

# City of Fort Lauderdale

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## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

**1:30 PM**

**City Commission Conference Room**

## **City Commission Conference Meeting**

### ***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***

Mayor Seiler called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

## QUORUM ESTABLISHED

**Also Present:** City Manager Lee R. Feldman, City Auditor John Herbst, City Clerk  
Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Cynthia A. Everett, Sergeant At  
Arms Sergeant Anthony Gnisci

### Events and Matters of Interest

*The Mayor and members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events and may raise matters of interest or concern.*

## CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

### Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – Infrastructure Sales Tax – Regional Transportation System Discretionary Sales Surtax

Commissioner Rogers and Commissioner Roberts, as members of the MPO's Surtax Committee, are participating in meetings with the County and the MPO to discuss the options of implementing an Infrastructure Sales Tax or a Regional Transportation System Sales Surtax on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at 10:00 am which will be open to the public. There will also be a follow-up meeting on March 10, 2016 with the full board of the MPO to discuss the decisions and moving forward.

### Congressman Ted Deutch

Commissioner Roberts noted his attendance a meeting with Congressman Ted Deutch that focused on input from municipalities. The common thread in the meeting concerned transportation and traffic management issues, infrastructure issues, and sea-level rise.

### Security Issues at Board Meetings

Commissioner Roberts stated some of the City's board members are concerned with security at quasi-judicial meetings such as the Board of Adjustment and the Planning and Zoning Board when decisions that may not be in favor of the applicant or property owner.

### City Commission Resolution to State Legislature Regarding the Land Acquisition Trust Fund

Commissioner Roberts noted the Parks and Recreation Department wanted to bring to the attention of the Commission their concern about funds for the Land Acquisition Trust Fund not being used appropriately. They would like the City Commission to pass a resolution requesting the State legislature to refocus the use of the Land Acquisition Trust Fund as it was originally intended. Mayor Seiler concurred with Commissioner Roberts noting the State legislature is not supplementing funding but supplanting the funding and impacts all communities. It was agreed that a resolution addressing this topic would be prepared.

#### Sistrunk Festival

The Commission agreed that the Sistrunk Festival was a success and is getting bigger and better every year. Mayor Seiler noted the positive feedback from the neighborhood and the festival's success. Vice-Mayor McKinzie noted City Staff's outstanding efforts in the Sistrunk Festival and the outstanding feedback he received on the festival.

#### Police Substations

Roberts passed out a list of the current police substations and the units assigned to those substations. Discussions ensued regarding staffing of the Police Substations within the City focusing on the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Substation and the Sistrunk Substation. Vice-Mayor McKinzie noted they need to be more accessible and user friendly to the public.

***A copy of the referenced list is attached.***

#### Code Challenges

Vice-Mayor McKinzie discussed his recent District Meeting and the presentation done by Code Enforcement. He noted the attendance of both police and code enforcement enables the building of relationships and bridges among the community members and police and code enforcement. Chris Lagerbloom, Assistant City Manager, who will be overseeing Code Enforcement, attended this District III meeting and he was an active participant in working out existing code issues. Discussions ensued on the code issues, access and activities in District III.

#### Sistrunk Monument Unveiling

Vice-Mayor McKinzie noted The Trailblazers of Broward County will present a Historical Monument Unveiling Ceremony on Saturday, March 26, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at 200 West Sistrunk Boulevard.

#### Education Advisory Board

The Commission requested the Education Advisory Board review the City's rating as a family-friendly city in terms of negative rankings of the City's schools, the criteria used, and how the rankings were determined. Discussions on this topic ensued.

#### Bahia Mar

Commissioner Rogers noted that his constituents' had concerns with the process moving forward. He noted some felt there was a breach of trust. Discussions ensued on this topic with the possibility of having a workshop with the developers and the community. It was noted the Commission will host a Special Commission Meeting on the Bahia Mar.

#### Charter School

Mayor Seiler stated he met with the group who is looking to put a Charter School at City College targeting a different and newer model charter school. The charter school would focus on struggling students who need extra assistance rather than students who excel.

#### Restaurant(s) Near Executive Airport

Mayor Seiler asked for an update from City Manager Feldman and City Attorney Everett regarding the status of the proposed restaurant(s) going onto property located in Commissioner Roberts District near Executive Airport. Discussions ensued on this subject with respect to zoning and working with the FAA.

## CONFERENCE REPORTS

### **CF-1 16-0241** Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending December 31, 2015

Ray Cox addressed the Commission on this item expressing his ideas and recommendations regarding the City's investments.

Commissioner Roberts expressed his desire for the Commission to have a more active role, an in-depth discussion and a future agenda item regarding the City's investment strategy and General Employees Retirement System (GERS). City Auditor Herbst gave his input on the Cemetery Trust and the City's investment strategy. Discussions ensued on these items.

### **CF-2 16-0296** Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

Ray Cox addressed the Commission on this topic expressing his ideas, questions, concerns, and recommendations regarding the City's Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update.

Kyle Campbell addressed the Commission on this topic expressing his ideas, questions, concerns and recommendations regarding the City's Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update.

Charlie King addressed the Commission on this topic expressing his ideas, questions, concerns and recommendations regarding the City's Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update.

