

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

City Commission Regular Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

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

***LEE R. FELDMAN, City Manager
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, City Clerk
ALAIN E. BOILEAU, Interim City Attorney***

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the Commission Regular Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Invocation

Reverend Green, Mount Herman AME Church

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

No e-comments were submitted for this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CM-6 Revised pages 2,3 and 4 of Exhibit 1 - First Amendment to Parking Lease

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[18-0470](#) Minutes for April 3, 2018 Commission Conference Meeting and April 3, 2018 Commission Regular Meeting

Commissioner Glassman noted corrections to the April 17, 2018 Minutes. Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda and Minutes as amended which was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [18-0453](#) State Representative Patricia H. Williams, District 92 - Legislative
1 Update

District 92 State Representative Patricia H. Williams gave a legislative budget update.

PRESENTED

PRES- [18-0477](#)
2

Proclamation declaring May 1, 2018 as Akasha Urhobo Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Glassman called Akasha "Kashi" Urhobo and her family to the podium for presentation of the Proclamation recognizing Ms. Urhobo and declaring May 1, 2018 as Akasha Urhobo Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale. He stated that the Proclamation is in recognition of Kashi as a rising tennis star at the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center in Holiday Park, reading it in its entirety. Miss Urhobo thanked Mayor Trantalis and the Commission for the Proclamation, recognizing and thanking her father for his dedication and support as her coach. Mr. Urhobo thanked the Commission and expounded on his daughter's hard work and dedication to tennis.

PRESENTED

PRES- [18-0492](#)
3

Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department - Recognition for Obtaining Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Service (CAAS) Accreditation

City Manager Feldman called Acting Fire Chief Chantal Botting and the Emergency Rescue Staff to the podium. He announced that the Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department achieved endorsement from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS). City Manager Feldman expounded on the history and significance of the Emergency Management Services (EMS) receiving CAAS accreditation.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Trantalis confirmed that items, CR-1, CR-3 and PUR-1 were pulled by the Commission for separate discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT MOTION

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Vice Mayor Sorensen made a motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items and was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie.

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

CM-1 [18-0478](#) Designation of Vice Mayor Sorensen to Serve as the City's Representative on the Broward County Continuum of Care Board

APPROVED

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

CM-2 [18-0412](#) Motion Authorizing Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim of Keith Hudson - \$186,779.00

CM-3 [18-0413](#) Motion Authorizing Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim of John Forest - \$187,500.00

APPROVED

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

CM-4 [18-0418](#) Motion Authorizing Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim of Allen Roche - \$130,000.00

APPROVED

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

CM-5 [18-0404](#) Motion to Approve the First Amendment to a Five-year Agreement with the School Board of Broward County for Reciprocal Use of City Parks and School Board Facilities in the City of Fort Lauderdale

APPROVED

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

CM-6 [18-0460](#) Motion to (1) Approve the First Amendment to Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with One Broward Blvd Holdings, LLC. for Off-Street Parking at the City Hall Garage at 200 NE 2nd Street; (2) Terminate Off-Street Parking Agreement with Ivy Tower 101 Property, LLC and Tower 101 Associates LLC; and (3) Approve a Parking Facility Management Agreement with One Broward Blvd Holdings, LLC for the City Hall Parking Garage

APPROVED

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

CM-7 [18-0401](#) Motion to Approve an Extension of Lien Settlement Agreement with 301 Second Corp and City Center Properties Inc.

APPROVED

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

CM-8 [18-0403](#) Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Strategic Alliance Memorandum with the United States Small Business Association

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

CR-1 [18-0223](#) Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2018 - Appropriation

Commissioner Glassman inquired about items in this Resolution. In response to Commissioner Glassman about letter "D", abandoning the Las Olas and Marina Dredging Project due to Suntex's inability to utilize a grant, City Manager Feldman confirmed that there is no penalty or match being forfeited. He confirmed that due to Suntex being a private entity, it is unable to use the grant.

