

City Commission Action Items 05-21-2024

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District (Requesting Official)	Title	Description	Summary Update	Status	Date Reported
0	Tree Planting	Mayor Trantalis would like to consider an initiative to plant 10,000 trees around the city.	5/15/2024 - Urban Forestry masterplan being completed that will provide a blueprint for strategic planting of trees throughout the city.	In Progress	4/3/2024
0	Funding for Termite Infestation Program	Mayor Trantalis requests funding to be allocated to termite infestation on the next funding cycle.	4/30/2024 - Staff Completed Training and outreach video has been created. Follow up meeting with Dr. Chouvenec has been scheduled for May 15 to discuss next steps in combating termites.	In Progress	10/17/2023
0	Changing Discharge Proceedings	Mayor Trantalis requests a report on the accomplishments made in changing the discharge proceedings to alleviate the homeless population.	3/26/2024 - City Manager and PD toured the County Jail and discharge process on March 13, 2024 and will be reporting back to Commission.	In Progress	10/17/2023
0	Incentives for Commercial Developments	Mayor asks to look into incentivizing developers financially to have them include necessary commercial space to revitalize our downtown areas.	2/27/2024 - Staff will be seeking input from Commission on what incentives to provide.	In Progress	4/4/2023
0	Broward County Funding	Mayor Trantalis request confirmation from Broward County to extend the term of the CRA.	4/09/2024 - Staff met with County Administrator on January 16. A County wide policy will be proposed by County in February. Written extension request to be sent to County in May.	In Progress	2/21/2023
1	Cleaning City Canals	Commissioner Herbst requests a report on options to address the cleaning of the canals including strategies used by neighboring cities.	5/10/2024 - A Conference Meeting presentation will be provided in June.	In Progress	4/3/2024
1	Boat Dock Permits for Upland Properties	Commissioner Herbst would like to look into modifying the boat dock permits for upland properties.	5/15/2024 - City Attorney Office will bring Ordinance first reading in June.	In Progress	3/5/2024
1	Park Impact Fees	Commissioner Herbst requests a standardized process to improve the Park Impact Fee Process	4/30/2024 - The Office of Management and Budget will meet with the City Attorney's Office and Parks and Recreation to discuss and draft a process. OMB is drafting a policy and presentation to be shared with the City Commission in conjunction with other stakeholders.	In Progress	3/5/2024
1	Intercity Rail Application	Commissioner Herbst requests in writing the wording of the city having authority to apply to the intercity rail grant opportunity.	5/11/2024 - The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) release remains pending.	In Progress	12/19/2023
1	Bal Harbour Park Property	Commissioner Herbst would like to look into purchasing park property in Bal Harbour	5/15/2024 - The City is working with property owner on draft purchase and sale agreement.	In Progress	11/21/2023
1	Designs for Lockhart	Commissioner would like regular updates on the design program with AECOM	5/15/2024 - Commission provided direction to proceed to 100% design.	Long Term Project (120 Days or Older)	7/20/2023
1	FXE Runway Expansion Impact	Commissioner Herbst requests FXE to consider the quality of life for neighbors that live close to the runway expansion area by looking into mitigating aircraft noise impacts and changing flight paths.	5/15/2024 - Urban Forestry masterplan being completed that will provide a blueprint for strategic planting of trees throughout the city.	Long Term Project (120 Days or Older)	7/5/2023
2	Pedestrian Access on Federal Highway	Vice Mayor Glassman would like Federal Highway to have pedestrian access by Holiday Park.	5/11/2024 - Report to be provided at future Conference meeting.	In Progress	5/7/2024
2	Parks Impact Fee Report	Vice Mayor Glassman would like to see a report of the park impact fees and all sources of revenue.	5/15/2024 - Report to be provided at future conference meeting.	In Progress	5/7/2024

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2	Shuttle Stops	Vice Mayor Glassman requested adding shuttle stops to current routes and potential funding from Broward County Transit.	4/29/2024 - TAM is working with Broward County Transit to identify all stop locations within Fort Lauderdale.	In Progress	3/19/2024
2	Notice Period for Applications Requiring Public Notice	Vice Mayor Glassman requests that Staff review current City policy regarding the 3-day advance public notice requirement for residents and homeowners who are within the notice requirement area for applications being reviewed by City boards and the City Commission.	4/08/2024 - Request to review notice requirements in the code for items being considered by a board or the City Commission. Staff will review sections of the code that have a minimum 3-day notice requirement and make recommendations for amendments to the code. The minimum requirement for the publishing of agendas is found in the ULDR and the code of ordinances. Requirements found in both are a minimum and often exceeded by staff when publishing agendas and sending notices. Staff is reviewing draft memo.	In Progress	1/23/2024
