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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

6:00 PM

City Hall - City Commission Chambers
100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

City Commission Regular Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

HEATHER MORAITIS Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District I

STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II

ROBERT L. McKINZIE Commissioner - District III

BEN SORENSEN Commissioner - District IV

CHRIS LAGERBLOOM, City Manager

JOHN HERBST, City Auditor

DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk

ALAIN E. BOILEAU, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie, Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen, Commissioner Heather Moraitis, Commissioner Steven Glassman and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, City Clerk David R. Soloman, City Attorney Alain E. Boileau and City Auditor John Herbst

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[22-0120](#)

Minutes for December 7, 2021 Commission Conference Meeting and December 7, 2021 Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes and Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Trantalis explained procedures and details regarding how members of the public could speak on Consent Agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Trantalis announced the following Consent Agenda items had been pulled by Commission Members for separate discussion:

CP-2 Commissioner Glassman

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CONSENT MOTION

CM-1 [22-0065](#) Motion Accepting FY2021 Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program Grant - \$46,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CM-2 [22-0066](#) Motion Accepting a Donation of three Solar Light Poles and Light Fixtures from Affiliated Development in the Estimated Amount of \$50,884.60 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CM-3 [22-0067](#) Motion Approving an Event Agreement for Outdoor Dinner Picnic - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

- CM-4** [22-0085](#) Motion Approving the Purchase of Material Testing and Inspection Services for the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center (FLAC) Renovation Project - Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc - \$42,200 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

- CM-5** [22-0097](#) Motion Approving First Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding with Broward County Regarding Collaborative Study and Subsequent Development of an Integrated Solid Waste and Recycling System - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

- CM-6** [22-0098](#) Motion Approving Event Agreements and Related Road Closures for 34th Annual Las Olas Art Fair Part II, the 9th Annual Fort Lauderdale Shamrock Run, and Sistrunk Parade and Festival - (Commission Districts 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

- CM-7** [22-0107](#) Motion Approving a Strategic Alliance Agreement Relating to Book Explorers Reading Mentors Program Between The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, Inc., and the City of Fort Lauderdale for the Funding of Book Explorers Reading Mentors Program - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CONSENT RESOLUTION

- CR-1** [22-0003](#) Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2022 (Las Olas Isles Underground Project) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$9,000,000 - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

- CR-2** [22-0057](#) Resolution Approving a Second Amendment to Lease Agreement with Sheltair Executive South, LLC for Parcel 7B at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - (Commission District 1)

ADOPTED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

- CR-3** [22-0029](#) Resolution Approving the Performing Arts Center Authority Budget and Tri-Party Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 2022 - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

- CR-4** [22-0011](#) Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2022 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

- CR-5** [22-0134](#) Resolution Approving a Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with Sheltair Executive South, LLC. for Parcels 1B, 20, and 20A at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - (Commission District 1)

ADOPTED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

- CR-6** [22-0135](#) Resolution Approving a Third Amendment to Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with Gerald M. Holland, Trustee for Parcel 4 at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - (Commission District 1)

ADOPTED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

- CR-7** [22-0136](#) Resolution Approving a Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with Gerald M. Holland for Parcel 5 at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - (Commission District 1)

ADOPTED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

- CR-8** [22-0137](#) Resolution Approving a Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with Sheltair Aviation Facilities, LLC for Parcel O at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - (Commission District 1)

ADOPTED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

CONSENT PURCHASE

- CP-1** [22-0111](#) Motion Approving Additional Down Payments for the Lease Agreements of Twenty-One Harley-Davidson Electra Glide Police Motorcycles with Harley-Davidson Leasing, Inc. - \$315,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

- CP-2** [22-0117](#) Motion Approving Purchase of Financial Analysis Services for Bahia Mar Lease Proposal - \$89,999 - (Commission District 2)

Commissioner Glassman discussed his opposition to this item due to cost and the ability to utilize in-house Audit Staff and the City's real estate consultant, *Colliers International (Colliers)*. He expounded on his viewpoint and commented on the Staff's review of the *Comprehensive Economic Development and Fiscal Impact Report from The Washington Economics Group and Business Flair (Report)* regarding the Bahia Mar Project (*Project*).

City Auditor Herbst explained details of the City Auditor's Office involvement in its review of the *Report*. He noted two aspects associated with vetting the *Project*, an independent estimate of a reasonable return on the *Project* and an understanding of the viability of financial estimates included in the *Report*. Further comment and discussion ensued on efforts to estimate a fair return on the *Project* and timelines on receiving an analysis.

City Manager Lagerbloom commented on his perspective, utilizing consulting firms to do a financial analysis, *Colliers* providing a real estate analysis and the timeline to receive the real estate appraisal.

