

# City of Fort Lauderdale

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

**Tuesday, October 20, 2015**

**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  
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 on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 1:32 p.m. by Mayor Seiler.

## **ATTENDANCE 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

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

No public comments were submitted by email regarding this meeting.

## **CITY COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **Events and Matters of Interest**

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

### **Discussion Las Olas Traffic**

Commissioner Trantalis noted that this discussion will be held at the Riverside Hotel. Commissioner Roberts and Commissioner Rogers discussed the goals of the meeting.

### **Transit Oriented Development Grant**

Commissioner Roberts congratulated City Manager Feldman on securing the grant for this project.

### **Police Department Promotions**

Commissioner Roberts congratulated the promotions within the Police Department.

### **Citizens Recognition Ceremony**

Vice Mayor McKinzie commented on the upcoming event ceremony which will honor Greg Brewton.

### **Sistrunk Festival**

Vice Mayor McKinzie commented that the Sistrunk Festival will be held in the future and detailed activities associated with this event.

### **Land Purchase District 3**

Vice Mayor McKinzie commented on the land purchase which recently had occurred in his District.

### **New Treatment Center**

Commissioner Rogers advised that a new sober home has been established in Fort Lauderdale. City Manager Feldman commented on this.

### **Neighborhood Concerns**

Commissioner Rogers commented on an increase in prostitution activity in parts of the City. He asked City Manager Feldman to increase police activity in these areas.

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**Kayak Ramp**

Commissioner Rogers has received positive feedback on a future Kayak Ramp that is being built.

**Airport Noise**

Commissioner Rogers asked City Manager Feldman if he has consulted with the FAA on the flight path issue discussed at the last meeting. City Manager Feldman and Diana Alarcon advised that they are reviewing the analysis.

**King Tides**

Commissioner Rogers reminded the Commission that they are still dealing with the King Tide issue.

**School Board Meetings**

Commissioner Rogers commented that the school boards are having meetings with the districts. The Commission discussed their participation and concerns from the public.

**Unemployment Rate**

Mayor Seiler commented that the Fort Lauderdale Unemployment rate fell below 5 percent.

**Boat Show**

Mayor Seiler encouraged the Commission to continue efforts to support the Boat Show. Events associated for this event are the dredging project for the intracoastal waterway project, events at both airports, press breakfast, luncheon sponsored by the Alliance, panel discussion on development and redevelopment in the City.

**Penny Sales Tax**

Mayor Seiler and the Commission engaged in a discussion regarding the penny sales tax and how it will be applied in the City. Mayor Seiler is in support of the penny sales tax going towards transportation with proper limitations and restrictions.

## **CONFERENCE REPORTS**

**CF-1 15-1279** Lien Settlements - WaterWorks 2011

No Discussion

**CF-2 15-1103** South Side School Update

City Manager Feldman gave a status update on South Side School. City Manager Feldman asked the Commission's guidance in regards to installing a kitchen. The Commission rendered a consensus to move forward with the kitchen installation.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**BUS-1 15-1316** City-wide Sidewalk Inspection and Management System  
Repair Priority Plan (\$2.1 Million Risk Funding)

City Manager Feldman provided an update on this item. A discussion ensued among the Commission regarding the direction of this plan.

Steve Cook, resident of the City, addressed the Commission with his comments, questions and concerns.

Charles King, resident of the City, spoke in support of this item.

Constance Scott, Director of Local Relations-Florida Atlantic University, did a presentation.

**BUS-2 15-1248** Vision Zero: Fort Lauderdale - A Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety  
Action Plan

Diana Alarcon, Director of Transportation and Mobility, opened the presentation introducing Staff Karen Mendrala Senior Planner Transportation and Mobility, Debbie Griner Transportation Manager, Christine Fanchi Planner II and Ron Rodriguez. Staff answered questions presented by the Commission.

Steve Cook, resident of the City, addressed the Commission with his comments, questions and concerns.

Jay Adams, resident of the City, addressed the Commission with his comments, questions and concerns.

Dave Marshall, resident of the City, addressed the Commission with his comments, questions and concerns.

Charles King, resident of the City, addressed the Commission with his comments, questions and concerns.

**BUS-3 15-1322** Discussion on Local Government Infrastructure Surtax

City Manager Feldman elaborated on the Local Government Infrastructure Surtax and answered questions posed by the Commission. He advised the Commissioners that the deadline for getting this item on the ballot was June 2016. The Commissioners agreed to have a workshop for discussion.

Dennis Ulmer, resident of the City, addressed the Commission with his comments, questions and concerns.

Charles King, resident of the City, addressed the Commission with his comments, questions and concerns in support of this item.

**BUS-4 15-1319** Administrative Fee for Large Scale Events

City Manager Feldman advised this issue needs further research.

**BUS-5 15-1340**                      Rescheduling City Commission Meeting Dates for 2016 Holidays

Future Commission Meeting dates were discussed and agreed upon by Mayor Seiler and the Commissioners.

Mayor Seiler recessed the City Commission Conference meeting at 4:46 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION**

**15-1351**

Mayor Seiler announced the City Commission's Executive Closed Door Session pursuant to Florida Statute, Section 286.011(8) concerning:

*Lory Farmer v. City of Fort Lauderdale, et al. Case No. CACE 13-027788 (02)*

Mayor Seiler announced those who will be in attendance as:

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler  
Vice Mayor and Commissioner Robert McKinzie  
Commissioner Dean Trantalis  
Commissioner Romney Rogers  
Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts  
City Manager Lee R. Feldman  
City Attorney Cynthia A. Everett  
Outside Council Eugene Pettis, Haliczzer Pettis & Schwamm

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**BD-1 15-1337**                      Board and Committee Vacancies

See Regular Meeting Item R-1

**BD-2 15-1338**                      Communications to the City Commission

Discussed at Regular Meeting

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

See Regular Meeting