Commissioner Glassman inquired about letter "H", the Department of Justice (DOJ) Trust Fund one-time \$660,000 Police Department purchase, asking whether the purchase of body cameras was considered. City Manager Feldman confirmed a separate DOJ grant is being used for the Police Body Camera Program (Program). He confirmed the Program is in the pilot stage.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Police Chief Rick Maglione. Chief Maglione expounded on details of the Police Body Camera Pilot Program and details about grant funding resulting in reduced costs to the City. He also discussed aspects of the automatic license plate readers and other items being purchased.

In response to Mayor Trantalis, Chief Maglione expounded on the Program that ends in November 2018. At that time, equipment recommendations will be made, confirming that each Police Officer, Captain and below, will be assigned a body camera.

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

ADOPTED

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

- CR-2** [18-0407](#) Resolution Approving Disposal of City-Owned Surplus Property located at 5XX SW 14 Avenue

ADOPTED

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

- CR-3** [18-0426](#) Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Agreements with Film and Television Production Companies for the Use of City Property

Mayor Trantalis commented on the need to address issues relating to this item, recommending deferment. City Manager Feldman recommended deferment until May 15, 2018.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to defer this item until May 15, 2018 which was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie.

DEFERRED to May 15, 2018

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

- CR-4** [18-0459](#) Resolution Approving the Notice of Award and Sale of City Owned Property Located at 12XX NW 4th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL to Green Me, Inc.

ADOPTED

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

- CR-5** [18-0439](#) Resolution to Adopt Amendments to the City's Investment Policy

ADOPTED

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

- CR-6** [18-0345](#) Resolution Accepting Grant Funds from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative, State of Florida Division of Emergency Management through the City of Miami, FY 2017 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), in the amount of \$143,990.97

ADOPTED

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

CR-7 [18-0479](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Appointing the Law Firm of Eisenstein Malanchuk, LLC, as Special Counsel to Represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in Connection with Environmental Claims Recovery Services

ADOPTED

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

CR-8 [18-0480](#)

Resolution Appointing Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen to Serve as Chair to the Risk Management Committee

ADOPTED

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

CR-9 [18-0295](#)

Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funds and Execution of a Joint Participation Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for Taxiway Foxtrot Relocation at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport

ADOPTED

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

CR-10 [18-0410](#)

Resolution to Approve 1) Consent to Assignment and Assumption of Parking Agreement from GCCFC 2006-GG7 East Broward Boulevard, LLC to Stockbridge 110 East Broward, LLC for Garage Parking at the Riverwalk Center Parking Garage and 2) Execute an Estoppel Certificate and Agreement

ADOPTED

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

CR-11 [18-0416](#)

Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Additional Grant Funds and Execution of a Revised Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for the Downtown Link Route and Amending Section 1 of Resolution 17-274 by Revising the Number of Years Funded from Two Years to One Year

ADOPTED

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

PURCHASING AGENDA

PUR-1 [18-0301](#)

Motion to Approve Contract for Holiday Park War Memorial Auditorium Renovations - Canseco Electrical Contractor, Inc. - \$842,100

Commissioner Moraitis noted her concern with spending funds on War Memorial Auditorium (Auditorium) should there be other plans in its future. Comments and discussions ensued on its future repurposing and community needs for this area of Holiday Park.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question about deferral implications, Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, said this work does not need to be done immediately but in the near future due to the Auditorium's age and bringing it up to Code. He also commented on investments made in the Auditorium and possible additional uses during the week. Discussions ensued on future plans and programming for the Auditorium, costs to the City and scheduling a discussion of this issue at an upcoming Commission Conference Meeting.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question about aggressive efforts to rent the Auditorium, Mr. Thornburg confirmed the need for an aggressive marketing effort currently hampered by its current condition. Commissioner Glassman noted the Auditorium's unique size for certain events and historical importance.

