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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

1:30 PM

City Hall - City Commission Chambers  
100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

## City Commission Conference Meeting

*FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION*

*DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor*

*BEN SORENSEN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District IV*

*HEATHER MORAITIS Commissioner - District I*

*STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II*

*ROBERT L. McKINZIE Commissioner - District III*

*CHRIS LAGERBLOOM, City Manager*

*DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk*

*ALAIN E. BOILEAU, City Attorney*

*PATRICK REILLY, Interim City Auditor*

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

## QUORUM ESTABLISHED

**Commission Members Present:** Commissioner Heather Moraitis, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie (arrived at 1:44 p.m.), Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen, and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

**Also Present:** City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, City Clerk David R. Soloman, City Attorney Alain E. Boileau and Interim City Auditor Patrick Reilly

## COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COMMISSION

[22-0665](#)

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

***Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee  
June 6, 2022***

### ***Communication to the City Commission***

*Motion made by Vice Chair Partington, seconded by Mr. Walters, that the ITF strongly supports all Public Works capital project requests from the General Fund for the upcoming financial year. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom explained this communication. The Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee supports the public works projects proposed in the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

## CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 [22-0508](#)

Bipartisan Infrastructure Package Update - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Daphnee Sainvil, Government Affairs & Economic Development Manager. Ms. Sainvil introduced Susan Lent, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP Partner, who provided an update on the federal government's infrastructure legislation, which could offer

funding opportunities for City infrastructure projects. Ms. Lent narrated a slide presentation entitled Federal Funding Opportunities.

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Lent explained that the City could apply for federal infrastructure funding without coordinating with Broward County for some of the Department of Transportation (DOT) recommended programs.

Commissioner Moraitis remarked that applications with Broward County (County) and Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), could increase the likelihood of federal grant funding. Ms. Lent confirmed and expounded on related details.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the expectation that grant applications for infrastructure funding would be locally matched from the State or the County, Ms. Lent confirmed. Federal grant infrastructure programs have a nonfederal match requirement, which typically is twenty percent (20%) from the State or County or a private entity in the case of a public-private partnership.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the tunnel option versus a bridge option for the New River crossing, Ms. Lent noted that the proposed tunnel for the New River crossing might not score well in the Federal Transit Administration Capital Investment Grant Program, which funds commuter rail and other types of fixed guideway projects, due to cost-effectiveness and other factors. She explained three (3) funding options that would be good candidates for federal infrastructure funding, i.e., Local and Regional Project Assistance ("RAISE") grants, and expounded on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the process and next steps, Ms. Lent confirmed the need for further discussions with Staff regarding strategy and alignment with other project stakeholders. She expounded on application timing and related details. Mayor Trantalis recommended those discussions occur soon.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on the need for synergy with the City's partners regarding the application process.

Ms. Lent commented on ongoing efforts and expounded on potential matching grant funding from the County, MPO, State, and public-private partnerships. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis commented on conversations with the MPO and confirmed it is moving forward with preliminary tunnel cost estimates.

Commissioner Moraitis remarked on opportunities related to Smart Cities and the proposed autonomous vehicle tunnel to the beach. Ms. Lent confirmed. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question, Mayor Trantalis confirmed that at the request of the County, the MPO is moving forward with the engineering cost analysis of the passenger train tunnel for the New River crossing, which is anticipated to be completed by the end of August 2022. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the City's eligibility to tap into the clean water funding forgivable loan process associated with rebuilding the water treatment plant, Ms. Lent commented on the need to work with Staff towards understanding details related to the process used by the Clean Water Agency to determine funding distribution of the forty-nine percent (49%). Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the City being precluded from the clean water forgivable loan process for the water treatment plant replacement due to IDE/Ridgewood being responsible for its design, Ms. Lent confirmed she would assist in determining. Mayor Trantalis confirmed the need for further discussion on this topic.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding whether the City can directly apply for homelessness funding, Ms. Lent said she would confirm.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding a plan to pursue federal funding opportunities, City Manager Lagerbloom said with the assistance of multiple departments, Staff would identify applicable projects. Many projects remain in the design phase which does not cross the threshold of projects ready to apply for funding. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Ms. Lent commented on her perspective and timing. If a project is far enough in the planning stage, it would be beneficial to begin building support with introductory background meetings with federal agencies to advise of planned projects. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's questions, City Manager

Lagerbloom confirmed the other City federal lobbyist, Maurice Kurland of Alcalde & Fay. Ms. Sainvil explained she is dividing up lobbying project assignments between the two firms.

**CF-2**    [22-0632](#)

Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Projects - Status Update - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

City Manager Lagerbloom announced Clarence Woods, Area Manager Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency (NWPFH CRA), would be presenting on this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis remarked that numerous NWPFH CRA projects have been aging out. Mr. Woods confirmed and explained that this presentation has three (3) Exhibits attached to the Commission Agenda item, including completed projects, projects in progress, and assigned projects that have not started.

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

Mr. Woods reviewed completed projects with \$300,000 to \$400,000 of CRA funding listed in Exhibit 1.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mr. Woods identified DNR Enterprise for defunding, listed in Exhibit 2, and explained related details. There have been ongoing efforts to obtain necessary funding that have not materialized. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mr. Woods confirmed that except for the DNR Enterprise project, he is comfortable with the progress of the balance of projects listed in Exhibit 2.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's request, Mr. Woods reviewed CRA projects listed in Exhibit 3 that are assigned but have not moved forward. Mr. Woods explained his perspective and details related to those projects and criteria used to develop this list. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question regarding rescinding funding for contracts that do not meet deliverables included in agreements with the applicant, Mr. Woods confirmed. He explained some small businesses require technical assistance from Staff in moving forward with deliverables.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mr. Woods explained that small project predevelopment milestone periods associated with obtaining entitlements are approximately eighteen (18) to twenty-four (24) months. Most larger projects move through the predevelopment period in a shorter timeframe. There will be a significant amount of time before project groundbreaking for many projects listed in Exhibit 3. The Marglip Development project was defunded, and no funds were expended. Mr. Woods confirmed he is comfortable with the other twelve (12) projects listed in Exhibit 3 and noted that Cravemadness-Jamaican Jerk Restaurant is a small business moving through the predevelopment process.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' questions regarding rescinding project funding to applicants who do not meet contract deliverables, Mr. Woods confirmed deliverables are included in contracts and remarked on details associated with smaller projects that require Staff assistance and expounded on related details.

Commissioner McKinzie remarked on his viewpoint regarding predevelopment timelines and delays due to various factors beyond the applicant's control. Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Manager Lagerbloom recommended this Agenda item return to the Commission regularly. He remarked on the need for Commission guidance regarding setting criteria to determine when projects are at a point that defunding should be considered, allowing reinvestment in other CRA projects. City Manager Lagerbloom noted the CRA sunseting in 2025. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman recommended Staff bring forth its recommendations regarding defunding approved CRA projects. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed.

Commissioner Moraitis recommended Staff speak with applicants regarding their projects and their desire to continue, in addition to developing best practices to possibly provide additional assistance to small businesses. City Manager Lagerbloom concurred.

Vice Mayor Sorensen recommended receiving this CRA report monthly.

**CF-3**    [22-0686](#)

Discussion of Food and Beverage Service on the Beach  
(Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Sarah Spurlock, Nighttime Economy and Beach Business Improvement District Manager. Ms. Spurlock provided

an overview of this Agenda item. Staff has been meeting with hoteliers on Fort Lauderdale Beach for the last several months regarding the ability to offer food and beverage service on the beach as they do at their pool. Staff is proposing a related program to better serve hotel guests and the public with food and alcoholic beverage service on the beach. Staff is looking for Commission direction to update the related Ordinance.

City Manager Lagerbloom clarified the need for Commission direction due to the significant amount of time required to draft an amended Ordinance for a First Reading on August 16, 2022, and a Second Reading on September 6, 2022.

Vice Mayor Sorensen commented on his favorable viewpoint. In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's questions, City Manager Lagerbloom explained anyone from the public who rents a hotel chair or cabana on the beach would be eligible for food and beverage service in addition to hotel guests. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding hours of service and other details.

City Manager Lagerbloom noted that current rules for hotel food and beverage service would transition to beach area food and beverage service. Further discussion ensued regarding prohibition of alcohol on the beach, except on special occasions and certain holidays. Ordinance changes would allow hotels to serve alcohol on the beach area across from the hotel. Only a specific portion of the beach, in the vicinity of a hotel beach rental chair, would be eligible for service and consumption of food and alcoholic beverages. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's questions, City Attorney Boileau discussed past litigation, issues related to mandatory hotel chair rental for food and beverage service, and other vendors' ability to perform food and beverage service on the beach. City Attorney Boileau expounded on related details.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Ms. Spurlock commented on concerns raised by City Attorney Boileau in areas north and south of the City. She noted alcohol is prohibited on Miami Beach. Further comment and discussion ensued on other Florida beaches that permit alcohol consumption.

Ms. Spurlock noted Staff is working to put together a system that makes alcohol consumption on the beach controllable and is requesting Commission direction.

