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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

11:30 AM

Joint Workshop with Infrastructure Task Force Advisory

Committee

NSU Art Museum - Horvitz Auditorium

1 E Las Olas Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

STEVEN GLASSMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District II

JOHN C. HERBST Commissioner - District I

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Commissioner - District III

WARREN STURMAN Commissioner - District IV

SUSAN GRANT, Acting City Manager

DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk

THOMAS J. ANSBRO, City Attorney

PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

ROLL CALL**COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED**

Commission Members Present: Vice Mayor Steven Glassman, Commissioner Pamela Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Warren Sturman (arrived at 11:47 a.m.), and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

Commission Members Not Present: Commissioner John C. Herbst

Infrastructure Task Force Members Present: Chair Marilyn Mammano, Gerry Angeli, Gregory Barnett, James LaBrie, Mike Lambrechts, Marta Reczko, and Roosevelt Waters

Infrastructure Task Force Members Not Present: Vice Chair Peter Partington, Shane Grabski, and Ralph Zeltman

Also Present: Acting City Manager Susan Grant, City Clerk David R. Soloman, City Attorney Thomas J. Ansbro, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

OLD/NEW BUSINESS**BUS-1** [24-0572](#)

Reimagining City Hall Guiding Principles from the Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee (ITFAC) Chair Marilyn Mammano provided an overview of this Agenda item, reading from a comprehensive prepared statement entitled "*Reimagining City Hall*" *Final Report of the Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee to the Fort Lauderdale City Commission June 4, 2024 (Final Report)*.

A copy is part of the backup to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis commented on the ITFAC's community outreach and noted its thoroughness. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman concurred and remarked on her perspective. Vice Mayor Glassman acknowledged the collaborative efforts of those contributing to the *Final Report* and expounded on his viewpoint.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Chair Mammano

discussed the public input received regarding renting versus the City owning a new City Hall. Chair Mammano noted that the City of Oakland Park incorporated its City Hall into a mixed-use development as an alternative to a standalone City Hall. Further comment and discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Glassman acknowledged past Commission discussions regarding other available options, including sources of revenue, and noted that all options are on the table. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on previous discussions regarding federal funding opportunities to assist with the cost of a new City Hall. He cited examples of funding opportunities associated with a City Hall located near a transportation hub. Mayor Trantalis commented on the consideration of building additional space at a new City Hall that would be rented out, which needs further analysis.

Mayor Trantalis discussed previous consideration of locating City Hall at the 110 East Broward Boulevard building. He expounded on details and discussed another possible option, combining a parcel adjacent to 110 East Broward Boulevard with Stranahan Park as a footprint for a new City Hall. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis said the Federal Courthouse is no longer an option due to the lengthy General Services Administration (GSA) process and remarked on related details. The GSA would not make a decision regarding the current Federal Courthouse until after the new Federal Courthouse has been built and occupied. Further comment and discussion ensued.

BUS-2 [24-0529](#)

Reimagining City Hall Workshops - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Yvette Matthews, Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget. Ms. Matthews provided an overview of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Sheryl Dickey, Dickey Consulting Services. Ms. Dickey narrated a presentation entitled *REIMAGINING CITY HALL REVIEW AND NEXT STEPS FOR THE NEW CITY HALL*.

A copy of the presentation is part of the backup to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Aricka Johnson, Office of Management and Budget-Structural Innovation Manager. Ms. Johnson narrated the Employee and Community Feedback portion of the presentation.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on the need to proceed with plans for a new City Hall and her optimistic viewpoint regarding ITFAC efforts. Mayor Trantalis commented on the need to move the process forward. Vice Mayor Glassman echoed Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's comments. Commissioner Sturman remarked on the importance of ensuring employees and members of the community have easy access to City Hall. Mayor Trantalis concurred, noting Staff dealing directly with the public should be located on the first floor of a new City Hall.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Acting City Manager Susan Grant commented on a parallel process with the Urban Land Institute (ULI). Staff will bring related information to the Commission at the July 2, 2024, Conference Meeting. Laura Reece, Acting Assistant City Manager, explained that, though members of ULI attended some meetings, they were not incorporated into public outreach efforts. The Development Services Department partnered separately with the ULI on a parallel path.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Ms. Reece explained Staff plans over the next six (6) to eight (8) months. The Community Investment Plan has a \$5,000,000 placeholder to begin efforts associated with a new City Hall based on Commission direction. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Acting City Manager Grant suggested scheduling this topic at a Conference Meeting or holding a Commission Workshop to discuss options moving forward and receive Commission direction following the July 2, 2024, ULI presentation to the Commission.

Chair Mammano noted that time is of the essence. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Chair Mammano recommended starting the mechanics of the next steps, including hiring a consultant with the necessary expertise to address items such as site selection.

Mayor Trantalis concurred on the need to begin the process. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman agreed on the need to determine a new City Hall location. In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mayor Trantalis confirmed a consultant would work with the ITFAC and requested Acting City Manager Grant make a consultant recommendation. Acting City Manager Grant confirmed and said a consultant recommendation would be made following the ULI presentation at the July 2, 2024, Commission Conference Meeting. Vice Mayor Glassman concurred and noted similar efforts for other projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 12:29 p.m.