

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

1:30 PM

City Commission Conference Room

City Commission Conference Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

***JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER Mayor - Commissioner
DEAN J. TRANTALIS Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District II
BRUCE G. ROBERTS Commissioner - District I
ROBERT L. McKINZIE Commissioner - District III
ROMNEY ROGERS Commissioner - District IV***

***LEE R. FELDMAN, City Manager
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, City Clerk
CYNTHIA A. EVERETT, City Attorney***

ROLL CALL

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

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: City Manager Lee R. Feldman, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Cynthia A. Everett, City Auditor John Herbst, and Sergeant at Arms Wilgienson Auguste

No Public e-comments were submitted for this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Seiler called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Rogers discussed issues raised at his District Meeting regarding the closing of the trestle bridge for BrightLine Railway work. Mayor Seiler stated that the closing dates for the bridge were recommended by the Marine Industries Association and the public needs to be made aware of this fact.

Commissioner Rogers also said the Davie zoning issue is still outstanding and he will keep the Commission updated.

Commissioner Roberts updated the Commission on his attendance at several District Neighborhood Homeowners Association Meetings. He stated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has agreed to fund \$4,400,000 for traffic enhancements along Bayview Drive from Sunrise Boulevard to Commercial Boulevard. The enhancements will include landscaping, bicycle lanes, and renewing asphalt. He stated that design will begin in 2019 and construction would begin in 2022.

Commissioner Roberts discussed numerous ribbon cutting and ground breaking ceremonies in the City. He specifically noted the grand opening of a business entitled *Car Shoes*, reflective of the American Dream. A young Hispanic family tire wholesale business beginning as a small family business in Davie, Florida, that has grown to occupy a 20,000 square foot warehouse at the Executive Airport, with over

40,000 tires in stock. Commissioner Roberts confirmed for Mayor Seiler they employ approximately 40 people. It was noted this Grand Opening was also a fundraiser for Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital.

Commissioner Roberts raised the issue of recommending to the Broward County Commission the relocation of the Convention Center to downtown and using the current Convention Center location to expand marine activities in the area.

Mayor Seiler stated it may be too late due to the County acquiring additional land next to the Convention Center and awarding a contract for its expansion to a developer. He also stated the City is number two on the list for a new Federal Courthouse, which will require a significant amount of real estate in the downtown area.

Mayor Seiler asked City Manager Feldman to reach out the Broward County Commission on two items:

- The possibility of relocating the Convention Center; and
- Reopening the bypass road to allow for additional access from Fort Lauderdale International Airport to the Port Everglades.

Options for the BrightLine Commuter Railway having an underground tunnel were briefly discussed.

Vice Mayor Trantalis discussed a question from the Friday Night Soundwaves organization. They requested to be listed as a partner with the City, allowing them to apply for grants to fund their beach area events. Mayor Seiler stated this would need to be researched by the City Attorney's Office. City Manager Feldman stated he would be meeting with the City Attorney's Office to determine if this would impact the City.

Vice Mayor Trantalis discussed the issue of Ms. Leanore "Lu" Deaner who was integral in the creation of Dolphin Isles Park, asking if the park could be named in her honor. Mayor Seiler stated he has no objection, noting Ms. Deaner's extensive efforts in the founding of the Park and that this request would be an appropriate gesture. Mayor Seiler stated the necessary procedure would be for this request to be presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board by the Dolphin Isles Association for an immediate review. Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, confirmed this item would be put on the next agenda.

Vice Mayor Trantalis discussed the desire to form a Sister Cities

relationship with Dubai. Mayor Seiler recommended letting Ms. Winfield of Sister Cities, bring this forward to the City Commission. There was no objection from the Commission.

Vice Mayor Trantalis discussed the concerns of the Portofino Condominium over the location and context of the restaurant at the Las Olas Marina. He stated there was a meeting with representatives of the residents and Suntex, noting there are ongoing discussions. It was confirmed these issues relate only to the restaurant location due to concern over noise issues from deliveries and garbage pickup. Otherwise, they support the remainder of the project.