Commissioner Glassman requested Ms. Spurlock reach out to the Central Beach Alliance and obtain neighborhood feedback. Ms. Spurlock confirmed.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question, Ms. Spurlock explained the location would be in the beach that the City has its beach chairs, which is essentially from Bahia Mar to Sunrise Boulevard.

Commissioner Moraitis confirmed her support of moving forward with an amended Ordinance and considering offering similar services in beach areas north of Sunrise Boulevard. She questioned whether consideration would be given to carving out sections of the beach serving food and beverages from the proposed Ordinance related to banning cigarette smoking.

City Manager Lagerbloom commented on his perspective that the ban on cigarette smoking would apply to all areas of the beach.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding adequate crosswalks and safety precautions at hotel properties along State Road A1A, Ms. Spurlock confirmed that is a concern that Staff would work through. Commissioner Glassman concurred this is a concern that needs to be addressed, and he confirmed support for Staff working on an amended Ordinance.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Barbie Pearson, 2420 SE 17th Street. Ms. Pearson spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Spurlock remarked that hotels could set up a bar service area on the beach to prevent concerns related to crossing State Road A1A. She is working with the Development Services Department Staff and remarked on the involvement of the State regarding what would be allowed on the beach.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed should the Commission move forward with an amended Ordinance, the ability to set a timeline for revisiting this subject, i.e., a one (1) year license to review and evaluate.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective regarding competition from other beaches at international destinations.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mazen Saleh, Four Seasons Hotel General



Manager, 525 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard. Mr. Saleh spoke in support of this Agenda item.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' questions, Mr. Saleh explained beach chairs utilized by Four Seasons guests are managed by the concessionaire employed through the City. The same process would continue, and the hotel wishes to be able to offer food and beverage services and control issues related to its State liquor license for serving alcoholic beverages.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tamas Vago, 2610 NE 14th Street, Hilton Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort General Manager. Mr. Vago spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Robert Lacle, Conrad Hotel General Manager. Mr. Lacle spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on her experience related to this topic and suggested adding additional amenities such as music in these beach areas. She remarked that these services need to be an extension of the hotel with a separate food beverage staging area on the beach side and included in an amended Ordinance.

Commissioner Glassman confirmed input received from beach concessionaires who support moving forward with this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed a consensus to move forward and directed City Attorney Boileau to develop an amended Ordinance allowing the types of amenities discussed by the Commission to existing beachside concessionaire services. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the hours of operation for food and beverage services.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

#### **BUS-1 [22-0559](#)**

Discussion of the Purchase of the USA Pavilion from Expo 2020 Dubai from TVG DWC-LLC - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis provided an overview of this Agenda item. He remarked on space limitations related to the opportunity to acquire and recreate the contents of an *Expo 2020 Dubai* pavilion entitled *Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of the Future (Pavilion)* at the Museum of Discovery and Science. He requested this Agenda item be pulled due to the Pavilion being too large for the space.

Mayor Trantalis discussed conversations with the creators of the Pavilion

who indicated they could build a new, less expensive pavilion with a cutting-edge concept that could be adapted to the existing space for less money. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on related support from the Museum of Discovery and Science.

**BUS-2** [22-0678](#)

Reimagining Huizenga Park - (Commission District 2)

City Manager Lagerbloom provided an overview of this Agenda item. The Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) initial request for financial assistance associated with reimagining *Huizenga Park* is \$5,000,000 over seven (7) years.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jenni Morejon, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Ms. Morejon narrated a slide presentation entitled *Huizenga Park*.

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

The DDA has committed up to \$1,000,000 in tax revenue from commercial property owners towards the design and planning efforts. The total project estimate is \$15,000,000. The DDA received approximately \$1,000,000 from the State of Florida for this project. A foundation for these efforts has been established for Huizenga Park, headed by DDA Board Chair Steve Hudson, who supports these efforts. She expounded on details related to private funding, raising a goal of \$5,000,000.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charlie Ladd, 442 NE 7th Avenue. Mr. Ladd spoke in support of this Agenda item.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding whether the City would be entitled to a refund of its financial contribution through a deed restriction or covenant attached to the deed should the DDA decide to sell the property, Mr. Ladd said those details have not yet been addressed. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding the City receiving restaurant revenue, Mr. Ladd explained that restaurant revenue would be used for the Park's maintenance and operation costs and financing bonds for the DDA's portion of its capital contribution.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Milledge, Esq., on behalf of the DDA. Mr. Milledge explained that because of past grants the DDA has obtained from the State, there are covenants pledging the property for public use. He said similar covenants would be required from the State and included in the agreement for this project.

