

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 21, 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 Jeffrey Newman

No public e-comments were submitted for this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Seiler called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Events and Matters of Interest

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

Reports

Vice Mayor Trantalis commented on the success of the well-attended Neighbor Support Night, commending Staff for another great event. He also thanked Staff for their contributions for the Seven Isles Community Meeting and the Tree Planting Ceremony at Holiday Park.

Vice Mayor Trantalis discussed City Manager Feldman's attendance. Mayor Seiler commented that he encouraged City Manager Feldman to delegate responsibilities to Staff. Discussions and debate ensued on the topic of City Manager Feldman's performance including the Commission's appreciation for the long-term plans City Manager Feldman has instituted and his quick responsiveness to community concerns. Commissioner McKinzie acknowledged City Manager Feldman's improvements over the year, recognizing Staff work in addressing community issues and concerns.

Commissioner McKinzie noted the success of the Swatch Volleyball Tournament, recommending that in the future that location would be a

good place for a permanent structure for events on the beach, allowing for the South Beach Parking Lot to function around the clock. He also commented on the Sistrunk Yacht Fundraiser at the River House, noting its previous history, improvements and bright future for the Riverwalk area.

Commissioner McKinzie discussed improving vacation rental and other investment property enforcement, suggesting the telephone contact information be posted on the property allowing Code Officers to directly contact the person responsible for the property. He requested City Manager Feldman address this recommendation.

Commissioner Roberts thanked Assistant City Attorney D'Wayne Spence and Assistant City Manager Chris Lagerbloom for their contribution during the Landings Homeowners Association Annual Meeting. Commissioner Roberts also thanked Staff for their outstanding work in remodeling the entrance to Imperial Point Park.

Commissioner Roberts raised the issue of a combined government campus in the downtown area through the combined efforts with the County, noting the timeframe issue. City Manager Feldman commented on the history of the discussions. Commissioner Roberts said his understanding is that the County will have talks with individual Commission members that will be forthcoming and then will meet with the entire Commission.

Mayor Seiler recommended the Commission meet on this topic before the workshop meeting with the County Commission. Mayor Seiler discussed his history of meetings with members of the County Administration, noting the City is on a faster schedule than the County for a joint government campus and is in the preliminary stage.

In response to Mayor Seiler's question, Jenni Morejon, Deputy Director of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), confirmed there had been discussions with the County at the DDA staff level regarding high-level concepts. Mayor Seiler commented on all parties building a consensus and the need for more meetings. Vice Mayor Trantalis stated he felt there was agreement among the City Commission to explore the opportunity for a joint government campus. Discussions continued on how the process would begin.

City Manager Feldman stated he has submitted dates to the County for a joint workshop on issues concerning both the County and City but has not heard a response. He noted he has a conference call with the County Administrator on Friday, February 24, 2017, and this will be a topic of discussion.

Commissioner Rogers discussed including the suggested relocation of the Convention Center to the downtown area as a subject in the Joint Workshop Meeting. Further discussions continued on the viability of this recommendation, and it was agreed this would be included on the agenda.

Commissioner Rogers discussed a recent meeting held by Friends of Southside School that had over 100 attendees. He reiterated their feeling that Parks and Recreation should not be located on the second floor and there was no need for exercise equipment. He stated that speakers today will expand on their concerns and recommendations for Southside School.

Commissioner Rogers discussed the upcoming disruptive but important FDOT project would be impacting 15th Avenue beginning on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. He noted there would be only one lane operating from 7:30 p.m. through 11:30 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. In response to Mayor Seiler's question as to why this was not scheduled after the season, Commission Rogers stated FDOT replied they let contracts and often cannot control the timing. Further discussions continued on the timing and schedule, with Vice Mayor Trantalis commenting that as much as possible FDOT is sensitive to the needs of the City. Mayor Seiler requested Staff address adjusting the hours and timing.

Commissioner Rogers commented on noise issue complaints in the Edgewood neighborhood emanating from Snyder Park. Mayor Seiler stated this was a legitimate complaint having also received noise complaints. He confirmed the event was a music festival and Staff has confirmed the remaining two events requested from the applicant will not be approved due to the offensive nature of the inappropriate music for family neighborhoods.

Commissioner Rogers noted another noise complaint was received for an event on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, from America's Back Yard. Mayor Seiler requested Staff look into this complaint.

