

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

City Commission Regular Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

***DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor
ROBERT L. McKINZIE Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District III
HEATHER MORAITIS Commissioner - District I
STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II
BEN SORENSEN Commissioner - District IV***

***CHRIS LAGERBLOOM, City Manager
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, City Clerk
ALAIN E. BOILEAU, City Attorney***

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

Invocation

Chaplain Ron Perkins, Fort Lauderdale Public Safety

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

ROLL CALL

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

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Alain E. Boileau, City Auditor John Herbst, and Sergeant at Arms Jeff Brull

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following Agenda modifications:

Deferral:

M-1 - Deferred to November 19, 2019 Commission Regular Meeting

Revisions:

M-3 - Title should read "Grant" instead of "Grand".

R-4 - Resolution and Memo Revised to reflect Planning and Zoning date of July 17, 2019

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[19-1097](#)

Minutes for October 2, 2019 Commission Conference Meeting, October 2, 2019 Commission Regular Meeting, October 15, 2019 Commission Conference Meeting and October 15, 2019 Commission

Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [19-0937](#)

1

"New Zealand - Your partner two movies and one meal away ".
Welcome and Introduction of Her Excellency The Honorable Rosemary Banks, New Zealand Ambassador to the United States of America - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis introduced and welcomed Her Excellency The Honorable Rosemary Banks, New Zealand Ambassador to the United States of America. Her Excellency Banks thanked Mayor Trantalis for the warm welcome, expounding on similarities, details and connections in the bilateral relationship between the United States and New Zealand.

PRESENTED

PRES- [19-1110](#)

2

Proclamation declaring the Month of November, 2019 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Sorensen presented a Proclamation declaring the month of *November, 2019 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety. He commented on the numerous efforts and benefits of addressing homelessness. Darryl Cunningham, Broward County Community Partnership Director, accepted the Proclamation, discussing collaborative efforts and thanking Mayor Trantalis and the Commission. Lynne Wines, Broward Business Council on Homelessness, discussed benefits of the collaborative efforts involved in addressing homelessness and the positive results, thanking Mayor Trantalis and the Commission.

PRESENTED

PRES- [19-1043](#)

3

Proclamation declaring November 5, 2019 as Swim Fort Lauderdale Masters Team Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman presented a Proclamation declaring *November 5, 2019 as Swim Fort Lauderdale Masters Team Day* in the City of Fort Lauderdale. He requested Swim Fort Lauderdale Masters

Head Coach Marty Hendrick and members of the team join him at the podium. Commissioner Glassman read the Proclamation in its entirety. Coach Marty Hendrick thanked Mayor Trantalis and the Commission, commenting on programs offered by the Masters Program, the City being known as the swimming mecca of the world and anticipation for the new Aquatic Complex.

PRESENTED

PRES- [19-0755](#)
4

Recognition of Participants in the City of Fort Lauderdale's Sixth Neighbor Leadership Academy - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Keith Ferrell, Senior Management Fellow, Neighbor Support Division, recognized participants of the City of Fort Lauderdale's Sixth Neighbor Leadership Academy (Leadership Academy). Mr. Ferrell gave an overview of the Neighbor Leadership Academy, acknowledging collaborative efforts and Academy graduates. Mayor Trantalis thanked all participants.

PRESENTED

PRES- [19-0933](#)
5

Presentation - Business Engagement Assistance & Mentorships (BEAMs) 2019 Graduation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mike Chen, Economic and Business Development Manager, recognized graduates of the *Business Engagement Assistance & Mentorships (BEAMs) 2019 Graduation Program*. He expounded on small business statistics, the efforts of the BEAMs Program to ensure the success of small businesses and the collaborative efforts towards achieving goals identified in the City's *Strategic Plan*. Mr. Chen announced the name of each graduate.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Trantalis announced the following Consent Agenda items were pulled by members of the Commission for separate discussion:

Commissioner Moraitis: CR-8

Commissioner Glassman: CR-8 and CP-1

Members of the public spoke on the following Consent Agenda items that were not pulled by members of the Commission for separate discussion:

Agenda Item CM-6:

Mayor Trantalis recognized Renee Jaffee, Chief Executive Officer of the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, 6301 NW 5th Way. Ms. Jaffee expounded on the responsibilities and details related to the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, thanking Mayor Trantalis and the Commission for their support of item CM-6.

Agenda Item CM-4:

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King commented on contributions to the United Way and his overall perspective on this topic. Mayor Trantalis expounded on efforts related to these charitable efforts addressing homelessness. Vice Mayor McKinzie noted his concerns regarding the homeless population gathering the Women's Club. Mayor Trantalis concurred, discussing ongoing efforts to address this topic.

CONSENT AGENDA**CR-8** [19-0678](#)

Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization for Transportation Planning Services - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive and on behalf of her neighborhood. Ms. Fertig commented on the impact of upcoming plans for integrating portions of the Transportation and Mobility Department (TAM) with the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). She expounded on details regarding specific concerns in the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between TAM and the MPO, citing examples in her neighborhood. Ms. Fertig requested clarification of TAM and MPO job responsibilities, requesting responsibilities impacting local neighborhoods to remain with TAM Staff.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on concerns raised by District I residents and the *Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations (CFLCA)* regarding the ILA. She requested an update regarding a timeline for filling current vacancies and how these would merge with the ILA.

City Manager Lagerbloom explained details of the reorganization and addressed the concerns raised by neighborhoods. He noted an organizational chart defining TAM and MPO responsibilities reviewed at a previous Commission Conference Meeting. City Manager Lagerbloom

confirmed that TAM Staff would remain in the City and be responsible for local neighborhood planning. TAM would interface with the MPO for larger, regional transportation project planning.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Interim Director of TAM. Mr. Rogers gave an update on the recruiting process and efforts to fill vacant positions. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions regarding the implementation of daily mobility plans, Mr. Rogers reiterated the comments of City Manager Lagerbloom. TAM Staff would be available to address neighborhood needs. Mr. Rogers expounded on details regarding how concerns are reported by calling the *954-828-4TAM phone number* or emailing *transportation@fortlauderdale.gov*. Reported concerns will be filtered out to responsible parties, including traffic maintenance, public works and planning. Karen Warfel, Program Manager - TAM, will be the point person for the City to work with the MPO for the fulfillment of duties.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Mr. Rogers explained the plan to have a representative for each District. The City will have four MPO City Staff members dedicated to each District in addition to the other forty-one (41) TAM Staff. These four MPO staff members would report to William Cross, MPO Planning & Programming Deputy Executive Director, and James Cromar, MPO Strategic Initiatives Deputy Executive Director.

Mr. Rogers explained plans going forward to integrate MPO systems with TAM to determine appropriate checks and balances and ensure transportation-related needs of the City are at the forefront. He expounded on details to ensure City Staff has the oversight capability to understand where an item is in the timeline, actions taken, and resident updates. Further comment and discussion ensued on additional items of concern. Mr. Rogers confirmed that the City would retain full control of local projects, the priority list and related details. The MPO would assist in achieving all transportation goals.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Greg Stuart, Executive Director of the MPO. Mr. Stuart expounded on his plan to meet with Commission members to prioritize transportation items, and coordinate capital programs to ensure projects come to fruition.

Mayor Trantalis recommended setting aside an hour during the upcoming 2020 Commission Goal Setting Session for discussions with MPO Staff to prioritize transportation items. Commissioner Sorensen concurred, noting the importance of responsiveness and execution of City projects.

Commissioner Glassman discussed questions regarding items in the ILA, including his concern about a single position at the MPO managing a large amount of City projects in addition to acting as a neighborhood liaison. Mr. Rogers confirmed that the position would be staffed by Karen Warfel, Program Manager - TAM. It is envisioned that efficiencies in TAM and MPO's work structure would be addressed in the two-three month transition period. Those details would be presented to the Commission.