Mayor Trantalis suggested sending this question to the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board for recommendations. Commissioner Moraitis requested additional information about the total costs for all necessary improvements. Mr. Thornburg commented on the Three Phase Plan. Commissioner Glassman expounded on the additional improvements needed. Mr. Thornburg confirmed.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King commented on current programming, recommending astro turf fields for this area of Holiday Park.

Commissioner Glassman expounded on his position. Mayor Trantalis requested a motion from the Commission.

Commissioner Moraitis made a motion to defer this item until June 19, 2018 which was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie.

DEFERRED to June 19, 2018

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Glassman

PUR-2 [18-0358](#)

Motion to Approve Contract for Annual Point Excavation (Potholing) and Utility Designation Services - F.R. Aleman and Associates, Inc. - \$386,000 (estimated two-year total)

APPROVED

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

PUR-3 [18-0389](#)

Motion to Approve Contract for Board Up Services - J.I.J. Construction Corp. - \$203,195

APPROVED

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

PUR-4 [18-0392](#)

Motion to Approve Contract for the Purchase and Installation of Irrigation Pumps for Lauderdale Memorial Park and Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemeteries - Sullivan Electric & Pump, Inc. - \$233,783

APPROVED

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

PUR-5 [18-0396](#)

Motion to Approve a One-Year Qualification of Vendors for Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Distribution and Collection System Pipes - Various Vendors - \$500,000

APPROVED

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

PUR-6 [18-0423](#)

Motion to Approve Increase in Funds to Annual Stormwater Construction Contract - Various Contractors - \$2,000,000

APPROVED

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

MOTIONS**M-1** [18-0411](#)

Motion for Approval of a Single Private Mausoleum Crypt at

Lauderdale Memorial Park Cemetery

In response to Mayor Trantalis, City Manager Feldman expounded on details involved with this item. He confirmed it relates to an error on the part of Cemetery contractor, Carriage Services. City Manager Feldman confirmed the family of the deceased is funding this item's single private mausoleum.

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

APPROVED

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

M-2 [18-0415](#)

Motion to Approve Event Agreements and Related Road Closures: Cinco de Mayo and Crawfish Festival

Commissioner Glassman discussed the impact of weekend road closures in the Historic District, including Sun Trolley routes from Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport (FLL). Further discussions ensued.

Vice Mayor Sorensen requested that these items be presented with more advance notice to allow for discussion of all options, including alternative routes. He recommended the permitting process include a defined advance timeline, recommending four weeks. Commissioner Glassman concurred, confirming those impacted should be part of the conversation. Mayor Trantalis commented on circumstances that do not allow four week advance notice. Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, commented on all concerns raised, confirming outreach to all impacted parties going forward.

Commissioner Glassman discussed the implementation of the Nighttime Economy Management Team. They should be involved with neighbor engagement regarding events. Further comments and discussions ensued.

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

APPROVED

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

NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS

NP-1 [18-0481](#) Cesar Balbin - Code Enforcement/Building Department

NOT PRESENT

NP-2 [18-0482](#) Boyd Corbin - Water Report

Mayor Trantalis recognized Boyd Corbin, 12 NE 26th Street, Wilton Manors. Mr. Corbin gave a Neighbor Presentation on the City's water.

A copy of the document Mr. Corbin submitted for the record is attached to these minutes.

RECEIVED

NP-3 [18-0483](#) Dennis Ulmer - Remembering Memorial Day

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dennis Ulmer, 1007 NW 11th Place. Mr. Ulmer gave a Neighbor Presentation on the importance of remembering Memorial Day.

RECEIVED

NP-4 [18-0484](#) Charles King - City Manager

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King gave a Neighbor Presentation on City Manager Lee Feldman.

RECEIVED

NP-5 [18-0485](#) Nathan Pim - Homeless in Fort Lauderdale 2018

Mayor Trantalis recognized Nathan Pim, 122 NW 13th Avenue. Mr. Pim gave a Neighbor Presentation entitled Homeless in Fort Lauderdale 2018.

