

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

1:30 PM

City Commission Conference Room

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FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

***DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor
ROBERT L. McKINZIE Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District III
HEATHER MORAITIS Commissioner - District I
STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II
BEN SORENSEN Commissioner - District IV***

***CHRIS LAGERBLOOM, City Manager
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, City Clerk
ALAIN E. BOILEAU, City Attorney***

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Commission Members Present: Commissioner Heather Moraitis, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

Also Present: City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Alain E. Boileau, City Auditor John Herbst, and Sergeant at Arms Luan Malushi

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Members of the City Commission announced recent and upcoming events and matters of interest.

Commissioner Glassman noted the positive progress of the Las Olas Mobility Working Group. He discussed the large turnout and success of the Unity in the Community's 4th Annual Grocery & Turkey Giveaway Day Event, acknowledging and thanking Michael Albetta and the event team for their work and effort.

Commissioner Glassman confirmed he would be attending the Integrated Solid Waste and Recycling System Working/Technical Group scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2019.

Vice Mayor McKinzie commented on the interactions of Staff concerning design and zoning requirements for new townhome residential projects, expounding on details. Commissioner Glassman said that Vice Mayor McKinzie's introducing this topic would begin a Commission conversation.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective and the original intent of the Zoning Code to allow for flexibility in design and to encourage developer creativity. He noted the response of developers to the updating and defining of the Downtown Master Plan. Mayor Trantalis commented on the desire for Staff to encourage developer creativity in project designs.

Vice Mayor McKinzie clarified his position regarding applying urban design area criteria in residential settings, citing examples. Mayor

Trantalis acknowledged Vice Mayor McKinzie's comments, noting the application of urban design criteria in unintended areas. Comment and discussion ensued on the design of townhomes in a residential area and the design of a commercial area along North Federal Highway.

Commissioner Sorensen noted discussions with Anthony Fajardo, Director of Sustainable Development, regarding neighborhood input to craft guidelines. Vice Mayor McKinzie discussed zoning criteria as it relates to neighborhood input and guidelines, citing examples.

Commissioner Glassman confirmed lengthy discussions on the topic of climate change at the District II Pre-Agenda Meeting. In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, City Manager Chris Lagerbloom confirmed the Commission would receive a detailed Staff Report on the upcoming 11th Annual Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit scheduled for December 3-5, 2019.

Commissioner Sorensen thanked Parks and Recreation Staff for their positive neighbor interaction at Holiday Park. He commented on the rapid progress of the soccer facility at Lockhart Stadium. Commissioner Sorensen acknowledged the efforts of Commissioner Moraitis, City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, City Attorney Alain Boileau and Anthony Fajardo, Director of the Department of Sustainable Development, towards achieving the Lockhart Stadium milestone. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on his attendance with Vice Mayor McKinzie at the Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Art Museum's *Happy Exhibit* that included Sunrise Middle School students (Students) and musical artist Pharrell Williams. Commissioner Sorensen expounded on details regarding Mr. William's interaction with Students. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis acknowledged and commented on the positive input received regarding the work of Bonnie Clearwater, Director of the NSU Art Museum. He expounded on additional details of Sunrise Middle School's efforts to address the stability and needs of its students.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on his observation and thankfulness for the efforts of the Commission in furtherance of its goals to improve all aspects of the City in a collaborative, fair and inclusive manner. There was a consensus on Commissioner Sorensen's comments.

Mayor Trantalis noted his recent attendance at the National League of

Cities event in San Antonio, Texas. He commented on his participation in a panel discussion regarding infrastructure and budgets during a time of recession, expounding on details discussed.

Vice Mayor McKinzie commented on efforts to address the needs of the community during the holidays, noting related details. Mayor Trantalis confirmed the County-wide outreach efforts to address community needs.

As part of the Adopt-a-Street Program, Mayor Trantalis confirmed the adoption of 15th Way by the Mount Olivet Seventh Day Adventist Church and its commitment to maintain and beautify the street.

Mayor Trantalis commented on concerns regarding a City contractor and its hiring practices related to a recent traffic incident. Commissioner Glassman commented on the lack of licensing requirements for the operation of forklift equipment. Further comment and discussion ensued. Vice Mayor McKinzie discussed his perspective as a builder, commenting on existing rules regarding the navigation of construction-related equipment to a destination. Further comment and discussion ensued on upcoming events.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Lagerbloom noted recent updates to the Department of Information Technology. He introduced Andrew Parker, former Technical Infrastructure and Operations Manager, as the new Information Technology Director. Mayor Trantalis commented on creating a 5G environment in the City and the benefits that will follow.

Mr. Parker responded to Mayor Trantalis' comments, explaining his vision of moving to 5G technology and bandwidth infrastructure.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.