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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

4:00 PM

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

### **CITY COMMISSION - SPECIAL 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*

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

## QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 5 - Commissioner Heather Moraitis, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie, Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen, and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### PH-1 [22-0429](#)

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, James Gammack-Clark, *Florida Atlantic University (FAU)*, explained the Commission request for a minor update to the redistricting map and confirmed there were no subsequent changes since the First Reading of the Ordinance on April 19, 2022.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's request, Mr. Gammack-Clark provided a recap of the redistricting process, and redrawing district maps and explained the redistricting calculations that moved *Riverland Village* from District 4 to District 3. Mr. Gammack-Clark expounded on district boundary changes to achieve the appropriate population balance with the goal of not exceeding the maximum ten percent (10%) standard legal protocol for population differences in each district.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on the process and explained his perspective.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the numerous redistricting meetings and results of the process. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on her support of Commissioner McKinzie's position to keep a historically black area in District 3 intact.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding a highlighted area on the map being moved from District 4 to District 3, Mr. Gammack-Clark confirmed it would not divide any neighborhood.

Mayor Trantalis recognized J.J. Hankerson, 905 NW 2nd Avenue, on behalf of the *Progresso Village Civic Association*. Mr. Hankerson noted his support of Map 6.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's request for clarification, Mr. Hankerson confirmed his support of Map 6B.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Alexander Cabrera, 3210 SW 17th Street. Mr. Cabrera confirmed his opposition to Map that moves *Riverland Village* into District 3.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dr. Pamela Beasley-Pittman, 500 NW 19th Avenue, *Historic Dorsey-Riverbend Civic Association* President. Dr. Beasley-Pittman spoke on the history of redistricting in District 3 and explained the crucial aspects of including the District 3 community in redistricting conversations.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michelle Hemple, 2020 SE 33rd Avenue. Ms. Hemple spoke in opposition to Map 6B, which moves *Riverland Village* into District 3. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis explained the District Commissioner representing *Riverland Village* would be a strong advocate for the neighborhood. 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 Vice Mayor Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Vice Mayor Sorensen, and Mayor Trantalis

Vice Mayor Sorensen commented on the efforts in District 4 to address *Fort Lauderdale International Airport (FLL)* noise and confirmed that work would continue.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' questions, Mayor Trantalis confirmed the Commission is voting on Map Alternative 6B that is attached to the Agenda.

Mr. Gammack-Clark explained details of Commission redistricting discussions that included District 3 considerations presented during the April 19, 2022, Commission Meetings. The Commission selected and passed Redistricting Map 6B on Ordinance First Reading during the April 19, 2022, Commission Regular Meeting.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question, Mr. Gammack-Clark confirmed that Map 6B remains consistent at the First Reading with the exception of moving thirty-four (34) people along the western side of Seventh Avenue.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question, Mr. Hankerson discussed his viewpoint regarding *Regal Trace Apartments* and *City View Apartments*. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, City Attorney Boileau explained there is one (1) redistricting map Ordinance before the Commission at this Special Meeting, which the majority of the Commission passed on the First Reading on April 19, 2022, and is now before the Commission for the Second Reading and vote.

Further comment and discussion ensued regarding redistricting boundaries, neighborhood civic association boundaries, residential complexes in and around neighborhood civic associations, and plat references in legal property descriptions.

**ADOPTED ON SECOND READING**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

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Dean J. Trantalis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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David R. Soloman  
City Clerk