2	State Legislation on FRS Pension Plans	Vice Mayor Glassman requests that staff draft a memo to the Commission that outlines what the City is expecting from proposed State legislation that is designed to address FRS pension plans specifically policies for City employees that receive no retirement benefits despite the City making contributions on their behalf. Commissioner Glassman also requests that City staff remind our lobbyists about the City's interests in this matter.	5/15/2024 - Staff will work with our lobbyists and legislative delegation to draft bill for 2025 session.	In Progress	1/23/2024
2	Landscaping in District 2	Vice Mayor Glassman requests landscaping in Las Olas Oceanside Park and Barrier Island.	4/26/2024 - Parks has received direction to stop placing additional rocks on the barrier island and begin using plant material.	In Progress	12/19/2023
2	Charter Review Board Meeting	Vice Mayor Glassman requests the Charter Review Board Meeting to be held January 9th, 2024.	5/01/2024 - Charter Review Board expects recommendations to be available in May 2024. Joint Workshop scheduled on May 21st.	In Progress	12/19/2023
2	Disruption of Bicycle Riders	Vice Mayor Glassman requests to resolve the disruption of bicycle riders in A1A.	3/25/2024 – Letter was sent to Broward County Chiefs. Broward multi-agency action plan to address large-scale, organized traffic takeovers in progress.	In Progress	11/7/2023
2	Sailboat Bend Archaeological Testing Relief	Vice Mayor Glassman would like staff to see what can be done for Sailboat Bend residents on Archaeological testing. The testing is expensive for home-owners. Is there an alternative or support that could minimize the cost or requirement	5/01/2024 - The consultant is conducting research. The next phase is analysis. Work is expected to be completed by fall 2024.	In Progress	8/22/2023
2	Undergrounding Outreach	Vice Mayor Glassman is requesting a schedule of meetings for HOAs and neighborhoods requesting undergrounding.	4/08/2024 - The solicitation closed to secure a Professional Engineering Firms that will provide Undergrounding design and program support. The solicitation closed on March 22, 2024 with 5 proposals received. Staff is currently reviewing the proposals with the anticipation of awarding two contracts by this summer. Staff has submitted requests for ballpark estimates from FP&L, Comcast and AT&T for Idlewyld, Riviera Isles, Sunrise Key and Harbour Inlet to be ready for the next steps as soon as the consultants have been selected.	Long Term Project (120 Days or Older)	2/26/2023
2	Level 2 Projects Public Participation	Vice Mayor Glassman is requesting staff to look into public participation outcomes for level 2 projects and potentially having public participation requirements for all project levels.	5/01/2024 - Request to add a public participation element to Level 2 DRC projects. Amendment will be presented before the Planning and Zoning Board in May 2024.	In Progress	12/6/2022
2	Sea Turtle Beach Lighting	Vice Mayor Glassman asks staff to look into the initiatives that other coastal South Florida areas are implementing and also compare fines to FTL.	5/07/2024 - According to research completed by staff the program the City is operating is comparable to other municipalities along the South Florida coast. Further, the state has verified that turtle nests cannot be relocated by a municipality unless a valid conservation purpose exists which must be agreed to by the state.	In Progress	10/18/2022
2	NWCRA Extension	Vice Mayor Glassman would like an update on the process/progress in asking for an extension with the County and State to keep the NWCRA in operation.	2/27/2024 - Staff met with County Administrator on January 16. A countywide policy is expected to be proposed by county in February. Written extension request to be sent to County in May.	In Progress	2/16/2021
3	Aflac Career Readiness Program	Commissioner Beasley-Pittman requests to move forward with the Aflac Career Readiness Program.	4/30/2024 - Staff following up directly with AFLAC representative about current broker of record for these coverages.	In Progress	3/5/2024
3	Accelerate Stormwater CIP at NW 17th Ct & 30th Ave	Commissioner Beasley-Pittman requests the FY25 Stormwater CIP project at the intersection of NW 17th Court and 30th Avenue be accelerated to be designed and constructed in FY24.	4/08/2024 - This proposed project is to design and construct stormwater improvements, to include infiltration trench, at the intersection of NW 17th Ct and 30th Ave. The project is not funded until Fiscal Year 2025, and there is no staff capacity within the stormwater team to accelerate it into the FY24 program. Staff will prioritize this project within the FY25 program to initiate design.	In Progress	2/26/2024

