

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

City Commission Regular Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER Mayor - Commissioner
BRUCE G. ROBERTS Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District I
DEAN J. TRANTALIS Commissioner - District II
BOBBY B. DuBOSE Commissioner - District III
ROMNEY ROGERS Commissioner - District IV

LEE R. FELDMAN, City Manager
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor
JONDA K. JOSEPH, City Clerk
CYNTHIA A. EVERETT, City Attorney

Meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Mayor Seiler.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler, Vice-Mayor Bruce G. Roberts, Commissioner Dean J. Trantalis and Commissioner Romney Rogers

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Bobby B. DuBose (excused)

Also Present: City Manager Lee R. Feldman, City Auditor John Herbst, City Clerk Jonda K. Joseph, Assistant City Attorney Cynthia A. Everett and Sergeant At Arms Sergeant Cecil Stone

Vote Roll Call Order for this Meeting

Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner DuBose, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

Invocation

Pastor Mark Caldwell, First United Methodist Church

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by winners of Sister Cities and Florida Turkish American Association's annual essay contest for fifth-graders

PRESENTATIONS

PRES-5 14-0489 PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 23, 2014 AS INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY IN THE CITY FORT LAUDERDALE AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO WINNERS OF SISTER CITIES AND FLORIDA TURKISH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION'S 2014 ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST FOR 5TH GRADERS - "What if I were Mayor" COMPETITION

Commissioner Rogers presented the proclamation to fifth-grade student winners of the "What If I Were Mayor" essay contest.

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Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

14-0461 APPROVAL OF MINUTES for February 18, 2014 Conference meeting and February 18, 2014 Regular meeting

No public comments were submitted by email for this meeting.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Trantalis to approve the noted minutes.

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

PRESENTATIONS

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PRES-1 14-0402 2013 CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR - POLICE DEPARTMENT

Assistant Police Chief Raul Diaz recognized 2013 Civilian Employee of the Year, Public Safety Aide Joseph Polan. Assistant Chief Diaz highlighted some of Polan's accomplishments.

PRES-2 14-0485 PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 8, 2014, AS JUNIOR LEAGUE OF GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE DAY IN THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

Vice-Mayor Roberts presented the proclamation to Junior League President Catherine Givens and the Junior League Board of Directors. Givens thanked the Commission and detailed the League's plans for the coming year.

PRES-3 14-0486 PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL, 2014, AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

Commissioner Trantalis presented the proclamation to Keenya J. Robertson, president and CEO of Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence (HOPE). Robertson thanked the Commission and noted the importance of fair housing opportunities.

PRES-4 14-0408 PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 23, 2014 AS INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY

Commissioner Trantalis presented the proclamation to Aquatic Complex Manager Laura Voet and Assistant Aquatic Complex Manager Jerry Stafford. Voet thanked the Commission and encouraged the audience to learn how to swim.

PRES-6 14-0458 PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 26, 2014 AS MAYOR'S DAY OF RECOGNITION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE IN CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

Commissioner Rogers presented the proclamation to Chief Service Officer Jorg Hruschka, who accepted it on behalf of the City's Neighbor Support and Neighbor Volunteer Office. Hruschka recognized community volunteers and thanked them for their service. He outlined some of the activities planned for the National Day of Service.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Seiler announced the procedure for consent items.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Trantalis that Consent Agenda Items M-3, M-9, M-11 and CR-2 be deleted from the Consent Agenda and considered separately, and that all remaining Consent Agenda items be approved as recommended.

