

City of Fort Lauderdale



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

1:30 PM

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City Commission Conference Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

STEVEN GLASSMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District II

HEATHER MORAITIS Commissioner - District I

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 1:46 p.m.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Charter Officers Present: City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Alain E. Boileau, City Auditor John Herbst (participated telephonically)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events and matters of interest.

Commissioner Moraitis remarked on the Inter Miami CF soccer team's first home game in District 1 on Saturday, August 22, 2020. She encouraged residents to participate in the 2020 Census and vote in the election today. Commissioner Moraitis acknowledged today as the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Suffrage Movement, granting women the right to vote.

Commissioner Moraitis provided an overview of her recent participation at the Florida League of Cities (FLC) Conference as the City delegate. She confirmed voting on behalf of Mayor Trantalis to move legislation forward. Commissioner Moraitis discussed the FLC lobbying effort to allow CARES Act funding directly to municipalities, commenting on her perspective. The FLC recognized her as a *Home Rule Hero* with other State elected officials for her lobbying efforts opposing State preemption of vacation rentals.

Commissioner Moraitis updated the Commission on school reopenings in District 1, confirming one private school had reopened and additional private schools are expected to open this week. In response to Mayor Trantalis' inquiry, Commissioner Moraitis discussed protocols for opening these schools. The protocols are based on the individual school, and some are smaller. All schools are maintaining a distance of six (6) feet between desks, temperature checks, wearing masks when social distancing requirements cannot be met and staying home if ill.

These schools are working closely with the Florida Department of Health in Broward County. Commissioner Moraitis explained additional details regarding how schools are addressing reopening, noting they vary by school, expounding on details and confirming she will keep the Commission updated.

Vice Mayor Glassman provided an update of virtual meetings with neighborhood associations, boards and organizations during the Commission Summer Recess, commenting on a ULI Southeast Florida/Caribbean Webinar presentation on municipal COVID recovery.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed a boat tour throughout City waterways with Jeff Maggio and John Luth, III. He said it was a great, eye-opening tour, stating there is much more needed to clean our waterways and acknowledging conversations earlier today addressed during the Commission Joint Workshop with the Budget Advisory Board (BAB).

Vice Mayor Glassman announced the upcoming Las Olas Mobility Working Group Meeting with Commissioner Sorensen and The Corradino Group, Inc., on August 20, 2020. There is a good amount of progress to date and the timeline had been maintained. As originally intended, the final plan to the Commission is anticipated in December 2020.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on the need to educate residents regarding the Stormwater Fee (Fee) based on acreage and trips, especially as it relates to condominiums, which was included in the Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notice received with Broward County Property Tax bills. Each condominium is receiving a Fee of approximately \$60.00, which impacts condominium budgets. He noted condominiums are currently entering their budget season.

City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed Staff is addressing resident education of the acreage and trips blended rate (Blended Rate). There will be a series of five (5) public meetings between August 20, 2020 and September 8, 2020. There is interactive GIS information available on the City website that explains how the Blended Rate was determined. There was an insert included with the TRIM Notice and the August 2020 Utility Bill informing residents of the five (5) public meetings.

Vice Mayor Glassman said this had been promoted in District emails, recommending Staff state succinctly how this is a change, creating a list of all multi-family dwellings informing them that residences would be billed, allowing them to make budget adjustments.

Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed his understanding that there is an agreement between *Suntex Las Olas Marina* and *The Boat Show*.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed input from restaurants stating the Broward County (County) mandated 10:00 p.m. closing time due to COVID is difficult. It impacts the ability to achieve a second dining table turnover, expounding on details including inconsistent issuance of citations for all COVID-related violations and citing examples. He noted input from hotels regarding booking weddings while adhering to COVID social distancing requirements.

Mayor Trantalis responded, explaining the format during the last Mayor's Call that included Broward County Mayor Dale Holness, Broward County Administrator Bertha Henry and all thirty-one (31) County municipal mayors. Health care professionals provide information and statistics regarding COVID, followed by input from all mayors. Updating the current mandated restaurant closing time to 11:00 p.m. has repeatedly been raised by many mayors.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed numerous conversations with Broward County Mayor Holness and Broward County Administrator Bertha Henry to allow restaurants to remain open until 11:00 p.m. He discussed his viewpoint that allowing an 11:00 p.m. restaurant closing time poses no significant impact on the rate of infection as long as social distancing and other protocols advised by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) are maintained.

