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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

City Commission Regular Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

HEATHER MORAITIS Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District I

STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II

ROBERT L. McKINZIE Commissioner - District III

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 6:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Trantalis announced details regarding the meeting format, including how members of the public can view and participate.

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 4 - Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Ben Sorensen, Vice Mayor Heather Moraitis and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis
- Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[22-0044](#)

Minutes for November 16, 2021 Commission Conference Meeting and November 16, 2021 Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve the minutes and Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

APPROVED

- Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis
- Excused:** 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [22-0019](#)
1

Commissioner Sorensen will present a Proclamation declaring January 2022 as Literacy Awareness Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Sorensen presented a Proclamation declaring *January 2022 as Fort Lauderdale Literacy Awareness Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Mark Miller on behalf of *Action For Literacy Corp* and Cari Rodriguez, *Bayview Elementary Literacy Coach* accepted the Proclamation, thanking the Commission for this recognition. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding literacy efforts and those contributing to improving literacy.

PRESENTED

PRES- [22-0048](#)
2

Police Chief Larry Sciroto will recognize:
Police Officer of the Month - October 2021
Police Officer of the Month - November 2021

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Trantalis explained the procedure and details regarding how members of the public could speak on Consent Agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Trantalis announced the following Consent Agenda items had been pulled by Commission Members for separate discussion:

CM-1 Commissioner Glassman
CM-8 Commissioner Sorensen
CR-5 Commissioner Sorensen
CP-3 Commissioner Sorensen

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CONSENT MOTION**CM-1** [21-1203](#)

Motion Approving an Event Agreement for Dolphins Challenge Cancer - DCC XII - (Commission Districts 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman commented on resident input at the District 2 Pre-Agenda Meeting regarding consternation over the increasing number of road closures related to special events on the barrier island that would be further impacted by upcoming construction planned for *Las Olas Marina*. He inquired about limiting the number of events on the barrier island and related road closures allowed on the barrier island.

City Manager Lagerbloom said he understands the Commission's viewpoint regarding the number of barrier island special events. He explained the desire for consistency, and this Agenda item relates to a multi-year recurring special event that would continue to come before the Commission. New requests for special events on the barrier island impacting parking lot closures, road closures or use of the park facility are scrutinized by Staff. The Commission ultimately decides whether to approve a special event agreement.

Commissioner Glassman requested a list of all yearly special events scheduled on the barrier island, including those that require road closures. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding barrier island special events, road closures and the impact on residents.

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

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CM-2 [21-1204](#)

Motion Approving Event Agreements and Related Road Closures for Sangria Fest benefiting K9 Assisted Therapy, Dining in the Streets with Music, and Fort Lauderdale Beer, Wine and Spirits Fest - (Commission Districts 1 and 4)

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CM-3 [21-1202](#) Motion Approving an Application for Temporary Beach License and Outdoor Event Agreement for Dig the Beach Volleyball Series - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CM-4 [21-1201](#) Motion Authorizing an Excess Payment of \$63,246.79 in Utility and Service Charges in Accordance with the Performing Arts Center Authority (PACA) Lease Agreement - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CM-5 [22-0001](#) Motion Approving FY 2022 Beach Business Improvement District (BID) Grant Participation Agreement with Seaglass Group LLC - \$12,500 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CM-6 [22-0008](#) Motion Approving FY 2022 Beach Business Improvement District (BID) Grant Participation Agreement with Greater Fort Lauderdale Food & Wine Festival, Inc.- \$75,000 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CM-7 [22-0004](#) Motion Accepting FY2021 Local Law Enforcement Crime Intelligence Center Integration Program Grant - \$466,263 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CM-8 [21-1102](#)

Motion Authorizing Execution of a Revocable License with CG Riverwalk LP for Temporary Right-of-Way Closure on North New River Drive East in Association with the Riverwalk Residences Development Located at 333 North New River Drive East - (Commission District 4)

Commissioner Sorensen requested input from the Applicant clarifying details associated with the sidewalk closure and its duration.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Courtney Crush, Esq., Crush Law, P.A., on behalf of *CG Riverwalk LP* (Applicant). In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Ms. Crush confirmed this is a sidewalk closure, not a road closure. The purpose of the request is to close the north sidewalk along New River Drive East for construction truck management that is part of the site plan approved for the *Riverwalk Residences* (Project) and illustrated in the slide presentation.

