

City of Fort Lauderdale



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

6:00 PM

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City Commission Regular Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

STEVEN GLASSMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District II

HEATHER MORAITIS Commissioner - District I

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 6:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

Mayor Trantalis announced that until further notice, Commission Meetings would be held in a virtual format. He explained details regarding meeting participation, including how members of the public can view and participate in Commission Meetings.

ROLL CALL **Present:** 5 - Commissioner Heather Moraitis (participated telephonically), Vice Mayor Steven Glassman (participated telephonically), Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie (participated telephonically), Commissioner Ben Sorensen (participated telephonically), and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Alain E. Boileau, City Auditor John Herbst (participated telephonically)

ANNOUNCEMENTS Mayor Trantalis made the following announcements:

Revisions to Agenda Item:

- CR-1 Exhibit 1 added
- CR-2 Revised Memo to reflect District II
- CP-1 Exhibit 1 added
- M-3 Exhibits 2 and 3 Revised and Recommendation Section of the Memo Revised
- R-2 Changes to Exhibit-1 pages 10 and 26

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom discussed an email received earlier today regarding Agenda item M-1. The applicant requested deferral to a later date, waiving the right to a hearing within thirty (30) days. Mayor Trantalis said a deferral would be considered when this Agenda item is addressed, noting the large number of individuals signed up to speak on this item.

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

20-0395

Minutes for April 28, 2020 Commission Workshop and May 5, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman.

APPROVED

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

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Moraitis requested Consent Agenda item CR-2 be pulled for separate discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA**CONSENT MOTION****Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman.

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

COVID-19 Update

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom announced Dr. Eduardo R. Locatelli, Holy Cross Hospital Chief Medical Officer and Interim Commander for COVID-19 Response, would provide a status update on the COVID-19 Pandemic via telephone. Dr. Locatelli is a member of Mayor Trantalis' *COVID-19 Working Group (Working Group)*.

Dr. Locatelli confirmed a decline in the COVID-19 infection rate over the past seven (7) days. In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions regarding Broward County *Phase One Reopening*, Dr. Locatelli reconfirmed the downward trend in COVID-19 cases. Dr. Locatelli discussed the need for adequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), testing and the need for caution. He commented on the opportunity to reassess the situation should data indicate a rise in COVID-19 cases, which would be followed by an appropriate response. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question regarding addressing transmission "hot spots" in lieu of shutting down all areas, Dr. Locatelli

explained efforts to target nursing homes, expounding on details.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding proactively testing at transmission "hot spots", i.e., nursing homes, Dr. Locatelli explained direct partnership efforts with nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities in the vicinity of Holy Cross.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's suggestion for proactive mobile testing at these facilities, Dr. Locatelli confirmed this would be the ultimate goal, identifying and isolating virus cases. Commissioner Sorensen discussed communications at State level and Staff efforts identifying assisted living facilities and nursing homes to inform Jared Moskowitz, Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Dr. Locatelli explained details regarding antibody testing and confirmed its usefulness. Dr. Locatelli anticipates in approximately two (2) weeks, Holy Cross would have good-quality, in-house blood-draw anti-body testing, expounding on details. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding Quest Diagnostic anti-body testing, which requires a prescription from a medical doctor.

CM-1 [20-0377](#)

Motion Authorizing Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim in the Matter of Kelvin O'Neill v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Case No. 15-027143DAL - \$450,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-2 [20-0376](#)

Motion Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application for \$11,869 to the Florida Inland Navigation District - Small Scale Derelict Vessel Removal Program to Remove Sunken Derelict Vessel on the Intracoastal Waterway - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

CR-1 [20-0356](#)

Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funds and Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for the CARES Act Airport Grant - \$157,000 - (Commission District 1)

ADOPTED

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

CR-2 [20-0360](#)

Resolution Approving Affordable Housing Development Agreement between the Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc., and the City of Fort Lauderdale for Eight Residential Affordable Housing Units to be Set-Aside in Perpetuity - (Commission District 3)

Commissioner Moraitis requested a Staff update regarding affordable housing aspects and Average Median Income (AMI) income levels.

Anthony Fajardo, Sustainable Development Department Director, explained the structure of AMI income levels. Fifteen (15%) percent of the units are set aside at twenty-eight (28%) percent or below AMI. Eight-five (85%) are set aside at sixty (60%) percent of AMI.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' questions, Debbie Orshefsky, Esq., Holland and Knight, explained project details related to unit count and the need to keep the project financially feasible. The current set-aside for eight (8) of the seventy-two (72) units as affordable housing in perpetuity fulfills the additional height requirement.

Ms. Orshefsky confirmed Mr. Fajardo had accurately described the breakdown of affordable housing AMI income level structure. She noted the nuance that overall, fifty (50%) percent of residents need to be formerly homeless or at risk of homelessness, citing examples and expounding on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued on resident meeting criteria.

Commissioner Moraitis noted the set-aside of eight (8) units in perpetuity. Ms. Orshefsky explained the eight (8) units are a Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) requirement, commenting on a previous Staff recommendation to adjust. The Staff recommendation did not proceed due to current COVID-19 circumstances. She discussed financing difficulties over the life of the project when units are set aside in perpetuity.

Commissioner Moraitis confirmed her support of this project. Commission Sorensen concurred, noting the need for additional Affordable Workforce Housing.

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

ADOPTED

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

CR-3 [20-0237](#)

Resolution Approving a Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement Inclusive Agreement for State Road 5 (US1) with the Florida Department of Transportation for Landscape Improvements Within the Right-of-Way of State Road 5 (US1) and Assumption of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement with Las Olas Walk Owner, LP - (Commission District 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-4 [20-0364](#)

Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funds and Execution of a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for the Northwest Community Link and Neighborhood Link Routes - \$200,000 - (Commission Districts 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-5 [20-0365](#)

Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funds and Execution of a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for the Downtown Link Route - \$182,680 - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 [20-0248](#)

Motion Approving Final Ranking and Commencement of Negotiations for Structural Bridge Engineering Consulting Services - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CP-2 [20-0357](#)

Motion Approving Contract for Minutes Services - Prototype, Inc. - \$142,296 (two-year total) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CP-3 [20-0391](#)

Motion Approving Contract for Annual Asphalt, Sidewalk and Americans with Disabilities Improvements - General Asphalt Co., Inc. - \$1,000,000 (two-year total) - (Commission Districts 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

MOTIONS**M-1** [20-0399](#)

Motion for Discussion - City Commission Request for Review - 333 Victoria Park - Global Dynamic Group, LLC - Case No. R18071 - 333 NE 7th Avenue - (Commission District 2)

Vice Mayor Glassman requested deferral of this item to June 16, 2020.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., on behalf of the applicant. Ms. Toothaker confirmed the applicant's agreement to defer this item to the June 16, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting.

Vice Mayor Glassman made a motion to defer this item to the June 16, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

DEFERRED to June 16, 2020

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

M-2 [20-0397](#)

Motion Approving Compromise Agreement Between the City of Fort Lauderdale and All Named Plaintiffs and Putative and Potential Class Members in the Matters of Walter Hinton, et al. v. City of Fort Lauderdale and Ray Adderley, et al. v. City of Fort Lauderdale, in the Amount of \$18,000,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Attorney Alain Boileau provided a historic overview and legal review of this item, explaining aspects of the case, including the timeline, allegations, costs and settlement details. He commented on Court of Appeals decisions regarding the potential number of claimants, attorney fees, expert witness costs and the potential future monetary risk.

City Attorney Boileau expounded on details regarding risk should the case continue. He reviewed aspects of the legal process and the

acceptance of the \$18,000,000 settlement, which was negotiated down from \$150,000,000.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Attorney Boileau explained details regarding the ability of impacted individuals to participate in the global class action.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on the reduced settlement amount, thanking City Attorney Boileau for his work.

Vice Mayor Glassman noted the lengthy process involved in this matter and his desire to put this behind the City.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on his concern regarding details, noting approval of this item would satisfy the City's obligation. City Attorney Boileau clarified the plaintiffs' attorney and the Special Master to be appointed would determine amounts paid to impacted individuals and those in the class action, expounding on details.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed his support of this item. In response to his question regarding funding sources, City Manager Lagerbloom explained Risk Funds for this item were expensed in 2019 and would be replenished going forward.