Broward County Mayor Holness indicated he is considering this recommendation. Mayor Trantalis recommended impacted businesses contact their County Commission representative and the Office of Broward County Administrator Bertha Henry to make their opinions known. He expounded on his perspective, confirming the City is a tourist destination. Mayor Trantalis made additional comments addressing business needs in the County and community. Vice Mayor Glassman thanked Mayor Trantalis for his efforts confirming his support. Vice Mayor Glassman commented on small events and present hotel event plans that would adhere to CDC guidelines to assist businesses, citing examples.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on complaints from District 2 residents in the areas of Las Olas Isles, Sunrise Boulevard, Las Olas Boulevard and Central Beach regarding odors, acknowledging pump stations in these areas and the hope that Staff investigations and related

cleaning of these areas are ongoing.

Raj Verma, Director of Public Works, explained that based on Vice Mayor Glassman's last email, he has assigned the Assistant Public Works Director to take the lead and investigate all these areas. He explained technical details regarding the pitch of existing sewer gravity lines in these areas where most were not pitched properly. Mr. Verma explained Staff is taking proactive action. Instead of current quarterly cleanup, there would be more frequent cleanup once every two (2) months and possibly moving towards once per month if necessary. There will also be smoke testing to determine if odors are emanating from pipe fittings that are not completely tight.

Vice Mayor Glassman thanked Mr. Verma, confirming he would communicate this information to residents.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions regarding the unsolicited proposal for the *One-Stop-Shop Site*, City Manager Lagerbloom said it is still in review. It will continue to be discussed confidentially with the Commission until a decision is made to bring it forward. The Commission requested Staff vet the unsolicited proposal over the Commission Summer Recess. He has met with City Attorney Alain Boileau. Additional information allowed by Statute has been requested to determine if the project meets the Statute's requirement of use for a public purpose. City Attorney Boileau explained there is no formal acceptance of an unsolicited proposal to trigger a timeline.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on requests made and confirmed at Commission Conference Meetings last year regarding Florida Power and Light (FPL) and Verizon providing notice to neighborhoods for scheduled major projects. He acknowledged the autonomy of the utility companies. Vice Mayor Glassman said requested notice to neighborhoods is not occurring, citing ongoing work in the Dolphin Isles Neighborhood, expounding on related details and requesting input from City Manager Lagerbloom.

City Manager Lagerbloom acknowledged this has been an ongoing problem and concurred with Vice Mayor Glassman's statement regarding utility company autonomy. He will continue to pursue this request with utility companies to include a conversation about what Staff could do differently to aid in neighborhood notification. Further comment ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on resident input regarding the return of micro-mobility (Scooters), especially in the Downtown area.

City Manager Lagerbloom said one vendor had approached the City with the concept of leasing Scooters, similar to leasing a car or a bicycle for an extended period, i.e., two weeks or a month. He noted his perspective that this may be a future option and commented on the three (3) permits currently allowed by Ordinance.

City Attorney Boileau explained COVID had prevented items related to permits moving forward, expounding on additional details related to COVID, the permitting process and the Ordinance, which are anticipated to be reevaluated at the end of 2020.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions regarding how this compares to the Broward BCycle (BCycle) bike-share program, City Attorney Boileau noted control aspects of BCycle, including a centralized location, fewer numbers and cleaning.

Commissioner McKinzie commented that BCycle sanitation at the beach docking area had not occurred. City Attorney Boileau commented on COVID related touch point concerns. Further comment ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding allowing Scooter leasing, City Attorney Boileau explained the current Ordinance does not apply to leasing Scooters as discussed earlier and would need to be addressed.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed contact information regarding the Stormwater Fee on the TRIM Notice could be found at www.FortLauderdale.gov/Stormwater.

Vice Mayor Glassman noted his disappointment regarding the cancellation of The Winterfest Boat Parade.

Mayor Trantalis commented on community input regarding the need to host *The Boat Show* due to COVID concerns. He confirmed the need to ensure *Informa* and *The Marine Industries Association* provide adequate safety protocols at the event. Mayor Trantalis noted the need for a separate discussion on this topic at another time.

Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed the need for a serious discussion on this topic. *The Boat Show* had presented a specific plan for safety protocols. Acting Police Chief Karen Dietrich joined Vice Mayor Glassman on a neighborhood conference call and confirmed receipt of

The Boat Show safety plan.