A copy has been made part of the backup to this Agenda item.

Ms. Crush discussed the Applicant's community outreach. The Project's 2017 Site Plan approval process and details associated with construction management, logistics and safety issues. Ms. Crush reviewed aspects and details related to sidewalk closures and sidewalk improvements.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Ms. Crush explained the developer would require approximately twenty-eight (28) months to complete Project construction. Further comment ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Gary Grayson, 347 N. New River Drive East, on behalf of the *WaterGarden Condominium* Board of Directors. Mr. Grayson noted concerns related to the sidewalk closure. Right-of-way concerns arose when the Project was initially approved due to the size of the lot and Project size, and the latest site plan differs from the 2017 Site Plan. He explained his viewpoint and pointed out construction management staging concerns illustrated in his slide presentation.

A copy has been made part of the backup to this Agenda item.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Grayson explained the Applicant's current construction management plan has no internal construction staging, differing from the initial construction site plan. This sidewalk closure directly relates to construction staging. Language

within this Agenda item includes the ability of the City Engineer, at his sole discretion, to close the traffic lane adjacent to the sidewalk for the duration of the Project that would impact residents. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Lagerbloom explained this Agenda item is requesting the Commission to consider the closure of the sidewalk with the installation of two temporary crosswalks.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, it was noted the City Engineer was not present.

City Attorney Boileau recommended not exacting conditions related to this Agenda item.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Ms. Crush confirmed vehicular lane closure would not be requested as part of construction. She explained discussions with the *WaterGarden Condominium* Board of Directors and confirmed cranes would not swing over their property. Further comment and discussion ensued on the Project's construction staging plans impacting the *WaterGarden Condominium*, illustrated in slide presentations.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Ms. Crush explained how the Project's three hundred thirty-eight (338) parking spaces impacted internal construction staging. Mr. Grayson remarked that the Project's related change of use did not include a change to the site plan. Further comment ensued.

Mayor Trantalis requested Ms. Crush and Mr. Grayson continue this conversation and work with Staff to accommodate neighbor concerns regarding construction truck activity on North New River Drive East. Further comment ensued.

Ms. Crush said she would meet with neighbors regarding concerns raised by Mr. Grayson.

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

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

- CM-9** [21-1175](#) Motion Authorizing Execution of 1) A Revocable License Agreement between Riverland Owner, LLC, Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale for the Installation and Maintenance of Improvements on SW 27th Avenue in Association with the “Pearl Riverland” Project Located at 400 SW 27th Avenue; and 2) An Agreement Ancillary to Revocable License Agreement, Between Riverland Owner, LLC and the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission District 3)

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

- CM-10** [21-1176](#) Motion Authorizing Execution of 1) A Revocable License Agreement between New River III, LLC, Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale for the Installation and Maintenance of Improvements on South Andrews Avenue in Association with the “New River Yacht Club III” Project Located at 417-441 South Andrews Avenue; and 2) An Agreement Ancillary to Revocable License Agreement, Between New River III, LLC and the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

- CM-11** [21-1177](#) Motion Authorizing Execution of 1) A Revocable License Agreement between HTG Village View, LLC, Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale for the Installation and Maintenance of Improvements on North Andrews Avenue in Association with the “Village View” Project Located at 640 North Andrews Avenue; and 2) An Agreement Ancillary to Revocable License Agreement, Between HTG Village View, LLC and the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CONSENT RESOLUTION

- CR-1** [21-1162](#) Resolution Authorizing a Consent to Assignment of Lease

Agreements from Cabot III - FL2W04&W05, LLC to Colt South Florida Owner LP for Lots 4 and 5 and 0.183 Acre of Property Adjacent to Lots 4 and 5 at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - (Commission District 1)

ADOPTED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CR-2 [21-1115](#)

Resolution Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Execute a Project Agreement with the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for a Grant of up to \$260,000 for Bill Keith Preserve Shoreline Stabilization Phase II - (Commission District 4)

ADOPTED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CR-3 [21-1116](#)

Resolution Delegating to the City Manager the authority to execute a Project Agreement with the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for a Grant of up to \$230,000 for Riverwalk Floating Dock Construction Phase II - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CR-4 [21-1179](#)

