

City of Fort Lauderdale



Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 29, 2021

9:00 AM

Annual Commission Prioritization Workshop

City Hall - City Commission Conference Room

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CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

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

Commission Members Present

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 and City Auditor John Herbst (participated telephonically)

9:00 am 1. Mayor's Welcome and Introduction

Mayor Trantalis called the Priorities and Goals Setting Session to order at 9:07 a.m.

Mayor Trantalis announced details regarding the virtual format of this meeting, including how members of the public can listen and view.

9:10 am 2. 2020 Commission Priorities accomplishments/successes

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom provided a recap of 2020 significant events and priorities, expounding on details.

A list of 2020 City Commission Priorities is attached to these Minutes.

Raj Verma, Public Works Director, responded to questions related to sewer and stormwater progress and potential programming of available funds.

Susan Grant, Finance Department Director, clarified how revenues apply to stormwater projects. Mr. Verma confirmed the City's goal to complete as many projects as possible.

City Manager Lagerbloom explained aspects of Consent Order requirements completed ahead of schedule. Mr. Verma expounded on details, confirming his goal to complete all Consent Order requirements as soon as possible.

City Manager Lagerbloom expounded on the City's role in the COVID Vaccine Program and provided an update on the City's contribution and

coordination with providers in response to COVID-19.

Staff was commended for moving forward with priorities during the COVID-19 crisis.

- 9:30 am** **3. Challenges and opportunities for the upcoming year**
- A draft list of 2021 City Commission Priorities is attached to these Minutes.*
- 10:00 am** **4. Break**
- Mayor Trantalis recessed the meeting for a short break at 10:47 a.m.
- Mayor Trantalis reconvened the meeting at 11:11 a.m.
- 10:10 am** **5. Identify 2021 Commission Priorities**
- City Manager Lagerbloom presented a summary of the *2021 Commission Goals and Priorities*.
- Discussion ensued on ranking and clarifying the draft list of *2021 Commission Goals and Priorities*.
- The draft list of 2021 City Commission Priorities is attached to these Minutes.*
- 12:00 pm** **6. Break**
- There was a Commission consensus to continue working through the break.
- 12:15 pm** **7. Working Lunch:**
- City Manager Lagerbloom provided a brief overview of the Budget Advisory Board (BAB) request for Commission direction regarding applications for nonprofit organization funding and making recommendations to the Commission.
- City Manager Lagerbloom reviewed the *Commission's Nonprofit Funding Target Area Category List*.
- A copy of the Nonprofit Funding Target Area Category List is attached to these Minutes.*

Discussion ensued on BAB vetting and alignment with Commission direction for nonprofit funding recommendations. City Manager Lagerbloom recognized Budget Advisory Board Chair Brian Donaldson. Chair Donaldson explained examples of how the BAB would rank nonprofit funding requests.

Commission discussion ensued regarding grant programs included in the *Nonprofit Funding Target Area Category List*. Chair Donaldson requested Commission direction and clarification regarding ranking grant programs.

Laura Reece, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, explained details of past funding to elderly nonprofit organizations that were matched to Federal pass-through funding.

City Manager Lagerbloom explained *Nonprofit Funding Target Area Category List* funding includes both General Funds and General Funds that leverage pass-through funds. Further comment and discussion ensued on CARES funding, grant funding impacting General Fund nonprofit funding, meeting nonprofit funding goals and previous 2020 nonprofit funding.

Chair Donaldson recapped 2020 nonprofit funding and commented on the increase in 2021 nonprofit application funding requests. The BAB will consider matching pass-through funding in the ranking process to maximize return-on-investments.

There was a Commission consensus to base ranking and recommendations on key components, including leveraging and conforming to *Nonprofit Funding Target Area Categories*. Comment and discussion ensued on the need for nonprofit organization inclusion and nonprofit application funding requests belonging to a *Commission Nonprofit Funding Target Area Category*.

Chair Donaldson confirmed sufficient Commission direction for vetting and making recommendations to the Commission regarding 2021 non-profit organization funding application requests that best benefit the City. The BAB would consult Staff as necessary for clarification regarding nonprofit applications in areas having existing funding under a respective *Nonprofit Funding Target Area Category*.

1:00 pm

8. Adjourn meeting

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the Workshop at 12:07 p.m.

2020 City Commission Priorities

Top Priority

Homelessness and Housing Opportunities

Infrastructure

Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Master Plan Implementation

Transportation and Traffic

Waterway Quality

Resiliency

Priority

Streetscape and Tree Enhancements

Uptown Master Plan

Aviation and Aerospace Training Program

Safety

Smart Growth

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Build Outs

2021 City Commission Priorities

Top Priority

Homelessness and Housing Opportunities

Infrastructure

Transportation and Traffic

Waterway Quality

Resiliency

Parks and Public Places

Priority

Uptown Master Plan South

Airport Workforce Training Opportunities

Safety

Smart Growth

COVID-19 Recovery

Nonprofit Funding Target Area Category List

Social Welfare and Elderly Programs

Focus: General social welfare initiatives for all neighbors as well as enriching the lives of the elderly in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commission Priorities aligned with Target Area:

- Homelessness and Housing Opportunities
- COVID-19 Recovery

Arts, Culture, and Historical Programs

Focus: Artistic, cultural, and historic initiatives that benefit the City of Fort Lauderdale

Educational Programs

Focus: Support educational initiatives and programs within the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commission Priorities aligned with Target Area:

- COVID-19 Recovery (addressing students who have regressed)