Commissioner Glassman commented on his favorable viewpoint regarding this project and expounded on related details.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding working closely with Riverwalk to ensure all parties are working in sync, Mr. Milledge confirmed significant coordination. A final mutual agreement has not been reached. Commissioner Glassman confirmed the need for Riverwalk and the DDA to be on the same page.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question regarding an update related to efforts with Broward County (County), Mr. Milledge commented on the lengthy timeline when working with Broward County. He remarked on interest expressed by the County's Real Estate staff and working with the County's Maintenance Department staff to address the County's storage area under the Andrews Avenue Bridge. The DDA anticipates addressing these concerns through the County Office with Vice Mayor Lamar Fisher.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive. Ms. Fertig spoke in support of this Agenda item and discussed rezoning eight (8) parks throughout the City not yet zoned as parks to provide related protections.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question, Anthony Fajardo, Development Services Department Director, explained zoning is not related to ownership and remarked on legal notice given to property owners. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Sorensen commented on Smoker Park. City Attorney Alain Boileau explained Broward County owns Smoker Park and the City has an easement to use the land as a City Park.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Lagerbloom explained the ability to fund this DDA request in the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. Mayor Trantalis commented on the need for review by the Budget Advisory Board.

Commissioner Moraitis confirmed her support and encouragement of having food and beverage services available at City parks and beaches and expounded on her perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued.

**BUS-3** [22-0697](#)

Discussion on Referendum Polling Question on the New River Commuter Rail Crossing - (Commission Districts, 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis commented on the importance of advocating for a tunnel for the New River crossing. He noted efforts of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and adjacent cities to add many new trains to the commuter line. He explained the purpose of adding a straw poll on the November 2022 ballot to ascertain the community's position on the locally preferred alternative for a tunnel or a bridge for the New River crossing.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Attorney Boileau confirmed he emailed proposed straw poll language for placement on the November 2022 ballot to the Commission. It was also added to the online version of this Agenda.

Mayor Trantalis requested Commission Member input on this topic and related strategies. He commented on the Broward County's viewpoint on this topic from a cost perspective and expounded on his viewpoint.

Commissioner Moraitis confirmed her support of a tunnel and this initiative. She remarked on related factors, including timing and the ability to obtain federal funding. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Moraitis questioned the ability to assess trains stopping in the City as a source of revenue to assist with tunnel costs. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on timeline concerns, questioned the necessity of including this on the November 2022 ballot, and commented on the State prohibiting this type of messaging. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the proposed language and the need to educate residents. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Sorensen remarked on the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) assistance advocating for the tunnel option.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on Mayor Trantalis' continued efforts for federal government funding.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive. Ms. Fertig commented on the Commission adding an item on the November 2022 ballot regarding greater protections for public lands. She explained aspects of a 2004 City Charter initiative that City Parks would require a unanimous Commission vote for any licensing lease or sale of parks. Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Attorney Boileau remarked on Ms. Fertig collecting related resident petition signatures for updates to the Charter. He commented on the process and role of the Office of the City Attorney to assist with Charter modifications. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Sorensen recommended Ms. Fertig work with City Attorney Boileau to draft related items. City Attorney Boileau noted he would need to be directed by the Commission and expounded on related details including timeline constraints.

Commissioner Glassman questioned when the Charter Review Board would be convening to address a list of topics. City Attorney Boileau explained when a complete list of items for the Charter is compiled, the Charter Review Board would be convened. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding other similar situations involving public land, Ms. Fertig remarked on the importance of adequate public notice for significant projects being considered on public lands and approval of those projects requiring a unanimous Commission vote.

City Attorney Boileau explained an alternative to a referendum is drafting an Ordinance, which is a different process.

Vice Mayor Sorensen recommended Ms. Fertig work with City Attorney Boileau and return to the Commission with recommendations.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question regarding consideration of a supermajority Commission vote, Ms. Fertig explained the preference to maintain citizen efforts in 2004 and remarked on related negative political implications. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Moraitis remarked on her perspective regarding the

impact of a unanimous vote on the development of public lands and the amount of public land remaining that would fall under this Ordinance.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed a consensus to explore this subject further.

## **CITY COMMISSION REPORTS**

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

Commissioner Moraitis discussed the secondary street naming of NW 21st Terrace as Jerry Holland Way, a significant founder of the FXE parcel. Rufus James, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) Director, explained background details and contributions of Mr. Holland.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question, City Manager Lagerbloom explained the process should the Commission move forward with this secondary street naming. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Moraitis discussed the opportunity to allow Dillard High School to host its Soul Bowl event at Lockhart Stadium by utilizing one (1) of the City's permitted events included in the comprehensive agreement with Inter Miami. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding funding related pass-through costs and providing similar accommodations to Stranahan High School and Fort Lauderdale High School.