Vice Mayor Sorensen said that addressing Homelessness is one of his top priorities. He invited Mr. Pim to attend District IV Meetings to present ideas and participate in addressing this important need. Mr. Pim confirmed his desire to participate.

RECEIVED

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [18-0454](#) Appointment of Board and Committee Members

City Clerk Jeffrey Modarelli discussed upcoming Board and Committee

appointments for the May 15, 2018 Commission Regular Meeting.

City Clerk Modarelli read the appointments for Resolution R-1.

A copy of the Board and Committee appointments for Resolution R-1 is attached to these minutes.

Vice Mayor Sorensen introduced the Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

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

R-2 [18-0474](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, appointing Alain E. Boileau to the position of Interim City Attorney of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, establishing the salary for the Interim City Attorney, retroactively, and providing for the return of the Interim City Attorney to the Position of Assistant City Attorney III at such time as a permanent City Attorney is selected or upon further action by the City Commission, and providing for an effective date

Discussions ensued on previous conversations about this item. In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question, Mayor Trantalis confirmed the salary increase will be retroactive.

Vice Mayor Sorensen confirmed his support of a five percent increase above the highest paid employee in the Office of City Attorney. City Manager Feldman noted this policy applies to Staff. Commissioner McKinzie did not accept Vice Mayor Sorensen's amendment for a 5 percent salary increase.

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

DEFEATED - Resolution Adopting 3%

Aye: 2 - Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

Nay: 3 - Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Sorensen and Commissioner Moraitis

Vice Mayor Sorensen introduced this Resolution for a salary increase of \$210,000 which was read by title only.

ADOPTED Resolution - \$210,000 salary

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

R-3 [18-0381](#)

Quasi-Judicial Resolution to Approve a Drainage Easement Vacation - Aqualuna Las Olas Condominium Associations, Inc. located at 20 and 30 Isle of Venice along the South Line of Lot 54, Island No. 4, Nurmi Isles - Aqualuna Las Olas Condominium - Case E18002

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 City 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 McKinzie. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

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

ADOPTED

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

R-4 [18-0382](#)

Quasi-Judicial Resolution to Approve a Drainage Easement Vacation - Aqualuna Las Olas Condominium Associations, Inc. located at 30 and 40 Isle of Venice Drive along the South Line of Lot 55, Island No. 4, Nurmi Isles - Aqualuna Las Olas Condominium - Case E18003

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 City 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 Vice Mayor Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

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

ADOPTED

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

R-5 [18-0467](#)

Resolution Regarding the City of Fort Lauderdale's Continued Participation in the WAVE Streetcar Program

Commissioner Moraitis asked about the opportunity for the Commission to speak on this subject. Commissioner McKinzie commented on a public workshop held on Monday, April 30, 2018, requesting that anyone who spoke previously not repeat previous comments. Each member of the public will have three minutes to speak, followed by an opportunity for Commission comments.

Mayor Trantalis explained that this Resolution is a request for Broward County to not assent (not go forward) with The Wave Streetcar Project (Project).

Mayor Trantalis recognized Anne Hilmer, 621 Idlewylde Drive. Ms. Hilmer spoke in support of this item. Ms. Hilmer was the first speaker in four person presentation. The presentation included details of their position against this project, including a short historic review of the Project, routing concerns, lack of traffic mitigation and change order costs being the responsibility of the City in the year 2020.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carolann Maza Bartholomey, 3000 Holiday Drive. Ms. Bartholomey was the second speaker in the presentation in support of this item. The presentation included details of their position against this project, including short historic review, routing concerns, lack of traffic mitigation and change orders costs being the responsibility of the City in the year 2020.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Nancy Thomas, 1924 SE 24th Avenue. Ms. Thomas was the third speaker in the presentation in support of this item. The presentation included details of their position against this project, including short historic review of the Project, routing concerns, lack of

traffic mitigation and change order costs being the responsibility of the City in the year 2020.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive. Ms. Fertig was the fourth and final speaker in this presentation, speaking in support of this item. She presented their position against this project, including the need for adequate transportation options using state-of-the-art technology in all areas. Ms. Fertig also commented on the immediate need to address infrastructure issues.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Maxine Streeter, 705 SW 13th Street. Ms. Streeter submitted a handout to the Commission.