Commissioner McKinzie welcomed everyone back from the Commission Summer Recess. He noted that in the interest of time and the importance of voting day, there would not be a District 3 Report.

Commissioner Sorensen emphasized the importance of resident participation in the 2020 Census, expounding on related details.

Commissioner Sorensen requested updates regarding the Joint Government Center, Federal Courthouse, Police Headquarters and AECOM/Parks Bond. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed he would defer to Mayor Trantalis on the Joint Government Center and the Federal Courthouse.

Regarding the Police Headquarters, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the AECOM contract for architectural services to move forward would be before the Commission at tonight's Commission Regular Meeting. Construction firms presented and interviewed last week. They will be ranked tomorrow, and results will be published, followed by negotiations and presentations to the Commission in the future.

Regarding the Parks Bond, City Manager Lagerbloom explained some projects had been started, commenting on the process that includes the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board (PRBB) and subsequent presentation to the Commission. These include Virginia Young Park, Hector Park and ongoing land acquisition in areas of defined need.

A consulting firm is under contract to be Program Manager for the Parks Bond and will begin design and implementation. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed both Police Headquarters and Parks Bond projects are moving forward.

Mayor Trantalis provided an update regarding the Joint Government Center (Government Center), noting regular meetings. He explained concerns regarding the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Coastal Link Project and the Government Center due to discussions about building a railway bridge with an estimated height of fifty (50) feet in the City. The Government Center would be at the peak of the proposed bridge, and when entering the City from the west, the bridge would completely block the Government Center building.

Mayor Trantalis said there were two (2) meetings with Mr. Zyscovich of

Zyscovich, Inc. (Zyscovich), the Government Center consultant. Mr. Zyscovich illustrated how this type of bridge would look, and the results were not promising. The City is invited to attend a workshop on this topic hosted by the County on Thursday, August 20, 2020 beginning at 1:00 p.m. It would be the same presentation given to Mayor Trantalis this week. He urged members of the Commission to participate in the Zyscovich presentation. City Manager Lagerbloom said he would provide time-specific details.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his proposal for an underground railway tunnel (Tunnel) to alleviate bridge concerns, noting the importance of this topic and discussing his perspective regarding momentum building towards a Tunnel, avenues for future funding and previous infrastructure funding discussions at the Federal level. He recommended this topic be scheduled for a Commission Conference Meeting discussion subsequent to Commission Members viewing the Zyscovich presentation.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's update request on construction of the seven and one-half mile (7 1/2) Sanitary Sewer Redundant Force Main Line (Main Line), City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed it is ahead of schedule and on budget.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the incident today on SE 15th Street near Cordova Road, Mr. Verma explained markings on the road indicate utility work was being done at the site causing the pipe rupture. The pipe was replaced in 2004. He expounded on details regarding the pipe break, confirming work ensued immediately to remedy the situation. A No-Recreation Advisory had been issued for area waterways. Mayor Trantalis requested investigation and pursuit of the entity that caused the rupture.

Mr. Verma expounded on work being done on Main Line. It is approximately thirty-five percent (35%) complete, and fifty-five percent (55%) completion is anticipated next month. This project is on target for completion in June 2021. He explained details regarding additional components being added, i.e., interconnects to transfer flow and making additional necessary repairs, that would come before the Commission.

Mayor Trantalis provided an update on the Federal Courthouse. The site now being considered is on SE Third Avenue between SE 5th and SE 6th Streets a/k/a *The Hudson Site*. It is within budget and is located within the Downtown Regional Activity Center (RAC). Outstanding concerns include the need for neighborhood input and the need to

relocate a thirty-inch (30") utility line (Utility Line) and determining who would fund relocation costs.

City Manager Lagerbloom commented on discussions with City Auditor Herbst, also part of Federal Courthouse discussions, regarding previous Commission negotiations. He will confirm that the General Services Administration (GSA) has requested the City fund costs related to relocation of the Utility Line and will return to the Commission with a recommendation. Further comment ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on public input regarding banning Styrofoam products on public property and banning smoking on all properties under City jurisdiction, requesting Commission feedback. The Commission confirmed these items should be pursued. City Attorney Boileau confirmed. Mayor Trantalis asked City Attorney Boileau to pursue banning leaf blowers, as discussed earlier.

Mayor Trantalis discussed rent default regarding *The New River Inn*, located in District 2. He asked if there was Commission consensus to move forward with a finding of default and obtain a new occupant. Vice Mayor Glassman agreed, noting the special nature of the site that could be better activated.

