

City of Fort Lauderdale



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 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 1:38 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.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question regarding the new location for the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant (Fiveash), City Manager Lagerbloom said the consultant determined the Prospect Well Fields would be the new water treatment plant location. Treated water from Prospect Well Fields would be connected to Fiveash for water distribution. The FY 2021 Budget provides for hiring an Owner/Consultant to move the City through the process of procuring and constructing a new water plant at the Prospect Well Fields as recommended in the Carollo Report.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed the need to move forward on this item, requesting it be included on a fall Commission Agenda. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed this item could be on an October 2020 Commission Agenda. He expounded on related details.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' request, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed he would address Fiveash relocation on an Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee (ITFAC) Meeting Agenda. Raj Verma, Public Works Department Director, confirmed.

Commissioner Moraitis provided an update on the Aviation School at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, a collaboration with Broward County School Board and Florida Technical College, confirming it is up and running. Learning goals include versatile skills that can be transferred to

other industries, i.e., the aerospace industry prevalent in Florida. Commissioner Moraitis recommended branding this program, i.e., Aviation and Aerospace Training Hub, to not limit a program or location. Programs could be built into this training at different locations, citing examples including the partnership with Broward College at Community Centers or partnership with area businesses. Zoe Saunders, Chief Education Officer, is available to present and solidify details. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the ability to rebrand this program. He requested Hal Barnes, Neighbor Support Manager, work with Ms. Saunders to ensure Commissioner Moraitis' modifications are addressed. Mr. Barnes confirmed he would discuss with Ms. Saunders and report back.

Commissioner Moraitis would be meeting with Inter Miami CF Team Management (Inter Miami), EDSA and AECOM this week to address the timeline for building the Lockhart Site Community Center fields. The fields are expected to be completed by July 2022. AECOM is the Project Manager, and they will host virtual city-wide input for the Community Center.

Commissioner Moraitis requested clarification regarding Stormwater billing modifications and details of the upcoming September 14, 2020 Budget Hearing. City Manager Lagerbloom explained Stormwater charges were removed from the utility bill and included on the annual TRIM Notice as two (2) different assessments, one for trips and one for area. The new methodology resulted in updated billing amounts, some increasing and others decreasing. There are a series of virtual meetings for residents to inquire and understand the new Stormwater Rate Structure and new billing.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on his perspective regarding the Stormwater Assessment, noting resident input on Stormwater rate calculation disparities and the negative impact on residents. He referenced correspondence from Mrs. Hall of Melrose Park and others about resident dissatisfaction with new Stormwater rates, including Northwest area residents funding infrastructure projects like seawalls in other areas and low-income housing exemptions.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed Staff would address. Laura Reece, Budget, CIP and Grants Division Director, explained the Stormwater Rate Assessment from an advertising and budget perspective, expounding on details. On September 14, 2020 at 5:01 p.m., the public can provide input on all non-ad valorem assessments and the Commission will vote

on non-ad valorem assessment items. Notice of the September 14, 2020 Budget Meeting was included on the TRIM Notice.