APPROVED

Aye: 4 - Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

M-1 14-0351 EVENT AGREEMENTS: The Revolution Games, Coral Ridge Easter Egg Hunt, Fiesta Fabuloso Cinco De Mayo Celebration and Nextwave for Nokia Siemens Networks

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

M-2 14-0368 EVENT AGREEMENTS AND RELATED ROAD CLOSINGS: Great Strides Fort Lauderdale, Earth Day and Fifth Annual Covenant House 5K on A1A

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

M-3 14-0423 CONTRIBUTION TO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR FEDERAL COURTHOUSE FEASIBILITY STUDY - \$40,000 or 40 percent of cost whichever is less

Charles King, 105 North Victoria Park Road, discussed news articles relating to the federal courthouse. He questioned why taxpayer dollars are being spent on a feasibility study. He wanted to know about the future of the courthouse. Mayor Seiler explained that a task force has been created. This federal courthouse has for many years been ranked by the federal government in the top 10 in terms of needing replacement. Serious maintenance, construction and safety issues exist. It was constructed prior to the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The thinking among judges and members of Congress is that a successful public-private partnership would keep the courthouse in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The County, City and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) are all contributing equal amounts to the feasibility study. There is no intent to use public dollars for anything other than the feasibility study, which will serve as documentation to be provided to Congress for the bill. There are several other cities that want the courthouse. More than 40 percent of the businesses surrounding the courthouse have a connection to the legal community and the City does not want to lose those businesses.

In response to Commissioner Trantalis, Mayor Seiler confirmed that the decision has been made for the courthouse to stay. The task force is working with the DDA and the County to find a location downtown. Commissioner Trantalis questioned why the federal government would not conduct its own feasibility study. Mayor Seiler advised that, because of budget challenges, nothing is being done about any courthouses on their list. There was a possibility of funding in 2018, but the timeline has now been moved

to 202-2025. Mayor Seiler explained that the feasibility study will determine logistics for a public-private partnership. He elaborated on some of the particulars. The City Manager elaborated on federal funding particulars. The concept is to demonstrate for the General Services Administration (GSA) that a federal building could be constructed by a private entity while the federal government covers the lease expense. Mayor Seiler explained that a Request for Proposals (RFP) would need to be issued which is why the County, City and DDA are involved. A federal building can house more than courts. There are interested private investors. The federal government has asked for a demonstration of interest. The goal is not to single out a location or site. All of the three entities agreed to share the cost in order to keep it in the downtown. The City Auditor commented that Fort Lauderdale would be the pilot for the country on this model. Congress and the GSA have to be convinced that this is feasible and as such the concept has to be established as feasible including a developer putting their capital at risk to get the return on investment needed to justify a project.

Commissioner Trantalis asked who has determined the price for the feasibility study. Mayor Seiler said a subcommittee of the task force responsible for administrative matters and composed of representatives from the City, County and DDA made that determination. Mayor Seiler pointed out this type of partnership has been successful at the state level. However, the federal government has been reluctant to try a public-private partnership for a government building. It is possible that the feasibility study cost could be less than \$100,000. The City Auditor commented that the DDA is taking the lead on issuance of the RFP with input from the City and County on selection and oversight.

Commissioner Trantalis explained his concern is that no precedent exists. It could turn out that the GSA is not interested. Mayor Seiler explained that discussions have already occurred. The alternative is for the GSA to spend more than \$1 million on repairs. In other areas where courthouses have been deemed not functional or safe, they have closed the doors and moved judges elsewhere. In this case, judges could be moved to Palm Beach and Miami, which would have a significant impact on the legal community and businesses in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Motion made by Commissioner Trantalis and seconded by Vice-Mayor Roberts to approve the item as recommended.

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

- M-4 14-0468** DEVELOP WEB PORTAL FOR EXECUTIVE AIRPORT, CONTENT MIGRATION AND RELATED SERVICES - \$32,669 - Addendum to website maintenance support agreement with Vision Internet Providers, Inc. ated services

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

- M-5 14-0372** GRANT ACCEPTANCE - 2013 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE - \$174,869.92 from United States Department of Homeland Security, Florida Division of Emergency Management through City of Miami

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

- M-6 14-0374** GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM from Florida Division of Emergency Management - \$7,000 - September 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

- M-7 14-0375** GRANT ACCEPTANCE - \$7,000 - CITIZEN CORPS PROGRAM from Florida Division of Emergency Management - September 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

- M-8 14-0437** SETTLEMENT OF GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIM GL 12-634 (Christopher Chen) - \$46,789

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

- M-9 14-0438** SETTLEMENT OF POLICE LIABILITY CLAIMS PP L 09-465 AND PP L 09-467 (Estate of Tronodd Lomack/Shantori Laramore) for \$200,000

Charles King, 105 North Victoria Park Road, went on to summarize his understanding of what transpired when this occurred in 2009. This case demonstrates the value of having cameras on police vehicles. He wanted to know the cost incurred and whether it could be deferred.