Vice Mayor Trantalis addressed City Attorney Everett on the issue of swales in the neighborhoods. He noted the requirement that adjacent property homeowners maintain the swales but they do not have the ability to prevent parking, which often deteriorates the swales. Vice Mayor Trantalis asked City Attorney Everett to research this issue and update the Commission as to how City policy can assist the homeowners impacted.

Commissioner McKinzie confirmed that this also happens in District III. City Manager Feldman commented that in areas of the City with swales, such as schools, the City could restrict parking. City Attorney Everett confirmed she would meet with Staff and Vice Mayor Trantalis's staff to get more details for what needs to be addressed.

Vice Mayor Trantalis discussed determining the responsible parties for repairing the seawall at the dock located at Sunset Drive and Riviera Drive. He stated Dr. Nancy Gassman, Assistant Director of Public Works, confirmed the dock frontage was not owned by City, though it owns the pumping station at this location and has been granting easements.

City Manager Feldman noted that the abutting property owner is the owner of their portion of the dock frontage. It was also noted that ownership of this land has to be clarified as not all portions of the frontage have an abutting property. Vice Mayor Trantalis confirmed that the City Attorney's Office needs to review this issue. City Attorney Everett confirmed her office is looking into this matter and will opine on who has responsibility for the seawall repairs.

Vice Mayor Trantalis recommended considering an ordinance that would ban the sale of cats and dogs in retail pet stores, noting many cities in the South Florida have enacted such an ordinance.

Vice Mayor Trantalis asked City Manager Feldman when the

Commission will receive recommendations from the Aquatic Complex consultant. City Manager Feldman stated he received the report this week and would forward it to each member of the Commission.

Vice Mayor Trantalis raised the issue of homelessness, finding a location to address needs and suggested using the roof top of the City's parking garage to facilitate.

Mayor Seiler recommended the option of working with Broward County for using the existing Stockade facility on Powerline Road, located in the City. Vice Mayor Trantalis stated the Stockade is controlled by the Broward County Commission and they have not determined its availability. Further discussions continued on available options to address the issues of the homeless.

Vice Mayor Trantalis confirmed that Commissioner Nan Rich, a member of the Continuum of Care and Broward County Commission, is an advocate for the homeless and has committed to take the Stockade message forward. Commissioner Rogers recommended each Commissioner commit to lobbying the Broward County Commission to make the Stockade solution happen.

Commissioner Roberts recommended setting up a Joint Workshop with the County Commission with the Stockade as an important topic. Mayor Seiler asked City Manager Feldman to set up a Joint Workshop with the County Commission. City Manager Feldman stated he has requested dates. Mayor Seiler suggested each Commissioner reach out to members of the Broward County Commission with the requested dates.

City Manager Feldman said the Women's Club of Fort Lauderdale gave the Broward County Commission a presentation at their meeting of January 24, 2017. It resulted in the Broward County Commission requesting their own workshop to address homeless issues in the County.

Commissioner McKinzie supported the recommendation.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 [17-0188](#)

Emergency Purchase - Sewer Force Main Failure at 512 Southwest 7th Street - \$479,053.33

City Manager Feldman stated as required by the Code of Ordinances, this item reports to the Commission the costs associated with the City's emergency sewer break repairs in December 2016.

[17-0146](#)

Communications to the City Commission

CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

Motion made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Ms. Hinton, to recommend the City put a notice out to condominium property managers reminding them that any condo work must be done per code and by a licensed contractor with proper permits. In a voice vote, motion passed 5-0.

Assistant City Manager Chris Lagerbloom noted the procedures followed by the City to enforce the requirements of proper permitting. Commissioner McKinzie stated the property managers of residential buildings should be aware of those units undergoing renovation. City Manager Feldman confirmed that property managers are licensed by the State. Mayor Seiler requested the City send out a reminder notice to all licensed property managers reminding them of the rules and regulations governing proper licensing and permitting. Commissioner Rogers suggested possibly fining the homeowners associations for violations.

