

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

1:30 PM

City Commission Conference Room

City Commission Conference Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

*JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER Mayor - Commissioner
ROMNEY ROGERS Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District IV
BRUCE G. ROBERTS Commissioner - District I
DEAN J. TRANTALIS Commissioner - District II
BOBBY B. DuBOSE Commissioner - District III*

*LEE R. FELDMAN, City Manager
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor
JONDA K. JOSEPH, City Clerk
CYNTHIA A. EVERETT, City Attorney*

Meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Mayor Seiler.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler, Vice-Mayor Romney Rogers, Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts, Commissioner Dean J. Trantalis and Commissioner Bobby B. DuBose

Also Present: City Manager Lee R. Feldman, City Auditor John Herbst, City Clerk Jonda K. Joseph, Assistant City Attorney Cynthia A. Everett and Sergeant At Arms Sergeant Joel Winfrey

No public comments were submitted by email for this meeting.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Events and Matters of Interest; Water Safety for Youth and Sister Cities Program

Members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events and matters of interest including water safety for youth and developing initiatives to benefit more from the Sister Cities Program.

Lighting; Sistrunk Boulevard

Commissioner DuBose asked about the status of lighting along Sistrunk Boulevard. The City Manager explained that staff has found a vendor who offered a less expensive product with better illumination. He indicated the item will be presented on September 16.

Security Cameras; Sistrunk Boulevard

Commissioner DuBose asked about the status of security cameras along Sistrunk Boulevard. The City Manager explained the initial plan was to install the cameras on existing poles, but that is not possible. Therefore freestanding poles will be required and test poles should be installed shortly. He agreed to prepare an item for the September 16, 2014 agenda.

Mizell Center

In response to Commissioner DuBose, the City Manager provided a verbal status report.

Tree Root Barriers

During a discussion about sidewalks at Commissioner DuBose's district meeting, it was suggested that some cities use root barriers around the tree base to prevent sidewalk damage. Commissioner DuBose wanted staff to look into the feasibility of this idea. He believed there are both above-ground and below-ground barriers. Mayor Seiler asked that City Forester Gene Dempsey be included in looking at the idea.

Compensation Differential between Charter Officers

Commissioner DuBose wanted to look again at the differential among charter officer salaries prior to his term ending in November. Commissioner Roberts felt there should be review of compression within upper management ranks as well. During some discussion on this topic, Commissioner DuBose noted that it appears charter officers receive 3 percent but apparently the City Manager receives 7 percent.

The City Manager explained when an adjustment was made on the 401 contribution to cap it, a differential was created to keep individuals including himself whole. He took a reduction in the 401A contribution and received a 4 percent differential to make up for it. Everyone else in that category received a 6.3 percent increase. The City Auditor clarified for all employees who were receiving the 401A at a higher level, the contribution was reduced permanently to a cap of 19 percent. It is allowed to float downward as the City's contribution may float downward at some point in the future. With the pension obligation bonds and improvements in the market, the City's contribution as a percentage of payroll will hopefully decrease over time. Salary adjustments were made so that there would be no net loss to employees. Based on IRS regulations, the City Manager's 401A contribution is capped. When his 401A contribution was reduced, it was not at a rate commensurate with what was done with other employees because his contribution was already at a lower level. Therefore, his salary adjustment was less. It was a one-time adjustment. It becomes part of his new base.

Commissioner DuBose felt it was essentially a 7 percent increase. It appears that the gap is widening between the City Manager and the other charter officers. The City Auditor offered to prepare a chart for review. Commissioner DuBose asked that this be reviewed by the Commission along with the compression issue.

District III Vacancy

Commissioner DuBose raised the issue of filling the vacancy created by his resignation. According to the charter, the Commission makes an appointment. Vice Mayor Rogers noted that the City Clerk provided a memorandum on the process. The City Clerk advised that it is primarily up to the Commission how they want to initiate the process. Vice Mayor Rogers suggested the matter be scheduled for discussion at a meeting. There was consensus to discuss the process at the September 16, 2014 conference meeting.

Broward County Historical Commission Pioneer Nominee

Vice-Mayor Rogers noted that the City has not yet made a nomination for Pioneer of the Year. He suggested a nominee. There was no objection. The City Clerk did not recall receiving notice of this matter and agreed to find out who is the contact person.

