

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, October 6, 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 on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 1:30 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 A. Soloman

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.

Shippey House Fundraising Goals

Commissioner Rogers noted that the Shippey House met their fundraising goals. Jacquelyn Scott, President of Friends of Shippey House, spoke and thanked Commissioner Rogers and Commissioner Trantalis for their support.

Letter from the Lauderdale Isle Civic Association

Commissioner Rogers asked City Manager Feldman to send a letter to the County and FAA inquiring about unresolved issues being brought forth by the Lauderdale Isles Civic Association. City Manager Feldman commented that he will have staff review so specific issues can be addressed. A discussion ensued between the Mayor, City Manager and Commissioners in regards to flight path over this area.

Graffiti

Commissioner Rogers relayed that his residents noted an increase in graffiti appearing on real estate and construction signs. Commissioner Rogers asked City Manager Feldman to reach out to the police department and advise the Code Department so they can ask sign owners to address the graffiti on their signs.

King Tides

Commissioner Rogers brought up the issue of King Tides and asked City Manager Feldman about the valves. City Manager Feldman did not know off hand. A discussion ensued between the Commissioners and Mayor regarding projects currently in place to address this issue.

Lauderdale Isles Waterway Cleanup

Commissioner Rogers noted the Lauderdale Isles Waterway Cleanup project was a success.

Operation Lift Hope

Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler attended this event. Commissioner Rogers noted this was a very positive event for the community.

Seventh Annual Fire Expo

Commissioner Rogers, Vice Mayor McKinzie and Commissioner Trantalis attended the Seventh Annual Fire Expo and noted it was a positive event for the community.

Neighborhood Crime Meeting

Commissioner Rogers commented on the Joint meeting District 3 and 4 Neighborhood Crime Meeting. He noted good attendance and questions.

Swatch Beach Volleyball

Vice Mayor McKinzie said that it was a world class event. This event did not impact traffic or parking. The Mayor added that the excitement at this event was amazing.

Starlight in Holiday Park

Vice Mayor McKinzie promoted an event with iTunes at Holiday Park in which included live performances.

Commissioner Trantalis Events Attended

Commissioner Trantalis attended events at the Barcelona Trade Mission and Warsaw Street Coffee Company

Commissioner Trantalis Upcoming Events

Café Cerviche, Joint Commissioner Workshop with the Beach Redevelopment Board, Meet and Greet with Senator Maria Sacks, Broward County for Higher Education Block Party, Tribute to former Commissioner and Vice Mayor Carlton Moore, monthly neighborhood crime meetings, Gay Pride Events.

Mercantile Power

Commissioner Trantalis and the Mayor attended the grand opening and ribbon cutting for this event.

Short Term Rentals Town Hall Meeting

Commissioner Roberts and Commissioner Trantalis participated in this event regarding short term rentals.

Remembrance Ceremony

Commissioner Trantalis and Mayor Seiler attended a September 11th remembrance ceremony at the Fort Lauderdale Fire and Safety Building.

Airport Customs Facility

Commissioner Trantalis, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the airport and noted that it was a well-attended event.

Sistrunk Park

Commissioner Trantalis noted problems and increased robberies in this area and suggested that lighting is a contributing factor. A discussion ensued between the City Manager and Mayor in regards to this issue.

Police Issues

Commissioner Trantalis discussed issues surrounding the non-emergency police number.

Crime and Policing

Commissioner Trantalis suggested a discussion in regards to neighborhood policing at some point with the Commission. Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Rogers and Vice Mayor McKinzie elaborated on this item.

Police Cars in Wilton Manors

Commissioner Trantalis noted numerous police cars responding to a carjacking in Wilton Manors. He felt that there were too many police cars involved in this situation. City Manager Feldman, Commissioner Roberts and Commissioner McKinzie commented.

Meeting with Palm Aire Homeowners Association

Commissioner Roberts had his third meeting with the Palm Aire Homeowners Association and. The Mayor commended Commissioner Roberts and Staff for continued work on this project.

Annual Website Award

Commissioner Roberts commented on the city winning the annual website award.

Symphony on the Waterway

Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler attended an event there.

Pete Witschen Memorial

Commissioner Roberts attended a memorial for the late Pete Witschen.

Public Safety Consolidated Communication System

Commissioner Roberts and City Manager Feldman made appointments to meet with county commissioners in regards to the Public Safety Consolidated Communication System.

Washington Summit

Commissioner Roberts commented that he Mayor Seiler and Commissioner Trantalis attended a summit in Washington D.C.

Sales Tax Discussion

Commissioner Roberts was asked to participate in a discussion for the proposed impending sales tax with the county. A discussion ensued between the Commission regarding this issue.

Galt Ocean Mile Association Meeting

Commissioner Roberts and City Manager Feldman attended the monthly Galt Mile Association meeting which addressed the Federal Beach Renourishment Project. A conversation ensued.

Events Attended by Mayor Seiler

The Mayor attended Operation Lift Hope, an incredible event that raised over a million dollars for homeless veterans. Mayor Seiler attended a seminar with the Association of Climate Change Officers. The Mayor also recognized the volunteers associated with the City, and gave accolades to those associated with the Washington Summit, he also commented on the Pink Drive project that City staff participated in with auto nation and gave credit to staff for their work on the project.