Commissioner McKinzie did not concur. He commented on numerous events that had occurred, including area construction that limited access. Commissioner McKinzie urged further investigation and research, noting the current business climate in which restaurants are struggling and expounding on details related to the current occupant's efforts. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner McKinzie requested clarification regarding whether these concerns relate to the dock or the restaurant. Discussions would be pursued with Mr. Campbell, the occupant.

City Manager Lagerbloom said two (2) letters of default regarding the lease had been sent. Mayor Trantalis requested this topic be scheduled as an agenda item at the September 1, 2020 Commission Conference Meeting, allowing Mr. Campbell to speak. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed. Mayor Trantalis commented on his viewpoint and confirmed a determination would be made regarding the bifurcation of the lease as it relates to the restaurant and the dock.

[20-0485](#)

Communications to the City Commission - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

BEACH REDEVELOPMENT BOARD (BRB)

Monday, July 20, 2020

Motion made by Mr. Crush, seconded by Mr. Lalwani, to state the BRB is adamantly in support of leaving funding for pedestrian lighting from Oasis to the northern boundary of the CRA in the budget, and to recommend an alternate funding source for the streetscape and pedestrian improvements on the east and west side of A1A. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor Glassman explained this communication represents the BRB's concerns regarding opposition to cuts to the *A1A Streetscape Project*. Following his discussions with City Manager Lagerbloom, Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed this project had been restored to its original scope, i.e., installation of one hundred and forty-two (142) trees, decorative concrete and the pedestrian lighting projects.

City Manager Lagerbloom clarified the original funding amount had been restored. The original scope of the project would be pursued if it could be attained with the original budgeted amount. Vice Mayor Glassman said the approximate \$1,700,000 budget cut had been restored. In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question regarding when this project is anticipated to go out to bid, City Manager Lagerbloom said he would check with the Beach Area Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for a date. Clarence Woods, Area Manager Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights (NWPFH) CRA, confirmed he would research and report back.

COMPLETE COUNT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Motion made by Vice Chair Somerstein, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to send the following communication to the City Commission. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Ask the City Commission to:

- At the August City Commission meeting, pass a proclamation that August, September, and October 2020 be designated as Census Raise the Count Months in the City of Fort Lauderdale.*
- The Committee also requests that each Commissioner take a photo during the month of August, September, or October and make a public social media post encouraging the community's participating in the*

Census.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed the requested Proclamation is on the August 18, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting Agenda. He also confirmed the ability to complete the second request.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 [20-0583](#)

Las Olas Marina Update - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Department of Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Director. Mr. Rogers narrated a slide presentation for the Las Olas Marina Pre-Development Project (Project). He noted Raj Verma, Director of Public Works, and Robert Lochrie, Esq., Lochrie and Chakas, P.A., are available on behalf of the applicant to address questions and comments.

A copy of the slide presentation can be found in the backup to this Conference Agenda item.

Mr. Rogers received confirmation that all parties have executed The Boat Show Lease Agreement (Lease Agreement).

In response to Mayor Trantalis' request regarding the City receiving a copy of the Lease Agreement, City Attorney Boileau said the City is entitled to a copy of the Lease Agreement, commenting on possible trade secret redactions per State Statute.

Robert Lochrie said a Memorandum of Lease is being circulated by the Marine Industries Association counsel to allow signing by the separate parties. Recording is anticipated this week and would be provided to the City. He expounded on related details and confirmed he would do what is necessary to provide the City with Mayor Trantalis' request.

Mr. Rogers explained the anticipated cost of relocating the Las Olas Marina Pump Station (Pump Station) is \$400,000 and is the responsibility of Suntex. The cost to rehabilitate components of the Pump Station is approximately \$2,500,000.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions, Mr. Rogers said the \$2,500,000 Pump Station rehabilitation cost is not in the Community Investment Plan (CIP). Options include re-appropriating funds from other CIP projects or Suntex advancing these funds and the City reimbursing Suntex in the next fiscal year budget.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question regarding agreement from Suntex to front the entire \$2,900,000 cost for relocation of the pump station and its rehabilitation, Mr. Verma confirmed this is one (1) of two (2) alternatives, expounding on related details. Mr. Verma confirmed his comfort level regarding the formulation of these costs. Mr. Rogers clarified details related to ongoing negotiations on this topic.

