

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

1:30 PM

City Commission Conference Room

City Commission Conference Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

***JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER Mayor - Commissioner
ROBERT L. McKINZIE Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District III
BRUCE G. ROBERTS Commissioner - District I
DEAN J. TRANTALIS Commissioner - District II
ROMNEY ROGERS Commissioner - District IV***

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Mayor Seiler.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler, Vice-Mayor Robert L. McKinzie, Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts, Commissioner Dean J. Trantalis and Commissioner Romney Rogers

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

No public comments were submitted by email for this meeting.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Roberts thanked staff for the extra work done to get neighbor emails and concerns to the City Commission.

Awarding of Grants - Commissioner Roberts discussed the grant awards being given out.

SunServe - Commissioner Roberts noted that SunServe had missed the deadline for grant funding by one day and asked the City Manager if anything can be done to amend this. The City Manager advised that a motion is needed from the Commission to accept after the deadline request.

Fort Lauderdale Strikers - The City is actively working on putting a professional sports team.

Staff Emails - Commissioner Roberts noted he had received an email from staff concerning a community meeting on Dixie Highway.

Police Body Cameras - Commissioner Roberts discussed an article in Governing Magazine which details the use of police body cameras. A discussion ensued between the Commissioners, the Mayor and City Manager in regards to proper implementation of this concept.

Sistrunk Redevelopment - Commissioner McKinzie spoke with regard to the redevelopment of the Sistrunk Area and bringing new business to the Corridor.

Relay for Life - Commission McKinzie spoke with regard to the Relay for Life event in Connor Park and the need to educate people about cancer in the community.

Body Cameras - Commissioner McKinzie fully supports body cameras for police and felt they are headed in the right direction.

Crime Increase - Commissioner McKinzie spoke of the crime increase in District 3. He praised the police "Rock" team efforts.

CRA - Commissioner McKinzie noted he is concerned with the direction of the CRA and wants to be involved in the CRA restructuring as it is critical for his district.

Memorial Day Beach Access - Commissioner Rogers asked the City Manager to elaborate on the City's plan for managing the increased Memorial Day beach traffic and potential road closings. Traffic units will be in place along

with mounted patrol on the sand and roads to deal with traffic issues. He does not plan on any extra road closings. A conversation ensued between the Mayor, City Manager and Commissioners with regard to how the public is alerted of unexpected road closures.

Neighborhood Crime - Commissioner Rogers noted his district statistics are not too bad compared to other districts. He was concerned with car theft burglary and new devices sold on EBAY that assist in crime. He would like a district crime meeting which would address technology that will help reduce crime.

Condo of the Year - Commissioner Rogers acknowledged the State of Florida Contest by Becker & Poliakoff for Condo of the year. The Venetian won first prize. He suggested a proclamation acknowledging this.

New Sign at Parker Playhouse - Commissioner Trantalis noted the new sign at the Parker Playhouse. He hoped they will remove the existing signage.

Military Parachute Drop - The Mayor encouraged the community to come out and greet the men and women of the military who parachute and land on the beach.

Homeless Triage Program - Commissioner Trantalis advised that the county is ending its Homeless Triage service on June 1st. The homeless are being encouraged to call 2-1-1. There is concern those who have called have waited on the phone for an hour. He asked if they have had communications with the county with regard to this issue. The City Manager elaborated further on the details of the 2-1-1 Project. Commissioner Trantalis asked the City Manager to follow up regarding whether or not the vans will be at specific sites when this starts.

Progresso Homeowners Association - Commissioner Trantalis was advised at the meeting that the sidewalk project promised has not yet been done. The City Manager updated Commissioner Trantalis on the progress of the project.

Historical Property Preservation - Commissioner Trantalis is concerned that homes on potential historic property lists never make it to the Historic Preservation Board for review. Commissioner Trantalis felt we need a solution to identify historic structures and a policy in this regards. The Mayor stated that a policy had been worked on by several departments but had not been completed. The City Manager confirmed that the policy is still in flux. Commissioner Rogers agreed that this issue needs attention, however it is complicated.

Jenny Morejon spoke in regards to this issue.

Letter of Support - The Mayor advised the Commissioners that he would be signing a letter of support for the South Florida championship game.