Commissioner Rogers requested Staff address the need for a computer and software to allow officers to pull reports at the Harbor Shops Police Substation.

Commissioner Rogers discussed the upcoming attendance at the National League of Cities Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Commissioner Roberts also discussed his upcoming April trip to Capitol Hill, as a representative of the Metropolitan Planning

Organization (MPO), to meet with members of the Florida delegation about transportation and infrastructure funding needs. He also stated that awards and grants could be changing at the MPO and State levels and the importance of staying abreast on these issues. Commissioner Roberts further expounded on this topic.

City Manager Feldman commented on March 7, 2017, the Commission Conference Meeting will include the City's federal lobbyist in advance of the trip to Washington, DC.

Commissioner Rogers discussed the history of a residential property located at 15th Avenue and 33rd Court in the Edgewood neighborhood that was part of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program. He showed photos illustrating the property rebuilt at the cost of \$179,000, its 15-year forgivable mortgage, and other aspects of the program. Commissioner Rogers noted that this inspired other residents and investors in the neighborhood to move toward rehabilitating additional homes in the area.

Commissioner McKinzie discussed the 5-foot lifting of this home due to new flooding maps and for insurance purposes, stating he felt this needs to be revisited to provide consistency in neighborhoods.

Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler emphasized the importance of communicating on all issues involving each District to ensure the community moves forward.

Mayor Seiler discussed a bank owned property which is generating complaints due to signs being torn down and the property being used as a parking lot. City Manager Feldman stated Staff believes kids were removing the signs and Staff is addressing this issue.

[17-0244](#)

Communications to the City Commission

January 23, 2017

Sustainability Advisory Board

Communication to the City Commission

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

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

Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Manager, addressed the Commission on this communication stating one of the Sustainability Advisory Board requests concerned updating the City's ordinance with the State's stricter lighting construction standards. Mr. Hadwen noted he had researched the issue and as a result of modifications to the State's restrictions, they are now stricter than those of the City, expounding on the differences. Mayor Seiler said due to pedestrian safety issues, the lights could not be any darker. Commissioner Rogers suggested offseason regular lighting should be reinstated. Discussions ensued on

addressing the needs of Sea Turtles and pedestrians.

City Manager Feldman expounded on the City's model ordinance, stating it is not actual law and was in place before the State revised its standards. Commissioner Roberts noted the State delegates the application of their ordinance to the counties.

Commissioner Rogers requested for the Sustainability Staff do a study to determine if the new state standards can be implemented during Sea Turtle Nesting Season and return to normal lighting during offseason.

Mr. Hadwen noted that the County coastal communities are discussing options in this regard. One of the options is placing a canvas bag over the lights during sea turtle nesting season. The Commission did not feel that would be a good idea due to aesthetics.

City Manager Feldman stated the Las Olas Project would have a dual lighting system that will be ready in two years, noting it is not 100% compliant with the State under permitting. The City will have to enter into an agreement regarding the timing of the lights. Mayor Seiler reiterated his concern over reduced lighting at the beach due to pedestrian safety.

In response to Mayor Seiler's inquiry for a statistician request, Mr. Hawden stated the City has its data on lighting in addition to Broward County's survey on lighting and sea turtle compliance, and various organizations submissions to the City of information and data regarding lighting. The Sustainability Advisory Board would like a statistician to review and analyze this data to make an informed decision.

City Manager Feldman stated the City works with its business and property owners to be in compliance and is improving over time. He noted the will of the Sustainability Advisory Board is to have immediate enforcement and fines, which has not been the philosophy of the City. Commissioner Roberts noted the fast changing technology that impacts the costs

to business owners and residents located on the beach.

Mayor Seiler commented on the two openings on the Sustainability Advisory Board. Mr. Hawden confirmed. Mayor Seiler stated one member needs to be made aware of how their requests impact the beach area businesses, residents and pedestrians, and the importance of maintaining a balance.

Mr. Hawden confirmed Sustainability Staff would meet with the Sustainability Advisory Board to address the issue of investigating ways to use STOP's documentation of lighting violations to assist Code Enforcement efforts.