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3	Expedite the Melrose Manors Stormwater Project	Commissioner Beasley-Pittman requests City Manager to have conversations with Broward County, FDOT, and the Army Corps of Engineers to expedite the permitting and licensing process to complete the project.	4/08/2024 - Staff and the design consultant are currently working on 60% designs for the new stormwater systems, with completion of design expected in December 2024. Staff continues to work on two major issues that are impacting design: 1) securing locations on city property for siting of the two stormwater pump stations needed, and 2) obtaining a feasible pathway to install a force main from the stormwater pump station to the North Fork of the New River. Current working estimate for project is \$70M - \$90M. Staff met with representatives from ShipMonk property on March 6, 2023 to discuss an easement for an outfall and infrastructure through their property and have provided a tentative alignment for the new pipe for review.	In Progress	2/26/2024
3	Strategy to Adopt a Smart City	Commissioner Beasley-Pittman requests a strategy to adopt to become a smart city.	2/28/2024 - After preliminary research and consultation with industry experts, state, federal and local officials, IT recommends the City of Fort Lauderdale engage with expert consultants for a needs assessment to develop a comprehensive roadmap for a Smart City Broadband Master Plan. A needs assessment will help the city determine the appropriate and strategic steps in bridging the Digital Divide while increasing community collaboration, as well as financial models, business case and assistance with immediately available grant funding opportunities. Preliminary estimates for a comprehensive Smart City Broadband Master Plan need assessment is approximately \$100K based on two firms consulted. Staff is to provide recommendations and present options for City Commission to consider for FY25.	In Progress	10/24/2023
4	Personnel on EMS Units	Commissioner Sturman would like to see a recommendation on increasing the number of personnel in EMS units.	5/07/2024 - Staff working on putting information together. Will provide communication to City Commission with realistic timelines on a future conference item.	In Progress	5/7/2024
4	Miami Tunnel Tour	Commissioner Sturman would like to schedule a tour of the Miami tunnel.	5/11/2024 - Commissioner Sturman remains interested but has not provided available dates/times.	In Progress	3/5/2024
4	Biking for Commissioner Series	Commissioner Sturman is requesting City Manager's support in kicking off Biking with the Commissioner series.	2/27/2024 - Transportation and Mobility Staff worked with the District Four Office to coordinate an initial bike ride on February 17 th . Additional coordination and funding will be needed for the implementation of a longer-term series.	In Progress	1/23/2024
4	Appointed Chief Waterway Officer	Commissioner Sturman recommends a Chief Waterway Officer to be appointed.	1/30/2024 - Staff is developing job description for the position. Will be included as a decision package for FY 25.	In Progress	10/17/2023
5	Recruitment of New City Manager	City Commission requests a firm to be hired to recruit the new City Manager.	5/15/2024 - Recruitment firm selected. Presentation on May 21st Conference meeting on selection advisory board and timeline.	In Progress	4/16/2024
5	Utility Bills	City Commission requests to come back with a recommendation in changing the utility bill policy.	4/25/24 - Surveying other local governments to determine how other agencies handle utility billing customers. Next step will be to review with the City Attorney's Office and bring recommendation to June 4th Conference meeting.	In Progress	4/16/2024
5	Neighborhood Engagement in Master Plans	City Commission requests a program for communities to engage in neighborhood master plans.	4/09/2024 - This is a request to create a program to allow neighborhoods to develop vision plans. Staff will develop program guidelines and a budget request to implement the program.	In Progress	4/3/2024
5	Public Education on City Development Projects	City Commission would like to have more public education on the process of city developments.	5/19/2024 - This is a request for staff to develop a strategy to increase public understanding of the planning process and development review process. Progress is being made on video and planning for future outreach.	In Progress	2/20/2024
5	Tunnel Top Branding	City Commission requests to bring back a recommendation on the Tunnel Top Branding in a future conference meeting.	5/13/2024 - Staff awaiting quotes and designs to begin the FDOT approval process.	In Progress	2/20/2024
5	Collaboration to Increase Gun Safety Programs	City Commission request to connect with County School Board Representatives and civic associations to increase gun safety programs.	5/09/24 - Due to resignation of Broward County Schools Superintendent, meeting shall be rescheduled.	In Progress	2/6/2024