Transportation Summit -The Mayor requested the email in regards to this meeting be sent out to staff to encourage neighbor input, attendance at the meeting, and not just industry experts. A discussion ensued as to how to attract the public to attend. Marilyn Mammano spoke and advised that this meeting is typically attended by industry professionals.

ESPN Speaker - The Mayor advised that Chris Berman was speaking at the Broward College Center for Fine Arts.

Memorial Day 2015 - The Mayor reminded the Commission of the retail and restaurant discounts geared for Veterans on Memorial Day.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 15-0520 Quarterly Investment Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2015

Jonathan Breth, Senior Consultant from the Bogdahn Group presented the quarterly investment report and answered questions from the Mayor and Commissioners.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 15-0700 Short-Term Rental of Residential Property

City Attorney Cynthia Everett addressed concerns with regard to the proposed ordinance for short-term residential property. Assistant City Attorney D'Wayne Spence elaborated on the challenges being faced and suggestions made to Code Enforcement regarding regulation. The Mayor expressed concerns about those who would be repeat offenders, violating with noise and other issues that would be a concern to neighbors in the vicinity. He wanted to make sure code violations on these individuals would be properly enforced. A discussion ensued with regard to specific guidelines needed for this proposal. Assistant City Attorney D'Wayne Spence stated that going forward, and will be drafting language that takes into account the types of uses that are conducive to the residential neighborhoods.

Hugh Chappell spoke in support of this item.

William Bohler spoke and suggested that the City ensure there is proper zoning and registration.

Marilyn Mammano spoke regarding this item and reiterated previous suggestions that were recognized by the Commission.

Brian Donaldson, Birch Park, spoke in support of this item. He believes a registry is a good idea and discussed how his neighborhood self regulates.

Charles King spoke regarding this item and engaged in a discussion with the Commission.

BUS-2 15-0618 City Manager Annual Performance Review and Merit Adjustment

The Mayor and Commissioner Trantalis expressed that they were pleased with the City Manager's performance. Commissioner Rogers commended the attributes of the City Manager and how he has been impressed by his performance.

Commissioner Trantalis asked if there was a standard with regard to cost of living and merit raises and expressed his frustration at the pace things. However, he noted that is not the fault of the City Manager and is also pleased with the City Manager's performance.

Commissioner Roberts commended the direction the City Manager has given the City and was also pleased with his performance.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION - (3:30 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE)

15-0708 The City Commission will meet privately pursuant to Florida Statute, Section 286.011 concerning:

Lory Farmer v. City of Fort Lauderdale - Case No. 13-027788 Div. 02

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

BD-1 15-0627 Board and Committee Vacancies

Please see regular item R-2

BD-2 15-0626 Communications to the City Commission

Please see 6/2/2015 Conference item BD-2

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

No discussion.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

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Meeting Minutes – APPROVED**Tuesday, May 19, 2015****4:32 PM****City Hall Commission Chambers**

Chairman Seiler called the meeting to order at approximately 4:32 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Present: Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler
Vice-Mayor Robert L. McKinzie
Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts
Commissioner Dean J. Trantalis
Commissioner Romney Rogers

Also Present: Lee Feldman, Executive Director
John Herbst, City Auditor
Jonda K. Joseph, Secretary
Cynthia A. Everett, General Counsel
Alfred Battle, Deputy Director for Sustainable Development Department

No public comments were submitted by email for this meeting.

CRA-1 15-0697 Review of the Sixth Street Plaza Development


The City Auditor's report on the Sixth Street Plaza Development Project was discussed.

Mayor Seiler wanted clarification with regard to the CRA Director referenced in the City Auditor's report. The City Auditor stated the executive director referenced in his report was the former CRA Director, Floyd Johnson, and not the current CRA Director Al Battle.

The City Manager, the City Auditor, Mayor Seiler and the Commissioners engaged in a discussion concerning the process and financial difficulties surrounding the project and ways in which future endeavors of this type can be more effectively managed by the City.

The Commissioners agreed that the “ability to audit” should be considered in future projects.

There being no other matters to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.



John P. “Jack” Seiler
Chairman

ATTEST:



~~Jonda K. Joseph~~
Secretary

JEFFREY A. MODARELLI