Mr. Stuart explained the responsibilities of the four District MPO Staff members who will be responsible for addressing transportation items within each respective District. Ms. Warfel would provide direction to each of those MPO District Staff members who would have a thorough understanding of projects within their assigned District. Mr. Stuart cited examples and expounded on related details.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the ability of District MPO Staff to participate in neighborhood association meetings, confirming this is included in the ILA.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding costs associated with the \$225,000 startup fee, Mr. Cross explained it includes expanding MPO office space, advertising for positions, MPO Staff costs addressing the transition and other items.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding other municipalities around the country having a similar relationship with other MPOs, Mr. Stuart confirmed it is common. He discussed similar relationships and related details in the northern part of the State and other parts of the country, including California.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding the MPO identifying a Project Manager for City Transportation Services (Project Manager), Mr. Cross said he would be leading this effort, expounding on his qualifications. Three staff members would be hired to support the Project Manager and the full resources of the MPO would be utilized to address any specific issues.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Mr. Cross confirmed Karen Warfel would be the point of contact for the day to day management of projects. Mr. Cross confirmed that he and Mr. Stuart would be responsible for the management of contract implementation.

Commissioner Glassman commented on his concern regarding the ILA limit on the number of meetings. It was confirmed that the limit relates to budget concerns and the ability to be flexible while ensuring that projects get off the ground. Further comment ensued. It was confirmed there would be no limit on project outreach meetings to the public.

Commissioner Glassman discussed social media as an optional service, rather than a core service. Mr. Rogers confirmed these services would remain in-house within the City and MPO resources would supplement as needed.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding the City supporting a project not supported by the MPO and vice-versa, Mr. Stuart said the City would supersede, explaining related details.

In response to Commission Glassman's question regarding cases in which the City and MPO apply for the same funding, Mr. Stuart confirmed that there would be no cases when both the City and the MPO would be applying for the same grant funding. Regarding the limit to three (3) grants listed in the ILA, Mr. Stuart confirmed this only pertains to grant writing due to the capacity of the MPO. There is no limit to the number of grants that could be applied for and written by City Staff.

In response to Commission Glassman's question regarding surtax oversight, Mr. Stuart explained there would be no conflict, noting other Broward County municipalities are in discussions with the MPO for similar ILAs. Mr. Stuart noted that the only other Broward County municipality that had some consternation regarding having an ILA was the City of Hallandale Beach, which had nothing to do with competitiveness. Other cities desire to enter into ILAs with the MPO.

In response to Commission Glassman's question regarding limiting the number of cases in which the MPO develops transportation management plans for special events, Mr. Stuart confirmed that this is due to capacity.

Commissioner Glassman discussed input on this topic from the *CFLCA* and *Lauderdale Tomorrow* that they would like included, which he submitted for the record. He commented on the importance of these concerns being addressed and entered them into the record. City Manager Lagerbloom noted that some of these items are not done today and he could not guarantee they would be done in the future.

Copies of these documents are attached to these minutes.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective and support of the ILA

Agreement with the MPO, recommending moving forward and commenting on the synergies of both entities that will create great efficiencies for the benefit of the City and communities. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this item which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

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

CP-1 [19-0980](#)

Motion Approving Contract for Isle of Palms Seawall Replacement - Poseidon Dredge & Marine, Inc - \$1,952,767 - (Commission District 2)

Commissioner Glassman requested a deferral of Agenda Item CP-1 until the next meeting, November 19, 2019 to allow an additional meeting and address questions on costs and related items. He confirmed he would be meeting with *The Isles* neighborhood tomorrow night to address those topics. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the project is ready to move forward. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to defer this item until the November 19, 2019 Commission Regular Meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

DEFERRED to November 19, 2019

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

CONSENT MOTION

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Vice Mayor McKinzie made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner Moraitis.

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

CM-1 [19-1016](#)

Motion Approving Event Agreements: Icarus Florida Ultrafest and Dayonte Resiles - (Commission Districts 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

- CM-2** [19-1009](#) Motion Approving Event Agreements and Related Road Closures: Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival - WOODSTOCK Street Screening, Light Up Downtown, Tour De Coast, and Engel & Volkers Grand Opening - (Commission Districts 1, 2 and 4)

APPROVED

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

- CM-3** [19-1022](#) Motion Accepting FY2019/20 Broward County Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant Program Funds - \$184,104 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

- CM-4** [19-0996](#) Motion Approving a Fiscal Year 2020 Not-For-Profit Grant Participation Agreement with United Way of Broward County for Homelessness - \$750,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

- CM-5** [19-0998](#) Motion Approving a Fiscal Year 2020 Not For Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Junior Achievement of South Florida, Inc., - \$101,700 (three-year total) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

- CM-6** [19-1013](#) Motion Approving a Fiscal Year 2020 Not For Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Early Learning Coalition of Broward, Inc. - \$123,747 (three-year total) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

- CM-7** [19-1065](#) Motion to Amend the Annual Action Plans for Fiscal Years

2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019 for the Community Development Block Grant Program - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

APPROVED

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

CM-8 [19-1066](#)

Motion to Amend the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) for Fiscal Years 2013-2016, for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-9 [19-1025](#)

Motion Approving the Acceptance of Equipment from Broward County Healthcare Coalition via Davie Fire Rescue in the amount of \$796.50 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-10 [19-1026](#)

Motion Approving the Acceptance of Equipment from the City of Hollywood Fire Rescue Department via the Broward County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Grant Program in the amount of \$6,770.50 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-11 [19-1012](#)

Motion Authorizing Settlement of Property Claim with Certain Underwriters at Lloyds, London, et al. - \$156,041.61 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-12 [19-1076](#)

Motion Authorizing Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim in the Matter of Jorge Benitez-Merlo v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Case No. 16-017173DAL - \$300,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-13 [19-1034](#) Motion to Approve an Agreement with Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc. for Calendar Year 2020 Events - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

CR-1 [19-1018](#) Resolution appointing Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L., as special counsel, to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with the AIDS Healthcare Foundation's (AHF)'s appeal to the Board of Adjustment and any subsequent legal proceedings therefrom - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-2 [19-1112](#) Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Appointing Meredyth Sloane Cooper, Esquire, and the law firm of Lydecker Diaz, as Special Counsel to the City of Fort Lauderdale, for Construction Related Matters, Prescribing an Hourly Rate of Pay for Such Legal Services, and Providing for an Effective Date - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-3 [19-1060](#) Resolution Declaring the City's Official Intent to Reimburse Itself from the Proceeds of the Special Obligation Stormwater Revenue Bonds for Stormwater Improvement Projects - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-4 [19-0798](#) Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into the 2018 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement between The State of Florida Division of Emergency Management and the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-5** [19-1052](#) Resolution Waiving the Competitive Solicitation and Selection Processes Contained in the Procurement Ordinance for Procuring Accela Master Software as a Service and Approving Agreement - Accela, Inc. - \$3,652,776 (estimated six-year total) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-6** [19-1014](#) Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2020 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-7** [19-1011](#) Resolution Ratifying a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No. 769, Affiliated with International Brotherhood of Teamsters, effective November 5, 2019 through September 30, 2022 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT PURCHASE

- CP-2** [19-1100](#) Motion Approving Negotiated Fee Schedule and Contract for Conceptual Streetscape Design for Las Olas Boulevard - The Corradino Group, Inc. - \$765,644 (estimated not-to-exceed total) - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

APPROVED

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

MOTIONS

- M-1** [19-1081](#) Motion Approving Rent Abatement for Riverfront Cruise and Anticipation Yacht Charters, LLC for Dockage Agreement - (Commission District 2)

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to defer this item to the December 3, 20219 Commissioner Regular Meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

DEFERRED to December 3, 2019

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

- M-2** [19-1093](#) Motion Approving Recommendations for the 2019 Citizens Recognition Awards - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive. Ms. Fertig announced the following Citizens Committee of Recognition (Committee) 2019 Awards Recommendations:

Citizen of the Year - Marcia Pinder

Distinguished Citizen - Gail Butler and Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese

Honored Founder - Frank Stranahan

Exemplary Former City Employee - George Gretsas and Jack Lokeinsky

Ms. Fertig reviewed the timeline, meeting dates and details regarding these recommendations. She clarified aspects of the Committee's recommendations. The Committee recommended the category of Exemplary Former City Employee should honor both nominees. The Committee discussed updating the guidelines and aspects of the application process to address Commission comments, including adding a category entitled *Distinguished Public Servant*, which would be presented to the Commission at a future meeting.