Susan Grant, Director of Finance, explained numerous City funds contribute to the Risk Fund. Those funds would replenish approximately \$6,000,000 to the Risk Fund over the next three (3) years. Fund contributions are not anticipated to impact services.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his perspective and lengthy history involved in this litigation. He recommended the Commission agree to accept responsibility on behalf of the City, thanking Staff from the Office of the City Attorney for their work on this item.

Commissioner McKinzie clarified Durrs Neighborhood in the Northwest area of the City was the impacted area, commenting on his personal experience.

Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

APPROVED

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

the Federal and State Single Audit for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019 for Submittal to the Florida Auditor General - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman.

APPROVED

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

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [20-0384](#)

Appointment of Board and Committee Members - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Clerk Jeffrey Modarelli read the names of the Board and Committee nominees for appointment and/or reappointment at the upcoming June 2, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting.

City Clerk Modarelli read into the record the names of Board and Committee appointments and/or reappointments for Agenda item R-1. Vice Mayor Glassman noted a scrivener's error. City Clerk Modarelli confirmed it would be corrected.

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

ADOPTED

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

R-2 [20-0386](#)

Resolution Declaring Notice of Intent to Lease City-Owned Property Located at 100 SE 1 Street & 155 SE 2 Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301, Commonly Known as the "Riverwalk Center", Pursuant to Section 8.09 of the Charter - (Commission District 4)

Ken Krasnow, Vice Chairman of Institutional Investor Services - Florida Region, Colliers International (Colliers), provided an overview of this item and goals for the City Park Mall urban core property located at 100 SE 1 Street & 155 SE 2nd Street (City Park Mall Property) to attract new uses and amenities over the next fifty (50) years. Colliers is working closely with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Riverwalk Trust Fort Lauderdale to improve this area of the urban core.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Krasnow confirmed this item gives Colliers authorization to offer terms included in this item,

commenting on anticipated results and noting authorization could be withdrawn at any time. City Attorney Boileau confirmed any future lease agreement in place would need to be bought out should the Commission desire direction change.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding Affordable Workforce Housing on top of the City Park Mall Garage (Garage) or in place of the Garage, Mr. Krasnow explained Affordable Workforce Housing could be incorporated as part of an offering or consideration matrix for the City-Mall Park Property, expounding on details related to the first floor area highest and best use.

Commissioner Sorensen explained his support and need to include Affordable Workforce Housing in this area of the downtown core. Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective and concurred with Commissioner Sorensen's perspective.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Krasnow noted the opportunity for increased vertical height. City Manager Lagerbloom commented on the Downtown Heliport at the Garage, 201 S.E. 2nd Avenue, (Heliport). Comment and discussion ensued regarding the need and opportunity to provide Affordable Workforce Housing in the downtown area, including tax credit application.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question to include an Emergency Medical Station (EMS) in this area, City Manager Lagerbloom noted related challenges, including cost and location.

City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed moving forward with a Letter of Intent (LOI) for an EMS Station south of the New River and west of Federal Highway at 507 SE 11th Court, expounding on related details. In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed approximately \$1,000,000 is the amount being negotiated for the property at 507 SE 11th Court.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question, Rufus James, Manager of Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) explained there are approximately three (3) Heliport landing and takeoff operations per day, 800-1,200 per year. Operations include news reporting and business and personal travel. It is not income producing and the initial purpose was to attract businesses. The Heliport Meeting Room is used on occasion.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on his perspective and support of including Affordable Housing in development of the City Mall Property

and including this component in the solicitation.