February 8, 2017

Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB)
Communication to the City Commission

Motion made by Mr. Costello, seconded by Mr. Dennison, to support and give communication to the Commission that the Board supports the FL BEAMs program, proposed by the Economic and Community Investment division (ECI). In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Motion made by Mr. Costello, seconded by Mr. Hughes, supporting Richard Benton's proposal to the City Commission. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Mayor Seiler recognized Al Battle, Deputy Director of Sustainable Development, who addressed the Commission explaining FL BEAM's program, stating it targets small businesses and may also recruit businesses to the City in the future. City Manager Feldman commented it is a type of "economic gardening", giving examples of assisting small business growth. The Commission agreed they would like to see how this would work.

In response to Mayor Seiler's request, Mr. Battle confirmed Staff would give a presentation to the Commission on the program. Mr. Battle also explained Richard Benton's proposal to the City Commission, stating that an ordinance will be coming before the Commission for a vote.

January 26, 2017

*Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee
Communication to the City Commission*

Motion was made by Mr. Tatelbaum, seconded by Mr. Booth, that the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee urges the Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Fort Lauderdale City Manager to immediately publicize the fact that the City of Fort Lauderdale is seeking to acquire property in the vicinity of downtown Fort Lauderdale for use in constructing a fire station. It was also resolved that the Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Fort Lauderdale City Manager should consider the use of media advertisements releases or other forms of communication in order to promptly effect the dissemination of this information. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-2 as follows: Mr. Booth yes, Mr. McTigue yes, Mr. Nesbitt no, Mr. Snedaker yes, Mr. Tatelbaum yes, Mr. Meade no, Chair Jarrett yes.

Commissioner Rogers suggested advertising the request for a downtown area property for a new fire station at a set price. City Manager Feldman noted Staff had sent a letter to each property owner within the desired downtown area boundaries about the desire to purchase property for a new fire station. Discussions ensued on one property in the downtown area that is not large enough and the direct mail campaign to target property owners in the desired downtown area, notifying them of the City's interest in purchasing property for a new fire station.

City Manager Feldman confirmed he would email a copy of the letter sent to property owners to each Commissioner.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 [17-0255](#)

Emergency Purchase - Electrical Failure of High Voltage Switchgear at Fiveash Water Treatment Plant

City Manager Feldman explained the reason for the emergency replacement of the High Voltage Switchgear at Fiveash Water Treatment Plant (Plant). Alan Dodd, Deputy Director of Public Works, explained the details of the event.

City Manager Feldman stated this replacement was part of a

forthcoming large upgrade to the Plant as a result of age. The replacement will now be removed from the Request for Proposal bid. Mayor Seiler referenced a tour of the Plant following Hurricane Matthew which illustrated the needs of the Plant. Mayor Seiler noted the positive attitude of the Plant Staff and was acknowledged for their efforts in addressing the emergency replacement.

CF-2 [17-0233](#)

Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending December 31, 2016

Ash Benzo, Treasurer of the Finance Department, addressed the Commission on this item, discussing the Operating Fund investments. He explained due to an interest rate rise in December, the Operating Fund returns were impacted.

In response to Vice Mayor Trantalis's question, Mr. Benzo explained part of the Operating Funds portfolio consists of a checking account and fixed income securities, explaining how rising interest rates affect the price return component of fixed income securities. At maturity, the City expects the fixed income securities to receive its par principal amount. Currently, the City is receiving the market value and based on the increase in interest rates, the total return is negative but is not a cash income loss based on the investment. Mr. Benzo gave additional examples. It was noted there are staggered maturity dates for the investments that would not cause a loss.

In response to Commissioner Rogers question about municipal bonds, Jonathan Breth ANDCO Consulting Group, stated one of its managers, Sterling Capital, buys taxable municipal bonds outside the City, noting the City's 2016 investment portfolio generated 1.6 % which equates to approximately \$5,500,000. Further comments and discussions continued on investment strategies to soften the impact of rising interest rates, and the impact of higher interest rates on other aspects of the City's accounts. The positive impact of Garcia Hamilton's, one of ANDCO's managers, management of the City's corporate notes interest rate risk was noted. Aspects of the City's portfolio in 2016 and its cash account were also discussed.

CF-3 [17-0065](#)

South Side School Update

In response to Vice Mayor Trantalis's question, Alan Dodd, Deputy Director of the Public Works Department, confirmed this expenditure was for a change order included in the previously approved budget amendment and is not an additional expense for South Side School (School). Commissioner Rogers commented \$59,000 remains in the budget for the School.