Michael Albetta confirmed there has been more than one nominee per award category in the past. Former Mayor Jim Naugle explained details related to backup documentation for nominees.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Police Officer Shane Calvey, President - Fraternal Order of Police. Officer Calvey commented on the *Distinguished Citizen Award* and the *Exemplary Former City Employee Award* with regard to the process and the need for consistent, clear standards. He expounded on the process and timeline, details listed in the Committee's Meeting Minutes and nominee recommendations for next year.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King commented on Commission direction to select one nominee per award category and his perspective on this item.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the Committee following the appropriate process, Mr. Albetta confirmed the process was followed, expounding on details. Further comment and discussion ensued on the process.

Ms. Fertig expounded on the reasoning of the Committee regarding the selection of nominees. She confirmed the Committee would clarify guidelines as envisioned by the Commission, expounding on details.

Commissioner Moraitis noted that there was no application submitted for Mr. Gretsas. Ms. Fertig suggested this is an issue for Commission consideration, commenting on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective of what transpired, the application process and the need to respect the decisions of Advisory Boards. Further comment and discussion ensued. Vice Mayor McKinzie inquired about the process, commenting the work history of the *Exemplary Former City Employee* nominees. He noted the political nature of this process which needs to be addressed to remove related difficulties.

Commissioner Glassman commented on the need to address the Committee's enabling legislation, expounding on details related to the Commission requesting one nominee for each category. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen reviewed the Committee's July 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes, expounding on details related to the Committee position regarding having applications for nominees. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic.

Commissioner Glassman reiterated his perspective that there should be only one nominee per category, recommending one receive this award this year and one receives a nomination next year.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed this item would be addressed by category.

Vice Mayor McKinzie made a motion to approve this item as amended recognizing Jack Lokeinsky as recipient of the *Exemplary Former City*

Employee Award and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

APPROVED AS AMENDED - Exemplary Former City Employee - Jack Lokeinsky

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Vice Mayor McKinzie

Nay: 1 - Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to approve Marcia Pinder as the recipient of the *Citizen of the Year Award* and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED - Citizen of the Year - Marcia Pinder

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

Commissioner Moraitis made a motion to approve this item as amended confirming Gail Butler as the recipient of the *Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award*.

APPROVED AS AMENDED - Distinguished Citizen - Gail Butler

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

Commissioner Moraitis made a motion to approve this item naming the late Frank Stranahan as as the recipient of the *Honored Founder of the Year Award* and was seconded by Vice Mayor McKinzie.

APPROVED - Honored Founder - Frank Stranahan

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

M-3 [19-1072](#)

Motion Approving FY2020 Beach Business Improvement District (BID) Grand Participation Agreement with Exclusive Sports Marketing, Inc. of Florida - \$10,000 - (Commission District 2)

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

APPROVED

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

M-4 [19-1010](#)

Motion Approving an Event Agreement and Music Exemption with Archdiocese of Miami, Inc. for St. Jerome Catholic Church and School Fall Festival 2019 - (Commission District 4)

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

APPROVED

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

M-5 [19-1101](#)

Motion Approving Event Agreement with Miami Beckham United LLC for the Inter Miami CF Northwest Club - (Commission District 1)

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

APPROVED

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

NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS

NP-1 [19-1087](#)

Joel Lippman - Water for Certified Nature Preserve

Mayor Trantalis recognized Joel Lippman, 1921 SW 4th Street. Mr. Lippman gave a neighbor presentation on concerns regarding his residence, a nearby Certified Nature Preserve and Broward Housing Solutions, citing examples and explaining related details. He requested the Commission assist him with these concerns. Mayor Trantalis confirmed Neighbor Support Staff would contact Mr. Lippman to look into the situation.

RECEIVED

NP-2 [19-1116](#)

Boyd Corbin - Drinking Water from Fiveash

Mayor Trantalis recognized Boyd Corbin, 12 NE 12th Street. Mr. Corbin gave a neighbor presentation on the topic of drinking water quality from the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant, explaining related details, citing examples and making recommendations. Mayor Trantalis noted discussions on this topic earlier in today's Commission Conference Meeting, confirming no decisions have been made. Upcoming meetings are scheduled in November and December 2019 and will be noticed to the public.

RECEIVED

NP-3 [19-1125](#)

Charles King - Community Redevelopment Agency

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King gave a neighbor presentation on the topic of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), explaining concerns regarding the award CRA funds, citing examples and making recommendations.

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RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [19-1078](#) Appointment of Board and Committee Members - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Clerk Jeffrey Modarelli read the names of the Board and Committee nominees for the appointment and/or reappointment at the November 19, 2019 Commission Regular Meeting into the record.

City Clerk Modarelli read the names of individuals nominated for the Beach Business Improvement District Advisory Committee and Community Services Board into the record that would be added to this Resolution as amended.

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

A copy of the list of Board and Committee appointees and terms is attached to these minutes.

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

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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

R-2 [19-1129](#) Resolution Providing Notice of Intent to Enter into a Comprehensive Agreement for a Qualified Project Submitted as an Unsolicited Proposal by Hensel Phelps Construction Co. Pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Manager Lagerbloom informed the Commission about the need to define the time period to advertise for competing proposals. This time period can be between 21 and 120 days. Commissioner Glassman recommended 21 days. City Attorney Boileau confirmed this Resolution reflects the 21 day time period.

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

ADOPTED

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

R-3 [19-1102](#)

Resolution Appointing Representatives to the Working Group and Technical Group Relating to the Memorandum of Understanding with Broward County Regarding Collaborative Study and Development of an Integrated Solid Waste and Recycling System - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Manager Lagerbloom explained this item appoints a primary and secondary Commission member delegate to serve on the Working Group and Technical Group Relating to the Memorandum of Understanding with Broward County Regarding Collaborative Study and Development of an Integrated Solid Waste and Recycling System (Working Group), expounding on details. The Resolution should also affirm the appointment of Melissa Doyle, Solid Waste Program Manager - Sustainability Division, Public Works Department to the Working Group as a Staff member. Commissioner Sorensen nominated Commissioner Glassman.

Ms. Doyle explained the details of this item and the Working Group. Commission delegates will be representing the City along with other delegates representing twenty-nine (29) other Broward County municipalities to address the County's long-term plan for solid waste infrastructure, expounding on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution nominating Commissioner Glassman as the primary delegate and himself as the secondary delegate and Melissa Doyle as a Working Group Staff member which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED - Primary Member - Commissioner Steven Glassman;
Secondary Member - Commissioner Ben Sorensen; Staff Member-
Melissa Doyle**

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

R-4 [19-1080](#)

Quasi-Judicial Appeal of Planning and Zoning Board Denial of a Rezoning Application - The Guitar Broker - 816 NW 6th Avenue - Brody Family Investments, LLC - Case No. Z19002 - (Commission District 2)

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

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

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Craig Brody, Brody Family Investments, LLC, applicant and property owner. City Clerk Modarelli swore in Mr. Brody for testimony.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the applicant is a previous recipient of Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funding, Mr. Brody confirmed. Mayor Trantalis reviewed previous information regarding this topic, including the \$350,000 in CRA funding being utilized to expand and improve the existing warehouse and to create lease space with high-end architectural products, asking if this was done.

Mr. Brody explained the two-year history of CRA funding and a previous potential tenant who offered high-end architectural products, expounding on details. The current interior space is a brand new building and high-end showroom. Mr. Brody explained the potential to attract future tenants, confirming the CRA funding was used as intended and the initial tenant had moved on. He explained the amount of investment in the building prior to obtaining CRA funds.

City Attorney Boileau explained the standard to be followed by the Commission to determine if an appeal of the Planning and Zoning Board (P&Z Board) is appropriate. The criteria for an appeal is competent and substantial evidence in the record to support the decision of the P&Z Board or a departure from the essential requirements of the law. Should the Commission make this determination and so desire, a De Novo Hearing (Hearing) would be scheduled. Mr. Boileau confirmed that should the Commission grant an appeal, this item has been appropriately advertised based on actions at the October 15, 2019 Commission Regular Meeting and a Hearing could proceed tonight.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Matthew H. Scott, Esq., Dunay, Miskel and Backman, representing the applicant. Mr. Scott narrated a presentation that is the basis for the applicant's appeal.