A copy of the handout is attached to these minutes.

Ms. Streeter spoke in support of this item, confirming the urgency to act on this issue tonight. She reviewed aspects of the Interlocal Agreement relating to the Project and rebid exceeding the 125 percent threshold. She urged the Commission to support this item in opposition to the Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stan Eichelbaum, 411 N. New River Drive and designated representative of the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association and Fort Lauderdale Against the Wave. Mr. Eichelbaum spoke in support of this item, commenting on Project concerns. He noted additional municipal needs, including infrastructure and water concerns, and traffic mitigation.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Frank Schnidman, 1858 NE 34th Street. Mr. Schnidman spoke in support of this item, noting his qualifications and liability concerns. He also discussed the importance of making a decision tonight.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Bobbi Ocean, 333 Las Olas Way. Ms. Ocean spoke in support of this item, commenting on coordinated citizen efforts opposing the Project. She noted concerns regarding lack of ridership and cost overruns.

Mayor Trantalis recognized David Coolman, 1911 Bayview Drive and representative of the Broward Workshop. Mr. Coolman spoke in opposition to this item, commenting on historic opposition to other area transportation projects. He urged the Commission to maintain support for the Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road.

Mr. King spoke in support of this item, commenting on the actions of the previous Commission. He discussed recouping funds spent for the Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Art Seitz, 1905 N. Atlantic Avenue. Mr. Seitz spoke in support of this item, commenting on the ETC presentation during the Commission Conference Meeting noting the need for the City to be family oriented with a focus on education in addition to pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Joel Slotnick, 703 SW 4th Street. Mr. Slotnick spoke in support of this item, commenting on the need for “smart” progress. He commented on the Project's estimated cost and spending those funds on more pressing items. He commented that the Project serves a disproportionate portion of the City.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dane Hancock, 516 Bontona Avenue and designated representative of Fort Lauderdale Against the Wave. Mr. Hancock noted his engineering experience on large world projects, commenting on the financial impact of Project change orders. He urged the Commission to oppose the Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Janet Scrapper, designated representative of Tarpon River Civic Association. Ms. Scrapper spoke in support of this item, urging the Commission to withdraw support. She recommended pursuing a cost effect traffic mitigation plan.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stan Stein, 301 Hendricks Isle and designated representative of Fort Lauderdale Against the Wave, who spoke in support of this item. Mr. Stein commented on recent changes in the transportation industry, recommending the Commission recognize these major changes and oppose this Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Steve Newmark, 411 N. New River Drive. Mr. Newmark spoke in support of this item, noting the inability to reroute the Project for special events. He urged the Commission to support this item and oppose the Project's continuation.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tricia Halliday, 50 Nurmi Drive. Ms. Halliday spoke in support of this item, commenting on her attendance at County Commission Meetings and County Commissioner positions on the Project. Ms. Halliday urged the Commission to support this item and oppose the Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dan Lindblade, President and CEO of the

Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce (Chamber). Mr. Lindblade spoke in opposition to this item commenting on his long-time support of the Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Marilyn Mammano, designated representative of Fort Lauderdale Against the Wave. Ms. Mammano urged the Commission vote in support of this item, commenting on circumstances involved with the Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Peter Partington, P.E., 1421 NE 53rd Street. Mr. Partington spoke in support of this item, commenting on ongoing improvements to transportation systems, citing examples and stating that the Project is outdated. He urged the Commission to vote in the affirmative on this item and oppose the Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Warren Sturman, 520 SE 5th Avenue. Mr. Sturman spoke in support of this item and in opposition to the Project. He cited cost overruns, outdated technology and opposition of citizens during the recent election.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paul Chettle, 200 S. Birch Road. Mr. Chettle commented on the lack of funding for the Project, citing the City's financial revenue streams and projected expenses. He discussed the importance of addressing infrastructure issues.