Motion made by Ms. Evert, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to ask the City Commission to address the issue of individuals walking into City Hall off the street and to suggest that the metal detector is always utilized for members of the public attending meetings in Commission Chambers. In a voice vote, motion passed 5-0.

At the request of Mayor Seiler, City Manager Feldman discussed the cost involved in this request. Assistant City Manager Stanley Hawthorne confirmed that the City had agreed to activate the metal detector at the Code Enforcement meetings which may not have happened at the last meeting and would check into this issue.

**BEACH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE / BEACH REDEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Motion made by Ms. Lee, seconded by Mr. Schiavone: The BID and BRB agree that art, including sound, light, music and art, is an important component moving forward with the Barrier Island. We will have exploratory conversations with the Broward County Public Art and Design Committee to see their process for public art projects.

Motion passed unanimously (12-0).

The Commission agreed to have an exploratory meeting on this issue with the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board.

Don Morris, Beach Area Manager for the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) updated the Commission on this issue stating he attended this meeting. The Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board's request for public art on public property be funded by Beach Improvement District (BID) following the procedures done at the County level.

Mayor Seiler confirmed Mr. Morris will follow up on the Commission's agreement to have an exploratory meeting.

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD

The Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) provides the following Communication to the City Commission:

The Sustainability Advisory Board appreciated the discussion we had at our meeting on November 28, 2016, with Dick Eaton and Adam Feldman from Code Enforcement regarding the sea turtle lighting ordinance. We are pleased that additional staff resources allow Code Enforcement to take a proactive approach by working with residents and businesses towards compliance, rather than relying on the complaint-driven process used in the lean years following the Great Recession.

- *We encourage the City Commission to further improve the City's sea turtle lighting enforcement program by:*
- *Providing Code Enforcement with even more staff members to continue the proactive compliance efforts;*
- *Updating the City's ordinance with the State's stricter lighting construction standards;*
- *Providing Code Enforcement with access to a statistician to analyze information;*
- *Directing Code Enforcement to meet regularly with Sea Turtle Oversight Protection (STOP) to learn about potential lighting trouble spots identified by that organization;*
- *Investigating ways to use STOP's documentation of lighting violations to assist Code Enforcement efforts; and*

Using Broward County's annual March lighting survey as a starting point for the City's seasonal enforcement efforts.

Motion made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Mazza, to advance the above Communication to the City Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed the State's regulations and the City's regulations on Sea Turtle Lighting. It was determined this communication would be brought back at the next Conference Meeting after further research.

CEMETERY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A motion made by Ms. Mowrey and seconded by Mr. Powell, to forward the comments from the Cemetery Board on the Operational Audit of the Cemetery System to the City Commission. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Ulmer and seconded by Mr. Van Rees, to advise that the Cemetery Board of Trustees have received the Operational Audit of the City of Fort Lauderdale Cemetery System and related Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund, and the Parks and Recreation Department response and plan for corrective action. The Cemetery Board looks forward to continuing to work with the City Commission, Carriage Services, and city staff, to continue to make the cemetery system in the City of Fort Lauderdale the best possible for our City and its neighbors to take pride in. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

A motion was made by Ms. Mowrey and seconded by Mr. Adams, to advise that the Cemetery Board acknowledges that the City Auditor met with the Board to discuss concerns regarding the audit. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Mayor Seiler requested a correction be made to the date of the Cemetery Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes on Exhibit 4 1.12.17. Mayor Seiler confirmed that all of the items in this communication had been resolved. Mr. Ulmer confirmed.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 [17-0127](#)

Discussion on Gun Shows at Holiday Park

Vice Mayor Trantalis said he requested this item be put on the

Conference Agenda based on the concerns of his constituents, stating his constituents are opposed to having gun shows at the War Memorial Auditorium at Holiday Park (War Memorial). The opposition is due to activities of children, a dog park, and the ongoing sports activities, all of which contribute to the understanding that it is an inappropriate location. Vice Mayor Trantalis requested the City not renew the lease contract for gun shows at the War Memorial.