Motion made by Commissioner Trantalis and seconded by Vice-Mayor Roberts to approve the item as recommended.

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

- M-10 14-0440** SETTLEMENT OF POLICE LIABILITY CLAIM PP L 11-1075 (Jentina Littles) - \$50,000

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

- M-11 14-0309** MUTUAL TERMINATION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR MIDDLE RIVER TERRACE PARK ADDITION ACQUISITION, IMPROVEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE - Open Space Site OS-145 under Broward County Land Preservation Program - 1325 NE 7 Avenue - Broward County

Laura Croscenco, 1616 North Dixie Highway, noted that Broward County allocated \$1 million to purchase a lot adjacent to Middle River Terrace Park in order to enlarge the park in line with the 2035 vision plan. The City knew in 2007 that the lot was contaminated. Mayor Seiler pointed out that no member of the current Commission was serving in 2007. Croscenco said the property was previously taxed as residential property. There is no proof that the arsenic contamination is due to the property being used as a nursery. Mayor Seiler indicated when this Commission came on board in 2009 and research was conducted, there was no desire to acquire contaminated property for a park. Croscenco went on to say that the lot is not properly fenced. Children play on it and are exposed to the contamination. Mayor Seiler believed it is the bank's obligation to fix this. Croscenco wanted the City to place a sign on the property identifying it as contaminated. Mayor Seiler advised that the City is not authorized to place signs on private property. She felt the City should pursue using the \$1 million from the County to clean up the property. Mayor Seiler noted the County will not allow the funds to be spent that way. There is no sense in purchasing an environmentally contaminated property. It is a liability. Croscenco believed the City has a moral responsibility to clean the property because it is adjacent to a park. The bank is accepting offers on the property and has refused to purchase it. Mayor Seiler believed that the cleanup is the property owner's responsibility.

The City Manager advised that the City did not get an estimate on cleanup costs. The lot was appraised at \$175,000, the maximum amount the County would pay. If the City bought the property, it would then be responsible for cleanup which cost is unknown and ongoing monitoring that could be 30 to 50 years. The County is the agent to the State and has been delegated the responsibility of environmental resource management. The County is aware of the situation yet they did not put the \$1 million on the table for cleanup when discussions were underway to find a way to make the deal work. The Department of Environmental Protection continues to monitor how the County is proceeding and they are apparently satisfied that the arsenic on the property is not affecting adjoining properties. Croscenco questioned whether the City could advise that children are playing on the property because it is not securely closed. The City Manager advised that is the County's responsibility. He has strongly recommended to the Commission not to do another governmental entity's job. If the County found that there is a need to mark the property, they have the authority to do so. Croscenco believed the City should purchase the property and clean it.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Trantalis to approve the item as recommended.

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

M-12 14-0442 WAR MEMORIAL LICENSE AGREEMENT TEMPLATE FOR RENTAL BY SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

M-13 14-0294 THIRD AND FINAL CLOSE-OUT AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT - CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES FOR FIRE STATION 46 - \$46,189.11 plus \$4,618.89 for administration and engineering fees - extending period of performance to CIMA Engineering Corp. - Mills Pond Park abutting NW 19 Street

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

- M-14 14-0381** WAVE STREETCAR ASSESSMENT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT -
Downtown Development Authority

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

- M-15 14-0394** CO-SPONSOR KNIGHT FOUNDATION ARTS CHALLENGE
PROJECT - PADDLE UP ON THE HIMMARSHEE CANAL - use of
City Logo on event material - Christian Cultural Development
Foundation d/b/a Upper Room Art Gallery

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

CONSENT RESOLUTION

- CR-1 14-0362** CONSOLIDATED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO FISCAL YEAR 2014
BUDGET – APPROPRIATION

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

- CR-2 14-0411** GRANT CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, MODIFICATIONS,
EXTENSIONS AND OTHER GRANT RELATED DOCUMENTS -
delegating signature authority to City Manager after approval of grant
acceptance by City Commission

Vice-Mayor Roberts clarified what this item would accomplish. The City Manager advised this is an attempt to reduce paperwork for ministerial actions. They are grants that have already been approved.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Trantalis to approve the item as recommended.