A copy of Mr. Chettle's submission to the Commission is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Nick Sakhnovsky, 455 SW 5th Avenue. Mr. Sakhnovsky spoke in support of this item, commenting on his change of position and election results. He said that the current Project is no longer a viable solution due to technology, increased population and Project costs.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on this Project's opportunity to invest in the next generation. She noted the Project's ability to address the need for good housing and affordable transportation options. Commissioner Moraitis commented on the need for the Project to connect Brightline. She noted the County's plans to connect the Project to the Airport and Port Everglades. She also discussed grants received and their ability to be repurposed. Commissioner Moraitis discussed other municipalities' commitment to streetcar systems, similarities to the Project and lengthy timelines for federal funding. She reviewed numerous financial aspects of the Project and projected financial commitment versus funds forfeited should the Project not move forward.

Commissioner Glassman recommended utilizing recouped funds for Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Projects (NWPFH CRA) and infrastructure projects. He also commented on the County Commission's position on the increased costs of the enhanced streetcar maintenance storage facility which would add to the financial obligations.

Commissioner Glassman focused on the language of this item, commenting that the City can meet the three conditions should this Resolution be adopted. He recommended a smarter approach to addressing traffic and transportation needs along South Andrews Avenue, encouraging continued work with the County to find viable solutions to addressing Andrews Avenue traffic concerns. Commissioner Glassman confirmed his support of this item.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question about the City's legal position and ramifications of moving forward with this Resolution, Interim City Attorney Alain Boileau said the City has been put on notice by the County, triggering paragraph seven of the Agreement. He also expounded on his interpretation about FDOT's communication earlier today relative to subsequent dates and timelines for parties relating to contractual agreements.

Commissioner McKinzie noted the need for the Commission to know its position. In response to Mayor Trantalis' request for Mr. Boileau to speak to this concern, Interim City Attorney Boileau confirmed the proper action to request the County not to assent to moving forward with the Project is to approve this Resolution tonight. Interim City Attorney Boileau expounded on the next steps in the process that include City Manager Feldman communicating the Commission's approval of this item to the County Administration and the County Attorney within 24 hours. He commented on the variable as to how FDOT would proceed, noting FDOT has a post acceptance of the bid process known as a Negative Supplemental Agreement which occurs after the bid process. This is irrelevant to the Commission's decision on this Resolution. Further discussions ensued on bids coming in over the 125 percent threshold, concerns relating to the procurement process, definition of the bid price and the contract price being defined as the same.

Vice Mayor Sorensen explained his reasoning, stating that this Resolution is not a premature trigger. He referenced language in Project agreements and subsequent correspondence. Interim City Attorney Boileau concurred, commenting on the possibility of alternate legal arguments based on the numerous terms referenced in Project

documents. Further comments and discussions ensued on the City's legal position.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question about a legal recommendation, Interim City Attorney Boileau confirmed that if it is the Commission's decision to direct the County not to assent to the Project, his recommendation is to adopt this Resolution, have it signed by Mayor Trantalis and transmit the Resolution via email tomorrow to the Broward County Attorney and Broward County Administrator pursuant to the provisions of paragraph seven in the Agreement. Vice Mayor Sorensen continued his comments on the City's legal position that this action is not premature.

Vice Mayor Sorensen reviewed municipal funds spent to date on the Project. City Auditor John Herbst confirmed the amount as approximately \$32,000,000 of which approximately \$23,000,000 is because it has not yet been spent. Mr. Herbst confirmed the net loss is approximately \$9,100,000 should all unspent funds be recoverable. Further discussions ensued on what would be owed to the federal government. Mr. Herbst and Mr. Boileau commented.