City Manager Feldman commented the leasing of space at War Memorial is an administrative action, stating City Staff will adhere to the recommendations of the Commission. He requested the Commission give a list of functions it would prefer not to have at War Memorial.

Vice Mayor Trantalis discussed the legislative history of the State Statute (Statute), stating the City can assert its property interest without violating the Statute.

Mayor Seiler discussed the history of the gun show operator's proactive approach to safety, self-regulation, self-imposed restrictions, and cooperation with all levels of law enforcement. He suggested restricting this activity at War Memorial would be a violation of the Statute.

Commissioner Roberts discussed the numerous precautions taken by the vendor to ensure the guns are sold in a legal and safe manner. He stated he would like to hear public comments.

Mayor Seiler recognized Dennis Ulmer, 1007 NW 11th Place, who addressed the Commission. Mr. Ulmer spoke about the history of a previous City Commission's questions with a vendor regarding booking of an exhibit at the War Memorial entitled *Bodies the Exhibition*, which was perceived as censorship. It resulted in the decision by the show's vendor to book the event at another location in Broward County rather than answer the City's questions. Mr. Ulmer shared his viewpoint that banning gun shows at War Memorial would be censorship, noting other related issues impacting the City.

Mayor Seiler recognized Bonnie Gross, 1907 NE 21st Place, who gave her viewpoint that gun shows should not be allowed in the City. Moreover, the City is acting as a landlord when renting out facilities for these purposes. Ms. Gross stated her dismay at the City generating revenue from hosting eight gun shows annually.

Mayor Seiler recognized Abby Laughlin, 425 Bayshore Drive, who addressed the Commission in support of Vice Mayor Trantalis's

position. She requested the City, as the landlord, not allow advertising of gun shows to promote "free admission for children under the age of twelve" and not allow assault weapons at gun shows.

Mayor Seiler recognized Barbara Markley, 2416 Middle River Drive, who expressed her viewpoint in support of Vice Mayor Trantalis's position. She quoted an article about the successful opposition under the Preemption Statute to the interests of the National Rifle Association in a Tallahassee case relating to the shooting guns in a public park. Ms. Markley requested the City Commission to take proactive action to address the safety of the residents of the City in the same manner.

Mayor Seiler recognized Laura Cromarty, 5141 NE 4th Avenue, who stated she agreed with Vice Mayor Trantalis. She discussed a recent incident at the North Andrew Gardens School involving a ten year old who brandished a handgun out of his locker in front of five children. Ms. Cromarty expressed her concerns as a parent, noting the need for gun education to be added to gun shows.

Mayor Seiler recognized, Count Rosenthal, 1237 NW 4th Avenue, who discussed his views that he would like War Memorial to be successful but does not want ammunition, assault weapons, or submachine guns sold at the gun shows. He recommended the City Commission issue a policy statement to the City Manager restricting the types of guns and other sales at the War Memorial. Mr. Rosenthal recommended promoting this venue for cultural events.

Mayor Seiler recognized former Mayor Jim Naugle, who addressed the Commission in favor of continuing the gun show, stating it is entertaining for gun collectors and veterans. He noted the appropriateness of it being held at this building built in memory of those who died for America's freedom following World War II. He expounded on assault rifles similarity to hunting rifles.

Mayor Seiler recognized Joanne Theodore, 316 Farmington Drive, who commented on her experience witnessing the departure of visitors from Fort Lauderdale International Airport during the recent shooting. Ms. Theodore reiterated the numerous gun violence incidents around the Country and challenged the City Commission to take a stand on this important issue.

Mayor Seiler recognized Caldwell Cooper, 2009 Sunrise Key, who gave his viewpoint on gun ownership in today's world, stating guns in society will never be eliminated. Mr. Cooper recommended the City work towards replacing the gun show revenues with other events,

commenting nothing has been brought forward to replace revenues from the gun show.