A copy of Mr. Scott's presentation is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Scott expounded on details in the associated P&Z Board Meeting Minutes, stating that there was no clear understanding or record of why the P&Z Board denied the applicant's rezoning request and noting this is a deviation from the essential requirements of the law. Further comment and discussion ensued on the P&Z Board's debate regarding spot zoning. Mr. Scott reviewed statements of those participating in the P&Z Board Meeting illustrated in his presentation. Mr. Scott expounded on

his legal position, reviewing what was discussed in the P&Z Meeting and citing examples.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., on behalf of Gaddis Capital. Ms. Toothaker presented the position of Gaddis Capital in opposition to the appeal of the P&Z Board decision on this item, narrating the presentation noted below.

A copy of Ms. Toothaker's presentation is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective and determining an approach that would allow a middle ground for businesses to migrate and enhance the overall appearance of industrial areas. Ms. Toothaker commented on her client's position, stating this is spot zoning, expounding on details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective. Ms. Toothaker confirmed her client is willing to meet with Mr. Scott's client and take a holistic approach to this topic.

City Attorney Boileau explained details related to a recent law requiring decisions being reduced to writing, stating that not doing so is not a departure from the essential requirements of the law, expounding on details related to recent court decisions. Further comment and discussion ensued on competent and substantial evidence.

City Attorney Boileau confirmed support of the P&Z Board decision on this matter, expounding on related details.

Commissioner Moraitis concurred with City Attorney Boileau's position, noting her perspective regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

Anthony Fajardo, Director of the Department of Sustainable Development, commented on use variances, stating they have occurred before.

City Attorney Boileau said that this item addresses the rezoning of one property, explaining available options including an overlay or rezoning of the area and the issue before the Commission. Commissioner Moraitis noted similar items in District I and the need for flexibility.

Vice Mayor McKinzie noted his perspective to adhere to the comments

of City Attorney Boileau.

Commissioner Glassman commended Mr. Brody for his efforts on this property, noting the need to follow the process, expounding on details. He commented on his perspective, the need for flexibility, urging all parties to work together towards a resolution and expounding on details.

Ms. Toothaker committed to initiate a conversation with Staff and other area property owners for a discussion and consensus towards reaching Commission goals, commenting on the need to protect some industrial areas.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on his perspective, stating his support of the applicant's improvements and plans but noting the need to follow the process. He expounded on other zoning changes that have been done in a shortened timeline and the need to activate these types of uses, encouraging collaborative efforts discussed earlier.

Mr. Scott responded, stating that the City chose to process a land-use amendment for the entire area to create the Northwest Regional Activity Center (NW RAC), citing examples and expounding on details. The applicant responded to the invitation presented by the creation of the NW RAC to make a significant investment with the use of NWPFH CRA funding and uses available in the RAC.

Commissioner Glassman requested City Attorney Boileau address the RAC concern raised by Mr. Scott. City Attorney Boileau confirmed that his interpretation differs, explaining his position.

Vice Mayor McKinzie asked Mr. Fajardo about details related to the creation of the NW RAC boundaries. Mr. Fajardo explained details of the NW RAC boundaries and related specifics. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Fajardo explained that the nature of RACs is to allow a mixed variety of uses. The underlying land use is the guiding principle for rezoning a property. City Attorney Boileau explained details regarding the zoning of this area. Mr. Fajardo noted this area was zoned industrial prior to the RAC land use.

Mr. Brody commented on his perspective and his outreach efforts to the Gaddis Company. He expounded on the adverse condition of surrounding properties and the potential for his property to provide change and opportunities, expounding on details.

Mayor Trantalis recapped the decision before the Commission, explaining related details that include future plans for this area. He expounded on his overall perspective on this topic.

Vice Mayor McKinzie introduced this Resolution upholding the decision of the Planning and Zoning Board to deny the rezoning request which was read by title only.

ADOPTED - Upholding Planning and Zoning Board's Denial of the Rezoning

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

Mayor Trantalis confirmed the consensus of the Commission directing the City Manager to address and consider more efficient use of this area, working with adjacent neighbors in a collective attempt to fulfill the future purposes of the neighborhood and put forth in the *Visioning Statement*. Commissioner Glassman also requested neighborhood civic associations be included in these efforts. Mayor Trantalis concurred.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [19-1071](#)

Resolution Designating Real Property Located at 1801 SW 1 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315 as a Green Reuse Area Pursuant to Florida's Brownfields Redevelopment Act - (Commission District 4)

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

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

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

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Moraitis

PH-2 [19-0852](#) Quasi-Judicial - De Novo Hearing on Appeal of Planning and Zoning Board Denial of a Rezoning Application and Ordinance Rezoning from Industrial (I) to General Business (B-2) - The Guitar Broker - 816 NW 6th Avenue - Brody Family Investments, LLC- Case No. Z19002 - (Commission District 2)

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REMOVED FROM AGENDA

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

OFR-1 [19-1099](#) Emergency Ordinance Amending Subsection 27-264(g) of the Code of Ordinances - Dockless Mobility Programs - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 [19-0750](#) Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Amending City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-24, Development Permits and Procedures, Providing Approval Process for Development Permits in the Uptown Urban Village Zoning Districts; Amending Article XIII - Additional Zoning Districts, Establishing Section 47-37B "Uptown Urban Village Zoning Districts", List of Districts, Intent and Purpose of Each District, Applicability and General Regulations, List of Permitted and Conditional Uses, Table of Dimensional Requirements, Special Regulations; and Amending Section 47-28, Flexibility Rules, Applicability; Conditions specific to the Uptown Urban Village Project Area - Case No. T19011 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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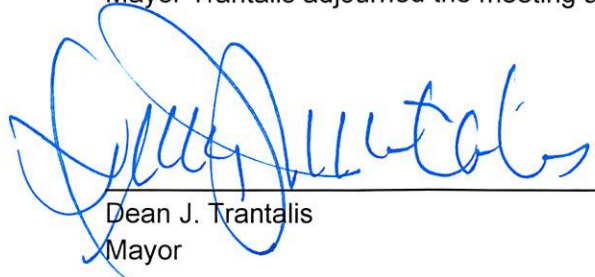
Commissioner Moraitis introduced this Ordinance for the Second Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.



Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeffrey A. Modarelli
City Clerk

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.
CITY HALL – 8TH FLOOR
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FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33312**

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Charlie Leikauf	P	8	1
Jo Ann Smith	P	8	1
Karen Polivka	P	9	0
Marianna Seiler	P	7	2
Martha G. Steinkamp	P	8	1
Mary Peloquin	P	2	1
Michael Flowers Jr.	P	7	2
Robert Payne	P	6	3
Roy Grimsland	A	7	2
Tangerean Moore	A	1	2

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Roll Call

Chairperson Karen Polivka called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll was called, and all stood for the pledge of allegiance. It was determined that a quorum was present.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Save for next meeting 11/19

By Amy Martinez

The Making of an Urban Trail

Last March, the Jacksonville City Council approved a plan to build an urban trail system similar to the BeltLine in Atlanta. The details of Emerald Trail:

▶ **Length:** As proposed, the Emerald Trail will link 14 city neighborhoods via 30 miles of biking and walking paths around downtown.

▶ **Cost:** The project is expected to cost at least \$31 million and take 10 years to complete. Construction

is to begin next fall.

▶ **Cleanup:** Building the trail will involve restoring two polluted creeks and converting contaminated land to parks, playgrounds and other public spaces along the trail. In addition, the trail will be developed on public rights of way.

▶ **First:** The first phase of the project will start at the south end of an existing trail converted from old railroad tracks near downtown

and run for 1.3 miles to the city's convention center.

▶ **Urban boost:** Advocates say Emerald Trail will help revitalize Jacksonville's urban core, encourage healthy lifestyles and spur economic development. The trail passes by 18 schools, two colleges and 28 parks, as well as restaurants, shops and businesses.

Part of the Emerald Trail will wind along an elevated roadway in Jacksonville.



