Attorney Boileau confirmed Staff is researching a P3 Ordinance and explained related details.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Boyd Corbin, 12 NE 26th Street, Wilton Manors. Mr. Corbin spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and commented on concerns.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tim Powers, 445 N. Andrews Avenue. Mr. Powers spoke in opposition to this Agenda item, recommended the Site be used as a park for planned future area development, and expounded on his concerns.

Commissioner Glassman responded to Mr. Power's comments and concerns. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis explained the responsibility of the City to provide useable well-managed open park greenspace and efforts to meet the needs of residents on the south and west sides of Flagler Village. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Leann Barber, 500 NE 1st Avenue. Ms. Barber spoke in opposition to this Agenda item. She expounded on her viewpoint regarding the Comprehensive Agreement and the timeline of negotiations with the Applicant. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, City Attorney Boileau confirmed special events on the Site's open greenspace need to go through the special event permitting process and receive approval. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Gaidry, 1111 SE 15th Street, Deerfield Beach. Mr. Gaidry spoke in support of this Agenda item and the positive community contributions of the Applicant, Jeff John.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Doug Coolman, 1911 Bayview Drive. Mr. Coolman spoke in opposition to this Agenda item. He discussed concerns related to income from the Site, the Comprehensive Agreement, the process, and the greenspace design.

Commissioner Glassman noted the Comprehensive Agreement includes having a minimum of three (3) meetings with *Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc. and Flagler Village* to discuss the greenspace design. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Bich-ly Ludwig, 600 NE 7th Avenue. Ms. Ludwig spoke in support of this Agenda item and her desire to see the area improved.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ciaran Gunn, 1207 Tequesta Street. Mr. Gunn spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Linda Carlson, 445 North Andrews Avenue. Ms. Carlson commented on concerns regarding the need for full-time public access to the Site and addressing homelessness.

Mayor Trantalis expounded on City efforts to accommodate the needs of the homeless. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mike Marrero, 101 NE 3rd Avenue. Mr. Marrero spoke in support of this Agenda item, amenities that the project would provide and parking availability.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Alexander Kazonci, 925 West Las Olas Boulevard. Mr. Kazonci remarked that this is not an earth based project and discussed the importance of nature and open greenspace for people and the community.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dan Stasi, 650 North Federal Highway. Mr. Stasi spoke in support of this Agenda item and expounded on his viewpoint.

Commissioner McKinzie discussed his support of efforts toward smart growth. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Sister Robin Merrill, 1404 East Olas Boulevard. Sister Robin spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and requested deferral. She recommended the City pursue a P3 with a land conservancy to preserve the Site and maintain it as open park greenspace.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dean Bairaktaris, 69 Hendricks Isle. Mr. Bairaktaris spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's questions, Mayor Trantalis said the Site has never been zoned as a park and remarked on numerous considerations for the Site by previous Commissions. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on feedback from area residents on this project and his viewpoint.

22-0312

WALK-ON - Motion to Extend Commission Meeting until 11 pm

Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to extend this meeting until 11:00 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED

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

Commissioner McKinzie commented on activating District 3 parks to address homelessness and expounded on his support of the Agenda item. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Richard Rossi, 641 NW 2nd Avenue. Mr. Rossi spoke in support of this Agenda item and the value and opportunities it would provide.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Daniel Gwynn, 1510 SW 32nd Court. Mr. Gwynn spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stan Eichelbaum, 411 N. New River Drive, on behalf of the *Fort Lauderdale Downtown Civic Association*. Mr. Eichelbaum discussed concerns and remarked on matters related to refining the process and recommended a deferral until resolved.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, City Attorney Boileau confirmed that any process refinement would not apply to this project, and current guidelines would apply.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ryan Reiter, 444 NE 7th Street. Mr. Reiter spoke in support of this Agenda item and expounded on his viewpoint.

Vice Mayor Moraitis discussed her viewpoint, the need for greenspace on the Site, her preference to use the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, and the City retaining Site operations.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on his support of the project and moving forward quickly with project permitting. He discussed details related to existing City parks and remarked that the Applicant would manage the Site's open greenspace.

Commissioner Glassman disagreed with Vice Mayor Moraitis' recommendation to utilize the RFP process and explained his viewpoint. He noted the ability of the Applicant to manage the Site and concurred with Commissioner McKinzie on the need to move forward quickly. Commissioner Glassman remarked on significant updates to the initial draft Comprehensive Agreement and confirmed the project

utilizes public land for a public purpose. He confirmed a readiness to move forward and approve this Agenda item's Comprehensive Agreement to include the four (4) amendments discussed. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commission McKinzie and Commissioner Glassman's question regarding the Applicant's timeline moving forward, Ms. Toothaker explained aspects of the anticipated timeline.