Commissioner Moraitis concurred with Commissioner McKinzie's comments to pursue the Affordable Workforce Housing opportunity.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's inquiry regarding income from the Garage at the City Mall Property, Mayor Trantalis commented that the Garage and its Heliport are under-utilized, expounding on Heliport historic details and the financial viability of the Garage.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on financial aspects of the City Mall Property and related concerns raised at the District II Pre-Agenda Meeting, acknowledging those concerns had been addressed in City Manager Lagerbloom's previous comments.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions regarding interest in the City-Mall Property, Mr. Krasnow explained the history of developer interest, noting the initial twenty (20) year term and explaining details of a previous proposed development on the ground floor. A longer lease term and control of a larger area of the City-Mall Property should generate increased interest. Mr. Krasnow clarified anticipated revenue generated by this redevelopment, a minimum of \$1,500,000 ground lease and other revenue. He expounded on details related to parking. Further comment ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Rufus James, Manager of Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) confirmed details regarding the Heliport and its potential relocation. Mr. James said there are no requirements to retain the Heliport, noting the need to research details regarding grant funding used and report back. Commissioner Sorensen commented on his support of maintaining a downtown area heliport.

In response to Commission McKinzie's question regarding the number of heliports in the downtown area, Mr. James confirmed two (2) private and public, not including hospitals.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Krasnow confirmed amendments to the Offering Memorandum would include a requirement for an Affordable Workforce Housing component.

City Attorney Alain Boileau explained details regarding this Resolution, noting that this item need not be amended to include an Affordable Housing component, expounding on the next steps in the process, citing examples and reconfirming inclusion of an Affordable Workforce Housing

component would be addressed at a later point in the process.

Commission Sorensen introduced this Resolution as amended which was read by title only.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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

R-3 [20-0390](#)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendments to Lease Agreements for City-Owned Property to Defer Rent Payments - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question, City Manager Lagerbloom reviewed the properties included in this item and referenced in the backup. Comment and discussion ensued. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed this item represents rent deferment for those properties until July 2020 and is not rent abatement. He confirmed equal treatment for all City-owned properties regarding rent deferment. Comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's request for an update on Suntex Marina and Bahia Mar, City Manager Lagerbloom explained this topic was not included on the Agenda, confirming he would provide a Commission update from Staff in the near future.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question, Mr. Krasnow commented on tenants who had requested rent deferral for the months of April, May and June 2020, confirming they were primarily retail establishments.

Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed the need to be consistent, including rent deferral for FXE tenants, explaining his perspective. Further comment ensued. Commissioner McKinzie concurred.

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

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

R-4 [20-0101](#)

Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving the Plat known as "Pete's Plat 401" - 401 Fourth, LLC - Case No. PL19003 - (Commission District 2)

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 opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [20-0305](#)

Resolution Granting a Waiver of Limitations at 1180 N. Federal Highway Unit 1409, Slip #2, for the Installation of One 4-Post Boat Lift - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

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

ADOPTED

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

PH-2 [20-0269](#)

Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving Rezoning from Industrial (I) to Heavy Commercial/Light Industrial (B-3) - Thrive - 701 - 748 NW 5th Avenue - Thrive Development Group, Inc. - Case No.

PLN-REZ-19120001 - (Commission District 2)

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 opened the public hearing.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question, Assistant City Attorney D'Wayne Spence explained the location of this parcel is on a property adjacent to a B-3 Zoning District. He confirmed the parcel has the correct underlying land use designation and abuts the requested zoning district, explaining related zoning details.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

PH-3 [20-0270](#)

Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving Rezoning from Residential Multifamily Mid Rise/Medium High Density District (RMM-25) to Heavy Commercial/Light Industrial (B-3) - Thrive - 405 NW 7th Street - Thrive Development Group, Inc. - Case No. PLN-REZ-19120002 - (Commission District 2)

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 opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Vice Mayor Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

OFR-1 [20-0043](#)

Ordinance Amending Section 26-1 and Subsections 26-91(a) and 26-161(a) of the Code of Ordinances to Increase Fines for Parking Violations and Establish Parking Zones and Rates for On and Off-Street Parking Zones Effective July 1, 2020 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Vice Mayor Glassman noted discussion of this item at the District II Pre-Agenda Meeting. Due to the current economic situation, he commented on reconsideration of previous Staff discussions regarding non-resident rates for Zones 1, 2 and 3. He recommended moving forward with previous Staff recommendations for non-resident rate in Zones 1, 2 and 3. Commissioner Moraitis and Commission Sorensen concurred.