Good Neighbor Award

Vice-Mayor Rogers noted a suggestion that the City implement a "Good Neighbor Award," similar to the WOW Award. Neighborhoods that make significant contributions that benefit the City could be considered. Perhaps the City could seek sponsorships. Commissioner Trantalis said that criteria would need to be established. There was consensus agreement. The City Manager advised that the Neighbor Support Office will follow up.

Bicycling Rules

Vice-Mayor Rogers noted that, as the City continues to promote bicycling, the City should inform the public of the rules for using sidewalks and so forth. An educational event could be organized. Commissioner Roberts thought it was a good idea.

Bond Issues

In response to Commissioner Roberts, the City Auditor explained that a rule change is being discussed at the federal level that would effectively reduce the ability of banks to hold municipal bonds as a low-

risk asset. Several organizations are commenting on the rule because it will impact the municipal bond market. He responded to a series of technical questions in the general discussion of the Commission that followed. He believed it is in response to the financial crisis that began in 2008. Mayor Seiler wanted the City to take a formal position. The City Manager advised that the National League of Cities has taken a position on this matter. There was consensus agreement that the City Auditor work with staff and prepare something for the Commission's consideration.

Fred Carlson, 625 Orton Avenue, said Wall Street has looked at the value of the asset classes. Internationally, the dollar has, on occasion, been attacked because of this category. In general he believed the international banking community would like to see a more accurate evaluation of this asset class that would defend the dollar in times of crisis.

Police and Fire-Rescue Communications

Commissioner Roberts was unclear whether Fire-Rescue and the Police have the ability to communicate with each other without having to go through a dispatch channel which is critical. He felt the system transfer was moved too quickly. Training was inadequate. He wanted to see a list of complaints on a regular basis. The City Manager advised that weekly meetings are held with the County's Office of Communication Technology. Both Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler wanted reports on those weekly meetings. Mayor Seiler did not think there should be any part of the city that has gaps in coverage. Commissioner Roberts added that the City should be driving some of the protocols being developed.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 14-1013 QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2014

No questions.

CF-2 14-0997 SOUTH SIDE SCHOOL UPDATE

Vice-Mayor Rogers advocated for having one of the City's lobbyists assist with the sidewalk issue. Mayor Seiler agreed. The City Manager indicated that staff will task both of the City's lobbyists with this issue.

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Raymond Cox, no address provided, complained about the lack of progress on this project.

There was no one else wishing to speak.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 14-1119 NOMINATION OF NEIGHBOR TO REPRESENT CITY AT UNITED WAY OF BROWARD COUNTY 2014 MAYOR'S GALA

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment but there were no individuals wishing to speak.

Mayor Seiler advised that although the deadline has passed, the City can still submit a nominee. After a general discussion, Mayor Seiler suggested George Allen, the first African American to graduate from the University of Florida, Eugene Pettis, the first African American president of the Florida Bar Association or Sandy Casteel, the first to be honored as Citizen of the Year. Only one name can be submitted.

There was consensus to submit the name of Eugene Pettis. If unavailable, Sandy Casteel would be the nominee. The City Attorney agreed to contact Mr. Pettis.

BUS-2 14-1080 ANNUAL STREET MICROSURFACING PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Raymond Cox, no address provided, said it was difficult to get background information on this item because the information is online and he does not have access to a computer. Microsurfacing is important.

Public Works Director Hardeep Anand reviewed slides related to this matter. A copy of the slides is attached to these minutes. He pointed to slides that show over time how the surfacing levels out. The contractor on this work, Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., has worked in Lakeland, West Palm Beach, Jacksonville and Hallandale. Hallandale faced issues similar to what Fort Lauderdale is facing, that is, appearance. Some 60 to 75 complaints have been received and addressed. Quite a few compliments have also been received.

Commissioner Roberts explained that there is still some ridging in his street although the microsurfacing was done about a month ago. He asked about re-inspections. Anand confirmed that the streets on which they have received complaints would be re-inspected. Anand explained that the purpose of microsurfacing is not a factor of what is seen visually. Over time the imperfection marks go away. If there are imperfections that are ¼ inch or more, the contractor is required to fix them.