Vice Mayor Trantalis discussed the opinion editorial appearing in the February 7, 2017, *Sun Sentinel* which was written by a woman who was at the airport during the shooting.

Mayor Seiler recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road, who discussed the history of the Commission on this issue and his viewpoint on those actions. Mr. King stated his desire for the City not to be a platform for gun shows.

Mayor Seiler recognized Stephen Roy, 2716 NW 3rd Avenue, who expressed his views on this topic, encouraging the Commission to prevent gun sales at the War Memorial. He commented on the need for all sellers of guns to be licensed, including hobbyists who are not required to run background checks on gun purchasers.

Mayor Seiler recognized, Rowena Iliescu, 1037 SW 13th Terrace and on behalf of Equality, FL who commented on high proportion of hate crimes against the LGBT community. She encouraged the Commission to investigate everything possible to prevent gun violence.

Commissioner Roberts discussed his position on this issue, stating he looks towards enhanced sentencing and laws to prevent gun violence. He also noted the need to address mental health issues and education as a way to prevent gun violence. Commissioner Roberts commented that during the 35 years of the gun show, he was not aware of any resulting crimes. He said he would postpone his decision on this item until the City Attorney's Office opines on the City's ability to legally address this issue from the perspective of the landlord.

Commissioner McKinzie concurred that he would like to postpone his decision until the City Attorney's Office opines. Commissioner McKinzie commented on the gun violence in his District, giving his recommendation for a greater focus on education, and equipping and supporting the police officers who respond to gun violence incidents.

Commissioner Rogers concurred with Commissioner Roberts and Commissioner McKinzie's desire for a legal opinion to determine the City's ability to act in its role as landlord.

Mayor Seiler agreed with many of the comments, citing his prior efforts to address this issue at the state level, the need for mental health and

background checks for any gun sale. Mayor Seiler commented that this vendor has consistently managed this show in the correct manner, noting their increased security measures and cooperation at all levels of government. He stated the gun show is in no way connected to the recent incident at the Airport.

Vice Mayor Trantalis asked City Manager Feldman about the process involved in approving the lease of the War Memorial for the gun show. City Manager Feldman confirmed the lease was not automatically renewed annually, noting his office renews it each year.

Vice Mayor Trantalis requested the Commission to direct City Manager Feldman not continue to renew the lease arrangement with a gun show at War Memorial. Further discussions continued on this topic, focusing on what is necessary to address the issue of gun violence in the nation.

BUS-2 [17-0170](#)

Discussion of Membership on Infrastructure Task Force

City Manager Feldman reviewed the direction given by the Commission for City Staff to assemble a Blue Ribbon Committee Infrastructure Task Force (Task Force) to address the infrastructure issues, requesting direction from the Commission as to its composition. The Commission discussed the composition and purpose of the Task Force, noting its purpose was to make recommendations to the Commission on the needs, priorities, funding, and identifying and promoting the funding mechanism needed for infrastructure upgrades.

Vice Mayor Trantalis discussed how the Infrastructure Task Force would differ from the Blue Ribbon Committee established for the Fire Bond. Commissioner Rogers discussed the importance of getting community participation, noting the compilation of all necessary information for this complex project will be a lengthy process. A possible referendum for how to pay for the project costs could not happen until November of 2018.

Vice Mayor Trantalis voiced his concern over having a delayed process. Commissioner Roberts stated he understood Vice Mayor Trantalis's concerns, stating he would speak to that issue and wished to hear from the public.

City Manager Feldman made his recommendations for Task Force, consisting of the following members:

- Chair of the Planning and Zoning Board
- Chair of the Budget Advisory Board
- Chair of the Downtown Development Authority
- A member of the Chamber of Commerce
- A member of the Council of Civic Associations
- Two at large members appointed by the City Commission, one who specializes in public financing and one who specializes in civil engineering.

Mayor Seiler reviewed these recommendations stating the Commissions at large member appointee should also have construction expertise as well as civil engineering expertise.

The Commission discussed the recommended Task Force members, including adding two City residents to assist with building goodwill with the Community in order to determine how the City will fund these projects.