City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed review of Staff's initial parking rate proposal, commenting on anticipated recommendations from the Budget Advisory Board and expounding on details. He noted the availability of residential parking permits. It was confirmed prior to the Second Reading, this Ordinance would be updated with Staff's previous parking rate recommendations for Zones 1, 2 and 3 as noted in the backup to this item.

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING**OSR-1 [20-0292](#)**

Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Vacating a Right-of-Way Identified as 508 SE 32nd Court and Retaining a Portion for a Utility Easement - Briland Properties, Inc. - Case No. V19001 - (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 opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Lagerbloom requested Commission input regarding closing one-vehicle traffic lane to favor pedestrian traffic and social distancing in the North Beach area of Galt Ocean Mile in the vicinity of NE 33rd Street (north of Oakland Park Boulevard on A1A), Las Olas Boulevard and other areas.

Commissioner Sorensen provided his perspective, confirming interest from businesses along Las Olas Boulevard to close down the parking lane and allowing outside sidewalk dining and greater social distancing. Tables and chairs would be on the sidewalk, and pedestrian traffic would be allowed on the eastbound and westbound parking lane currently used for vehicular traffic during specific times. Neighbor concerns include traffic impact and Emergency Response time. He noted safety measures, including traffic cones between the pedestrian lane and

vehicular lane. Further discussion ensued.

City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed a Friday through Sunday schedule, expounding details relating to impact. Commissioner McKinzie commented on his perspective, recommending moving forward to provide business owners economic relief. City Manager Lagerbloom recommended dining areas be limited to only sidewalks to ensure safety. Further comment and discussion ensued. City Manager Lagerbloom said Staff would address a Modification of Traffic (MOT) Plan to be reviewed by Police and Fire-Rescue Staff before implementation.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on his plan entitled *Relaunch Lauderdale*, noting it includes many of the items discussed in addition to utilizing alleyways and parking areas behind buildings. He commented on District II constituent concerns regarding traffic flow and Emergency Response times, expounding on details.

Vice Mayor Glassman recommended implementing MOTs incrementally and using decorative planters instead of traffic cones. He emphasized the need to set timelines on these MOTs, suggesting this topic be included as an agenda item on the upcoming Commission Workshop.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed a consensus, directing City Manager Lagerbloom to instruct Staff to substitute the parking lane on Las Olas Boulevard for a pedestrian area. Commissioner Sorensen confirmed feedback from Las Olas Boulevard business owners suggesting May 28 or May 29, 2020, to institute an MOT on Las Olas Boulevard. He requested City Manager Lagerbloom provide a MOT Plan for Las Olas Boulevard at the May 27, 2020 Commission Workshop. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis noted feedback from Las Olas Boulevard business owners to begin an MOT on Memorial Day Weekend. City Manager Lagerbloom noted the MOT area along Las Olas Boulevard would be between 6th Avenue and 11th Avenue. There was consensus to begin the MOT on Friday, May 22, 2020 and City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions regarding business expansion to alleyways and parking areas, Anthony Fajardo, Sustainable Development Department Direct, commented on Broward County (County) *Emergency Orders* and *State Executive Orders* language that would provide latitude on this subject. City Attorney Boileau confirmed the need for waivers from the Commission to facilitate outdoor seating, expounding on related details.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on MOT cost of approximately \$3,300 per weekend for cone deployment, rental and pick-up.

Commissioner Moraitis discussed the positive input and support from Galt Ocean Mile businesses for a similar MOT Plan in the North Beach area, explaining related details. She explained early implementation of this MOT Plan is due to upcoming construction on 32nd Street and 33rd Street scheduled to be approved in early June, beginning shortly after. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Moraitis noted the need to request input from Fire-Rescue Chief Kerr regarding ingress and egress to Fire Station 54. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed he would discuss with Chief Kerr.

In response to City Manager Lagerbloom's questions regarding other possible MOT areas, Vice Mayor Glassman recommended Sunrise Lane, Flagler Village and NE 13th Street have these temporary easements, expounding on related details.

Mayor Trantalis recommended beginning MOT plans with Las Olas Boulevard and The Galt Ocean Mile areas. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed beginning with those two areas in addition to MOT planning for the other recommended areas.

Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Department Director, confirmed Staff efforts on this topic and the ability to start MOT plans on Las Olas Boulevard and The Galt Ocean Mile area this weekend, May 22, 2020.

City Manager Lagerbloom requested direction regarding scheduling the requested Commission Workshop. Commissioner McKinzie commented on his perspective regarding the meeting content. There was consensus to schedule the Commission Workshop on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. Mayor Trantalis provided an overview of items to be discussed. City Manager Lagerbloom said he would provide updates on COVID-19 medical data and items associated with *Phase One Reopening*, including relaxing Code for business and restaurant operations.

City Manager Lagerbloom commented on homeless housing during COVID-19, explaining concerns raised by the City of Dania Beach and related details. He provided an overview of efforts. Comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on his perspective. Further

comment ensued. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed his stance and the policy of the Commission regarding homelessness, explaining related details. Mayor Trantalis commented on outreach to the County regarding this topic and efforts of City Staff, partners and donations to address homeless needs.

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Mayor Trantalis noted recent experiences involving County discussions with Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) for a train bridge in the City, confirming the City needs to be part of discussions and have a role in decisions.

Mayor Trantalis discussed efforts regarding implementing the east side of the City COVID-19 testing facility, noting the lack of cooperation from the County and expounding on details.

Commissioner McKinzie inquired about tracking COVID-19 test results demographically. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed this information is available on the Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard and would send the link to Commissioner McKinzie. Comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner McKinzie left the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Mayor Trantalis explained details regarding a sequence of events with the County related to reopening gyms and recommended restrictions authored by his Working Group. He explained his perspective, noting conversations with Broward County (County) Commissioner Steve Geller on this topic.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Mayor Trantalis confirmed the County closed commercial gyms and YMCA gyms. Only community association gyms are allowed to be open. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Moraitis confirmed support of the City's position to reopen gyms. City Attorney Boileau explained modified language in a reissued County Emergency Order. He explained the impact on the City's Emergency Declaration regarding reopening gyms, expounding on details.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on discussions with County Commissioner Lamar Fisher on this topic and reopening guidelines for different types of gyms, expounding on details and conversations with

small business gym owners and requesting direction.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the position of the County and his overall perspective. Commissioner Moraitis confirmed she would communicate the latest information on this topic with owners of small gyms. City Attorney Boileau explained conversations with the County Attorney on this topic and related details.

Commissioner Moraitis requested an update regarding reopening houses of worship. In a Focus Group, Mayor Trantalis confirmed approximately twenty-four (24) faith-based community members provided recommendations that include City guidelines and protocols. Mayor Chief of Staff Scott Wyman would prepare a final report and be distributed to Commission Members. Commissioner Moraitis commented on an update received from Lauren Jackson, Esq., regarding the County Commission position to reopen houses of worship.

Commissioner Moraitis discussed emails from constituents regarding reopening youth activities, noting the need for clarity from the County.

Vice Mayor Glassman briefly commented on COVID-19 testing at Holiday Park, thanking Mayor Trantalis for his efforts on this testing facility.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question regarding an update on residential construction projects, City Attorney Boileau explained efforts to address aspects of County Emergency Orders and State Executive Orders restrictions related to renovations. Construction-related items for emergency repairs and hurricane preparedness is permissible. Vice Mayor Glassman noted the need to move more aggressively on this topic.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question regarding restrictions on hotels and hotel pools, City Manager Lagerbloom provided a brief update, which would be discussed as part of Phase Two Reopening. He commented on exception categories related to hotel stays. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic and the County Commission position on reopening beaches.

City Manager Lagerbloom said he anticipates additional information and direction from the County in the near term, i.e., the weekly Thursday Telephone Conference with the County and City Managers from County municipalities. The target date for reopening beaches is Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on his perspective regarding relations with the County.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question regarding hurricane preparedness staging at Holiday Park, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed additional debris management sites area available, i.e., Mills Pond Park and Snyder Park.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question regarding drive-up graduation ceremonies and possible assistance from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, City Manager Lagerbloom noted this would be possible with the assistance of Police Chief Maglione.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on sharing a May 11, 2020 Solid Waste Working Group Presentation (Presentation) with City Manager Lagerbloom, requesting the Presentation be shared with Commission Members.