5	Safety Enforcement	The City Commission is seeking safety enforcement as it relates to the congregation of homeless individuals at various intersections throughout the City (NE 30th St. and NE 33rd Ave., Oakland Park and Federal, Brickell and Broward Blvd. Avenue of the Arts and Broward) and also the Tunnel Top plaza.	4/30/2024 - Staff preparing plan to address congregating at identified locations throughout the City.	In Progress	1/23/2024

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5	Transfer of Development Rights Program	City Commission request a Conference Item to discuss an approach to improve the Transfer of Development Rights Program.	5/10/2024 - DSD is working with Legal on a draft amendment that will meet the stated goal of this request which it is to improve the program to increase usage. The goal is to present the amendment to the Planning and Zoning Board in July or August 2024.	In Progress	1/9/2024
5	Bridging Sailboat Bend and Himmarshee Historic Districts	City Commission request a proposal to bridge Sailboat Bend and Himmarshee Historic Districts.	5/01/2024 - The Commission gave direction to identify funding for the effort. Staff is identifying funding and will update the Commission on a schedule at a later date.	In Progress	1/9/2024
5	CRA Central Cities Expenditure Items	City Commission requests an update in 90 days with a clear structure of CRA Central Cities expenditures	4/09/2024 - Staff reviewed with the Advisory Board on February 22nd. Board requested surveys of neighborhood associations to determine project type priorities.	In Progress	1/9/2024
5	Noise Cameras Case Study	City Commission request data on other cities to draft a noise camera policy.	4/08/2024 - PD and DSD will meet with the City Manager to discuss findings and a recommendation for the Commission.	In Progress	12/19/2023
5	Medical Marijuana Ordinance	Mayor Trantalis would like staff to propose an ordinance to mitigate/regulate medical marijuana sale via mobile vendors. Bring back to future conference meeting.	4/08/2024 - Staff has continued to address mobile vendors with the enforcement of existing regulations. Staff met with the Mayor's Office and a representative of the Florida Tobacco Free Partnership to understand their position on mobile smoke shops and they provided positive feedback on our regulatory measures that are in place. Since September 2023, the City has received one complaint about mobile vendors and our nighttime code enforcement team has found very few instances of mobile vendors operating outside of the City's regulations.	In Progress	8/22/2023
5	Lead Contamination	Mayor Trantalis would like a study initiated to determine if there is lead contamination from small aircrafts and provide update to Lofts of Palm Aire community.	5/01/2024 - The consultant has completed Task 1 (Soil Sample Collection) and Task 2 (Data Evaluation). Task 3 (Compilation of Report) is anticipated to be submitted on Friday May 3, 2024 for review.	In Progress	8/21/2023
5	Management of Beach Events Plan	City Commission requests better management of beach events, particularly centralizing the process internally, coordinating with the Coast Guard regarding bridge schedules, improving pedestrian flow and traffic flow, fee schedule, and limitations.	5/01/2024 - PD, Fire, and Parks have met to discuss solutions, including a cross functional approach to approval and management. Staff will present an update to the City Commission at a future conference meeting.	In Progress	4/4/2023
5	Fiber Optic Lights	Make sure fiber optic lights are working on the sidewalk wall of A1A between Sunrise and NE 18th Street	3/25/24 - The fiber optic lights embedded in the wave wall along A1A have been damaged in many areas beyond repair. Test area was installed just north of FTL Beach Parking Lot.	In Progress	1/27/2023
5	Las Olas Garage Mesh/Lighting	City Commission request for updates on the acceptance of the Las Olas Garage	5/11/2024: Outside Counsel developing next steps plan.	In Progress	1/24/2023
5	Cemetery Mausoleum	City Commission is requesting further investigation of the mausoleum inquiry.	4/29/2024 - This project is slated to build three mausoleums totaling 476 crypts at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery. The vendor has successfully met the terms of the negotiations phase and warranty duration. Procurement is working on the final contract with the vendor, Sagaris Corp.	In Progress	1/24/2023
5	Benefits Comparison to Other Broward County Cities	City Commission would like a deep data analysis on the effects of the opt-out benefit to include: 1) How many participated 2) amount of the opt-out 3) the financial impact to the City and Broward County 4) the impact to individuals who do not opt-out, what happens to their benefits (co-pay and annual premiums) 5) If a certain number of new employees do not enter the plan, what is the reduced revenues to the plan, and how does that impact the premiums of those still in the plan.	5/15/2024 - Follow up to be provided at the June Conference Meeting.	In Progress	8/16/2022