Resolution Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Execute a Small-Scale Derelict Vessel Removal Project Agreement with the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) in an Amount not to Exceed \$4,688 - (Commission District 4)

ADOPTED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CR-5 [21-0837](#)

Resolution Accepting the LauderTrail Master Plan - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's request, Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Director, provided an update on this Agenda

item. This Resolution memorializes the *LauderTrail Master Plan (Plan)*, its vision and creates an implementation roadmap for Staff. Staff is involved in conversations with the *Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (Broward MPO)* regarding funding and available infrastructure and transportation funding. Staff is working with the *Broward MPO* to determine how to leverage \$4,500,000 in *Parks Bond* funds. Staff is also working with the not-for-profit *PATH Foundation*, which assisted with efforts to facilitate next steps for the *Plan*. Staff will be working on forming an implementation team and a *Friends Group*, i.e., a local stakeholder not-for-profit organization with a passion for *LauderTrail*, to advocate for private funding for the *Plan*.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding a *Friends Group*, Mr. Rogers explained Staff would look to the *PATH Foundation* for use of *Best Practices* to provide a foundational understanding regarding what is needed with a *Friends Group*.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding how the Commission could assist, Mr. Rogers said acceptance of the *Plan* would be the first step. Staff would be returning to the Commission in the next several months for input regarding Staff's recommendation for implementation of the initial segment of *LauderTrail*. Each segment has pros and cons that Staff will identify and make a recommendation and seek Commission feedback.

In response to Vice Mayor Moraitis and Commissioner Sorensen's questions regarding the *Florida East Coast Railway (FEC)*, Mr. Rogers said he has been meeting with the *FEC* on a regular basis and is awaiting a response regarding the financial impact of a right-of-way long-term lease.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ty Tabing, 444 NE 7th Street. Mr. Tabing said he is a strong supporter of *LauderTrail* and explained his background creating and activating public spaces and driving economic development through public art and policymaking. He said *LauderTrail* can drive equity and inclusion throughout the City by connecting neighborhoods. Mr. Tabing recommended adding art and place-making to the budget.

Vice Mayor Moraitis confirmed discussions on items raised by Mr. Tabing and invited him to join *LauderTrail* conversations. She explained art and place-making would be the focus of the *Friends Group*, which would assist with fundraising efforts. Vice Mayor Moraitis cited examples of unique characteristics and personalities of various *Plan*

segments that may result in different ideas for art and storytelling.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding maintaining good cohesion with different groups engaged in the *Plan*, Mr. Rogers said Staff has been involved in receiving feedback and finalizing the *Plan*. Once the Commission accepts the *Plan*, Staff will reach out and reengage with those groups.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding plans for *Las Olas Boulevard*, Mr. Rogers provided an update. Staff has finalized the initial setup of the model and is scheduled to meet with City Manager Lagerbloom to determine next steps. A Commission update would follow.

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

ADOPTED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CR-6 [21-1000](#) Resolution Approving City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2022 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Lighthouse of Broward County, Inc., - \$35,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CR-7 [21-1024](#) Resolution Approving City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2022 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Northwest Federated Womans Club of Broward County, Inc., - \$78,309 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CR-8 [21-1111](#) Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2022 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 [21-0882](#) Motion Approving Final Ranking, Negotiated Fee Schedule, and Agreement for Civil Engineering Services for Rehabilitation and Upgrade of Triplex Pumping Stations - Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. - \$1,507,414 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CP-2 [21-1184](#) Motion Approving Increase in Funds for Communication Equipment, Installation, Removal & Troubleshooting - Tech Tronix Pro Inc. - \$70,001 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CP-3 [21-1187](#) Motion Approving Agreement for Repairs at Fiveash Water Treatment Plant Valve Replacement - Lanzo Companies, Inc. - in the Lump Sum Amount of \$864,992 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions regarding the *Fiveash Water Treatment Plant (Fiveash)*, City Manager Lagerbloom said a Commission discussion on the water treatment plant is scheduled for discussion during the *January 18, 2022 Commission Conference Meeting*. *Ernst & Young* and Staff will give presentations on unsolicited proposals received to determine Commission direction and offer a path forward, i.e., accepting one of the unsolicited proposals or hire an owner's representative to represent the City's interests in construction of a new water plant. *Fiveash* would need to continue to function and be maintained until a new water treatment plant is operational.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dr. Nancy Gassman, Assistant Public Works Department Director - Sustainability. Dr. Gassman explained this Agenda item is for the repair of a valve located outside the water treatment plant, which is part of the water distribution system that will

continue to be an important part of providing the public water supply.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Boyd Corbin, 12 NE 26th Street, Wilton Manors. Mr. Corbin discussed concerns related to plans for a new water treatment plant, remarked on related details and submitted his comments.