SOUNDING BOARD

Kay Ehas

CEO, Groundwork Jacksonville



"What research shows is that the folks who benefit the most from a trail are the people who live near it. So if you think about where this trail is going, it's going into African-American neighborhoods. For every dollar spent on a trail, there's almost \$2 in direct medical cost savings. Property values increase, on average, 6%. I think it creates mobility equity. You don't need a car to get around. You can walk or bike. If we design it really well — and that's what our donors expect — it's going to improve the aesthetics of everywhere it goes. It will improve those neighborhoods and how they look. It creates economic development opportunities. Developers are expecting a lot out of this. I had one developer from Atlanta, whose offices are on the BeltLine, call me before buying property along the trail route. His plan is mixed-use — offices, apartments, artist lofts, things like that. He knows the impact the BeltLine has had on Atlanta, and that was an impetus for him to buy the property."

Laying the Groundwork

Founded in 2014, Groundwork Jacksonville is a public-private partnership charged with mapping out the Emerald Trail. The non-profit — part of a national network of trusts focused on sustainable land development and restoration — also is tasked with raising half the funding for the trail; the city will cover the rest. Groundwork Jacksonville developed the trail's master plan with the PATH Foundation, which has helped build more than 280 miles of trails in Georgia, and KAIZEN Collaborative, a trail planning and design firm based in Tucker, Ga.



Keys to Communicating Effectively in an Emergency

November 5, 2019



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Background



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Defining an Emergency

- A serious situation of unexpected occurrence that demands immediate action and communication.

Importance of Communication

- During an emergency, coordinated, timely and accurate communication can:
 - Provide critical information
 - Help save lives
 - Protect property
 - Build credibility and trust
 - Control rumors and misinformation

Organization, Roles and Responsibilities



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Organizational Structure

- Work directly with Emergency Management
- Follow National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS):
 - Establishes a common operating structure
 - Allows communication to flow within and across City departments as well as between agencies, organizations and jurisdictions
 - Ensures the City speaks with a single, unified voice

Emergency Operations Center

- Central command and control facility
- May be activated in response to any type of emergency (i.e., natural or manmade disaster, severe weather, disease outbreak, terrorism, infrastructure failure)



Collaborative Process

- EOC brings leaders from operations and support together to strategize, collaborate, share information and help make timely, accurate decisions to address the emergency
- Multiple reporting sessions
- Conference calls with Broward County, local municipalities, state and federal agencies

Strategic Communications Office

- Follows Comprehensive Emergency Operations (CEMP) and Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plans
- Interfaces with key personnel to gather, verify, coordinate, and disseminate accurate, accessible, and timely information
- Acts as a clearinghouse for internal and external messaging

Strategic Communications Office

- Answers key questions including:
 - What information will be shared?
 - Who will it be shared with?
 - When will it be shared?
 - Where will it be shared
 - How will it be shared?
- Controls rumors and misinformation
- Identifies the City's lead spokesperson

Elected Officials

- Be visible, informed and involved
- Run media inquiries through Strategic Communications to ensure the City maintains “one voice,” and everyone has the most up-to-date information
- If posting on social media accounts, promote official city accounts and push messages sent out by Strategic Communications
- Do not post or comment unnecessarily. Provide facts and relevant updates only.
- Engage with residents, note their concerns, provide the information to incident command.

Messaging



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Clear Messaging

- Be Timely
- Be Accurate
- Be Credible
- Be Caring
- Be Consistent (i.e., provide regular updates)

Multiple Platforms

- **Website** - www.fortlauderdale.gov
- **CodeRED** - transitioning to Everbridge for telephone, email, and text alerts
- **Email Alerts** - via Constant Contact
- **Twitter** - @FTLCityNews
- **Facebook** - City of Fort Lauderdale
- **Nextdoor** - nextdoor.com
- **Instagram** - @cityoffortlauderdale
- **Neighbor Emergency Information Line** - 954-828-8888
- **24-hour Neighbor Service Center** - 954-828-8000
- **Lauderserv App** - for smartphone or tablet
- **FLTV** - Government access cable television channel

Before the Emergency

- Plan, train, educate and inform
- State what the City is doing to prepare
- State what the public should be doing to prepare
- Example:
 - Educating the public about hurricane preparedness takes place throughout the year
 - When Dorian formed, messages began a week in advance:
 - Forecast track of storm
 - Weather conditions and potential impacts
 - Emergency preparations measures
 - Ways to stay in touch

During the Emergency

- Messaging includes information about:
 - Incident itself (i.e., what took place)
 - Cause and impact of the incident
 - Actions the City is taking to respond
 - Status of operations
 - Actions the public should take
 - Resources committed
 - Dispel rumors and misinformation
 - Projected next steps
 - Announce regular updates

Working with the Media

- Be available
- Stay calm, stay positive, stay on point
- Be caring, competent, and credible
- Communicate key, simple actions
- Repeat key messages



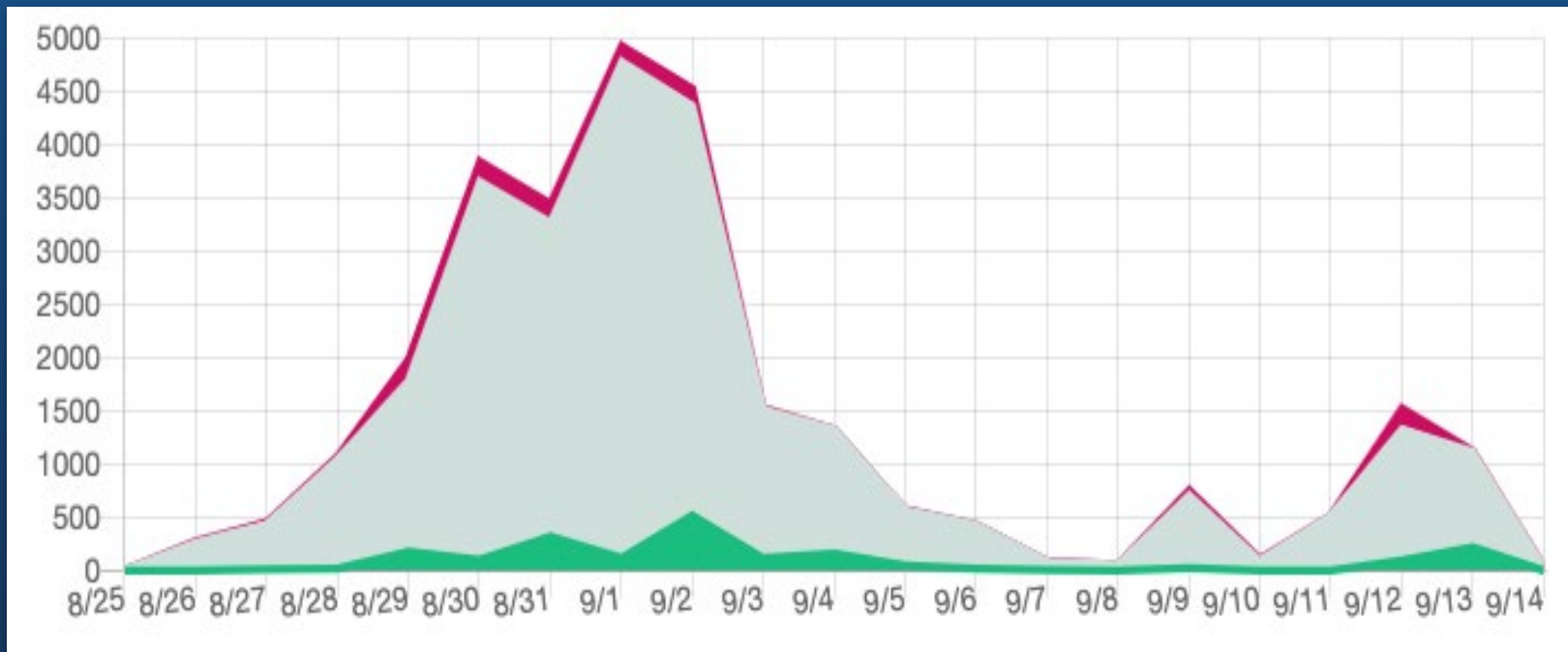
Social Media

- Integral part of communications strategy
- Valuable resource for:
 - Immediate sharing of information
 - Monitoring, listening
 - Dispelling rumors and misinformation
- Can represent extremes more than middle
- Use tools that work best for situation