Vice Mayor Sorensen reiterated that this is the best time for the City to exit the Project, referencing the City's current legal position and recommending adoption of the Resolution.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Interim City Attorney Boileau commented on the finality of the procurement process.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question, Interim City Attorney Boileau confirmed that should the contract price exceed the 125 percent threshold, the Project will not move forward.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his position on this Project, other impending needs and the need for smart growth. Mayor Trantalis recommended adopting the Resolution.

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

ADOPTED

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

Nay: 2 - Commissioner McKinzie and Commissioner Moraitis

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [18-0210](#)**Public Hearing - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Program Substantial Amendment**

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 Vice Mayor Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

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

APPROVED

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

PH-2 [18-0430](#)**Resolution to Approve a Roadway Transfer Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation to the Transfer of Ownership of Certain Sections Las Olas Boulevard/SR842, Less and Except the Dwight L. Rogers Memorial Bridge and Certain Intersections, to City-Owned Public Rights-of-Way**

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Peter Partington, 1421 NE 53rd Street. Mr. Partington spoke in opposition to this item, stating that a portion of Las Olas Boulevard adjacent to Las Olas Isles is on dredged land and is subject to sinking. He also noted the impact of climate change. He commented that this item will have a future financial impact on the City.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King concurred with Mr. Partington's comments, noting costs to raise this portion of Las Olas Boulevard. He suggested FDOT raise the roadway prior to the City taking transfer of the roadway.

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 Commissioner Moraitis. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' request for City Manager to explain the reasons for this request, City Manager Feldman explained the numerous factors involved in the background of this item. He also discussed future obligations and requests from residents for improvements along Las Olas Boulevard and additional costs relating to areas of Broward Boulevard.

Commissioner Glassman confirmed residents in District II are in favor of this item.

Mayor Trantalis asked City Manager Feldman about funding for needed improvements. City Manager Feldman commented on the state's portion of seawalls located on the north side of the Las Olas Boulevard bridge.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paul Berg, Director of Public Works. Mr. Berg concurred with City Manager Feldman's comments, stating that the City is not certain of the condition of seawalls on the north side of the bridge, stating that improvements were made by the state when the bridge was built. They do not seem to be as problematic as those located on the south side of the bridge that are the responsibility of the City. Mr. Berg discussed issues relating to the bridge seawalls and what can be done to ensure the height will meet current Code. He also commented on the condition of seawalls in other areas of the City.

In response to Mayor Trantalis, City Manager Feldman confirmed that this is a time sensitive issue due to Las Olas Boulevard improvements being completed prior to The Boat Show.

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

ADOPTED

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

[18-0504](#)

WALK-ON - Motion to extend Regular Commission Meeting an additional 30 minutes

There was a brief discussion by the Commission about requiring a unanimous vote to continue the Commission Regular Meeting beyond 10:00 p.m. It was noted that a majority vote was necessary.

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

APPROVED

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

Commissioner McKinzie left the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 [18-0456](#) Ordinance Amending Schedule I of the Pay Plan by Revising the Title of One (1) Class; Amending Section 20-83 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, by Designating One (1) Class as an Administrative Assistant to the City Manager

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

OSR-2 [18-0422](#) Ordinance Amending Section 25-174, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale to Amend the Department Responsible for Road Closure Procedures

Vice Mayor Sorensen introduced this Ordinance for the Second Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

Announcement of Upcoming Public Hearings

City Manager Feldman confirmed that at the May 15, 2018 Commission Regular Meeting, Staff will bring forward an item for the first of two Public Hearings for the City Commission to consider adoption of a Resolution designating Suncrest Court Apartments as a Green Reuse Area Pursuant to Section 376.802(c) of Florida's Brownfields Redevelopment Act. It will be for the reuse and rehabilitation of the property located at or near 1615 NW 23rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida 33311. The second Public Hearing will take place at the June 5, 2018

Regular Commission Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the Commission Regular Meeting of April 17, 2018 at 10:04 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli
City Clerk