Commissioner McKinzie requested clarification about where Stormwater Assessments are being spent. City Manager Lagerbloom commented on ongoing, recurring day-to-day costs and capital expansion. Dr. Nancy Gassman, Assistant Public Works Director, confirmed. Dr. Gassman clarified there is a current \$11,000,000 - \$14,000,000 infrastructure program to maintain existing infrastructure throughout the City. There is \$200,000,000 in bond funding for capital expansion to support stormwater improvements in seven (7) neighborhoods in the City's most vulnerable to flooding. These neighborhoods include Durrs, Dorsey-Riverbend, Progresso, Edgewood, Victoria Park, Southeast Isles and River Oaks (Neighborhoods). A portion of the increase in Stormwater rates is geared towards those capital improvements. The cost of infrastructure maintenance is part of the increase in Stormwater rates. Regardless of where residents reside in the City, the Stormwater Management System provides drainage to all City roadways.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' request, Dr. Gassman cited Stormwater Improvement Infrastructure examples, i.e., adding seven (7) additional pump stations to the Neighborhoods. There are specific improvements planned for the Edgewood neighborhood that has few underground pipes. Edgewood will have underground pipes, pumps, catch basins, and water quality structures installed to allow improved stormwater conveyance off roadways and properties to pump stations and outfall waterways.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's questions, Dr. Gassman said each Neighborhood has different needs and requirements to provide an appropriate service level for flooding, citing examples of infrastructure expansion. She confirmed details of pump station installations serving all Neighborhoods, citing examples. There is no pump station in Melrose Park. Dr. Gassman confirmed existing drainage in all areas, stating some situations have existing swales that are not adequate to prevent flooding. There are currently four (4) pump stations throughout the City, two located downtown. Eight (8) pump stations will increase pumping capacity for a total of twelve (12). Modeling is planned in the future to address stormwater infrastructure improvements in an additional seven (7) neighborhoods also vulnerable to flooding.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question, Dr. Gassman explained the difference between a lift station and a pump station. A lift station is connected to a gravity main conveying wastewater.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on Melrose Manors perception that it is being excluded from the Stormwater Master Plan and noted Melrose Manors would be addressed in the second set of seven (7) neighborhoods scheduled for stormwater improvements. Dr. Gassman explained details regarding the Stormwater Master Plan planning process completed in 2018, expounding on details. Tier One (1) focused on the seven (7) most vulnerable neighborhoods. Tier Two (2) will focus on the next seven (7) vulnerable neighborhoods.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on his perspective regarding debris blocking storm drains and the need for a better system, citing examples. Raj Verma, Public Works Department Director, commented on devices available to address this concern, citing examples and stating the maintenance that relies on how the maintenance program is set up in conjunction with stormwater infrastructure improvements. He expounded on minimizing flooding and related details.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective regarding Stormwater Master Plan costs being shared by all residents and benefiting all areas which should have been addressed years ago. He noted the need for the Commission to speak with a single voice. Commissioner McKinzie commented on his perspective and input from residents regarding the new Stormwater Rate Structure.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question, Ms. Reese explained the need for the Commission to continue funding through the utility bill should the Commission not approve the non-ad valorem Stormwater Assessment at the September 14, 2020 Commission Second Budget Hearing. It would impact the ability to fund stormwater projects not funded by the existing \$70,000,000 Line of Credit.

Vice Mayor Glassman noted the numerous Stormwater Rate Structure discussions at Commission meetings over the past several years. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed, commenting on details related to Stormwater projects and funding. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic.

Mayor Trantalis commented on the public perception of the TRIM Notice Stormwater Assessment versus small incremental water utility bill increases, expounding on related details including how it was presented in the press. He also discussed the impact of Stormwater rates on commercial businesses that should be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed the importance and need to do a better job educating the public, expounding on details. He thanked Staff for efforts to inform neighbor associations about Stormwater infrastructure needs. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman noted members of the community who had recently passed away, requesting they be recognized with a moment of silence at tonight's Commission Regular Meeting.

Vice Mayor Glassman requested an update regarding an eviction at a South Middle River property, noting the residents have not evacuated the property. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed he would research and report on this topic.

Vice Mayor Glassman requested a status update on the Central Beach Master Plan. Anthony Fajardo, Department of Sustainable Development Director, confirmed Staff is still working on the Central Beach Master Plan. Other projects were prioritized based on Commission direction. Staff is focused on the Downtown Master Plan.

Vice Mayor Glassman said things are moving quickly with the Las Olas Mobility Working Group and The Corradino Group, Inc., (Corradino) for the Las Olas Boulevard Streetscape Design. There have been concerns about the residential portion after the first review by area residents. Vice Mayor Glassman said he would communicate a list of those concerns to Corradino before finalizing the plan. Further comment and discussion ensued. This item is scheduled to come before the Commission in December 2020.

Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed advocating for resident participation in the 2020 Census. He noted the twenty-one (21) day timeline until Mail-In Ballots for November 3, 2020 General Election (Election) are mailed. The deadline to register to vote for the Election is October 5, 2020. Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed his efforts to communicate this information.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed Broward County is working in a timely manner on the by-pass road through Port Everglades that will run parallel to SE 17th Street. The project is on track, and its construction is independent of the Convention Center.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed the need for Staff to finalize sanitary sewer spills impact on the Tarpon River and begin mitigation efforts in coordination with the State of Florida. Similar efforts are ongoing for the

Himmarshee Canal, including core drilling.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on increased homeless gathering in Stranahan Park and SE 17th Street and Federal Highway, noting individuals are not as interested in receiving services, which presents a challenge. He is coordinating with Broward County, City Manager Lagerbloom and Interim Police Chief Karen Dietrich to determine solutions and opportunities.

Mayor Trantalis concurred with Commissioner Sorensen's evaluation of the homeless situation, stating a Commission decision needs to be made regarding individuals who do not partake in services and disrespecting others who wish to use public space. He expounded on his perspective regarding the recent hotel voucher program versus the Broward County Shelter.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed he would continue working with all stakeholders to address this unique population in another way. He will keep the Commission updated.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's request, Mayor Trantalis provided an update on the Joint Government Center (Center), explaining the efforts of Zyscovich, Inc., (Zyscovich), the consultant tasked with providing a needs assessment and provided a master plan for the area. Mayor Trantalis noted the need to convene. City Manager Lagerbloom requested input from City Attorney Alain Boileau. City Attorney Boileau explained there has been no progress with legal issues related to the unsolicited proposal. The City of Fort Lauderdale Commission and Broward County Commission can convene for a Unified Direct Procurement Authority Meeting (UDPA) to discuss other aspects. Discussions would include the Zyscovich proposal, impact of a railway bridge through the City adjacent to the Center and advocating for a railway tunnel instead of a railway bridge. Mayor Trantalis said there had been related discussions with Brightline, Zyscovich, Broward County and the City. Mayor Trantalis confirmed and expounded on his advocacy for a railway tunnel.

In response Commissioner McKinzie, Mayor Trantalis clarified that there are parallel conversations regarding a railway tunnel rather than a railway bridge. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed he sent Broward County a follow-up communication to schedule a UDPA Meeting.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding FY 2021 budgeting for waterway testing and monitoring, Mayor Trantalis

responded, stating water testing would be increased weekly or biweekly, which would be put out to bid. The related item on tonight's Regular Meeting Agenda would allow City Manager Lagerbloom to engage a vendor for immediate emergency water testing.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's request, City Manager Lagerbloom provided a status update on the new Police Headquarters funded by the Public Safety Facilities Bond. Following a competitive solicitation and review process, an architectural contract had been awarded. Procurement Staff is negotiating with the top-ranked vendor. If negotiations are successful, the resulting agreement will come before the Commission. Should negotiations not be successful, the process would continue with the second-ranked vendor. Staff will give the Commission frequent design updates as they become available.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on architectural aspects of the existing Police Station Headquarters, expounding on related details. He recommended an architectural resource survey for that building, illustrating original designs, etc.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on the July 19, 1935 lynching of Rubin Stacy in the area of Davie Road and South Andrews Avenue. He discussed his and other individuals' interest for an appropriate remembrance of that horrific act, possibly renaming a portion of Davie Boulevard after Mr. Stacy. Commissioner Sorensen requested Commission input.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on this tragedy, thanking Commissioner Sorensen for taking the lead on memorializing Mr. Stacy. He noted Mr. Stacy is recognized in the Historic Woodlawn Cemetery. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed a member of Mr. Stacy's family is involved in the group working with him on this effort. Vice Mayor Glassman commented that Mr. Stacy was possibly memorialized at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice Museum (Museum), expounding on related details. Commissioner Sorensen said the group working on this current effort is also working with the Museum.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on the process of the revised Tree Ordinance. Dr. Gassman explained details regarding multiple meetings on the proposed Tree Ordinance draft (Draft), which must be submitted through the agenda process to the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Board by September 11, 2020 to be included in the October 21, 2020 P&Z Board

Meeting. When the Tree Ordinance is submitted for the P&Z Agenda, it becomes part of the public realm for additional resident feedback. Further comment ensued on public input, the process and the timeline.

Commissioner Sorensen recommended having adequate time for public feedback and submitting a "clean" Tree Ordinance to the P&Z Board for review. Commissioner Moraitis concurred with this recommendation, noting Staff would participate and residents would provide input at the District 1 Pre-Agenda Meeting regarding the Tree Ordinance. Vice Mayor Glassman concurred with Commissioner Sorensen and Commissioner Moraitis to allow adequate time for public input. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed.

[20-0653](#)

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

CITIZENS' POLICE REVIEW BOARD

Virtual Meeting

August 10, 2020

Communications to the Commission

Chair Christina Currie noted that in July 2020, the Board had discussed two recommendations they wished to make regarding Department policy. She had drafted correspondence on these recommendations, which was then sent to the Board members.

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Chair Currie noted that the Board would only receive the summary of Notes to File, and be given the option of requesting more information on specific summaries. She felt the Board could simply decline to further discuss the items in which they have no interest rather than having them weeded out before they are sent or listed.

Motion made by Ms. Ortman, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to accept the draft of the correspondence [and] to forward it. The **motion** passed by unanimous consent.

Recommendation 1:

Add NTF reference to Ordinance §2-249 Duties & FLPD Policy 117.3, §D, 17

The citizens' police review board shall receive on a monthly basis a

comprehensive spreadsheet containing a list of all "Note to Files" (NTF) for which a disposition has been reached during the prior month. The aforementioned will be provided unless otherwise determined to be confidential by law, and in this regard the board shall receive the cooperation of the police department in providing information.

Recommendation 2:

Add discipline documentation reference to Ordinance §2-250

Decision of the Board (b) & FLPD Policy 117.3, §D, 17

The employee discipline history and past discipline practice documentation shall be provided with investigation materials to the Citizens' Police Review Board. The Board agreed that the wording of this issue in the draft correspondence was appropriate.

Mayor Trantalis noted CPRB recommendations had been addressed in the Commission Joint Workshop with the Citizens' Police Review Board held earlier today. Please refer to September 1, 2020 Joint Workshop with CPRB Meeting Minutes.

City Attorney Boileau suggested tweaking one aspect of Recommendation 2, expounding on related details. He recommended FLPD employee discipline history and past discipline practice documentation should not be provided simultaneously with current investigation materials to the Citizens' Police Review Board.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed the need for a conversation regarding this suggestion, expounding on details. City Attorney Boileau said the CPRB should only review and consider past discipline history following an investigation determination.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's comments, Mayor Trantalis cited examples of City Attorney Boileau's suggestion. Further comment and discussion ensued.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 [20-0530](#)

LauderTrail Update - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Department of Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department Director. Mr. Rogers confirmed he invited Odessa Striggles Bennet of *Old Dillard Trail*, Terry Frank, President, *Friends of Mockingbird Trail (Mockingbird Trail)*, and *LauderTrail Working Group* Chair Jay Schectman.

Mr. Rogers narrated the *LauderTrail Update* slide presentation.

A copy of this slide presentation can be viewed in the backup to these minutes.

Commissioner Sorensen noted that the *Laudertrail Working Group* was modeled after the *Las Olas Corridor Mobility Working Group (Las Olas Working Group)*, commenting on the ability to bring all stakeholders together to move forward quickly and efficiently.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Sorensen confirmed the *Laudertrail Working Group* sunset last month, August 2020. Mayor Trantalis noted it could be reinstated.

In response to Mr. Rogers' request for input into the *LauderTrail Steering Committee* concept, Commissioner Sorensen provided feedback about membership, meeting frequency and deferring to the Commission. Commissioner Sorensen recommended making a *LauderTrail Steering Committee* inclusive, similar to the *Las Olas Working Group*. Commissioner Moraitis confirmed her desire to participate in the *LauderTrail Steering Committee*. Vice Mayor Glassman commented on his perspective regarding Commission Member participation, nominating both Commissioner Sorensen and Commissioner Moraitis as Commission representatives on the *Steering Committee*.

Commissioner Moraitis confirmed her support of Staff recommendations and integrating *Rails-to-Trails* into *Laudertrail*. Achieving this goal would involve incorporating District 1 Florida East Coast *Railway (FEC Railway)* right-of-way, connecting District 1 to the rest of the City.

Mr. Rogers said the feasibility study would identify where right-of-way issues exist in addition to other items. He discussed conversations with Greg Stuart, Executive Director of the *Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)*, about connecting *LauderTrail* to a larger audience and other funding sources. The intent of this presentation is to create a baseline understanding.

Commissioner Sorensen suggested to Commissioner Moraitis that the *LauderTrail Steering Committee* initially meet every two (2) weeks.

Commissioner McKinzie asked if Commission Moraitis had considered *Inter Miami CF* and the *Brightline Train* assisting in *LauderTrail* efforts.

Commissioner Moraitis confirmed, noting the *MPO* has a plan for a connecting *greenway* in the Prospect Road area, connecting to Tamarac. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Terry Frank, *President of Friends of Mockingbird Trail (Mockingbird Trail)*, 401 East Las Olas Boulevard. Mr. Frank discussed his support for this project to move forward, endorsed the *Steering Committee* and expounded on related details. He commented on *Mockingbird Trail* recommendations provided in November 2019 that had not been incorporated into *LauderTrail*. Mr. Frank also commented on costs, funding sources and *Best Practices*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Kamille L. Wilson, 19 SE 12th Avenue. Ms. Wilson remarked on her involvement, concerns and hopes for the future of *Mockingbird Trail*. She referenced prior emails in support of *Mockingbird Trail*, expounding on related details and urging inclusion of *Mockingbird Trail* past efforts.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jenni Morejon, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Ms. Morejon confirmed her involvement with *Mockingbird Trail* since 2014. The DDA continues to prioritize these types of community investments and awaits a response from the United State Department of Transportation (USDOT) on a grant application submitted in partnership with the City to improve streetscapes in the area of Northeast 4th Street and Northeast 8th Street in Flagler Village. The Northeast 8th Street segment would connect *War Memorial Auditorium* to the *FEC Greenway*.

Ms. Morejon confirmed DDA's commitment to participate in the *Steering Committee*. She expounded on details, recommending the *Steering Committee* be given the authority to make meaningful recommendations to the Commission, specifically as it relates to a third-party entity being engaged to assist or lead in managing implementation, i.e., dealing with private fundraising, managing long-term operations and maintenance. Ms. Morejon said the hybrid approach has the most merit, expounding on details and citing examples.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Shea Smith, 1900 NE 21 Street. Mr. Smith discussed his civic contributions, including his appointment to *LauderTrail* and the Broward County Surtax Board. He emphasized the need and his support for *LauderTrail*'s continued momentum, continuity and community equity to bring the City together, citing examples. Mr.

Smith recommended the *Steering Committee* meet on a more frequent basis. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Rebecca Bradley, 435 N. Andrews Avenue. Ms. Bradley provided her background as a landscape architect and one of the original six (6) creators of *Mockingbird Trail* established in 2015. She is currently a Technical Advisory Board Member of *Friends of Mockingbird Trail*. She spoke in opposition to this item, stating it does not include research, data and programming collected by *Mockingbird Trail*, noting the need for collaboration. Ms. Bradley explained the inception and history of implementing an urban trail in the City funded by the Community Foundation of Broward County, expounding on related details. She requested Commission review *Friends of Mockingbird Trail* documents and recognize and approve the *Friends of Mockingbird Trail Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) submitted in 2020*.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed numerous conversations with *Friends of Mockingbird Trail* President Terry Frank. Mayor Trantalis explained an official response from the City has not been addressed due to COVID, confirming the purpose of the item is to move forward. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jay Schectman, Chair of *Laudertrail Working Group*. He confirmed *Laudertrail Working Group* had not met since February 2020 due to COVID. Due to *Sunshine Law* he had not been able to speak with other members of the *Laudertrail Working Group*. Mr. Schectman confirmed support of the Staff recommended *Steering Committee*, dual tracking, Master Planning and construction on the first two (2) phases, expounding on related details. He confirmed support of a collaborative effort and the inclusion of all stakeholders. Mr. Schectman expounded on the need to think bigger, including the positive economic impact of moving forward has outweighed costs in other municipalities. He confirmed the need for resolution about the *Friends of Mockingbird Trail MOU*, acknowledging their work and ensuring future passionate stakeholder contribution.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Rogers confirmed his understanding of stakeholder input. Mayor Trantalis requested a copy of the MOU for review.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's request to move forward, Mr. Rogers confirmed he would follow-up with City Attorney Boileau to ensure

group structure and other possible restrictions are addressed. Afterwards, Mr. Rogers would reach out to Commissioner Sorensen to schedule a meeting.

BUS-2 [20-0694](#)

Disparity Study - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Manager Lagerbloom commented on the scheduling of this item, confirming the need for Commission feedback.

Jodi Hart, Chief Procurement Officer and Contract Manager, thanked everyone involved in the Disparity Study. She explained the goal of this presentation is for Commission feedback on how to proceed with recommendations and to what degree of intensity, noting possible additional costs including technology and employment.

Andreas Renault, Manager, MGT Consulting Group (MGT), narrated the 2020 Disparity Study Final Report Presentation. He expounded on the genesis of addressing disparities and related details.

A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Trantalis thanked all involved in this effort.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question regarding Staff's recommendation for a ten percent (10%) inclusion preference for the disadvantaged being the norm, Ms. Hart noted the need for Commission feedback and direction. Ms. Hart expounded on details, including possible additional costs.

Ms. Hart explained Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) versus the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) gender neutral business enterprises that combines minorities, women, veterans and small businesses.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question on Study recommendations, Ms. Hart said concerns relate to technical aspects of software issues and the ability to track, explaining details related to utilizing existing agency outreach and vendor disparity certification (certification) programs, i.e., Broward County (County) and the Broward County School Board.

Commissioner McKinzie noted he initiated this Study. He commented on experience with County certification guidelines with his small business. Commissioner McKinzie cited examples such as the high

cost of insurance requirements for business vehicles that prevents small business participation. He expounded on his perspective and the City creating its own program to provide small minority businesses with opportunities.

Commissioner McKinzie thanked Ms. Hart for her efforts. Ms. Hart said there would be costs associated with moving forward, noting details, citing examples and explaining it would include additional time and Staff. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner McKinzie requested Staff come forward with a program and costs.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Renault said LGBT vendors would not typically fall into the DBE, noting the possibility due to United States Supreme Court Cases, expounding on details and confirming there is a small business component and an associated yearly revenue. A DBE would not necessarily be a minority. Further comment and discussion ensued on criteria, certification and DBE and M/WBE details.

In response to Commission Sorensen, Ms. Hart confirmed receipt of requested Commission feedback.

City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed Staff would return with a recommendation for Commission input.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 [20-0691](#)

Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI) Interim Status Report - Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvements and Aquatic Center Renovation Projects - (Commission District 2)

City Auditor John Herbst explained this item is an update of the ongoing audit of Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) construction projects. The Las Olas Garage Project is ninety-nine percent (99%) complete. Skanska, the project contractor, has not provided final documentation needed to close out the project.