In response to Commissioner Roberts' question about Middle River, Public Works Construction Manager Jeffrey Benjamin explained that there was some rippling or ridging on Middle River Drive which has been fixed. If waving existed on the roadway before, the microsurfacing procedure would not necessarily correct them. There also were issues in Poinsettia Heights that have since been corrected. Commissioner Roberts pointed out that the quality of the product was not good and residents were concerned about diminishing the desired impact of speed humps. Benjamin advised that the same ½ surfacing was applied over the entire road so the profile (contour) of the speed humps would not be affected. Tom Donald, regional manager for Asphalt Paving Systems (APS), responded to Commissioner DuBose's question about the stamped speed humps, indicating that the contract provides for seven to be replaced.

Donald said that while APS is based in Tampa, the owner is a Fort Lauderdale resident. This is the first project of this size the City has taken as preventative maintenance. It is a three-year contract. APS wants the City to be completely happy. If it means redoing the roads, APS will do so.

Commissioner Roberts felt that notification and education has likely accounted for 70 percent of the problems. Vice-Mayor Roberts suggested the informational fliers for residents indicate when the restriping will be done. Donald advised that the weather has hampered the striping. Two contractors are going to be used to catch up.

Betsy Dow, 2133 Middle River Drive, said she is no longer a homeowner association president; she has

retired. The original speed humps are more effective than those that have since been microsurfaced. The approach has softened therefore motorists can go over them faster. The change is not as abrupt. Also, the double striping has not been consistently applied.

Bill Ciani, 1617 Middle River Drive, supported the project but also believed the speed hump approaches have been softened.

Charles King, 105 North Victoria Park Road, was concerned this is just a cheaper resurfacing method that lacks quality. One-third of the budget is going to police and fire. It's a matter of affordability with respect to other needs.

There was no one else wishing to speak.

Commissioner Trantalis asked if microsurfacing is really the answer. Anand said microsurfacing will protect the roads short of traditional paving. The cost differential is \$5 to \$27 per square yard. Other methodologies remove imperfections and preserve the road. For a large pothole, the road really has to be repaved. The goal in this project is to remove the small imperfections so that they do not become large over time. Commissioner Trantalis pointed out that large imperfections are not corrected by microsurfacing. The City Manager advised that there are roads in the pavement management system that scored so low they are considered to have failed. Those roads are not candidates for microsurfacing. The goal with microsurfacing was to improve roads that are candidates for filing to keep them from failing. It is as much preventative as anything else. The total project is about 36 linear miles for about \$2.245 million. Benjamin added it would cost at least \$12 million for the traditional asphalt repaving of the same amount of mileage. Anand confirmed for Commissioner Roberts that less than 6 percent of the roads are in poor, very poor, serious or failed condition. This project will improve roads that are in the fair condition, a little less than 20 percent of the city's roads. In response to Vice Mayor Rogers, Benjamin indicated that the average life span of a road is 16 years. If nothing is done, a road could fail as early as 10 years depending on road conditions and weather. Commissioner Roberts pointed out that the City previously repaved roads every 15 to 16 years regardless of whether they needed it.

Commissioner DuBose pointed out that software is used to calculate when roads need to be resurfaced. He questioned whether the microsurfacing is being factored in. The City Manager said all roads will be rescored every five years. There are two components in the analysis, the surface and sub-surface. Also, funding for failed roads will still need to be identified. Continual maintenance will need to be budgeted to the extent of an estimated annual \$700,000 to \$800,000. He believed that microsurfacing will need to be done about every seven to 10 years. Randy Shane, marketing director for APS, advised that Lakeland has been microsurfacing since 1991. Lakeland has a 10-year cycle. A road can be microsurfaced multiple times. Seventy percent of Lakeland's roads are microsurfaced. He stressed the importance of monitoring the roads because conditions could change.

Commissioner Trantalis asked about plans for the failed, serious, poor and very poor roads. The City Manager advised they will have to be addressed with other major infrastructure replacement. Commissioner Trantalis felt these roads should be a priority.

Vice-Mayor Rogers did not think this program makes perfect sense because there are some segments of roads that have not been addressed while others parts have. Mayor Seiler agreed there needs to be a plan for the 5.7 percent in the categories noted by Commissioner Trantalis. Vice-Mayor Rogers felt that subjectivity is still part of the equation. He would want to know about safety. Commissioner Trantalis wanted to be proactive. Donald explained that there is nothing wrong with the rock in the road. A green process is to grind up existing road materials and make a new base for installation of

new asphalt which is about one-third the price of conventional reconstruction. APS will be starting this type of work next week in Tamarac.