Mayor Seiler recognized Nancy Kimble, 938 SW 17th Street and on

behalf of Friends of South Side, Inc., who commented on the need for a sense of community in this area. Ms. Kimble stated the community always understood that the School should be utilized as a community center. She recommended Parks and Recreation not occupy the entire second floor and provide flexible partitions to allow for both small and large community meetings on the second floor. Ms. Kimble also suggested classes that could be held at the School and requested the project be completed.

Mayor Seiler recognized John Wilkes, 821 S. Rio Vista Boulevard and on behalf of Friends of South Side, Inc., who updated the Commission on their efforts with Parks and Recreation. He discussed the meeting held on January 28, 2017 regarding programming efforts at the School. At that meeting, concerns were expressed about Parks and Recreation occupying the second floor of this historic building acquired for other purposes. He also discussed community concerns about the lengthy timeline of the project and exorbitant costs. Mr. Wilkes submitted suggestions submitted by the residents for the School.

A copy of Mr. Wilkes submission is attached to these minutes.

In response to Vice Mayor Trantalis's question, Mr. Wilkes stated the first floor plan contains 2,000 or fewer square feet for community programs, noting the differences from the original plan submitted to the Commission in 2005. He stated Friends of South Side, Inc. were not consulted on the changes.

City Manager Feldman stated when Staff was determining the facility's final usage, it was brought to the Commission as a Conference Agenda item for discussion. Based on studies and surveys, the determination was made to include exercise equipment and showers. Vice Mayor Trantalis confirmed the need to do what the community wants, stating there is more community interest in defining the final product. He also commented on the City's desire to recoup some of the costs by placing Parks and Recreation in the second floor of the building. Mayor Seiler concurred.

Mr. Wilkes confirmed approximately \$45,000 has been raised by Friends of South Side, Inc., giving a historical overview of their efforts and work in 2004-2005. Commissioner Rogers reviewed his understanding of the project's history regarding the School's programming and Park and Recreation offices residing in the second floor. He discussed the consensus of all stakeholders for the project's success. Commissioner Rogers noted community concerns regarding the final programming, stating if the success of the School warrants additional space, Parks and Recreation could be relocated to another

area. Mayor Seiler confirmed.

Mayor Seiler stated there was not a need for gym and exercise equipment at the facility. Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, discussed the history of the School's programming, input from Tarpon River residents, and the structure of the building as it relates to space utilization.

Mayor Seiler confirmed the need for flexible space for programming on the first floor, recommending Commissioner Rogers meet with the Tarpon Bend community to confirm their desire for exercise equipment. Commissioner Rogers confirmed, stating the Tarpon Bend community would be utilizing the School for its community meetings. Mr. Thornburg confirmed exercise equipment had not been purchased. It was noted that plumbing for the showers in the facility has been completed.

Mayor Seiler recognized Kathleen Ginestra, 1201 River Reach Drive and on behalf of Friends of South Side, Inc., who reviewed her understanding of the history of their business plan presented to the City and their efforts on this issue. Mayor Seiler responded on his understanding of the aspects of funding for the project. Ms. Ginestra recommended looking at the entire community for the desired programming at the School.

Vice Mayor Trantalis commented that all stakeholders had altruistic intentions for the project. However, the costs exceeded the expectation, which necessitates the need to balance the needs of all taxpayers and the needs of the School community. This was the reason for locating Parks and Recreation to the second floor of the facility, noting it may not be a permanent situation. Mayor Seiler expounded on the point made by Vice Mayor Trantalis.

Mayor Seiler recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road, who commented on the high costs of this historic restoration project.

Mayor Seiler reconfirmed that Commissioner Rogers would meet with the Tarpon River Bend community to discuss the removal of exercise equipment at the facility. Commissioner Rogers confirmed.

CF-4 [17-0151](#)

Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

City Manager Feldman commented on the public outreach portion of this item during construction of the project. He stated the architect sketches for the Aquatic Complex are also included and the costs are being finalized. Vice Mayor Trantalis expressed concern that the

costs were not available.

In response to Vice Mayor Trantalis's question, City Manager Feldman responded that the sketches include keeping the Aquatic Museum Building, confirming he has been in contact with Bruce Wigo on this issue. Vice Mayor Trantalis stated there will be an unsolicited proposal submitted. City Manager Feldman confirmed, stating he has informed the additional bidder that time is of the essence, stating the required fee has not yet been submitted.