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

- CR-3 14-0382** AMENDMENT TO GRANT AGREEMENT FOR LEWIS LANDING
PARK - extending deadline - Florida Department of Environmental
Protection - authorizing City Manager to execute all amendment
documents on behalf of City

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

CR-4 14-0472 ESTABLISHING 2014 WALK OF FAME INDUCTION COMMITTEE

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

PURCHASING AGENDA

**PUR-1 14-0367 AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NINE
OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT STATIONS, SHADE
STRUCTURE AND SURFACING - \$72,998.86 - Rep Services, Inc.**

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

**PUR-2 14-0390 PURCHASE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONSULTING
SERVICES - STAFFING AUGMENTATION - \$195,000 - TEKsystems
Inc.**

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

**PUR-3 14-0391 PURCHASE OF COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES in estimated
amount of \$137,873 from Comcast Cable Communications
Management LLC**

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

**PUR-4 14-0399 AWARD CONTRACT FOR STRUCTURAL BRIDGE ENGINEERING
CONSULTING SERVICES - BRIDGE MASTER PLAN - Transystems
Corporation d/b/a Transystem Corporation Consultants - \$285,035.01**

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

**PUR-5 14-0401 AWARD PURCHASE OF INVENTORY CONTROL SYSTEM RADIO
FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION (RFID) SOLUTION FOR FIRE
RESCUE DEPARTMENT - \$120,899 - Compdata Systems, Inc. d/b/a
Silent Partners Technologies**

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

OTHER BUSINESS**WALK-ON RESOLUTION - SELECTION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL
FOR TAX ISSUED – Brinkley, Morgan, Solomon, Tatum, Stanley,
Lunny & Gordon, LLP**

Commissioner Rogers introduced the resolution, which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

**WALK-ON MOTION – AGREEMENT WITH TVM PRODUCTIONS TO
FILM AT FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT SALLY PORT
AND BOOKING FACILITY**

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Trantalis to approve the item as recommended.

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

MOTIONS**MD-1 14-0459 Designation of City Commissioner for Chapter 164 Proceedings with
Broward County Regarding BARC Location**

Mayor Seiler suggested appointing Commissioner Rogers since the area in question is in his district.

Motion made by Commissioner Trantalis and seconded by Vice-Mayor Roberts to designate Commissioner Rogers.

APPROVED

Aye: 4 – Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS**CIT-1 14-0448 ART SEITZ - Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety and Fort Lauderdale
Barrier Island**

Art Seitz noted that a 2012 City survey showed 50 percent of residents ride a bicycle on a regular basis. In 2013, the number of bicyclists rose to 59 percent. A lot of people do not ride bicycles because they believe it is too dangerous.

Commissioner Trantalis noted that Bayview Drive would be an ideal place for bicyclists because the traffic is minimal. He inquired how the City could modify the right-of-way to make it more conducive to this purpose. Vice-Mayor Roberts noted that this is the second consecutive year the City has submitted a \$1 million traffic enhancement grant through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) that would address the area between Sunrise and Commercial boulevards. Staff and the MPO are working to

address safety issues. There are many plans in place that will be moving forward. The City was recognized as No. 3 in the country with respect to Complete Streets policies and planning. The desire exists and funding is being pursued.

Seitz went on to say that Oakland Park, Sunrise, Las Olas and Commercial are horrible. He has brought this up to the Scenic Highway Corridor Advisory Committee and the Broward Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board. It will not go forward until the City asks for it. Vice-Mayor Roberts and Mayor Seiler advised that they are asking for it constantly. Further dialogue on the City's efforts on the topic ensued.