A copy has been made part of the backup to this Agenda item.

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

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

MOTIONS

M-1 [21-1182](#) Motion Approving Event Agreements and Extended Road Closure Beyond 10:00am on the Barrier Island for the 16th Annual 2022 Fort Lauderdale Marathon/Half Marathon & Fort Lauderdale 5K - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman noted this Agenda item should reflect it includes District 1.

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

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

M-2 [21-1205](#) Motion Approving an Event Agreement and Request for Music Exemption for Saint Demetrios Greek Festival - (Commission District 2)

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

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

M-3 [21-1206](#) Motion Approving an Event Agreement, Related Road Closures and Request for Music Exemption for Nobe Sunday Block Party - (Commission District 1)

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

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

M-4 [21-1048](#) Motion Approving a Service Agreement for Artwork on Lifeguard Towers - \$40,000 - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Glassman provided an overview of this Agenda item. It approves the Public Art and Placement Advisory Board's selection of artist Djerlens "DJ" Chery to complete artwork on Beach Lifeguard Towers Two (2), Five (5), Six (6) and Seven (7) along South Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Djerlens Chery, the artist selected to complete the artwork. Mr. Chery, a graduate of Dillard High School and Broward College, commented on his professional experience and background as an artist and art teacher to children and adults in the City.

Commissioner Glassman explained his positive perspective of this public art project becoming a destination and anticipating its use by Broward County for promotional materials.

Commissioner Glassman commented that a key component of public art is maintenance and inquired about availability of resources to coordinate maintenance with artists. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed Staff would work with artists to ensure maintenance.

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

APPROVED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS**NP-1** [22-0049](#) Mary Fertig - Public Lands

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive, on behalf of *Idlewyld Improvement Association* and *Lauderdale Tomorrow*. Ms. Fertig gave a Neighborhood Presentation related to the use of public lands. She requested the Commission consider developing a policy or philosophy for the use of public lands, expounded on related details and cited examples.

In response to Vice Mayor Moraitis' question about this differing from a public-private partnership (P3) ordinance, Ms. Fertig commented on the City implementing an overarching philosophy governing the use of public lands along with related guidelines and cited examples.

Vice Mayor Moraitis said she would raise this topic at the upcoming *Commission Goal Setting Session* for discussion and consideration.

Commissioner Glassman concurred and said an overarching philosophy and policy may be a good idea. He commented on examples of parcels of public land coming before the Commission for sale that could be utilized for pocket parks.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his viewpoint and said the Commission has a sense of how public lands should be used. He explained there is no one solution to the best use of public land, it depends on the situation and cited examples. Memorializing a policy or philosophy for the use of public lands would provide future Commissions with direction as to the intent of this Commission.

Commissioner Sorensen concurred with all comments and requested City Manager Lagerbloom request Staff develop a map of all City-owned properties on the City's website and keep it updated regularly. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding an update of Staff efforts regarding a P3 ordinance, City Attorney Boileau said Staff is researching and reviewing other municipalities' P3 ordinances and is drafting a P3 ordinance for Commission consideration.

RECEIVED**NP-2** [22-0050](#) Leann Barber - One Stop Shop

Mayor Trantalis recognized Leann Barber, 500 NE 1st Avenue, and *Flagler Village Civic Association* President. Ms. Barber gave a Neighbor Presentation regarding support of the City developing the public land known as the *One Stop Shop* as a public park versus a public-private partnership development.

A copy has been made part of the backup to this Agenda item.

RECEIVED

NP-3 [22-0051](#)

Boyd Corbin - Drinking water from Fiveash water treatment plant

Mayor Trantalis recognized Boyd Corbin, 12 NE 26th Street, Wilton Manors. Mr. Corbin gave a Neighbor Presentation regarding drinking water from the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant and submitted a copy of his comments.