Commissioner Trantalis stated he understood the current Las Olas Marina bids will be rejected at tonight's Regular Commission Meeting. Commissioner Trantalis' understanding is the Request for Proposals (RFP) calls for a \$1,000,000 lease payment. City Manager Feldman addressed Commissioner Trantalis' questions and concerns, and gave an overview of the prior RFP and the revised RFP stating the new RFP will allow for three-year rent abatement with an overall 10 year average rent of \$1,000,000 per year - minimum guarantee. Commissioner Trantalis questioned why the City would receive less rent after the expansion Las Olas Marina. Further explanations, questions and discussions ensued on this item among the Commission and City Manager Feldman, and Assistant City Attorney Lynn Solomon addressing Commissioner Trantalis' concerns.

## OLD/NEW BUSINESS

### **BUS-1 16-0316** All Aboard Florida Land Transfer

Ray Cox addressed the Commission on this topic expressing his ideas, questions, concerns, and recommendations regarding the All Aboard Florida Land Transfer.

Debbie Orshefsky, on behalf of All Aboard Florida, addressed the Commission bringing to the attention of the Commission All Aboard Florida is currently in negotiations with the State of Florida regarding transferring State land to the City and then to All Aboard to allow increased access to the station.

Vice-Mayor McKinzie asked for clarification on this and City Attorney Everett and Ms. Orshefsky clarified and explained the basic concept and the process. Assistant City Attorney Bob Dunckel confirmed this land exchange was achievable.

Ms. Orshefsky confirmed she would give the Commission an update as to the status of the Quiet Zones.

**BUS-2 16-0255** Challenges with Pipe Breaks and Maintaining Aged Infrastructure

Mr. Talal Abi-Karam, P.E., PMP, CCM, CCE, CGC, CUC, Assistant Director of Public Works - Utilities City Staff gave the Commission a presentation regarding the City's challenges with pipe breaks and maintaining an aged infrastructure and what the City needs to do to address this issue.

The Commission discussed its concerns on this issue and had questions relating to the presentation's challenges with pipe breaks, maintaining the City's aged infrastructure, and funding. Mr. Abi-Karam noted his department is working in collaboration with the Department of Sustainable Development to address proposed new developments' infrastructure needs.

***A copy of this presentation is attached to these minutes.***

Ray Cox addressed the Commission on this topic expressing his ideas, questions, concerns, and recommendations regarding the City's aging infrastructure.

Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive, addressed the Commission on this topic expressing her ideas, questions, concerns, and recommendations regarding the City's aging infrastructure. Ms. Fertig stated she would like the Commission to put this topic in a format that would allow neighborhoods to participate in this conversation.

Ms. Fertig thanked the Commission for their resolution in support of Stranahan High School last summer and for working with the School Board.

Charlie King addressed the Commission on this topic expressing his ideas, questions, concerns and recommendations regarding the City's water system and infrastructure.

**BUS-3 16-0180** FY 2017 - FY 2021 Community Investment Plan Prioritization Worksheet

City Staff passed out a Prioritization Matrix Relative Weight Determination Worksheet for 2016 as well as a copy of each of their 2015 submissions to the Mayor and each Commissioner. City Manager Feldman requested the Mayor and each Commissioner complete the worksheet for this year. They will be tabulated and read into the record at tonight's Regular City Commission Meeting.

Laura Reese, Budget Manager, asked if there were any questions from the Mayor or the Commissioners. There were no questions.

***A copy of this year's worksheet is attached to these minutes.***

Ray Cox addressed the Commission on this topic expressing his ideas, questions, concerns, and recommendations regarding the City's FY 2017 - FY 2021 Community Investment Plan Prioritization.

**BUS-4 16-0310** Information Technology Services Department - Informational  
Presentation

Mike Maier, Chief Technology Officer, gave an Information Technology Services presentation to the Commission. Discussions ensued among the Commission and City Manager Feldman on the City's information technology, the 911 System, the police hand-held and in-car radio systems, and monitoring on-line permitting applications, etc.

*A copy of this presentation is attached to these minutes.*

## **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**BD-1 16-0292** Board and Committee Vacancies

Discussions ensued among the Commission on recommendations to the Community Appearance Board, the Education Advisory Board, and the Central City Advisory Board. Allisa Ayden, John Naclerio, and Dewey Chancey were discussed as possible candidates for these boards.

Commissioner Roberts stated he would like to interview candidates from District I.

Please see regular agenda item R-1.

**BD-2 16-0294** Communication to the City Commission

Mayor Seiler stated there was a communication from Board of Adjustment. They were uncomfortable with making a decision on the height of an applicant's sea wall. City Manager Feldman gave the Commission background on this issue stating an applicant is seeking a variance on the height of the sea wall. The board is aware that the City Commission is contemplating making changes to the sea wall height requirement for the City. With this in mind, the board is not comfortable making a decision. City Manager Feldman stated his position is they must make a decision based on the City's current code. Mayor Seiler stated he would like the Commission to address the sea wall height issue as the Board of Adjustment needs direction. Further discussions ensued on updating the City's Ordinance and Code.

Mayor Seiler stated there was a communication from the Marine Advisory Board thanking them for the presentation on the proposed Bahia Mar project and including them in the approval process.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

None.

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Seiler adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.