Social Media Monitoring

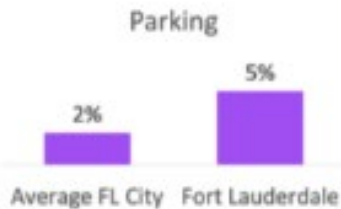
Zen City - Real Time Monitoring

Interaction Count: 28,601



Social Media Monitoring

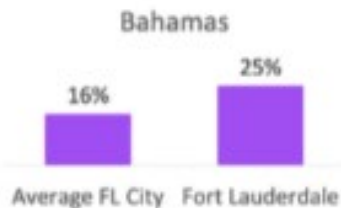
Zen City - Regional Benchmarking



Residents talked about **Parking MORE** than the average Florida city (in terms of % of discourse)



Residents talked about **Preparedness LESS** than the average Florida city (in terms of % of discourse)



Residents talked about the **Bahamas humanitarian relief MORE** than the average Florida city (in terms of % of discourse)



Residents talked about **Waste THE SAME AS** the average Florida city (in terms of % of discourse)



Residents talked about **Schools LESS** than the average Florida city (in terms of % of discourse)

After the Emergency

- Messaging includes information about:
 - Update City actions taken to resolve incident and return to normal
 - Update status of operations
 - Recovery actions the City is taking
 - Recovery actions the public should take
 - How the public can access assistance
 - Volunteer or relief programs/efforts
 - Educate public for future
 - Thank those who helped

Evaluation

- Assess effectiveness of communications
- Identify strengths and areas for improvement
- Collect lessons learned
- Incorporate into future plans

Questions



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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE – 8th FLOOR
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301
October 28, 2019 - 6:15 PM

Cumulative Attendance					
1/2019 through 12/2019					
	Members	Appt By	Attendance	Present	Absent
1	Jason Liechty, Chair	IV	P	9	1
2	Lawrence Clark, Vice Chair	I	P	10	0
3	Carol Tamburry	III	P	9	1
4	Carolann Mazza	III	P	8	2
5	Cushla Talbut	II	P	7	3
6	Douglas Meade	I	P	6	4
7	Elizabeth Adler	M	P	9	1
8	Enrique Vadiveloo	IV	P	8	2
9	Muge Nurgun	II	P	8	2
10	Owen Cylke	C	P	9	1
11	Susan Wood	M	P	9	1

Staff Present

Public Works Department

Nancy J. Gassman, Ph.D., Assistant Director of Public Works – Sustainability

Todd Hiteshew, Environmental Compliance Manager

Melissa Doyle, Program Manager – Solid Waste and Recycling

Kimberly Pearson, Sustainability Coordinator

Carina Flores, Green Your Routine Coordinator

Aneisha Nicholas, Staff Liaison

Guests

Jeff Dorian, Citizens' Climate Lobby

Jason Miller, Resident

Rafael Santoni, Tesla Owners South Florida

Vaughn English, Citizens' Climate Lobby

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Liechty at 6:16 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present. Mr. Cylke and Ms. Nurgun arrived at 6:20 pm.

Communication to the City Commission

The Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) provides the following Communication to the City Commission:

Mayor Trantalis requested that the Sustainability Advisory Board ("SAB") research and review potential regulation of sunscreens containing oxybenzone and octinoxate, due to the deleterious effects of these chemicals on our fragile coral reef system.

*The SAB received in-depth presentations from experts, John E. Fauth, Ph.D., a biologist and Professor at the University of Central Florida, and Kenneth Banks, Ph.D., P.E., from Broward County's Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division. In addition to these presentations, the SAB independently researched and debated this issue over several months. **For all of the reasons outlined below, the SAB strongly recommends to the City Commission that it consider and approve a ban on the sale and distribution of sunscreens containing oxybenzone and octinoxate within the City of Fort Lauderdale.***

By way of background, the coral reefs located within Broward County's 24 miles of coastline are part of the Florida Reef Tract. This coral reef system is the third-largest barrier reef ecosystem in the world and the only living coral reef system in the continental United States.

Coral reefs are vitally important, yet remain one of the most threatened ecosystems in the world. Although they only occupy 1% of the world's marine environment, they are the foundation for the creation of marine habitat and provide a home for a variety of sea life.

In addition to their biological importance, the Florida Reef Tract is an essential component of Florida's, and Broward County's, economy. It is estimated that the Florida Reef Tract supports more than 70,000 jobs in South Florida and \$6.3 billion in annual revenue for South Florida. A study from June 2000 to May 2001 concluded that reef-related expenditures generated \$2.1 billion in annual revenue for Broward County alone. The Florida Reef Tract is also Florida's first line of defense against hurricanes and other storm waves, protecting coastlines from beach erosion and storm surge, as well as protecting upland infrastructure (such as buildings and roads).

The Florida Reef Tract is being ravaged by a disease outbreak that is decimating the coral at an alarming rate; the exact cause of this disease is still unknown. The scale and mortality of the reef system impacted is unprecedented, and affects the entire Florida Reef Tract. According to a 2018 guide issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, nearly half of Florida's 45 reef-building coral species have been affected (including 5 species listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act). Once a coral becomes infected, mortality of that coral occurs quickly (sometimes within weeks). For instance, the oldest and largest known coral in Broward County recently died; it began its life in 1694, making it more than 300 years old, growing up to 15 feet in length and 9 feet high.

Based upon the information SAB received from experts, compounding the disease's impact on the reef are the additional stressors that stem from its proximity to urban areas, such as poor water quality, dredging, fertilizer runoff, and chemical sunscreen (particularly those containing oxybenzone and octinoxate, two common sunscreen ingredients).

These stressors cause coral bleaching, which is a process by which the corals lose their nutrients and turn white.

Chemical sunscreen containing oxybenzone and octinoxate is particularly damaging to the coral, because these chemicals have a synergistic effect on the coral that accelerates the bleaching. Oxybenzone is highly toxic to juvenile corals and other marine life. Not only does this chemical cause coral bleaching, it is both a genotoxin which damages the coral's DNA, and a skeletal endocrine disrupter, causing coral larvae to encase themselves in their own skeleton, preventing growth. Further, oxybenzone is phototoxic, meaning its effects are exacerbated in sunlight – which is a particular problem as it relates to coral.

Chemical sunscreens containing oxybenzone and octinoxate also have notable negative impacts on human health. These chemical compounds are particularly problematic, as they are quickly absorbed into the bloodstream upon application. The US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) conducted a study this year and determined that oxybenzone is absorbed into one's bloodstream in as little as two hours from application. As noted above, oxybenzone is an endocrine disruptor, and its impacts are applicable not only to coral, but also to humans. In scientific trials studying oxybenzone, it has been found that exposure to the chemical can cause significant decreases in male testosterone levels. Further, studies have shown a significant association between a pregnant mother's exposure to oxybenzone and altered birth rates, decreased head circumferences, and other birth defects. Sunscreens are considered over the counter drugs, and are therefore regulated by the FDA. Of the 16 currently-

marketed active sunscreen ingredients, only zinc oxide and titanium dioxide are Generally Recognized As Safe and Effective (GRASE) by the FDA, and sunscreens containing these two GRASE ingredients are readily available.

The SAB's proposal for the ban on chemical sunscreens containing oxybenzone and octinoxate is not a novel concept. Numerous jurisdictions around the globe have adopted bans, including:

- *Key West, Florida*
- *State of Hawaii*
- *U.S. Virgin Islands*
- *Aruba*
- *Bonaire*
- *Mexico's Riviera Maya, including Cancun, Playa del Carmen, Cozumel, Xcaret and Xel Ha*
- *Palau*
- *The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ten countries, 650 million people) requires warning labels on any products containing more than 0.5% oxybenzone*

While a ban on the use of chemical sunscreens containing oxybenzone and octinoxate alone, will not instantly cure the threat to the coral, removing these pollutants from the equation will reduce a very significant source of pressure on Florida's fragile coral reef system.