Mayor Seiler Upcoming Events

October 14th, 2015, Village Square, Broward Center for Performing Arts will hold a workshop on Cuban policy. A discussion took place regarding adding a Cuban Consulate to Fort Lauderdale.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 15-0660 Lien Settlements - WaterWorks 2011

No Discussion.

CF-2 15-1182 Shippey House Update

Genia Ellis gave a status update in regards to the Shippey House Fundraising effort.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 15-1257 Vacation Rental Registration Ordinance Review

Mark Robinson, from New York, New York, addressed the Commission with his comments, questions and concerns in support of this item and asked questions regarding the proposed ordinance. City Manager Feldman, Mayor Seiler and City Auditor Herbst responded to his questions.

Walter Cunningham, resident of Boynton Beach, addressed the Commission with his comments, questions and concerns on this item.

J.B Remond, resident of the City, addressed the Commission with his comments, questions and concerns in support of this item.

Lars Heldre, resident of Boca Raton, addressed the Commission with his comments, questions and concerns in support of this item.

Matt Pearlman, resident of the City, addressed the Commission with his comments, questions and concerns on this item.

Kristy Armada, Esq., representing Jim Ellis, addressed the Commission with his comments, questions and concerns in support of this item.

Jim Jackson, resident of the City, addressed the Commission with his comments, questions and concerns in opposition to this item. Jenni Morejon, Director of Sustainable Development and Assistant City Attorney D'Wayne Spence addressed concerns voiced by Mr. Jackson.

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

Hugh Chappell from the Las Olas Isles Homeowners Associations addressed the Commission with his comments, questions and concerns in opposition to this item.

At 3:59 p.m., Mayor Seiler left the meeting and handed over the gavel to Vice Mayor McKinzie.

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

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

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

Camille Fenn, resident if the City, addressed the Commission with his comments, questions and concerns on this item.

Commissioner Trantalis voiced his concerns in regards to the enforcement challenges of this proposed ordinance and the need to strengthen the enforcement provisions. He felt that the Police Department and Code Enforcement is given the authority to shut down violators. The Commission discussed possible penalties for violators. The biggest concern is short term vacation rentals and how to shorten the due process for violators. A discussion took place on shortening the special magistrate process as to not slow down due process of ordinance violators. Assistant City Attorney D'Wayne Spence and City Attorney Cynthia Everett elaborated on the enforcement process.

Mayor Seiler rejoined the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

City Manager Feldman and the Commission discussed an alternative to allow for a civil citation to be issued to the owner of the property in which the violation occurred. The Commission agreed this would be a good amendment to the proposed ordinance. Commissioner Roberts also asked City Attorney Cynthia Everett to review additional issues such as the "shall" "versus" "may" clause, within the article concerning vehicles within the driveway, and the terminology surrounding rentals to a sexual predator, and fire alarm compliance. The Mayor and City Manager continued to discuss specific building code issues related to this item and the compliance time frame that should be allotted, and the enforcement. The Commission agreed to the date of April 1, 2016 in regards to compliance from the date of enactment. Suspension time for violators of the ordinance will be 60 days, after four reported issues, the suspension time will be- 6 months. The Mayor encouraged the public to use *Lauderserv* to report violators.

BUS-2 15-0589 City-wide Sidewalk Inspection and Management System Repair
Priority Plan
Deferred

BUS-3 15-1224 FY 2016 State Legislative Priorities and Appropriation Requests

City Manager Feldman, Mayor Seiler, Emilie Smith, Budget Manager, and the Commission came to a consensus on items that need to be added and changed.

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

BUS-4 15-1234 Administrative Fee for Large Scale Events

Commissioner Rogers and Commissioner Trantalis expressed concerns with this item. Mayor Seiler recommended that this be deferred for further discussion at the Regular Commission Meeting.

BUS-5 15-1255 Public Affairs Informational Presentation - New Ways to Communicate

Deferred.

BUS-6 15-1159 Sustainability Advisory Board Communication on Expanded Polystyrene

A discussion ensued between the Mayor and the Commission with regard to the enforceability of Sustainability Advisory Board's suggestions. City Attorney Cynthia Everett stated would research this issue and get back to the Commission.

BUS-7 15-1292 Nomination of Neighbor to Represent the City at the United Way of Broward County's 2015 Mayors' Gala

The Commission discussed potential nominations for this award. Ray Ferraro was nominated as the primary representative and Roy Kraus as an alternate.

Mayor Seiler recessed the Conference meeting at 5:32 p.m.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION

15-1291

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

Stephanie Thompson v. City of Fort Lauderdale Case No.: 14-000895 (21)

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
Assistant City Attorney Alain Boileau
Daughters Court Reporting Service

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

BD-1 15-1266 Board and Committee Vacancies

Please see Regular Meeting Item R-1

BD-2 15-1267 Communications to the City Commission

See Regular Meeting

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

See Regular Meeting