Commissioner Roberts wanted more detail on what is considered failed and the location or locations. Anand agreed to provide the information. Anand advised that the ranking system is fairly standard.

Mayor Seiler suggested information be presented to the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations. Anand advised that a presentation was made but it was not a scheduled agenda item. He plans to return and make a presentation that is an agenda item for the Council. Staff will also be reaching out to some of the homeowner associations.

The Commission recessed and convened as the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 3:30 p.m. The Commission then reconvened the conference meeting with Agenda Item BD-1 at 4:24 p.m.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

BD-1 14-1024 COMMUNICATIONS TO CITY COMMISSION AND MINUTES
CIRCULATED - period ending August 28, 2014

Central City Redevelopment Advisory Board

Motion made by Vice Chair Harmeling and seconded by Member Greenbaum to request a joint workshop with the City Commission in mid to late September 2014 to discuss general priorities for the redevelopment area moving forward. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Seiler suggested and there was consensus to arrange a lunch meeting, starting at noon. He felt noon is a good time for these types of meetings. The City Manager indicated that the Riverwalk workshop will require more than 90 minutes. Vice Mayor Rogers suggested it be held on the Riverwalk. There was consensus agreement for a time slot of noon to 2 p.m.

Community Appearance Board

Motion made by Mr. Yianilos and seconded by Ms. Hansen that the following be read as a communication to the City Commission:

Dear Mayor Seiler and Commissioners: As the Chair of the Community Appearance Board (CAB), I would like to take a moment to thank the City of Fort Lauderdale staff for their service and dedication to this Board.

The annual event was on May 9, 2014 and was another successful display of city projects and urban design excellence. Laura Gambino, the Community Appearance Board Liaison, coordinated the event. She was assisted in various ways by Videographer Ron Lyons, Petula Burks, David Rubin and Patricia Smith.

We would like to recognize Laura and the team for all their hard efforts in making the WOW program and the Annual CAB event a success in 2014. Please acknowledge them for their hard work and continued dedication to this citywide program.

Mayor Seiler noted the compliments of staff.

Economic Development Advisory Board

Motion made by Mr. Denison and seconded by Mr. Mihaiu that the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) requests permission and support from the City Commission to send a welcome letter to new businesses that includes the names of advisory board members and their respective businesses. In a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Dickey and seconded by Mr. Costello to request the City Commission call the formation of an advisory board sub-committee to research and discuss Economic Development business initiatives such as a revolving loan fund and crowdfunding.

Discussion ensued.

In a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Seiler suggested the Board prepare a draft letter for the Commission to review. In regard to the second communication, there was consensus agreement to ask that the Board handle it within the confines of the Board.

Northwest Progresso-Flagler Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board

Motion made by Mr. Mattern, seconded by Mr. Lagi, to move [the Wave loop proposal] forward to further discussion to vet the details with all the parties, and to bring it to the Commission and CRA Board for further discussion. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Raymond Cox, no address provided, expressed concern about traffic congestion. He contended that a fixed rail system has never benefitted a city. Mayor Seiler clarified that the Wave streetcar concept was initiated in the 1990s. Cox went on to complain about light outages around City Hall.

Board Chair Steve Lucas, 3010 NE 57 Court, explained the route of the Wave loop concept. The Wave is now planned for 3 Avenue. The idea is that it would turn left onto Sistrunk Boulevard and then again onto Andrews Avenue. It would encourage future development and tax increment financing (TIF) generation. Two additional streets would be completed. This has been examined by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) engineers. The cost is estimated at \$7 million to \$8 million. There appears to be support from the DDA and the South Florida Regional Transit Authority (SFRTA). The idea is for the project to be bonded and perhaps funded through the CRA. Flagler Village Civic Association supports the concept.

Commissioner Trantalis asked what prompted discussion of such an expansion. Lucas said he believed the DDA determined the Wave would be more successful as a loop and had initially looked at the project with a loop however the funds were not available at the time. In response to Vice Mayor Rogers, the City Manager advised that it would be a \$7.2 million construction budget that would have to be borne solely by the City or the CRA. Any bonding would have to be backed by the CRA's TIF. The City would have to commit to it by November at the latest. In response to Mayor Seiler, the City Manager advised that the cost estimate was developed by SFRTA's project manager. Commissioner DuBose commented that Congressman Hastings was instrumental in securing funding for the current Wave project and he had raised the idea of expanding it to Sistrunk Boulevard. He felt there should be a complete discussion. Commissioner Trantalis asked if the Sistrunk corridor was initially discussed. Vice-Mayor Rogers felt there is no question that development will occur. It is a matter of affordability.