Some companies have begun phasing out the use of these chemicals in their sunscreens, notably CVS and its house brands. The City can encourage the spread and acceleration of these efforts by adopting a ban on oxybenzone and octinoxate.

We therefore respectfully urge the City Commission to direct staff to develop an ordinance banning the sale and distribution of sunscreens containing oxybenzone and octinoxate within the City, and to approve the ordinance.

Motion

Motion made by Vice Chair Clark, seconded by Mr. Meade to advance the above Communication to the City Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE – 8th FLOOR
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301
October 28, 2019 - 6:15 PM

Cumulative Attendance					
1/2019 through 12/2019					
	Members	Appt By	Attendance	Present	Absent
1	Jason Liechty, Chair	IV	P	9	1
2	Lawrence Clark, Vice Chair	I	P	10	0
3	Carol Tamburry	III	P	9	1
4	Carolann Mazza	III	P	8	2
5	Cushla Talbut	II	P	7	3
6	Douglas Meade	I	P	6	4
7	Elizabeth Adler	M	P	9	1
8	Enrique Vadiveloo	IV	P	8	2
9	Muge Nurgun	II	P	8	2
10	Owen Cylke	C	P	9	1
11	Susan Wood	M	P	9	1

Staff Present

Public Works Department

Nancy J. Gassman, Ph.D., Assistant Director of Public Works – Sustainability

Todd Hiteshew, Environmental Compliance Manager

Melissa Doyle, Program Manager – Solid Waste and Recycling

Kimberly Pearson, Sustainability Coordinator

Carina Flores, Green Your Routine Coordinator

Aneisha Nicholas, Staff Liaison

Guests

Jeff Dorian, Citizens' Climate Lobby

Jason Miller, Resident

Rafael Santoni, Tesla Owners South Florida

Vaughn English, Citizens' Climate Lobby

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Liechty at 6:16 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present. Mr. Cylke and Ms. Nurgun arrived at 6:20 pm.

Communication to the City Commission

The Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) provides the following Communication to the City Commission:

The Sustainability Advisory Board requests that the City schedule a public forum hosted by the SAB on Monday, January 27, 2020, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The public forum would consist of a panel discussion with local experts on the state of sustainability in Fort Lauderdale and an open public discussion with neighbors on their sustainability interests and priorities. We also request that the City Manager direct city staff to assist with the public forum, including development of promotional materials, advertising on City media outlets, use of the Commission Chamber, setup and facilitation of the event, and provision of light refreshments.

Motion

Motion made by Ms. Adler, seconded by Mr. Meade to advance the above Communication to the City Commission. The motion passed unanimously.



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Tree Preservation - Proposed Ordinance Amendment Concepts





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INTERNAL COLLABORATION FOR UNIFIED APPROACH

- Sustainable Development
 - Building Services
 - Community Enhancement and Compliance
 - Urban Design and Planning
- Public Works
 - Engineering
 - Sustainability
 - Utilities
- Parks and Recreation
- Transportation and Mobility
- City Attorney's Office





CODE SECTIONS PROPOSED TO BE MODIFIED

- Code of Ordinances
 - Section 9-52. Landscaping and tree removal permit fees
 - Section 25-147-150. Trees, Shrubs
- Urban Land Development Regulations
 - Section 47.21. Landscape and Tree Preservation Requirements





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PROPOSED CONCEPT - INTENT AND PURPOSE

- Promote, Establish, and Maintain Tree Canopy
- Minimize Tree Removal or Loss
- Maintain Tree Health and Non-hazardous Conditions
- Minimize Maintenance Costs and Damage to Infrastructure
- Establish and Maintain Species Diversity
- Reduce Fertilizer and Pesticide Use
- Preserve Existing Community Character





PROPOSED CONCEPT - DEFINITIONS AND TERMS

- Certified Arborist Report
- Tree Survey
- Critical Root Zone
- Low Impact Design
- Protected Trees
- Increased Equivalent Value of Specimen Trees
- Specimen Tree Qualification Size Reduced
- Tree and Palm Species to Include Large and Desirable





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PROPOSED CONCEPT - TREE PRESERVATION

- Tree Protection Zone - Construction Drawings
- Tree Protection Specifications
- Tree Protection Zones Activities Specified
- Tree Relocation Promotion
- Prohibitions
- Root Activity Allowances





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PROPOSED CONCEPT - TREE PRUNING

- Tree Pruning Specifications
- Tree Pruning Limitations - Growing Season
- Construction Activity - Minimize Impacts
- Tree Pruning Activities - Arborist Present
- Construction Project - Arborist Report
- Construction - Require Arborist Monitoring

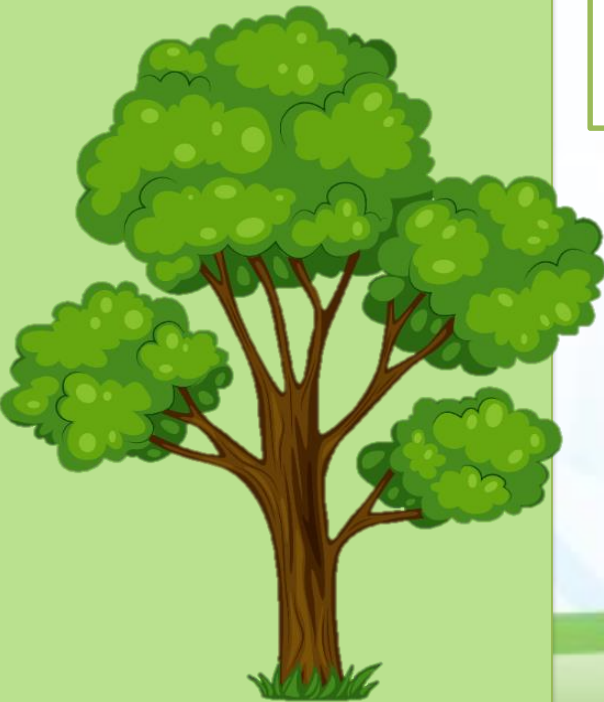




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PROPOSED CONCEPT - TREE REMOVAL

- Vacant Property - No Tree Removal Permit
- Development Approval - Prior to Tree Removal
- Site Design - Required to Accommodate Large and Desirable Trees
- Existing Trees - Protection of Trees to Remain





PROPOSED CONCEPTS - REVISED PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

- Civil Fines Imposed for Non-Permitted Activity with Escalating Fines
Example:
 - 1st Offense within 12-month Period: \$1,000/Tree
 - 2nd Offense within 12-month Period: \$2,000/Tree
 - 3rd Offense and Subsequent Offenses within 12-month period: \$3,000/Tree
- Enhanced Penalties Imposed in Addition to Fines