Commissioner Sorensen remarked on his optimistic perspective regarding homelessness efforts and the new Federal Courthouse. He discussed conversations with Ernst & Young (EY) and Staff about aspects of EY's analysis of the unsolicited proposal, and expounded on related details.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Jeff John, 100 SW 3rd Avenue (Applicant), explained the project's genesis, inspiration, and motivation towards activating and programming parks in the City. Mr. John confirmed the Applicant's commitment to a partnership with the City and expounded on his twenty years (20) of experience creating live events, hospitality venues, and food and beverage experiences.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed his comfort level with moving forward. He remarked that it makes financial sense while providing open space for the City and its residents.

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

APPROVED AS AMENDED

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Moraitis

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [22-0273](#)

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 April 5, 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 McKinzie introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

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

R-2 [22-0233](#)

Resolution Declaring Notice of Intent to Convey Fifteen City-Owned Properties Located in the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Area to the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency for Affordable Housing and Setting a Public Hearing for May 17, 2022, Pursuant to Section 8.02 of the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission District 3)

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

ADOPTED

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [22-0154](#)

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)

Mayor Trantalis opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Robert Spagnola, 1772 NE 18th Street, and *Poinsettia Heights Civic Association* member. Mr. Spagnola discussed support of parks funding included in the Commission Agenda Memo (CAM). He explained park needs in the *Poinsettia Heights* neighborhood, *Sunrise Middle School* and discussed related details.

Mayor Trantalis commented on related park funding discussions with Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation Department Director, and Zoie Saunders, Chief Education Officer.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Saunders provided background information related to this Agenda item, the *Education Advisory Board's (EAB)* efforts and working towards meeting the community's request for additional amenities. The requested turf for *Sunrise Middle School* was not recommended due to costs.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective and recommended Staff revisit needs of the *Poinsettia Heights* neighborhood.

Commissioner Sorensen remarked that *Sunrise Middle School* is in District 2 and would defer to Commissioner Glassman. He discussed the importance of *Sunrise Middle School* meeting the needs of elementary school students in District 4 and confirmed his willingness to utilize a portion of District 4 *Parks Bond* funding for land acquisition to meet promises to the community.

Commissioner Glassman concurred with Mayor Trantalis' comments and said he was not pleased with the \$1,000,000 allocated to *Sunrise Middle School*. He discussed his viewpoint on the need to ensure schools have everything they need and the generosity of the City funding schools' joint-use parks, which are the responsibility of the *Broward County School Board (School Board)*. One-third of the schools listed in the CAM are not part of the *Parks Bond*. Commissioner Glassman remarked on the ability to fund the \$1,700,000 for *Sunrise Middle School* through the Parks and Recreation Department budget or a portion of the *Parks Bond* fund from each Commission District's funding for land acquisition. City Attorney Boileau confirmed the ability to use those *Parks Bond* funds.

Vice Mayor Moraitis commented on her perspective and concerns regarding the process related to previous action by the Commission. Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Manager Lagerbloom recommended this Agenda item be deferred until April 19, 2022, to allow Staff to come forward with a new Agenda item based upon Commission input. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation Department Director, explained requirements of the *Parks Bond*, including the need to present Agenda item modifications to the *Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board (PRBAB)* for approval before returning to the Commission. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner McKinzie discussed his viewpoint regarding the process and his opposition to utilize funding from District 4's *Parks Bond* allocation for land acquisition. He remarked on the responsibility of the School Board to maintain its schools and commented on public access to public school playgrounds.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, City Attorney Boileau confirmed changes to this Agenda item should go back to the *PRBAB*.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed Staff would reallocate the \$1,700,000 for *Sunrise Middle School* and present to the *PRBAB* and the Commission. Further comment and discussion ensued on funding options.

City Attorney Boileau clarified parameters requiring updated Staff recommendations returning to the *PRBAB*. Further comment and discussion ensued. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed his understanding of Commission input, and Staff would work to comply and present updated Agenda item modifications.

Mr. Thornburg clarified this Agenda item includes Pickle Ball Courts in *George English Park*. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized James LaBrie, 1514 NE 20th Street, on behalf of the *Poinsettia Heights Civic Association*. Mr. LaBrie commented on the need to reallocate *Sunrise Middle School's* initial funding and his opposition to the approach taken by the *EAB* and the *PRBAB*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive. Ms. Fertig spoke about her efforts to support joint-use parks and the funding needs of *Sunrise Middle School* and *Fort Lauderdale High School*. She remarked on schools not addressed in the School Board's *2014 \$800,000,000 Bond* and urged the Commission to address the needs of all schools and children.

22-0314

WALK-ON - Motion to Extend Commission Meeting until 12:30 am

Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to extend this meeting until 12:30 a.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

APPROVED

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Sullivan, 600 SE 3rd Avenue, Acting Chief Communications Officer, *Broward County Public School Board*. Mr. Sullivan spoke in support of this Agenda item and thanked the Commission for its partnership with the School Board for School Resource Officers and joint use parks. Mr. Sullivan commented on limitations set by the State Legislature regarding the School Board's ability to raise its millage rate to fund needed school improvements. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's questions, Mr. Sullivan confirmed he would address general maintenance concerns at schools. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Marilyn Mammano, 1819 SE 17th Street, *Harbordale Civic Association* President. Ms. Mammano discussed the need for *Harbordale Elementary School* to access the joint-use parks program, including public access and playground equipment funding. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mr. Thornburg explained liability and safety concerns related to specific school playgrounds. There are plans to ensure joint-use parks have appropriate safety levels. Once achieved, school playgrounds would be opened up to the community.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to defer this item until April 19, 2022 and was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie.

DEFERRED to April 19, 2022

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

PH-2 [22-0169](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning of 0.576 Acres of Land Located South of SW 32nd Place, North of SW 33rd Street, East of SW 16th Terrace and West of SW 15th Avenue from Residential Single Family/Low Medium Density District (RS-8) to Residential Multifamily Low Rise/Medium High-Density District (RML-25) - 3303 Community Development, LLC. - 3303 SW 15th Avenue - Case No. UDP-Z21001 - (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 Jerry Shir, Esq., *Becker and Poliakoff* on behalf of the Applicant. Mr. Shir explained at the Planning and Zoning Board (P&Z Board) meeting, the Applicant voluntarily proffered a condition of approval to lower the density to twelve (12) units for the entire development site. He noted an error in the Staff Report that indicated twelve (12) units per acre. The Ordinance correctly states twelve (12) units for the entire development site.

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

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

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

PH-3 [22-0170](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning of 0.164 Acres of Land Located South of SW 32nd Place, North of SW 33rd Street, East of SW 16th Terrace and West of SW 15th Avenue from Residential Single-Family Duplex/Medium Density District (RD-15) to Residential Multifamily Low Rise/Medium Density District (RM-15) - 3303 Community Development, LLC. - Case No. UDP-Z21002 - (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 Jerry Shir, Esq., *Becker and Poliakoff*, on behalf of the Applicant. Mr. Shir said this is one parcel with split zoning. He explained during the Planning and Zoning Board (P&Z Board) meeting, the Applicant voluntarily proffered a condition of approval to lower the density to twelve (12) units for the entire development site. He

noted an error in the Staff Report that indicated twelve (12) units per acre. The Ordinance correctly states twelve (12) units for the entire development site.

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

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

OFR-1 [22-0196](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinance Section 17-7.7, Specific Restrictions, and Section 17-8.13, Exemptions, to Revise the Hours of Operations for Lawn Equipment - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question, Mayor Trantalis confirmed the Ordinance language for commercial lawn equipment operations state 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

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

OFR-2 [22-0213](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending Section 26-161 of the Code of Ordinances to Revise Eligibility Requirements for Residential Parking Rates Establish, an Electric Vehicle Charging Station Rate, Increase the Monthly Permit Parking Rate and Authorize the City Manager to Provide Reduced or No-Cost Parking to City Sponsored Educational or Professional Development Programs - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Vice Mayor Moraitis' question, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed individuals who own property in the City but do not routinely reside in the City can purchase a residential parking pass.

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 [22-0157](#)

Second Reading - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning from Commerce Center District (CC) to Uptown Urban Village Northwest District (UUV-NW)- City of Fort Lauderdale - 701 W. Cypress Creek Road and 6261 NW 6th Way - Citrix Systems, Inc. and Cypress 6261 LLC., - Case No. UDP-Z21003 - (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.

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

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

OSR-2 [22-0258](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending Subsection 26-8(b) - Impoundment of Vehicles, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale Providing for the Imposition and Collection of a Reasonable Administrative fee to Cover the Cost of Enforcement, Including Parking Enforcement, When a Vehicle is Towed from Public Property, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amended Agreement with Westway Towing, Inc. to Facilitate the Imposition and Collection of the Administrative Fee - (Commission

Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Lagerbloom inquired about the Commission's desire to have plexiglass partitions remain on this dais. Mayor Trantalis confirmed the plexiglass partitions should remain.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 11:52 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk