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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 18, 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 6:10 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: 5 - Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie (arrived at 6:30 p.m.), Commissioner Ben Sorensen, Vice Mayor Heather Moraitis and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[22-0073](#)

Minutes for November 29, 2021 Commission Bahia Mar Workshop - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve 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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [22-0075](#)
1

Mayor Trantalis will present a Proclamation declaring Saturday, January 22, 2022, as Hal Barnes Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Mayor Trantalis presented a Proclamation declaring *Saturday, January 22, 2022, as Hal Barnes Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, recognizing Hal Barnes for his twenty-five (25) years of service to the community.

Hal Barnes, Neighbor Support Manager, thanked Mayor Trantalis and Commission Members for this recognition. He acknowledged and thanked members of his Neighbor Support Team and Staff who assisted in efforts to improve the City.

PRESENTED

PRES- [22-0076](#)
2

The American Society of Civil Engineers Broward Branch will present the "2021 Large Project of the Year" Award for Horizontal Directional Drilling to the City of Fort Lauderdale Public Works Department

Ryan Beckman, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Broward Branch President, presented the *ASCE 2021 Large Project of the Year Award for Horizontal Directional Drilling* to the City of Fort Lauderdale Public Works Department. Mr. Beckman discussed project details and acknowledged the parties that contributed to the successful completion of the Project.

PRESENTED

PRES- [22-0078](#)
3

Fire Rescue Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr will recognize the Crew of Engine 54

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

CONSENT MOTION

- CM-1** [22-0028](#) Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Miami's Department of Fire-Rescue for Participation in the US Department of Homeland Security's National Urban Search & Rescue Response System; Florida Task Force 2 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

- CM-2** [22-0069](#) Motion Authorizing Purchase of Property Insurance - Underwriters at Lloyd's of London, et al. - \$2,499,742 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CONSENT RESOLUTION

- CR-1** [22-0021](#) Resolution (a) Granting a Dock Permit for Usage of Public Property by Edward & Elizabeth Bohne, 721 Cordova Road - and (b) Authorizing Counter-Execution by the Proper City Officials of a Declaration of Covenants Running With The Land Respecting A City Issued Dock Permit - (Commission District 4)

ADOPTED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

- CR-2** [22-0032](#) Resolution Rescinding Resolution 21-126, and Approving a Landscape Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement for State Road 5 (US1) with the Florida Department of Transportation for Improvements within the Right-of-Way of State Road 5 - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 [22-0018](#) Motion Approving Agreement for the Purchase of Disaster Debris Management, Cost Recovery, Project Management, and Other Support Services - Thompson Consulting Services, LLC - \$10,139,947.50 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

MOTIONS

M-1 [22-0068](#) Motion Approving an Event Agreement, Related Road Closures and Requests for Music Exemptions on January 23, 2022 and January 30, 2022 and Retroactive Approvals for the January 9, 2022 and January 16, 2022 Event Dates 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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [22-0072](#) Appointment of Board and Committee Members - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Deputy City Clerk David Soloman read the names of the Board and Committee nominees for appointment and reappointment at the February 1, 2022 Commission Regular Meeting.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's request, Deputy City Clerk Soloman confirmed he would email Commission Members the names of individuals for consideration as consensus appointments for the two (2)

vacant *Walk of Fame Committee* seats.

Deputy City Clerk Soloman read into the record the names of Board and Committee appointments and or reappointments for Agenda item R-1.

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

ADOPTED

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

R-2 [22-0064](#)

Resolutions Establishing the Audit Advisory Board as the Auditor Selection Committee and Appointing a Member of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale to Serve as Chairperson - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Auditor John Herbst explained the background of this Resolution. By Statute, the City is required to establish an Auditor Selection Committee (ASC) as part of an Audit Advisory Board (AuAB). One member of the Commission would serve as ASC Chairperson. The purpose of the ASC is to select an outside auditor to conduct the required annual financial audit. Further comment and discussion ensued.