Vice Mayor Sorensen confirmed he would pursue related discussions and opportunities with the Fort Lauderdale High School and Stranahan High School. Commissioner McKinzie confirmed he would reach out to Dillard High School and Blanche Ely High School.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question regarding properties with Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) being viewed as a single property for stormwater assessments, Mr. Fajardo commented on a situation where a property owner was disputing two (2) stormwater assessments on a single property and explained related details. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the City moving forward with an ADU ordinance and related determinations by the Broward County Property Appraiser.

Mr. Fajardo commented on Staff's goal that a proposed ADU ordinance would remain in compliance with what the County has proposed, and limitations included in the State statute. Density does not count towards

zoning limitations, subject to signing an affidavit that the ADU would be rented at an affordable rate, and is not related to impact fees. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the willingness of neighborhood associations and the Central Beach Alliance, to sponsor beach lifeguard station artwork and the need for related coordination.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funding Finally Friday events, City Attorney Boileau clarified his memorandum on this topic and confirmed it this is not permitted under the amendment to the 2019 State Statute.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on his concerns and noted that Interim City Auditor Reilly has indicated that these events cost the City ten (10) times more than the Starlight Musical Series at Holiday Park and are at least five (5) times more expensive than the Friday Night Soundwaves concerts on Fort Lauderdale Beach. He inquired about future discussions and actions between City management and the CRA Board. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman requested a moment of silence at tonight's Commission Regular Meeting for Luis Castillo and remarked on Mr. Castillo's contributions as a CERT team member, his service on the South Middle River Civic Association and Central City Redevelopment Advisory Board.

Vice Mayor Sorensen discussed email correspondence from Richard Brownscombe regarding lots 20 and 21 at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport. City Manager Lagerbloom commented on Mr. Brownscombe's concerns regarding how the City operates its leases.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's concerns about proper compliance, Rufus James, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) Director, expounded on developing FXE lots and larger parcels attached to natural resource areas maintained by FXE that is fenced and protected. Two (2) pieces of property were set aside by the County, which the City fenced and removed invasive plants. He expounded on additional related details.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's questions, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed a proposal from an entity interested in developing those lots and the need to ensure what is being proposed is compatible

with the zoning as an airport industrial park. City Manager Lagerbloom remarked on details regarding the natural flora and fauna on lots 20 and 21. The City obtains Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval for non-aeronautical properties at FXE before presentation to the Aviation Advisory Board and the Commission. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Sorensen questioned implementing additional impact fees for development on waterways. Mayor Trantalis commented on previous efforts and resistance. Mr. Fajardo remarked on the need for a rational nexus between the impact of the development and what impact fees are and intended to accomplish. Mr. Boileau explained aspects of an amended Statute that would directly correlate to a particular project. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Sorensen confirmed July 30, 2022, as the date for the USS Fort Lauderdale Commissioning and expounded on related details.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the recent Florida Statute, allowing regulating smoking cigarettes with filters, not cigars without filters, on the beach.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the status of the panhandling Ordinance, City Attorney Boileau explained the delay relate to receiving backup information for substantiating intersections to which the Ordinance would apply. He commented on related details and ongoing work with outside counsel. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question, City Attorney Boileau explained details related to determining what parts of the City the panhandling Ordinance would apply to and cited examples.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his conversation with Police Chief Patrick Lynn regarding the recent State Statute addressing noise and an anticipated report regarding an action plan. He noted the Federal Railroad Administration was considering ending the quiet zones and commented on details and his viewpoint.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

City Manager Lagerbloom discussed the Henry E. Kinney Tunnel closure from Monday, July 18, 2022, through Friday, July 22, 2022, along with the simultaneous closure of Las Olas Boulevard on either Friday, July 22 or Saturday, July 3, 2022, for construction related needs.



City Manager Lagerbloom explained events surrounding the USS Fort Lauderdale Commissioning are by invitation only. Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Manager Lagerbloom remarked on the timeliness of the Mobility Hub Ribbon Cutting event and the need for additional planning.

City Manager Lagerbloom discussed the future acquisition of property located at 800 Northwest 22nd Road, known as Tony's Market, and the signed Letter of Intent (LOI). He remarked on the five (5) year crime trend occurring at this location and the need to address this area and expounded on related details, including efforts and support towards moving this property to a place contributing to the community rather than detracting.

City Manager Lagerbloom noted the years of Staff efforts related to this property and acknowledged the difference in appraised value and the amount included in the LOI. He said this is a worthwhile investment for the community. City Manager Lagerbloom recommended the City acquire this property to improve the area.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.