Mr. Rogers discussed details related to the replacement of the Suntex portion of a sewer pipe and the City portion as illustrated in the slide presentation. Staff is evaluating the condition of the City portion to determine capacity adequacy. Replacement of both portions of the sewer pipes will be done synergistically.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the need for two (2) conduits, Mr. Verma confirmed the City would be responsible for its portion. The design would not compromise the quality of the system.

Mr. Rogers confirmed Suntex would fund the replacement of a water pipe as illustrated in the presentation and would complete turn lane modifications located outside the garage onto Birch Avenue. He commented on the need for secondary agreements relating to the lift station and turn lane modifications to address terms and conditions. Building permit conditions address these topics for other project items.

Mr. Rogers explained the upcoming timeline.

Mayor Trantalis recessed the meeting at 3:00 p.m. to begin the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board Meeting.

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the Commission Conference Meeting at 3:27 p.m.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 [20-0631](#)

IT General Controls (ITGC) - Security Baseline Review -
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Auditor John Herbst gave an overview of this item, explaining the confidential nature of disclosing details regarding specific information technology cybersecurity controls. He confirmed the Information Technology Services (ITS) Department had provided an action plan in place to address items raised in the audit review.

City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed Mr. Herbst's comments, thanking Andrew Parker, Director of Information Technology Services, for his work to address related items.

In response to Vice Chair Glassman's question regarding a timeline to address all items raised, Mr. Parker explained there is no current timeline. Mr. Parker noted action has been taken in conjunction with the Finance Department to address cybersecurity concerns and said certain issues require a more robust security program to address the implementation and ongoing maintenance of the required cybersecurity policies and procedures and controls.

On March 23, 2020, an IT Security Division was established and an IT Security Division Manager had been hired to address City-wide cybersecurity. In the near future and in conjunction with the Office of the City Auditor, there will be a program put forth to the Commission.

Commissioner McKinzie thanked Mr. Parker and Mr. Herbst for their work in addressing this important topic.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Lagerbloom discussed a letter from the *Las Olas Association* regarding temporary Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) along Las Olas Boulevard, i.e., traffic cones, and related concerns. There was a subsequent email regarding Commission consideration of a pedestrian mall along a portion of Las Olas Boulevard during weekends.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed discussions with members of the community about the current MOT traffic cones and closure of one lane of traffic along Las Olas Boulevard. He recommended further discussion with the community regarding a pedestrian mall. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed.

Mayor Trantalis suggested experimenting with the pedestrian mall recommendation over one weekend, suggesting Labor Day Weekend and commenting on related details. Commissioner Sorensen noted the need to discuss with area residents.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding opening the beach on Labor Day Weekend, Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed his support of open beaches on Labor Day Weekend, noting the need to monitor and enforce crowd control measures. Closing the beaches would negatively impact area restaurants and hotel businesses. Mr. Lagerbloom

confirmed Staff could address monitoring and enforcement. Further comment and discussion ensued on the policy of adjacent county beaches over Labor Day Weekend.

Commissioner Sorensen expressed his support of the beach remaining open on Labor Day Weekend, noting the need to monitor downward COVID trends. Commissioner Moraitis confirmed her support of beaches remaining open over Labor Day Weekend, commenting on the need to enforce social distancing and wearing masks. Commissioner McKinzie concurred, noting the ability to monitor the situation and ways to address a massive influx onto the barrier island. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the reduction of COVID trends. He confirmed he would speak with adjacent municipal and county mayors and would convey the position of the Commission.

Commissioner McKinzie commented that the beach is a park, noting the need for consistency, i.e., allowing the use of public park spaces as long as the public adheres to CDC Guidelines. He said hotels should not be closed at the last moment. Vice Mayor Glassman suggested Mayor Trantalis discuss this topic with colleagues, pointing out it encourages house party type events, which contributes to the spread of COVID.