City Auditor Herbst confirmed he and the auditing firm Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI) have requested this documentation as required in the contract auditing clause, expounding on details.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Auditor Herbst explained final documentation includes final invoice, punch list items and pay application information.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question about Skanska addressing

mesh screening rusting, Ben Rogers, Department of Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Director, explained this is being reviewed, noting multiple proposals and conversations with Skanska about how to rectify the situation, including removing the mesh screening, painting or cleaning the mesh screening. Staff is communicating with the Office of the City Attorney to evaluate the situation and will be responding to Skanska soon.

Mayor Trantalis noted the mesh screen rusting is a significant issue to be addressed prior to signing off on final acceptance. City Auditor Herbst confirmed this was one of the punch list items along with associated financial information.

Mayor Trantalis expounded on his perspective, commenting on the mesh screening impacts on lighting and the need to resolve this issue.

City Auditor Herbst explained details regarding the Aquatic Complex. There is an ongoing review of pay applications and corrections have been forwarded to CRI Project Manager for communication back to the contractor, Hensel Phelps. The contract extension with CRI is moving forward due to the contract being pushed back nine (9) months.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding an estimated timeline for Aquatic Center completion, City Auditor Herbst reiterated the contract had been pushed back nine (9) months and there is no agreement for the South Building that will be incorporated into the overall project. Clarence Woods, Area Manager Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency, said he would contact Thomas Green, CRA Senior Project Manager, and report back to the Commission.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Lagerbloom discussed updates regarding the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Project and moving forward with different methods to solicit the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant , i.e., private or public sector, would be on the September 15, 2020 Commission Meeting Agenda.

City Manager Lagerbloom provided an update on the Bryan Homes the lease with the City. He received correspondence recently from Mr. Campbell outlining updates in order to come into compliance with the lease. Comment and discussion ensued on this topic. Mayor Trantalis

commented on his perspective and related details. City Manager Lagerbloom provided an update on outstanding dockage fees.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on his perspective, the timeline and impact of area construction and COVID. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner McKinzie recommended waiting until City Manager Lagerbloom and Mr. Campbell have an opportunity to discuss this topic. Mayor Trantalis said a decision would be made at the September 15, 2020 Commission Meeting.

City Manager Lagerbloom explained additional information needed to make a decision regarding the *One-Stop-Shop* unsolicited proposal received today but could not be discussed because there is no scheduled *Closed-Door Session* or court reporter. The additional information would be shared with City Attorney Boileau and this topic is expected to be discussed at the September 15, 2020 Commission Conference Meeting during a Closed-Door Session.

Mayor Trantalis said Hope Calhoun, 14 SE 4th Street, on behalf of New Mount Olive Baptist Church had signed up to speak during the Communications to the Commission portion of this meeting. He would call Ms. Calhoun during the break prior to the start of the Commission Regular Meeting tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.



2020 Disparity Study Final Report Presentation

City of Fort Lauderdale, FL

September 1, 2020

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AGENDA

City of Fort Lauderdale 2020 Disparity Study

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Findings-Disparity

DISPARITY RATIO AND SIGNIFICANCE TESTING CONSTRUCTION SUBCONTRACTORS

BUSINESS OWNERSHIP CLASSIFICATION	PERCENT OF DOLLARS	AVAILABLE FIRMS ESTIMATE	DISPARITY INDEX	DISPARATE IMPACT OF UTILIZATION		
		(%)				
African Americans	4.69%	18.22%	25.73	Underutilization	*	¥¥¥¥
Asian Americans	2.20%	1.40%	156.93	Overutilization		¥¥¥¥
Hispanic Americans	8.64%	29.44%	29.35	Underutilization	*	¥¥¥¥
Native Americans	0.00%	0.93%	0.00	Underutilization	*	¥¥¥¥
TOTAL MINORITY FIRMS	15.53%	50.00%	31.06	Underutilization	*	¥¥¥¥
Nonminority Women Firms	4.37%	6.07%	71.94	Underutilization	*	¥¥¥¥
TOTAL M/WBE FIRMS	19.90%	56.07%	35.49	Underutilization	*	¥¥¥¥
TOTAL NON-M/WBE FIRMS	80.10%	43.93%	182.36	Overutilization		¥¥¥¥

* Indicates a substantial level of disparity, which is a disparity index below 80.00.