It was decided the Liaison for the Task Force would be the Public Works Director. Additionally, City Auditor John Herbst and a representative from the City Attorney's Office should also be part of the Task Force.

Mayor Seiler recognized Count Rosenthal, 1237 NW 4th Avenue, who noted the importance of the Task Force members having expertise and knowledge in all areas of infrastructure and construction contracts in order to have the necessary foresight for the best economic outcome.

Mayor Seiler recognized Paul Chettle, 200 S. Birch Road, who thanked the Commission for moving forward with the establishment of the Task Force. Mr. Chettle recommended including on the Task force someone from the Parks and Recreation Department, the Sustainability Department, and two members of the community to assist in building support for how the infrastructure projects will be funded.

Mayor Seiler recognized, Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive, who stated the Commission has made a good start, and thanked them for their efforts and working towards appointing the Task Force.

She recommended the following:

- A community committee to ensure that the Plan has equity in all parts of the City and is acceptable to the community.

- Adding a representative from each District, noting they would be a valuable tool to get the word out and educate the public.

Mayor Seiler recognized Jack Malcolm, 1900 Admirals Way, who thanked and acknowledged the Commission for moving forward on this issue, agreeing with Mayor Seiler on the need for more resident participation.

Mayor Seiler recognized John Bordeaux, 347 North New River Drive, who asked if the Commission would commit to a completion date for an integrated infrastructure plan and if the person accountable for completion had something at stake to ensure its completion.

Mayor Seiler recognized Charles King, 105 North Victoria Park Drive, who addressed the Commission. Mr. King gave his input on the makeup of the Task Force, stating it is ultimately the responsibility of the Commission, noting its previous funding priorities. Mr. King recommended dedicating infrastructure funds for the City's residents and neighborhoods rather than a new Police Department facility. Commission Roberts stated that the Commission voted on funding the Police Pension Obligation Bond and was not voted on at a public referendum.

Mayor Seiler began discussions on the composition of the Task Force, recommending not having the Chair of the Downtown Development Board and recommending this position be replaced with a private citizen. Commissioner Roberts noted the possible redundancy of having a public finance expert on the Task Force as this expertise could come from the Budget Advisory Board.

Mayor Seiler asked for a consensus on the following appointments:

- Chair of the Planning and Zoning Board
- Chair of the Budget Advisory Board
- Appointee from the Council of Civic Associations
- Appointee from the Business Community by the Chamber of Commerce
- Appointee from District I (Commissioner Roberts)
- Appointee from District II (Vice Mayor Trantalis)
- Appointee from District III (Commissioner McKinzie)
- Appointee from District IV (Commissioner Rogers)
- Appointee from Mayor Seiler

Mayor Seiler recommended all Commission appointees should be both a City resident and property owner. Further discussions continued on the length of member terms, deadlines and oversight. It

was decided that the Task Force would meet to determine these issues.

BUS-3 [17-0200](#)

Discussion; Ordinance Amending Section 2-232 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale to Delete Ex Officio Nonvoting Members of the Charter Revision Board and their Required Participation

Mayor Seiler recognized Senior Assistant City Attorney Paul Bangel who reviewed the composition of the Charter Revision Board (Board). He stated the City Ordinance dates back to 1965 and discussed the subsequent State Statutes affecting both voting Board members and non-voting ex-officio members.

Mayor Seiler discussed his understanding of how the State's Sunshine Law affects the communications of the voting and non-voting members of the Board outside of a Board meeting. City Attorney Everett clarified how the City differs from the situation Mayor Seiler referenced. She recommended all members of the Charter Revision Board be full voting members.

The language of Charter Section 2.232 (Section) was reviewed and discussed. Mayor Seiler recommended minor changes to this Section language regarding the non-voting ex-officio members of the Board. There was a consensus that the Director of Finance, a nonvoting ex-officio Board Member of the Board, be replaced with the City Auditor as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board. Mayor Seiler reviewed the changes and there was a consensus. Assistant City Attorney Bangel read from a City Commission Meeting in 1965. City Attorney Everett stated these changes would be made and brought back to the Commission for a vote.