In response to Vice Mayor Moraitis' question regarding coordinating the *Report's* evaluation with the real estate appraisal, comment and discussion ensued on synchronizing anticipated timelines.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the community's expectation of proper vetting. Further comment and discussion ensued on utilizing the City Auditor's Office and *Colliers* and the related timeline.

City Attorney Boileau commented on the need to address *Collier's* current limited scope of work under its contract with the City. Further comment and discussion ensued on the ability to validate the *Report* in-house, the expertise and timeline necessary to validate the *Report* and timelines of other audit projects.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's questions, City Auditor Herbst explained *Ernst & Young's* knowledge base and consulting expertise necessary to validate the underlying aspects included in the *Report*. City Auditor Herbst cited examples and explained related details.

In response to Vice Mayor Moraitis' question, City Attorney Boileau explained items impacting the Commission approval timeline, including Commission input to *Project* documents followed by tenant negotiations and coordinating scheduled Commission Meeting dates. Further comment and discussion ensued on the timetable for a Commission vote

on the Project.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on cost concerns related to the amount included in this Agenda item. Vice Mayor Moraitis remarked on her perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued.

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

DEFEATED

Yea: 2 - Vice Mayor Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

Nay: 3 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Moraitis and Commissioner Glassman

Mayor Trantalis explained the next steps going forward with a financial analysis of the Bahia Mar Lease Proposal and *Report*. City Manager Lagerbloom remarked on adhering to the timeline, researching an existing continuing contract with the City with the necessary scope of work, the procurement process and the possibility of the Commission assembling for a Special Meeting before the next Regular Commission Meeting.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the need for financial analysis of the *Report* for the Commission to vote on the *Project*. Further comment and discussion ensued.

MOTIONS

M-1 [22-0083](#)

Motion Approving a Services Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

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

APPROVED

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

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [22-0115](#)

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

City Clerk David Soloman read the names of Board and Committee nominees for appointment and reappointment at the February 15, 2022 Commission Regular Meeting.

City Clerk Soloman requested an amendment to the Resolution adding Gail Butler to the *Walk of Fame Induction Committee*, allowing Ms. Butler to participate in the upcoming *Committee Meeting*.

City Clerk Soloman read into the record the names of Board and Committee appointments and or reappointments for Agenda item R-1.

Commissioner McKinzie introduced this Resolution as amended which was read by title only.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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

R-2 [22-0112](#)

Resolution Considering a Merit Salary Increase for the City Manager's Annual Performance Review - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Comment and discussion ensued regarding City Manager Lagerbloom's compensation ranking compared to other City Managers in Broward County, cost of living increases and merit salary increases.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution adopting a five percent (5%) Merit Salary Increase for City Manager Chris Lagerbloom which was read by title only.

ADOPTED - 5% Merit Salary Increase

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [22-0042](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning from Commerce Center District (CC) to Uptown Urban Village Northwest District (UUV-NW)- City of Fort Lauderdale - 701 W. Cypress Creek Road and 6261 NW 6th Way - Citrix Systems, Inc. and Cypress 6261 LLC., - Case No. UDP-Z21003 - (Commission District 1)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Anthony Fajardo, Development Services Department Director, explained this Agenda item is part of the

incentive program for Uptown Urban Village, rezoning to one of the new Uptown Zoning Districts. There is an associated mixed-use project consisting of three hundred and twelve (312) units and approximately thirty-eight thousand square feet (38,000') of office space and other commercial use, which is going through a separate review process. It is the City's preference to rezone these parcels to foster redevelopment as it occurs along the corridors in the Uptown area.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Andrew Schein, Esq., Lochrie and Chakas, P.A., on behalf of the applicant. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Schein confirmed the applicant is moving forward with its mixed-use project in the Development Review Process.

Each Commission Member disclosed verbal communications, written communications, site visits and expert opinions received.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, and Mayor Trantalis

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

In response to Vice Mayor Moraitis' question, Mr. Fajardo explained flex units are available per the City-wide Flex Zone Map. A land-use amendment would be needed to dedicate flex units specifically to Uptown.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

OFR-1 [22-0041](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR); Section 47-13.20.D.7, Downtown RAC Review Process and Special Regulations; and Section 47-24, Development Permits and Procedures, Providing for Corrections - Case No. UDP-T21012 -

(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

City Manager Lagerbloom provided an update on efforts to schedule Commission meetings with Broward County and MPO staff regarding the Broward County Surtax Program, the Joint Government Campus, a tunnel as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the New River crossing in addition to upcoming state legislation at the Commission Conference Meeting on February 15, 2022.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on the scope of work related to the Bahia Mar Project discussed earlier.

Commissioner Sorensen remarked on compensation for City Clerk David Soloman as compared to department heads. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed Human Resource Department Staff would work to provide a salary comparison with other Broward County City Clerks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk