



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
700 NW 19 AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33311  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Michael Weymouth, Chair	P	5	0
Brad Cohen, Vice Chair	P	3	2
John Barranco	A	3	2
Mary Fertig (arr. 6:05)	P	4	1
Steve Ganon	P	4	1
Marilyn Mammano	P	4	1
Shari McCartney	P	5	0
Patrick McTigue (arr. 6:10)	P	5	0
Jay Shechtman	P	4	1

**Staff**

Shari Wallen, Assistant City Attorney  
Jim Hetzel, Principal Urban Planner  
Yvonne Redding, Urban Design and Planning  
Leslie Harmon, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

**Communication to City Commission**

None.

**I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Weymouth called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Chair introduced the Board members present.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES / DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

**Motion** made by Mr. Shechtman, seconded by Ms. McCartney, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Ms. Fertig arrived at 6:05 p.m.

**III. PUBLIC SIGN-IN / SWEARING-IN**

Any members of the public wishing to speak at tonight’s meeting were sworn in at this time.

**IV. AGENDA ITEMS**

~~Chair Weymouth further clarified that a vote of "yes" in this case meant denial of the Application.~~

~~Mr. McTigue advised that he would also recommend a 6 ft. privacy fence around the property.~~

~~In a roll call vote, the motion passed 6-2 (Chair Weymouth and Mr. McTigue dissenting).~~

~~4. CASE: UDP-T23007~~

~~REQUEST: \* Amend City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-27, Notice Procedures for Public Hearings~~

~~APPLICANT: City of Fort Lauderdale~~

~~GENERAL LOCATION: Citywide~~

~~CASE PLANNER: Karlanne Devonish~~

~~It was requested by Staff that Case UDP T23007 be deferred to the November 15, 2023 meeting so changes can be made to its language.~~

~~Motion made by Ms. Fertig, seconded by McTigue, to defer. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).~~

~~5. CASE: UDP-L23001~~

~~REQUEST: \* Amend City of Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element and Amend the Future Land Use Map Establishing the Uptown Urban Village Transit Oriented Development Designation~~

~~APPLICANT: City of Fort Lauderdale~~

~~EXISTING LAND USE: Employment Center, Commercial, Office, and Industrial~~

~~PROPOSED LAND USE: Transit Oriented Development (TOD)~~

~~COMMISSION DISTRICT: 1 - John Herbst~~

~~CASE PLANNER: Jim Hetzel~~

~~Staff also requested deferral of Case UDP L23001 to the November 15, 2023 meeting, as the subject area is near an airport and subject to a number of federal studies.~~

~~Motion made by Ms. Fertig, seconded by Ms. Mammano, to defer. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).~~

**6. CASE: UDP-L23002**

**REQUEST: \* Amend City of Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element, Transit Oriented Development Designation for Floor Area Ratio**

**APPLICANT: City of Fort Lauderdale**

**COMMISSION DISTRICT: Citywide**

**CASE PLANNER: Jim Hetzel**



Jim Hetzel, Principal Urban Planner, stated that Case UDP-L23002 is an amendment to the land use element of the City's Comprehensive Plan. It proposes changing the floor area ratio (FAR) for the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) land use designation.

Mr. Hetzel explained that there is an existing conflict between the Comprehensive Plan and the ULDR. The Comprehensive Plan refers to a FAR of 2.5, while zoning allows a FAR of 3.

Ms. Mammano requested clarification of why this change is being made. Mr. Hetzel advised that typical TOD provides a range of FAR parameters which allow for dense projects which support transit. A lower FAR would move away from this range. The proposed FAR range is from 3 to 5.

At this time Chair Weymouth opened the public hearing. As there were no individuals wishing to speak on the Item, the Chair closed the public hearing and brought the discussion back to the Board.

**Motion** made by Ms. Fertig, seconded by Mr. McTigue, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (8-0).

#### ~~V. COMMUNICATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION~~

~~Ms. Mammano reported that the City Commission heard the Board's communication and asked for more information. She had explained that some Board members had requested the ability to participate in meetings using communications technology. The Commission discussed this proposal, and the Mayor instructed the City Attorney to look into this issue.~~

~~Ms. McCartney recalled that the Board also previously sent a communication to the City Commission addressing Code requirements for setbacks. She pointed out that if the Board is constantly asked to change setbacks, it may mean that the existing standards are wrong. Vice Chair Cohen noted that there has not been a response to that communication.~~

~~Ms. Fertig suggested that a workshop on this topic could be useful in certain areas of the City. Chair Weymouth cited some of the conditions regarding setbacks in the Hendricks Isle/Isle of Venice area, which are difficult to meet due to existing redevelopment.~~

~~Attorney Wallen advised that she has sent the Board members a copy of the rules of order and Resolution which they had previously requested, and asked for their feedback. Ms. Mammano felt these rules should be part of the City Commission's discussion of adopting *Robert's Rules of Order*, and that it would not be appropriate for the Board to adopt them without the Commission's approval.~~


~~Attorney Wallen further clarified that in 2018, the Commission instructed the City Attorney's Office to "bring back adopted rules." This was not done at that time. She added that some months ago, the Board had indicated they wished to adopt rules, and were informed that this adoption would need to be uniform across all City advisory bodies.~~

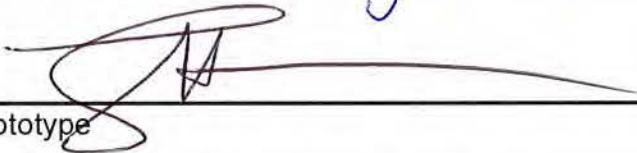
~~Attorney Wallen also recommended that the Board members avoid speaking without their microphones at public meetings due to the requirements of the Sunshine Law.~~

~~**VI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**~~

~~There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.~~

~~Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.~~

  
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Chair

  
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[Minutes prepared by K. McGuire, Prototype, Inc.]