Vice Mayor Glassman noted the Las Olas Working Group Virtual Walking Tour scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

Vice Mayor Glassman requested an update regarding a police officer moving into the Annie Beck House initially scheduled for May 1, 2020. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed he would inquire and update the Commission.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on the passing of well-known historian and historic preservationist Arva Moore Parks, expounding on Ms. Parks efforts.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed his support and thanked City Manager Lagerbloom for his homelessness efforts.

Commissioner Sorensen reiterated previous discussions to address mobile COVID-19 testing units for nursing homes and assisted living facilities, requesting an update. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed a list of these facilities had been prepared through the Fire Marshall's Office, explaining related details. He confirmed he would coordinate giving the list to Commissioner Sorensen through Fire Marshall Jeffrey Lucas.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Sorensen expounded on the reason for requesting this list is to provide periodic proactive, preventative COVID-19 testing in these facilities. City Manager Lagerbloom noted there could not be public disclosure of this

list, confirming he would coordinate sending this list to the Assistant of Jared Moskowitz, Director of Florida's Division of Emergency Management.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on the benefit of COVID-19 updates from a member of the medical community, suggesting this be part of Commission Meetings on a regular basis. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed, expounding on related details.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding proactive COVID-19 testing at the Broward County Jail, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed he would inquire and update the Commission.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on Mockingbird Trail and LauderTrail and the sun setting of the LauderTrail Working Group in August 2020. He suggested the formation of an informal group similar to the Las Olas Mobility Working Group, expounding on structure, benefits and related details. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed he would discuss with Staff and provide feedback and recommendations to the Commission. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's request for an update on LauderTrac, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed that Strategic Communications Staff is working on this and would provide an update to the Commission tomorrow.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's request for an update on the Police Headquarters Station, City Manager Lagerbloom said Staff is in negotiations with engineering firm AECOM for architectural services. This contract would be coming forward and the Procurement Division will address procurement of a construction manager.

Mayor Trantalis commented on the need for a public discussion regarding the merits of moving forward with the County for a Joint Government Center, expounding on his perspective.

Commissioner Sorensen suggested a path forward, having Commission Members work with specific County Commission Members to build relationships. He commented on particular recommendations. Comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis concurred with Commissioner Sorensen, stating this discussion would continue at the June 2, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding addressing social distancing concerns that may arise, City Manager Lagerbloom

confirmed these concerns should be directed to the Call Center who would route concerns accordingly. He noted the potential for a County-wide Hot Line telephone number and would update the Commission when details become available. Emails received by the Commission on this topic should be forwarded to the Neighbor Support Division.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding reopening of hospital gyms for rehabilitation services, City Attorney Boileau recommended deferring this question to the County.

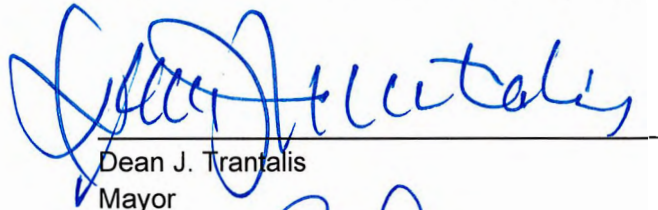
In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding religious services, Mayor Trantalis noted they are subject to County Emergency Orders, State Executive Orders and direction based on each religious organization's hierarchy, i.e., adhering to social distancing and other protocols. Further comment ensued. City Attorney Boileau expounded on details, including social distancing guidelines.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed the City does not currently regulate the status of beaches, expounding on details and recommending members of the public contact their County Commissioner or the Office of the County Administrator.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the critical nature of each resident participating in the 2020 United States Census (Census), expounding on the need for a complete count to ensure adequate federal funding. He urged each resident to go online and register each household member for the Census.

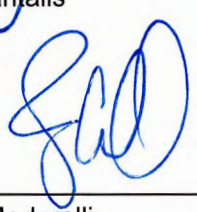
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.



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Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeffrey A. Modarelli
City Clerk