City Manager Lagerbloom requested direction from Vice Mayor Glassman regarding the Waverly property (Site) in *Sailboat Bend*, commenting on discussions and action to date. Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed meeting with *Sailboat Bend Civic Association* and its support of pursuing the purchase of the Site for use as a passive park. Everyone is on the same page, and there are no false expectations for the park, i.e., playgrounds and tennis courts, due to archeological aspects of the Site. He recommended moving forward with the purchase of the Site. Vice Mayor Glassman commented on the price, noting comparables on the other side of the River. He suggested negotiating a price in between the two appraisals received i.e., \$2,400,000, funded from the Parks Bond.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed numerous conversations with adjacent property owners and their participation in the meeting with *Sailboat Bend Civic Association*. Vice Mayor Glassman reiterated the understanding and agreement regarding what can be done on the Site. The Site would be used as a passive park to include saving and protecting the Banyon Tree, possible elevated walkways, an opportunity for an educational component about

the Indian Midden, Tequesta Indians and subsequent Seminole Indians. He commented on possible passive walking on the Site and a kayak launch on the water.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding having parking at the Site, Vice Mayor Glassman noted conversations with City Manager Lagerbloom. He requested input regarding closing the road to provide parking in that area and joining the Site with the William Lauderdale Park active park.

Vice Mayor Glassman noted neighborhood interest in inquiring if Broward County was interested in releasing the Bark Site in *Sailboat Bend*.

City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the need to join the Site and William Lauderdale Park to provide parking, stating that AECOM would design and implement this project. He confirmed he would discuss the Bark Site with the County.

City Manager Lagerbloom requested Commission consideration of a volunteer medical officer position. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the need to develop a job description and commented on related details. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the Fire-Rescue Medical Director is Dr. Benny Menendez of Broward Health Medical Center.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question regarding COVID Care Funds, Susan Grant, Director of Financing, provided an update. Ms. Grant confirmed Staff is compiling items related to COVID Care Funds, stating things are evolving. Staff will be bringing the Federal Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement (FEMA ILA) to the Commission on September 1, 2020. Approximately \$4,400,000 has been spent on COVID response, primarily for COVID testing, food distribution, Staff Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), sanitizing of City facilities and eligible Staff overtime. Funding sources include FEMA and County distribution of CARES dollars. Ms. Grant explained a group from the Broward League of Cities is working to develop a formula for County distribution of CARES dollars, expounding on details. Another funding source is the State Division of Emergency Management, which the City partnered with for COVID testing sites. Efforts are ongoing to determine what is appropriate for reimbursement from the three (3) funding sources. The goal is for all costs to be reimbursed by one of these three (3) sources.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed conversations with the Governor's Office to bring antigen testing to the City, explaining there are two (2) in Miami-Dade County and noting two (2) could be brought to Broward County, expounding on related details. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed.

City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed work over the Commission Summer Recess to address items related to the events on May 31, 2020. He noted a Memorandum sent to the Commission and details. Acting Police Chief Karen Dietrich is finishing a review of the May 31, 2020 *After Action Report*. City Attorney Alain Boileau has met with the Citizens' Police Review Board (CPRB). City Manager Lagerbloom said there had been discussions with others regarding police reform, expounding on details and requesting Commission direction. The CPRB has asked for a Joint Commission Meeting on September 1, 2020. There was a consensus on this request.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's request for a Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) update, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed ongoing discussions with Broward County and the MPO. He noted a possible conflict of interest related to Surtax dollars and the City's current relationship with the MPO. As of this time, there are no awards or anticipated awards at risk.

Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department Director, provided an MPO update, confirming he would attend a meeting tomorrow with the MPO. Communications had been sent to the County and Staff is awaiting a response. Staff has provided the County with information about MPO involvement with awards given thus far to determine conflicts of interest. He anticipates waivers for any awards that could be questionable and anticipates discussion to resolve long term issues.

Mayor Trantalis noted the possible need to reexamine the City's relationship with the MPO, i.e., reversing the current relationship to ensure City Surtax funding to the City is not jeopardized. Commissioner McKinzie recommended waiting for a decision regarding a conflict of interest before implementing any changes. Mayor Trantalis concurred.

Commissioner McKinzie noted his concern about the anticipated reduction of MPO funding from the Surtax. Mr. Rogers provided an update. The Surtax Oversight Board met last week, where the County outlined its plan. Currently, \$150,000,000 in projects are planned over

the next five (5) years, a reduction from the initial recommendation of \$300,000,000 over the same time period. This is due to COVID and Surtax income, project priorities and timing of large projects. Further research is ongoing. Staff would be providing a forthcoming Commission Memorandum for review and consideration.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION - 4:00 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE

[20-0538](#)

The City Commission will meet privately pursuant to Florida Statute, Section 286.011(8) concerning:

City of Fort Lauderdale v. CFS Funeral Services, Inc.
Case No.: 18-62708-CIV - ALTMAN/HUNT

Mayor Trantalis announced the commencement of the Executive Closed-Door Session and related details.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.