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¥¥¥ denotes the ratio of utilization to availability is statistically significant at a 0.10 level.

¥¥ denotes the ratio of utilization to availability is statistically significant at a 0.20 level.

DISPARITY RATIO AND SIGNIFICANCE TESTING ALL PROCUREMENT CATEGORIES PRIMES

BUSINESS OWNERSHIP CLASSIFICATION	PERCENT OF DOLLARS	AVAILABLE FIRMS ESTIMATE	DISPARITY INDEX	DISPARATE IMPACT OF UTILIZATION		
		(%)				
African Americans	0.31%	9.93%	3.14	Underutilization	*	¥¥¥
Asian Americans	0.44%	2.12%	20.64	Underutilization	*	
Hispanic Americans	3.73%	16.44%	22.71	Underutilization	*	¥¥¥
Native Americans	0.00%	0.30%	0.00	Underutilization	*	
TOTAL MINORITY FIRMS	4.48%	28.79%	15.57	Underutilization	*	¥¥¥¥
Nonminority Women Firms	0.68%	11.16%	6.11	Underutilization	*	¥¥¥
TOTAL M/WBE FIRMS	5.17%	39.95%	12.93	Underutilization	*	¥¥¥¥
TOTAL NON-M/WBE FIRMS	94.83%	60.05%	157.94	Overutilization		¥¥¥¥

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Findings-Anecdotal

- African American construction owner stated that the City allows registrations to lapse without sending notifications and that bonding and insurance requirements make it difficult to participate.
- African American goods supplier stated that there is no notification that their paperwork was accepted, and they are a registered vendor.
- Hispanic American other services firm stated that it is difficult to navigate the City's programs, paperwork, and requirements.
- African American professional services firm worries that companies are not properly vetted.
- A Hispanic American firm owner of a construction firm stated that they do not know the process in which to bid on City projects or what projects are available.

Commendations

- The City should be commended for the vision to increase participation of minority and women-owned businesses by encouraging M/WBE participation.
 - Procurement Ordinance Language is to be commended.
 - ***“...the city shall use its best efforts to ensure that minority and women-owned businesses shall have an equitable opportunity to participate in the city’s procurement process”***
 - ***“...the city strongly supports disadvantaged, small, minority and woman owned firms having full opportunity to submit bids and proposals in response to solicitation documents”***
- The City should be commended for collecting M/WBE data for primes in its financial management system and collecting subcontractor data for M/WBE and non-M/WBE on awarded contracts.

Recommendations-Race & Gender Neutral

- Specific Small Business Aspirational Goals.
- The City should consider the use of SBE bid preferences.
- The City should consider a bidder rotation scheme to limit habitual purchases from majority firms.
- The City must continuously encourage participation of SBEs in all procurement and contracting.
- The City should consider unbundling or breaking large contracts into smaller components to increase the pool of small businesses to bid.
- The City should consider website improvements that make it easier to inform the public and contractors about opportunities.
- The City should create electronic methods of tracking subcontractor participation and utilization for M/WBE and non-M/WBE firms.

Recommendations-Race & Gender Specific

- The City should tailor its M/WBE participation policy to help remedy the specific disparities.
 - The core theme should be that prime contractors should document their outreach efforts and the reasons why they may have rejected qualified M/WBEs and M/WBEs who were the low bidders or most qualified subcontractors.
- The City should consider establishing annual aspirational M/WBE goals by business category for primes and subcontractors.

PROPOSED M/WBE ASPIRATIONAL GOALS

Procurement Category	M/WBE Prime Goals
Construction	12.48%
Construction Subs	23.52%
Architecture & Engineering	10.85%
Professional Services	6.42%
Other Services	2.16%
Goods and Supplies	2.90%





Any Questions?

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