

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, December 1, 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
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, City Clerk
CYNTHIA A. EVERETT, City Attorney

Meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Mayor Seiler on Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler, Vice-Mayor Robert L. McKinzie, Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts, and Commissioner Dean J. Trantalis

Also Present: City Manager Lee R. Feldman, City Auditor John Herbst, City Clerk Jonda K. Joseph, City Attorney Cynthia A. Everett and Sergeant At Arms Sergeant Cecil Stone

No public comments were submitted by email regarding this meeting.

Commissioner Romney Rogers arrived at 2:42 p.m.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Events and Matters of Interest

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

Emergency 911 Calls

Commissioner Roberts raised concerns regarding the dispatching of 911 calls and misinformation. Discussion ensued on this topic with the goal of transitioning back to a dedicated emergency 911 system for the City. The Mayor asked City Manager Feldman, City Attorney Everett, City Auditor Herbst and the Fire Chiefs to work together to develop a plan to address this issue.

Holiday Items for Neighborhoods

Vice-Mayor McKinzie recognized and thanked the Police Department who teamed up with Winn Dixie and the Housing Authority to deliver holiday items to citizens in his District. Vice-Mayor McKinzie acknowledged the Post Office improvements and thanked those who assisted in this matter. Vice-Mayor McKinzie raised the issue of relocating bus shelters to the western end of Sistrunk. Discussion ensued on this topic.

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

CRA policy, budget funding and hiring issues were discussed among the Commission and the City Manager.

Bus Benches and Street Naming

Commissioner Trantalis raised the issue of item CR-7 regarding bus benches and discussion ensued on this topic. Additionally, the issue of the naming of the streets within the City was addressed and discussion ensued on this topic.

School Board

Mayor Seiler discussed a meeting with the School Board and the topics reviewed. Discussion ensued on follow-up and topics reviewed.

Mangurian Park Donation to the City

An update on the transfer of Mangurian Park in Coral Ridge to the City of Fort Lauderdale was addressed and discussions ensued.

Bahia Mar Lease

The Bahia Mar lease issue was raised and it was noted that the lease is moving forward. Discussions ensued on this topic.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 15-1422 Lien Settlements - WaterWorks 2011

The property owner did not attend. City Manager Feldman raised the issue as to whether the Commission wishes to continue to hear lien settlements on waterworks or should they be considered as other code liens and sent to the Special Magistrate. Discussion ensued on this matter and the City Commission will take this issue up at a regular meeting to pass legislation to make the requested change.

CF-2 15-1501 Quarterly Investment Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2015

No discussion.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 15-1519 Budget/CIP and Grants Informational Presentation

Laura Reece, Assistant Budget Manager of CIP and Grants Division of the City Manager's Office. She introduced her team and gave a presentation for fiscal year 2015. Questions and answers as well as discussions ensued during the presentation

A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

BUS-2 15-1526 Multi-Focused Community Policing Assessment Status Presentation

City Manager Feldman gave a brief preface regarding the presentation. The Bobcat Consulting Group located in Tallahassee, did an internal look at the City's Police Department, entitled The Bobcat Report. Police Chief Frank Adderley, Douglas McDougall, Assistant Police Chief, Rich Maglione, Assistant Chief Investigator, and Michael Gregory, Assistant Chief, all participated in the presentation updating the Commission on the report's recommendations and other things the police department is initiating. Major Louis Alvarez addressed questions regarding police vests. Assistant City Attorney, Brad Weisman and Investigator Rich Maglione addressed questions and issues regarding body cameras. Questions and answers as well as discussions ensued after the presentation among attendees and the City Commission. The Commission requested the body camera issue come back before the Commission at the January 20, 2016 City Commission Conference Meeting.

A copy of the Multi-Focused Community Policing Assessment Status Presentation is attached to these minutes.

The following speakers from the public spoke:

Christine Currie of the Police Review Board spoke regarding the complaint hotline number location on the website, recruiting issues for the military men and women, and ordinances.

Marsha Ellison of the Fort Lauderdale NAACP spoke requesting a meeting with Chief Adderley to address policies, practices and procedures of the police department, and encouraging the police department to move forward with The Bobcat Reports' recommendations.

Roosevelt Walters, a City Resident, spoke encouraging police practices to mirror police policies. He also addressed the subject of police internal affairs' investigations, and the police review board.

Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road, expressed his views on the subject of police use of body cameras and other police issues in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

BUS-3 15-1515 County Animal Care Regulations Pertaining to Community Cats

Commissioner Rogers stated the County has passed a stricter ordinance to address the dropping off cats and neutering them prior to being dropped off to delete the cat population.

Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road, expressed his views on the County's Animal Care Regulations pertaining to community cats.

The Commission consensus was the new ordinance was positive.

**BUS-4 15-1557 Broward County Tourist Development Council - Appointment
Recommendation - City Representative**

Mayor Seiler stated his is currently on the Broward County Tourist Development Council and will be happy to continue as a member.

**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING - 3 P.M. OR AS SOON
THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE**

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

BD-1 15-1537 Board and Committee Vacancies

Discussions ensued on Board and Committee vacancies. Please see regular meeting item R-1.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

None.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, Mayor Seiler adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.