Seitz noted that the top priority of the Central Beach Alliance (CBA) and Fort Lauderdale Council of Civic Associations in 2008 was to build a greenway. A width increase from 12 feet to 12.5 feet is inadequate. It is being blamed on sea turtles. Hollywood and Pompano Beach were able to determine a way around it and he hoped Fort Lauderdale could do the same. Commissioner Trantalis advised that he attempted to explain at his district meeting that the wave wall cannot be moved and the shared use path cannot be expanded because the federal government has indicated they cannot encroach on the required distance from the high mean water line. Molly Hughes, a traffic engineer, advised at the meeting that Hollywood was able to expand onto the beach. The City Manager explained that a long time ago before certain federal and state laws were put in place, those encroachments could be made. The City worked with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to get permission to put the beach showers back onto the sand and encroach onto the sand for the area at Sunrise Boulevard and A1A because the sidewalk was going to be narrowed to 4 feet. In exchange the wildlife agency wanted the City to remove all of the palm tree uplighting. It was ultimately worked out but the discussion was about inches. The crux of the issue is that the area is considered sea turtle habitat. Any time sand is removed, considerable mitigation is required. The A1A project almost got delayed one year because of those concerns. The City could apply for an incidental habitat permit but the cost for the process alone would likely be \$2 million to \$3 million plus millions of dollars for the mitigation.

Seitz noted that more sand is being put on the beach. This is extremely important and he felt the City should find a way around it. The turtles have negatively impacted Fort Lauderdale economically, as it relates to tourism and other ways. He wanted more parking, restaurants, meeting rooms, balconies, educational services and so forth. It should be possible to expand upward. There should be a comprehensive plan for the 30.5 acres on the beach. The best and brightest should be assembled to determine how to proceed with this area of the beach. With respect to the Aquatic Center renovation, there is no shade in the contemplated swimming pool, no therapy pool and the design generally is cut date.

CIT-2 14-0452 **DAVID J. ZUCKERMAN - Excessive Speeding in Residential Neighborhood**

David J. Zuckerman was not present.

CIT-3 14-0453 **CHRISTINE TIMMON - State Control of Immigration and Import (Work Visa) Migrant Workers**

Christine Timmon provided information titled "Congressional Directive: Congression Investigation of Hispanic Hate Groups" and "Granville T. Woods: African American Inventor." She said she wished to talk about the state's power over immigration. She believed the nation is being divided in the name of diversity. She talked about the people who built this country and how today everybody wants something for nothing. She discussed how there is a move afoot against the white population. She urged that the Constitution be followed. She also pointed out that black leaders are responsible for most technological

advances.

CIT-4 14-0454 JONATHAN MARC - Infrastructure Building and other new policies

Jonathan Marc referred to the federal courthouse project discussion earlier and said that a credit lending institution could be enacted on the state level that could lend to all productive sectors. He believed that the unemployment rate is higher than announced because people have left the workforce altogether. He discussed examples of projects that loans could fund such as nuclear reactors and water and sewage systems. Utilizing a credit lending institution can produce a budget surplus to influence trade among states and abroad.

CIT-5 14-0455 JOHN J. ZULLO - Arbor Day Foundation

John J. Zullo commented that the National Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit that aims to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. National Arbor Day is April 26, and the City has an event scheduled that day in Snyder Park. Fort Lauderdale is one of 160 communities in Florida designated a Tree City USA through the National Arbor Day Foundation. He encouraged the City to apply for the Foundation's Tree City USA Growth Award, which recognizes environmental improvement and high level of tree care. Parks and Recreation Director Phil Thornburg agreed to follow up with Zullo about the Growth Award.

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 14-0435 APPOINTMENT OF VICE MAYOR - one-year term, in accordance with City Charter, Section 3.05.