A copy has been made part of the backup to this Agenda item.

RECEIVED

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [22-0030](#)

Appointment of Board and Committee Members - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Deputy City Clerk David Soloman read the names of Board and Committee nominees for appointment and reappointment at the *January 18, 2022 Commission Regular Meeting*.

Deputy City Clerk Soloman read into the record the names of Board and Committee appointments and or reappointments for Agenda item R-1. He confirmed a consensus reappointment of Shackera Scott to the *Community Services Board* and recommended including Ms. Scott's reappointment in this Resolution due to her term ending prior to the next meeting.

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

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

R-2 [22-0025](#)

Resolution Supporting Legislation that would Authorize the Prohibition of Smoking on Public Beaches and in Public Parks - (Commission

Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis explained the purpose of this Resolution is to encourage the State Legislature and Governor Ron DeSantis to allow individual cities and communities to determine whether or not smoking in public areas is prohibited.

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

ADOPTED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

R-3 [22-0063](#)

Resolution Urging the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to Consider the Tunnel as the Future of Commuter Rail Service in the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis explained this Resolution and related context. The State is moving forward with a proposal to add commuter rail service to the existing *Brightline* railway service between Miami and West Palm Beach that would significantly increase the number of daily trains. Increased railway traffic over waterways would impede the marine industry and vehicular traffic. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has proposed building a railway bridge through the middle of the City and includes three (3) different bridge alternatives based on height.

Mayor Trantalis explained his perspective and concern over the FDOT proposal dividing communities and permanently impacting neighborhoods in an adverse manner. He expounded on his efforts towards an underground railway tunnel (tunnel) solution in lieu of a railway bridge. Mayor Trantalis commented on input from FDOT, Broward County and the City's State and Federal Representatives. Further comment ensued.

Vice Mayor Moraitis commented on her concern about the Resolution stating the only option would be a tunnel. City Attorney Boileau said the Resolution does not have the force to preclude anything or bind the City in any way.

Vice Mayor Moraitis acknowledged her support and Commission consensus in support of the tunnel option. She explained the City needs either a tunnel or a bridge and commented on her concern regarding the language in the Resolution. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding funding and railway traffic.

In response to Vice Mayor Moraitis' request for clarification, Mayor Trantalis confirmed the conversation regarding a bridge or a tunnel only applies to commuter railway traffic. Freight railway would remain the same. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis discussed correspondence received from FDOT related to bridge and tunnel options and cost. Further comment ensued.

Vice Mayor Moraitis suggested the Commission meet with FDOT for a full understanding of all aspects, details and options in addition to Commission Members meeting with Broward County officials.

Mayor Trantalis explained details related to his outreach to County officials. Further comment ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked this Resolution directs the City's State lobbyists to advocate against the bridge options and in favor of construction of a tunnel as the local preferred alternative.

Commissioner Glassman concurred with Vice Mayor Moraitis' perspective regarding the need for either a bridge or tunnel. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen recommended hosting a Workshop with FDOT representatives on *January 18, 2022* to discuss this topic, followed by the Commission considering adoption of this Resolution. Further comment ensued.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed this Resolution would be deferred to the *January 18, 2022 Commission Regular Meeting*. Further comment and discussion ensued on scheduling and responding to FDOT correspondence.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to defer this Resolution to the January 18, 2022 Commission Regular Meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

DEFERRED to January 18, 2022

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

R-4 [21-1168](#)

Resolution Approving a Request to Relocate the "African Rain Tree" -
(Commission District 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., P.A., 501 Ponce de Leon Drive, on behalf of *Cymbal Development* (Applicant) for *Raintree Riverwalk Residences (R3)*. Ms. Toothaker explained the two (2) items before the Commission on this topic. The first request is for relocation of the *African Rain Tree (Tree)* to a different location. The second is a reduction of the related bond. The Applicant is not requesting a reduction of the bond and security has been posted, which the City Attorney has indicated is satisfactory.

Ms. Toothaker introduced members of the development team available to answer Commission questions. She narrated a slide presentation illustrating details associated with relocation of the *Tree*.

A copy has been made part of the backup to this Agenda item.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Toothaker confirmed the location of the proposed garage shown in the slide presentation.