There is no guess work about the need to connect to the airport and the seaport. There is traction among property owners on 17 Street who are willing to pay the assessment. He agreed with Commissioner DuBose that it is a broad discussion. Commissioner Roberts suggested placing the item on a future agenda for a broad-based discussion. Commissioner Trantalis questioned whether the Sistrunk corridor can afford the assessment like the corridors that are now doing. Commissioner Roberts commented that generally speaking he feels that light rail and the Wave should go many places. Opportunities may change as time goes on. Vice-Mayor Rogers felt there should be a little bit of wait and see. He felt it is best to first complete the current plan and get ridership established.

Commissioner Trantalis supported the proposed expanded route as the next best step. It will capture more population that would want to use it. Both Vice Mayor Rogers and Commissioner Roberts felt it is a matter of affordability. The City Manager advised that if the Commission wishes to have a broader discussion, it should take place soon.

Alan Hooper, representing Flagler Village Civic Association, said he served on the Downtown Development Authority when this idea came about in 2000. He is also the chair of the Fort Lauderdale Downtown Transportation Association. He sees the value of connecting the northwest into the downtown and the beach for worker commuting. The neighborhood, Flagler Village Civic Association and CRA advisory board support the idea of investing money into realigning the route into a loop. Now is the time to do this. The Sistrunk investment was huge; it showed commitment. This is a similar opportunity for Flagler Village. He urged the Commission to consider the idea and to do so soon.

Charles King, 105 North Victoria Park Road, spoke in support of the loop. The CRA was created to deal with a blighted area. There is funding available in the CRA. This train will solve the problem. It will attract people with money, intelligence and education.

Mayor Seiler felt discussion of the item including financing options needs to be scheduled. The City Manager agreed to add the matter to a future conference agenda.

There was no one else wishing to speak.

BD-2 14-1025 BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Please see regular meeting item R-1.

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Raymond Cox, no address provided, advocated for public restrooms.

There was no one else wishing to speak.

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| Affordable Housing Advisory Committee | Peter L. Cooper (Commissioner Roberts) |
| Audit Advisory Board | Martin J. Kurtz (Mayor Seiler)
Jennifer Diehl (Commissioner Roberts) |
| Aviation Advisory Board | Ron Carlson (Commissioner DuBose)
Jeffrey Fauer (Commissioner DuBose) |

Budget Advisory Board	Josias Dewey (Mayor Seiler) Frederick Nesbitt (Mayor Seiler) Chip Burpee (Vice-Mayor Rogers) James McMullen (Vice-Mayor Rogers) June Page (Commissioner Roberts) Drew Saito (Commissioner Roberts) Bob Oelke (Commissioner Trantalis) David Orshefsky (Commissioner Trantalis) Nadine Hankerson (Commissioner DuBose) Bryson Michael Ridgway (Commissioner DuBose)
Citizens Police Review Board	Kenneth Staab (Commissioner Roberts)
Community Services Board	Mark Fillers (Commissioner Roberts) Wanda Francis (Commissioner Roberts) Wendy Gonsher (Commissioner Roberts) Jason King (Commissioner Trantalis) Jasmin Shirley (Commissioner DuBose)
Education Advisory Board	Carey S. Villeneuve (Commissioner Trantalis)
Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights	Camille Hansen (Commissioner Trantalis)
Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board	Darin Lentner (Mayor Seiler) Karen Polivka (Mayor Seiler) Joseph Bellavance (Vice-Mayor Rogers) Stephen Buckingham (Vice-Mayor Rogers) Karen Doyle (Vice-Mayor Rogers) Bruce Quailey (Commissioner Roberts) Michael West Jr. (Commissioner Roberts) JoAnn Medalie (Commissioner Trantalis) Richard Henry Scanlan (Commissioner Trantalis)
Sustainability Advisory Board	Alena Alberani (Commissioner Trantalis)
Unsafe Structures Board	Joseph Crognale (Consensus)

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

None.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.