Vice Mayor Trantalis requested confirmation that the financial numbers be available at the next Conference Meeting along with a rendering of the project. Vice Mayor Trantalis emphasized not to repeat the previous experience with RDC. Mayor Seiler recommended City Manager Feldman request the bidder give a cost to present the Commission with a project rendering prior to incurring the full costs of the 30% design stage. City Manager Feldman confirmed.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 [17-0128](#)

Entertainment District Study - Hospitality Zone Assessment Report

Mayor Seiler confirmed he is a proponent of creating a management team to oversee this issue, commenting on the need to move forward based on the hospitality zone assessment report. Commissioner Rogers suggested delegating further refinement to the Business Board.

Mayor Seiler stated he is in favor of moving forward with this item and asked the costs of implementation for the future long-term success of the downtown and maintaining a balance of young millennials desire for an active lifestyle and the community desires. City Manager Feldman outlined the planned staffing needs, stating costs would be partially funded with a budget amendment to this year's budget and fully funded this October in the 2018 budget. He also reviewed how this staff would function.

Commissioner Roberts stated he supported moving forward on this and discussed the costs of funding the staffing.

Mayor Seiler left the Conference Meeting for a conference call at 3:56 p.m.

Vice Mayor Trantalis asked if the Board would also be involved with Beach activities, and City Manager Feldman confirmed. City Manager

Feldman discussed the designated entertainment zones and the informal, organic entertainment zones in other areas and the need to be proactive.

Vice Mayor Trantalis discussed traffic issues relating to events that run concurrently and this staff having input on these events. City Manager Feldman stated best practices from the nighttime management team can be incorporated into special events occurring on weekends during the day that are currently handled across departments.

Vice Mayor Trantalis recognized Jim Peters, CEO and Founder of *Responsible Hospitalities*, who thanked the Commission, noting the extensive involvement of over 200 people contributing to this study. He discussed the significance of planning for density and evolving needs of public social destinations at night, and the importance of having an infrastructure in place to address those requirements. Mr. Peters emphasized the significance of having a staff that oversees evolving social activities to properly address issues associated with a nighttime economy.

Mr. Peters expounded on other city models, noting the importance of conducting an economic study to quantify the benefits of a nighttime economy and the associated costs for its proper management. Mr. Peters discussed the importance of establishing a solid foundation to address the unique aspects of managing an entertainment district, such as the one in College Station, Texas, whose patrons are comprised of college students. He noted they use specialized three-day training for their Tourism Unit, incorporating a unique policing philosophy tailored to their entertainment district.

Commissioner Rogers asked about the next steps for implementation, the Riverwalk area, and other aspects of entertainment districts. Mr. Phillips commented on the evolving, unique nature of the entertainment districts that are connected and that municipalities may wish to contribute toward guiding and possibly assisting entrepreneurs as they go through the process of establishing themselves in order to revitalize an area. Alternatively, once an area is established and becomes dense, there may be a need to constrain the permitting process to nurture day, evening and nighttime businesses as well as addressing sidewalk, lighting, and city services. He noted as a result of the study, Fort Lauderdale could build a better brand by being a destination that offers many diverse social experiences.

Vice Mayor Trantalis recognized Jenni Morejon, 110 E. Broward Boulevard and Deputy Director of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), stating the DDA supports this concept, dedication of

resources, and the economic benefits. Ms. Morejon also stated the DDA would like to be included in policy discussions regarding entertainment districts ordinances, new programs and regulations.

Vice Mayor Trantalis recognized Tim Petrillo, 2400 NE 7th Place and Chair of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), who concurred with Ms. Morejon's comments. He acknowledged the proactive nature of this that gives guidelines, rules of operation, and a sense of place where decisions can be made and managed.

Mayor Seiler recognized Ina Lee who addressed the Commission in support of this item, stating she participated in these important workshops. Speaking on behalf of tourism, Ms. Lee noted the various types of visitors who want diverse experiences when visiting. Ms. Lee thanked the consultant, noting their vast experience they brought to the table.

City Manager Feldman noted he was looking for general feedback from the Commission on this issue and has what he needed to move forward.

In response to Commissioner Rogers inquiry as to the next steps, City Manager Feldman stated he will develop an implementation plan which will include budget requests to hire people and get this program up and running. Commissioner Rogers noted the less expensive costs of having an Ambassador Program versus hiring additional police officers. Commissioner Roberts concurred. Comments ensued on discussing this with the Budget Advisory Board. Commissioner Roberts noted this is a modern and holistic approach to the goals of the City.

BUS-2 [17-0149](#)

Appoint the Election Board to Certify the Results of the Civil Service Board Election

In response to Vice Mayor Trantalis's question, City Attorney Everett explained this item relates to the confirmation of the Civil Service Board. Vice Mayor Trantalis and Commissioner McKinzie are appointed to the Election Board to Certify the Results of the Civil Service Board Election. City Manager Feldman explained the procedure, stating Assistant City Manager Stanley Hawthorne will count the vote.

Mayor Seiler returned to the Conference Meeting at 4:21 p.m.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

BD-1 [17-0243](#)

Board and Committee Vacancies

City Clerk Modarelli stated John Foreman is the new alternate member for the Nuisance Abatement Board and Gustav Schmidt, currently an alternate member, requested to be put on as a regular member of the Nuisance Abatement Board. This is noted below and will be part of Resolution R-1 that will be voted on at tonight's meeting.

AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD

Thomas Moody is appointed to the Aviation Advisory Board for a one year term beginning March 4, 2017 and ending March 3, 2018 or until his successor has been appointed.

BEACH REDEVELOPMENT BOARD

Jason Hughes is appointed to the Beach Redevelopment Board for a one year term beginning February 21, 2017 and ending February 20, 2018 or until his successor has been appointed.

Thomas McManus is appointed to the Beach Redevelopment Board for a one year term beginning April 1, 2017 and ending March 31, 2018 or until his successor has been appointed.

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE BOARD

Ismail Uzun is appointed to the Community Appearance Board for a one year term beginning February 21, 2017 and ending February 20, 2018 or until his successor has been appointed.

Caroline Nutt is appointed to the Community Appearance Board for a one year term beginning March 4, 2017 and ending March 3, 2018 or until her successor has been appointed.

Alissa Ayden is appointed to the Community Appearance Board for a one year term beginning March 15, 2017 and ending March 14, 2018 or until her successor has been appointed.

EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD

Natasha Wilson has been appointed to the Education Advisory Board for a one year term beginning February 21, 2017 and ending February 20, 2018 or until her successor has been appointed.

NUSIANCE ABATEMENT BOARD

John Forman (Alternate Member), Donald Karney, Lorraine Saunders, Cindy Smith, Gustav Schmidt and Robert Wolfe have been appointed to the to the Nuisance Abatement Board for one year terms beginning February 21, 2017 and ending February 20, 2018 or until their successors have been appointed.

PARKS, RECREATION AND BEACHES BOARD

Dermott McQuarrie, Darin Lentner, Karen Povlika and James Jordan have been appointed to the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board for one year terms beginning February 21, 2017 and ending February 20, 2018 or until their successors have been appointed.

Mayor Seiler discussed Nancy Alshouse possibly serving on the Nuisance Abatement as an alternate.

Vice Mayor Trantalis noted that the vacancy for Central City Advisory Board requiring a building contractor was still open.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

None.

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

[17-0230](#)

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

Arnold P. Abbott v. City of Fort Lauderdale
Case No. CACE 99-03583 (05)

Arnold P. Abbott, et al v. City of Fort Lauderdale
Case No. CACE 14-024037 (21)

Reverend Canon Mark Sims v. City of Fort Lauderdale
Case No. CACE 14-22297 (08)

Gail Tapscott v. City of Fort Lauderdale
Case No. CACE 14-023713 (25)

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

Donna Squerrini v. City of Fort Lauderdale
Case No. CACE 14-022819 (02)

Brian Zelinski v. City of Fort Lauderdale
Case No. CACE 14-021321 (12)

Mayor Seiler announced 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 cases noted for item 17-0230:

Mayor Seiler announced those 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.: Arnold Abbott, et al. v. CFL, Mark Sims v. CFL, Gail Tapscott v. CFL, and Horace Smith v. CFL, Counsel will be Assistant City Attorney, Alain E. Boileau;

Re.: Donna Squerrini v. City of Fort Lauderdale and Brian Zelinski v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Outside Counsel will be Jeffrey R. Lawley, Esq., of Billing, Cochran, Lyles, Mauro & Ramsey, P.A.; and a Certified Court Reporter with Daughters Reporting, Inc.

The estimated length of the attorney-client session is approximately one and a half (1.5) hours.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission at this Conference Meeting, Mayor Seiler adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.