The Commission discussed the items they would like the Charter Review Board to address. Commissioner Roberts asked City Manager Feldman and City Attorney Everett to provide a list of issues for review by the Charter Review Board. Assistant City Attorney Bangel confirmed that the City Attorney's Office has been compiling a list of needs to be addressed. City Attorney Everett related to the Commission that the Charter Review Board has a desire to hear from the Commission.

Mayor Seiler stated at the first Conference Meeting in March 2017 this should be a topic for discussion. A Commission Workshop with the Charter Review Board was also recommended.

BUS-4 [17-0169](#)

Public Affairs Office Informational Presentation

Mayor Seiler recognized Chaz Adams, Public Affairs Manager, who introduced his staff members in attendance. Mr. Adams gave a PowerPoint presentation including a review of City activities in 2016, and current initiatives and events in the City.

This included Vision Zero messaging strategically placed around the City. Mayor Seiler commented on the messaging, suggesting altering the colors in the Vision Zero messaging to catch the public's attention. Commissioner Roberts discussed the Metropolitan Planning Organization's efforts in implementing Vision Zero throughout the County.

Mr. Adams presentation continued with the City's winning the JetBlue Airline's *Soar With Reading* Program in 2016. He outlined JetBlue's plans for the intensive eight week summer 100,000 book giveaways, via book vending machines in strategic areas of the City, noting it is scheduled to begin in July 2017.

The remaining PowerPoint presentation outlined the latest initiatives and activities in the City including:

- LauderStreet (TAM and IT)
- Project View (PW)
- City Digital Signage (IT)
- All America Conversations (Neighbor Support)
- Ceremonial Gifts and Marketing Materials
- Upcoming City Events

A copy of Mr. Adams' PowerPoint is attached to these minutes.

Vice Mayor Trantalis recommended the composing a pictorial book or DVD showcasing the best of the City, noting the benefit when travelling as ambassadors to Sister Cities.

Mr. Adams thanked all City Departments for their support in assisting the Public Affairs Office meet its goals and objectives.

RECESS

At 4:36 p.m., Mayor Seiler recessed the Conference Meeting to begin the Community Redevelopment Meeting.

RECONVENE

At 4:45 p.m., Mayor Seiler reconvened the Conference Meeting to begin the Executive Closed Door Session.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION - 4:30 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE

17-0130

The City Commission will meet privately pursuant to Florida Statute, Section 286.011(8) concerning:

Albion Staffing Solutions, Inc. v. City of Fort Lauderdale
Case No. CACE 15-018760 (09)

Horace Smith v. City of Fort Lauderdale
Case No. CACE 15-015707 (09)

Mayor Seiler announced that at this time, the City Commission shall meet privately to conduct discussions between the City Manager, the City Attorney and the City Commission relative to pending litigation pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, in connection with the following cases:

- Albion Staffing Solutions, Inc. v. City of Fort Lauderdale
Case No. CACE 15-018760 (09)

Persons in attendance will be:

Mayor, John P. "Jack" Seiler
Vice Mayor, Dean J. Trantalis
Commissioner, Robert L. McKinzie
Commissioner, Bruce G. Roberts
Commissioner, Romney Rogers
City Manager, Lee R. Feldman
City Attorney, Cynthia A. Everett

Re. Albion Staffing Solutions, Inc. v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Outside Counsel will be Robert Vaughan, Esq., Kim Vaughan Lerner, LLP,

Re. Horace Smith v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Counsel will be Assistant City Attorney Alain E. Boileau, and a Certified Court Reporter with Daughters Reporting, Inc.

The estimated length of the attorney-client session is approximately thirty (30) minutes.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- BD-1** [17-0145](#) Board and Committee Vacancies
- See Regular Meeting item R-1.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

ADJOURN

There being no additional business before the City Commission at this City Commission Conference Meeting, Mayor Seiler adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.