Vice-Mayor Roberts introduced the resolution appointing Commissioner Rogers as vice-mayor, which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 – Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Vice-Mayor Rogers and Mayor Seiler

R-2 14-0386 APPOINTMENT OF CITY BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS - vacancy information provided under Conference Item BD-2

The City Clerk announced the appointees/re-appointees who were the subjects of this resolution:

Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board Thomas McManus (Commissioner Roberts)

Charter Revision Board Maria Del Rosario (Mayor Seiler)
 Rochelle Golub (Commissioner Roberts)
 Ron Gunzburger (Commissioner Trantalis)

Education Advisory Board Trisha Halliday (Commissioner Trantalis)
 Rochelle Horowitz (Commissioner Trantalis)

Marine Advisory Board Bob Moss (Consensus/Mayor Seiler)

Commissioner Roberts introduced the resolution, which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 – Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Vice-Mayor Rogers and Mayor Seiler

ORDINANCES

O-1 14-0322 QUASI-JUDICIAL - FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE REZONING TO COMMUNITY BUSINESS WITH COMMERCIAL FLEX ALLOCATION AND SITE PLAN FOR POLLO TROPICAL RESTAURANT - Case 9ZR13

Applicant: RWL 8, LLC/Pollo Tropical/Hertz Car Rental

Location: North of Sunrise Boulevard between NE 9 Avenue and NE 10 Avenue

Current Zoning: Residential Mid Rise Multifamily/Medium Density District (RMM-25)

Future Land Use: Commercial, Medium-High Residential

Members of the Commission announced with whom they had spoken and/or site visits made concerning this matter.

Mayor Seiler reviewed the procedure for the public hearing and opened the floor for public comment.

There being no individuals wishing to speak on this matter, a motion was made by Commissioner Trantalis and seconded by Commissioner Roberts to close the public hearing. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice-Mayor Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler. NAYS: None.

Commissioner Trantalis introduced the ordinance, which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

Aye: 4 – Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Vice-Mayor Rogers and Mayor Seiler

O-2 14-0279 FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTIONS 2-63 and 2-64, AUTHORITY TO LEASE CITY PROPERTY AND GRANT CONCESSION RIGHTS IN OR UPON CITY PROPERTY - granting authority to City Manager for periods not exceeding one year without City Commission approval

Vice-Mayor Rogers suggested maintaining a list of leases and imposing a \$50,000 threshold to trigger a report to the Commission. The City Manager would have authority, but a monthly report would be provided to the Commission for anything over \$50,000. Commissioner Trantalis said he could understand a dollar cap in situations in which the City is leasing property from another party. However he questioned whether a cap is necessary for the leasing of City property. Vice-Mayor Rogers believed the Commission should simply be informed. The City Manager clarified that the ordinance only applies to the leasing City property.

Commissioner Trantalis and Commissioner Roberts voiced support of the amendment, which provides that the City Manager will issue monthly reports detailing leases of more than \$50,000.

Commissioner Roberts introduced the ordinance as amended to provide for monthly reports to the Commission for leases of more than \$50,000, which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING AS AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR A MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COMMISSION FOR ALL LEASES IN EXCESS OF \$50,000

Aye: 4 – Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Vice-Mayor Rogers and Mayor Seiler

O-3 14-0149 FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE AMENDING UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, SECTION 47-23, SPECIFIC LOCATION REQUIREMENTS - Business and Industrial Districts - Yard Dimensions and Interdistrict Corridor Requirements

Commissioner Roberts requested this item be deferred.

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Vice-Mayor Rogers to continue the item to April 15, 2014.

Vice-Mayor Rogers discussed two examples of new development on North Federal Highway, the visual impact, desire of the property owner for flexibility and the City wanting to promote walkability and retail access on the roadway. He liked the example where the residential development is set back with retail in a separate structure.

Commissioner Trantalis said he would like to meet with the Sustainable Development staff.

DEFERRED ON FIRST READING TO APRIL 15, 2014

Aye: 4 – Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Vice-Mayor Rogers and Mayor Seiler

O-4 14-0158 FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE C-69-76 THAT CREATED THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES BOARD - changing duties and board composition

Commissioner Trantalis introduced the ordinance, which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

Aye: 4 – Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Vice-Mayor Rogers and Mayor Seiler

There being no other matters to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

John P. "Jack" Seiler
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jonda K. Joseph
City Clerk