

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

1:30 PM

City Commission Conference Room

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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

Meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by Mayor Seiler.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Events and Matters of Interest

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

Commendation of the Police Department

Commissioner Roberts thanked the Police Department for their handling of activities over the weekend and recognized the City's Fleet Division.

Lighting in Turtle Creek

Commissioner Roberts asked the City Manager Lee Feldman for a meeting with the Code Department in regards to the Turtle Creek code issue.

Commissioner Rogers arrived at approximately 1:36 p.m.

Beach Re-nourishment Project

Commissioner Roberts discussed the impact of beach re-nourishment on transportation and how to reconcile issues with the county.

Galleria Mall Project

Commissioner Roberts brought up the Galleria Mall project and the impact it is having on Bay View Elementary School enrollment.

Joint Neighborhood Crime meeting-13th Street Police Station

Commissioner Trantalis attended a Joint Neighborhood Crime meeting at the 13th Street Police Sub Station. At this meeting, Commissioner Trantalis stated he was informed of the serious epidemic connected with synthetic drug Flakka and commended the Police Department for the community policing initiatives. Mayor Seiler commented on the Flakka impact on South Florida. Vice-Mayor McKinzie also noted that he attended the 13th Street Meeting with Commissioner Trantalis and felt it was very informative.

Issue Regarding the Land Acquisition in South Middle River

Commissioner Trantalis wanted the Commission to be aware of two issues that exist on this acquisition. The City has a lien on the land to be acquired. It is being discussed that the City will drop the lien if the land is donated to the City. The second issue is that the Tim Ryan wants the county to buy additional property to acquire the sanctuary of the Church of the Intersession and turn it into a community center. The City Manager is concerned with who will maintain the community center property.

Lighting Project Complaint

Commissioner Trantalis has received complaints from residents in the Flagler and Progresso areas in regards to a lighting project that keeps getting postponed. The City Manager advised that he would get back to Commissioner Trantalis with an update on this issue.

Short Term Rentals

Commissioner Trantalis suggested further discussion to impose restrictions on uses appropriate for short term rentals. It was agreed by the Mayor and all Commissioners that this will be further discussed as this issue affects every neighborhood in the city and it will be further addressed.

Vice-Mayor Honored at the Legacy Gala

Vice-Mayor McKinzie was honored at the Legacy Gala as one of the top 50 African-Americans in South Florida.

Tortuga Music Festival

Commissioner Rogers expressed neighbor concerns regarding the Tortuga Music Festival and the area not being properly cleaned by the festival crew. The crime walk, done by Maverick High School students in conjunction with this event was commended by Vice-Mayor McKinzie and Commissioner Rogers.

Complaints on Response to False Fire Alarms

Commissioner Rogers expressed neighbor concerns on this issue. Commissioner Rogers recommends that the Commission look further into this. Commissioner Roberts advised that he and Attorney Cynthia Everett were in the processing of addressing this issue.

Fleet Week

The Mayor provided information on vessels and service men and women participating in this year's Fleet Week. He encouraged people to go out and support those serving.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 15-0329 Proposed Lien Settlements (Special Magistrate & Code Enforcement Board Cases)

Commissioner Trantalis raised a standing objection about this item as he did not feel that a discount should be afforded to the banks in regards to lien settlements. A discussion ensued between the Mayor, Commissioners and the City Manager in regards to this item. Mayor Seiler didn't disagree with Commissioner Trantalis, but needed more information on the opposed foreclosures to make a decision.

CF-2 15-0521 Shippey House Update

The City Manager advised the Commission that there is an unresolved issue as to whether Shippey House, not the land, should be property of the Riverwalk Trust or be considered a city property. A discussion ensued between Bob Dunckel, the Mayor and Commissioners in regards to the ownership of the structure.

Genia Ellis, (President and CEO of the Riverwalk Trust) and Mary Fertig, (Friends of Shippey House) both spoke in regards to this matter. They elaborated on both groups combined efforts to help the Shippey House Project.

CF-3 15-0395 South Side School Update

The City Manager commented on this ongoing project and answered questions from Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler.

Alan Levy spoke in opposition to this item.

CF-4 15-0609 Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

The City Manager commented that the project continues to move forward.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

**BUS-1 15-0613 Office of City Manager, Neighbor Support Informational Presentation
On Adopt-A-Neighbor and Community Outreach Efforts**

Senior Management Fellow Ryan Henderson presented a video on this program and reviewed slides related to this matter, which are attached to these minutes.*

Marilyn Mammano spoke in support of this effort.

Commissioner Roberts, Vice-Mayor McKinzie and Mayor Seiler commended Hal Barnes, Neighbor Services Manager, in regards to the efforts of his group.

**BUS-2 15-0511 Update on I-95 Managed Lanes Project by Florida Department of
Transportation**

Diana Alercon introduced Robert Bostian and James Hughes, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the I-95 Managed Lanes Project. Mr. Bostian and Mr. Hughes answered questions asked by the Mayor and Commissioners.

BUS-3 15-0638 City Clerk Annual Performance Review and Compensation

A conversation ensued about the City Clerk's yearly performance evaluation and her compensation. Additional information was requested by the Commission. Item was deferred to the next Commission conference meeting.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

BD-1 15-0561 Board and Committee Vacancies

Board and Committee appointments were given by the Commissioners and Mayor Seiler. A conversation ensued concerning the procedure for board members who have met their maximum term and can no longer be reappointed.

Beach Business Improvement District	Primary Member-Michael Grosh (Consensus)
Community Services Board	Gary Sheffield (removed for absences)
Community Appearance Board	Ronald Alrose (Mayor Seiler) Felicia Armstrong (Vice-Mayor McKinzie)
Education Advisory Board	Towanda Bonaparte (Mayor Seiler)
Housing Authority	James D. Camp (Mayor Seiler)
Marine Advisory Board	Norbert McLaughlin (Vice-Mayor McKinzie) James Harrison (Commissioner Trantalis)
Charter Revision Board	Jack Palmeri (Commissioner Rogers)
Budget Advisory	Johnnie Smith (Vice-Mayor McKinzie)
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee	Chenara Anderson (Vice-Mayor McKinzie)
Community Appearance Board	
Historic Preservation Board	Donna Mergenhagen (Commissioner Roberts)

BD-2 15-0560 Communication to the City Commission

Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board

A motion was made by Darin Lentner and seconded by Karen Polivka to advise that the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board strongly support and recommend an increase in the budget for the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex Renovations for the purpose of increasing the dive well depth to facilitate the newly recognized 27 meter high dive competition (Red Bull High Dive). In a voice vote, the motion was unanimous by the Advisory Board.

It was decided by the Commission that this issue should be discussed at a later time when more information was made available.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

None.

There being no other matters to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.