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

ADOPTED - Designating the Audit Advisory Board as the Auditor Selection Committee

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

Comment and discussion ensued on nominating a Commission Member to serve as Chairperson on the Audit Selection Committee.

Commissioner McKinzie confirmed his willingness to serve as Chairperson.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution appointing Commission McKinzie as Chairperson of the Audit Selection Committee which was read by title only.

ADOPTED - Appointing Commissioner McKinzie as the Chair of the Auditor Selection Committee

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

R-3 [22-0027](#)

Resolution Authorizing Reconveyance of Sidewalk Right- Of-Way by Quit Claim Deed pursuant to Florida Statute Section 255.22 - NW 7th

Avenue and NW 4th Street - (Commission District 3)

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

ADOPTED

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

R-4 [22-0070](#)

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Sovereignty Submerged Lands Easement Modification to Increase Square Footage with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida - Bill Keith Preserve Shoreline Stabilization - (Commission District 4)

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

ADOPTED

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

R-5 [22-0080](#)

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 noted the need to modify the wording of this Resolution to reflect a *Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)*. City Attorney Alain Boileau confirmed and explained this Resolution urges the *Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)* to move forward with a railway tunnel as the *LPA* for future commuter rail service in the City.

Commissioner Glassman inquired about substantive changes from the published Resolution. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Moraitis' question, it was confirmed this Resolution does not preclude other options for the *New River* crossing.

Commissioner McKinzie discussed the need for funding to move forward with a tunnel for the *New River* crossing.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution as amended pending minor adjustments by the City Attorney which was read by title only.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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

R-6 [22-0043](#)

City Manager Annual Performance Review - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis and Commissioner Members discussed City Manager Lagerbloom's performance, dedication and initiative and thanked him for his work. Commissioner Sorensen recommended a five percent (5%) merit increase. City Manager Lagerbloom said this Resolution did not include a merit increase, which would need to come back to the Commission as a separate Agenda item. Mayor Trantalis expounded on City Manager Lagerbloom's service.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jay Shechtman, 811 SW 7th Avenue, and Tarpon River Civic Association President. Mr. Shechtman commented on the six percent (6%) increase in inflation over the past twelve (12) months and remarked on the impact on wages and purchasing power. He remarked on the need to increase wages by six percent (6%).

NO ACTION TAKEN

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [22-0023](#)

Public Hearing - Resolution Granting a Waiver of Limitations at 721 Cordova Road for the Installation of an L-shaped Fixed Dock, Floating dock, and Boat Lift - (Commission District 4)

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Andrew Cuba, Parks & Recreation Department Marine Facilities Manager, confirmed this dock extension would not impede waterway navigation at this location, which is over five hundred (500) feet wide.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced the Resolution to approve which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

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

PH-2 [22-0035](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving Historic Landmark Designation of the Property Commonly Known as the "New River Castle," Located at 625 SW 5th Place, Fort Lauderdale, Florida - Historic Preservation Board Case No. UDP-HPD21001 - (Commission District 4)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

Each Commission Member disclosed verbal communications, written communications, site visits and expert opinions received.

Mayor Trantalis provided an overview of his efforts working with the property owner to reach an amicable agreement regarding the Historic Designation of the castle structure. He commented on subsequent correspondence from the property owner's legal counsel.

Commissioner Glassman said the public hearing had been closed at a prior Commission Meeting. City Attorney Boileau confirmed and said only parties to this Agenda item could speak.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Greg McAloon, Esq., 110 SE 6th Street, on behalf of *Cole Properties*. Mr. McAloon confirmed Mr. Cole would like to save the castle structure and explained the property is at issue as referenced in Exhibit A and Exhibit B, submitted to the City Clerk at the previous public hearing on this subject. He discussed future concerns and correspondence sent to the City that included a site plan to develop four (4) units that does not require rezoning. The castle structure would be maintained as a deeded accessory dwelling unit on one of the four (4) units that would travel on the land and include a deed restriction stating the castle structure could not be demolished. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the difference between the Historic Designation of the castle structure and the land versus a deed restriction, City Attorney Boileau noted numerous differences and explained related details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mr. McAloon stated his client's position that the castle structure does not meet the criteria for Historic Designation. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, City Attorney Boileau explained criteria and standards for Historic Designation under subsections of Chapter 47.24. City Attorney Boileau reviewed the three (3) resolution options for this Agenda item. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Trisha Logan, Development Services Department Historic Preservation Planner,

explained Staff's analysis regarding the applications for Historic Designation of the castle structure and the surrounding land. Staff's analysis determined eligibility for Historic Designation of the castle structure with the setting but does not have to include the entire two (2) lots. Part of the historic significance relates to the surrounding land and the *New River* location next to a former bridge, which is part of the overall history and historic context. Further comment and discussion ensued on options available for Historic Designation of the land.

Mayor Trantalis commented on the Historic Preservation Board's (HPB) recommendation that only the castle structure be designated.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, City Attorney Boileau confirmed the decision before the Commission is the Historic Designation Application (Application), not the recommendation of the HPB.

Ms. Logan explained that should the overall property be designated, anything proposed for construction on the property would need to go before the HPB, and commented on related details. If the land itself is designated, they would have to go to the HPB for a Certificate of Appropriateness for new construction. Further comment and discussion ensued on requirements for alterations to the castle structure.

Commissioner Glassman noted the land is in an archeological zone. Ms. Logan confirmed and explained archeological requirements are dependent upon the type of application submitted in the Development Review Committee (DRC) process. She expounded on details associated with an archeological review of the property.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Ms. Logan said there has not been modern development on the two (2) lots located on the site and explained related archeological efforts and details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his perspective, preserving the castle structure and allowing Mr. Cole to build homes on the property. Comment and discussion ensued on options available to move forward.

Mayor Trantalis said there is an agreement between the parties to keep the castle structure intact and improve it, which is the goal. Further comment and discussion ensued on the Historic Designation of the lots, following the process and available options.

Commissioner Glassman commented on his perspective, designating

the castle structure and lot upon which it is located. He discussed the Commission's responsibility to follow the Ordinance process and not deviate. Further comment and discussion ensued on available alternatives and options.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced the Resolution listed as Exhibit 8 as amended which was read by title only.

DEFEATED - Exhibit 8 As Amended

Yea: 2 - Commissioner Glassman and Commissioner Sorensen

Nay: 3 - Commissioner McKinzie, Vice Mayor Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner Sorensen introduced the Resolution listed as Exhibit 7 as amended, designating the castle structure and the land upon which it sits which was read by title only.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED - Exhibit 7

Yea: 3 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

Nay: 2 - Commissioner McKinzie and Vice Mayor Moraitis

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

OFR-1 [22-0089](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-12, Central Beach Zoning districts to Revise the process and Procedures for Uses in the Central Beach Zoning Districts, Revise and Adopt Dimensional Requirements including Open Space and Streetscape Design Requirements, and Adopt Prescriptive Criteria for the Design and Compatibility Point System - (Commission District 2) - Requesting Deferment to February 15, 2022

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to defer the First Reading of the Ordinance to the *February 15, 2022 Commission Regular Meeting* and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

DEFERRED to February 15, 2022

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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 [22-0037](#)

Second Reading - 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)

Comment and discussion ensued on a recent email regarding the annual cost of the *Resident Beach Parking Permit (Permit)*. City Manager Lagerbloom explained the *Las Olas Parking Garage* was added to valid *Permit* locations and the price increased from \$26 to \$75. If an application was submitted prior to the cost increase, the previous price of the *Permit* would be honored. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed Staff is working on allowing residents with a second home in the City to apply for a *Permit*.

In response to Vice Mayor Moraitis' question, Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Department Director, said there are no *Permit* areas in District 1. He explained valid *Permit* locations. Further comment and discussion ensued.


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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.



Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeffrey A. Modarelli
City Clerk



David R. Solomon