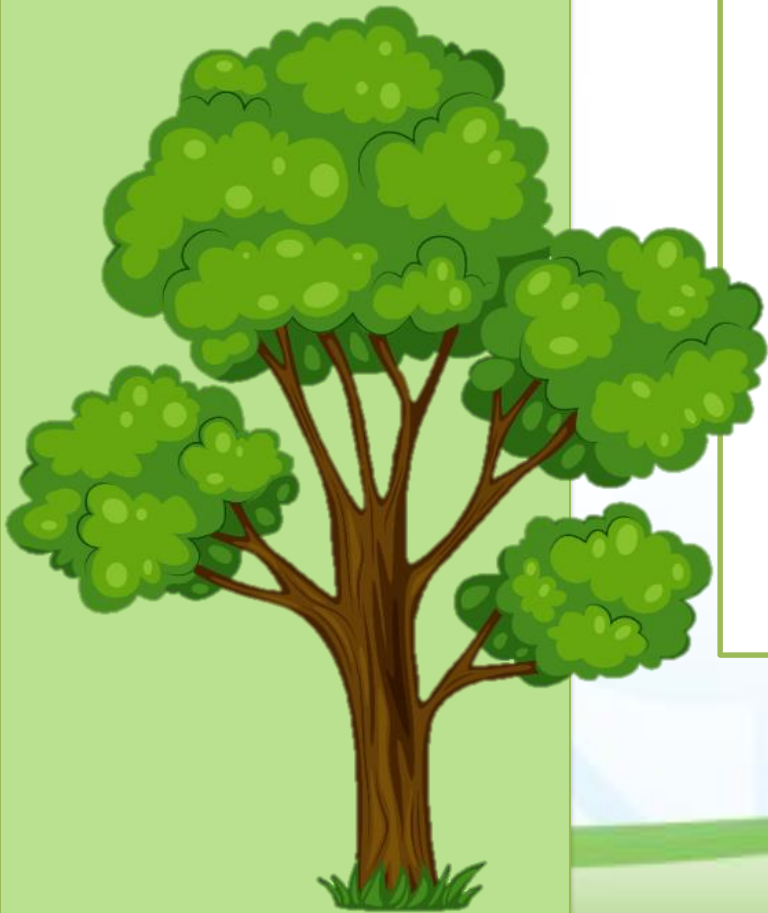




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PROPOSED CONCEPTS - ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Condensed and Simplified Irrigation Requirements
- Limited Fertilizer Application - Seasonal Requirements
- Clarify Percentage of Florida Friendly and Native Plant Requirements
- Clarify Requirements for Single-Family Residential
- Update Chapter 9 and Chapter 25 Language



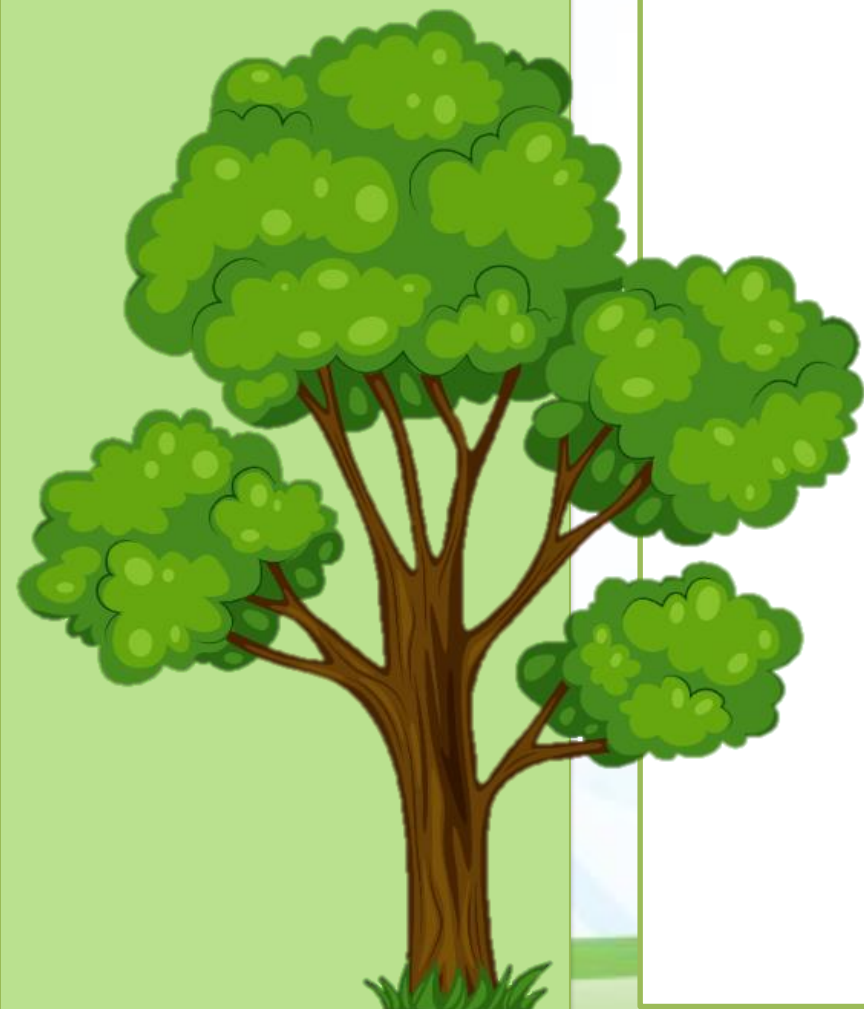


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STATE LEGISLATION

Section 163.045, Florida Statutes (2019)

- Limits local government's ability to regulate the trimming, pruning or removal of trees on residential property deemed to present a danger to persons or property.
- Prevents local governments from requiring the replanting of trees pruned, trimmed, or removed in accordance with this section.
- This section does not apply to the exercise of specifically delegated authority for mangrove protection pursuant to ss. 403.9321-403.9333.

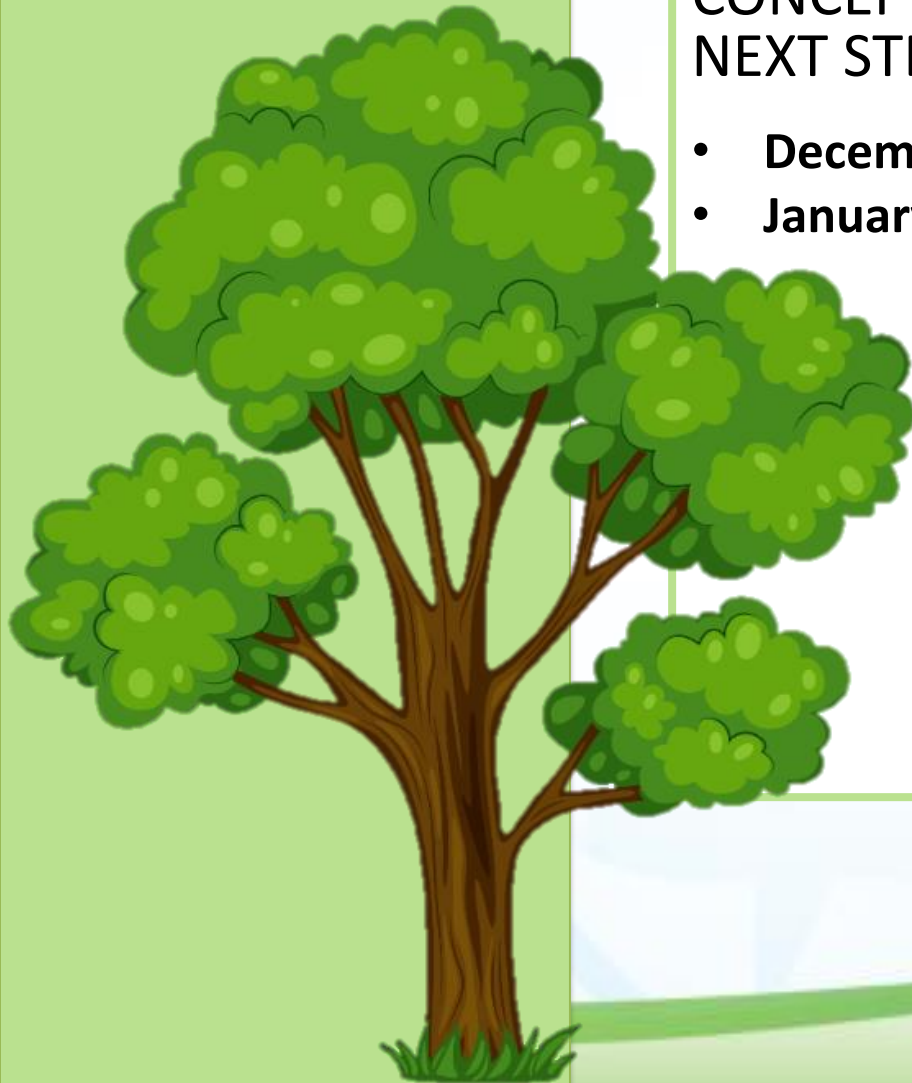




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CONCEPTUAL TIMELINE AND POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS

- **December** - send draft to impacted departments
- **January** - meet with individual departments
 - **February** - prepare and hold Stakeholder Open House, provide update at Commission Conference
 - **March** - finalize draft with City Attorney's Office
 - **April** - present to Planning and Zoning Board
 - **May/June** - present to City Commission, 1st and 2nd Readings





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QUESTIONS?