Ms. Toothaker explained the Applicant appeared before the *Marine Advisory Board (MAB)*. The *MAB* recommended preventing larger boats from docking at this location and only allowing boats below a certain size, i.e., kayaks, dinghies and similar small scale watercraft, to dock adjacent to or under the *Tree*. She confirmed Applicant has agreed to offer this as a voluntary site plan condition. Ms. Toothaker commented on positive input from the *Historic Preservation Board*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jeff Shimonski, *Tropical Designs of Florida* President, Certified Arborist. Mr. Shimonski explained his background, experience and involvement as a consultant for relocation of the *Tree*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paul Cox, *Environmental Design* Principal and Regional Vice President. Mr. Cox explained his background, experience and success with relocating large trees and cited examples. The sole focus of *Environmental Design* is the location of large trees.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Janet Scaper, 401 SE 4th Avenue, and *Tarpon River Civic Association Member*. Ms. Scaper noted an email she sent to the Commission today requesting this Resolution be removed from the Agenda due to timing. Further comment ensued. She reviewed the process and timeline related to relocating the *Tree* and expounded on her viewpoint and related details.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Scaper said the request to remove this Agenda item relates to resident requests for answers to

questions associated with relocation of the *Tree*.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Ms. Scaper explained details related to coordinating a meeting on August 25, 2021 with the Applicant and neighbors that was well attended. She noted since that meeting, there has been no further communication.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on his direction to *Tarpon River Civic Association* leaders to be the representing body for ongoing conversations with the Applicant to address relocation of the *Tree*. He noted four (4) separate meetings discussing this topic since August 25, 2021. Further comment ensued on public meetings held regarding relocation of the *Tree* and the site plan. Commissioner Sorensen commented on the involvement and guidance of Mark Williams, Urban Forestry Supervisor.

Mayor Trantalis recognized David Harris, 401 SE 4th Avenue, on behalf of *Esplanade on the New River Condominium*. Mr. Harris explained details related to meetings on this Agenda item.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Sorensen confirmed his comfort with relocating the *Tree*, moving this Resolution forward and commented on community involvement.

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

ADOPTED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [21-1149](#) Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution Approving the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board's Recommendation for Approval of 16 Parks Improvement Projects - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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 Glassman, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor

Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis EXCUSED: Commissioner McKinzie

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

ADOPTED

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

OFR-1 [22-0006](#)

Ordinance Amending Division 2., "Administration and Enforcement," of Article IV., of Chapter 26 to Revise the Administrative Appeal Process for Parking Citations and Defective Parking Meters - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Vice Mayor Moraitis commented on providing seasonal residents who own a second home in the City the opportunity for resident parking rates. Mayor Trantalis said that this has merit, explained his viewpoint and noted the need for input from City Attorney Boileau and City Auditor Herbst. City Manager Lagerbloom noted the negligible financial impact, and City Auditor Herbst concurred and expounded on his perspective. City Manager Lagerbloom said there is currently no bonded debt related to parking.

Commissioner Glassman inquired about including the *Las Olas Parking Garage (Garage)* in the *Beach Parking Pass*. City Manager Lagerbloom said he would review.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' request that this Ordinance be amended prior to the Second Reading to include Vice Mayor Moraitis' suggestion that residents who own a second home in the City could apply for resident parking rates, City Attorney Boileau explained it would impact advertising and notice and confirmed it would be addressed separately. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Department Director. Mr. Rogers cited the related section of the Code regarding how residency is verified. Staff is reviewing those considerations and can adjust at the direction of the Commission. Further comment ensued.

Mr. Rogers explained there are multiple resident rates, and the *Garage*

has an hourly rate, which is not included as part of the \$26 per year *Beach Parking Permit*. He remarked on prior discussions regarding creating a new resident permit for the beach and possibly including other parking locations such as the *Garage* and lots coming online in the next six (6) months in *North Beach*.

Mr. Rogers noted an existing parking agreement with the *Las Olas Marina (Marina)* that states once *Marina* construction activates, almost half the capacity of the *Garage* would be allocated to the *Marina*. He cautioned that if the Commission allows the *Beach Parking Permit* to apply to the *Garage*, the projected revenue stream of the *Garage* would be reduced. Further comment ensued.

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk