

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

1:30 PM

City Commission Conference Room

City Commission Conference Meeting

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 Nicholas Coffin.

No public e-comments were submitted for this meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Seiler called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

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

Vacation Rentals

Mayor Seiler discussed the vacation rental issue, advising residents to contact their State Representative regarding the current bill before the State Legislature that would prevent local municipalities from regulating. Commission Roberts also recommended reaching out to other State Legislators in addition to those representing the City. Vice Mayor Trantalis recommended residents also contact the sponsor of this bill, Senator Steube.

Outdoor Dining on A1A Sidewalk Areas

Vice Mayor Trantalis discussed continuing concerns with outdoor cafe dining areas along A1A from Las Olas Boulevard to Cortez Street impeding pedestrians' ability to use the sidewalks. City Manager Feldman confirmed he would address enforcing this issue in a reasonable manner.

Bahia Mar Overpass

In response to Vice Mayor Trantalis's question, City Manager Feldman stated the Bahia Mar Overpass contract had been let, the sign has been fabricated, and structural improvements will be made due to the weight of the sign. Work should commence shortly.

Colee Hammock Parking

Vice Mayor Trantalis discussed an email to the Commission received from Colee Hammock residents wishing to restrict parking in the area to residents only. He voiced concern that this would impede the ability for merchants in the area to conduct business. Commissioner Rogers confirmed it is becoming an issue for residents. Commissioner Rogers said a vote from the community would need to happen. City Manager Feldman explained the procedures involved in implementing a parking restriction, noting the results of the neighborhood survey indicated 85 percent of residents were in favor of a parking restriction. He said this would be followed by a Public Hearing on the issue. Further discussion and comments continued on this topic.

Commission Compensation

Vice Mayor Trantalis raised his concerns about the future of the City regarding qualified individuals running for City Commission, suggesting the need to raise the compensation of City Commissioners in order to attract the best talent in the community. He noted the last time the pay issue was addressed was 15 years ago. Commissioner Rogers commented on the need to address the dynamics involved in this issue. Vice Mayor Trantalis stated this issue would need to be addressed by July 31, 2017, in order to take effect in 2021.

Riviera Isles Seawalls

Vice Mayor Trantalis raised an issue discussed at the Riviera Isles Homeowners Association (RIHA) Meeting about the need to determine ownership of land in their community in order to address seawall improvements. Vice Mayor Trantalis said the interpretation of the land's deed dedication has been discussed with the City Attorney's Office and discussion on aspects of ownership ensued. Vice Mayor Trantalis stated that the property owners agreed to quitclaim the deed in order to address the seawall maintenance issue and grant the City an easement for the pump station. It was decided to set this matter for a full discussion at an upcoming Conference Meeting. Mayor Seiler expressed his concern over setting a precedent with this matter. Vice Mayor Trantalis commented on a similar case in the 1950's in the Idlewyld area and discussions continued on other aspects of this issue. Commissioner Rogers discussed the format in which he would like City Attorney Everett to present the legal research in order to be able to determine the options available to the City and the possible alternatives. It was confirmed this will be researched by the City Attorney's Office and discussed at the next Conference Meeting.

Sunset Lakes

Vice Mayor Trantalis raised the ownership issue of Sunset Lake,

noting the developer's dedication of Sunset Lake to the Sunset Lakes community. Vice Mayor Trantalis questioned the jurisdictional issue regarding The Four Seasons coming before the Marine Advisory Board to request approval for installing 40-50 new pylons in Sunset Lake should it be determined that the City does not have ownership. City Attorney Everett confirmed she would provide the necessary information for discussion at an upcoming Conference Meeting.

Schlitterbahn Park

Vice Mayor Trantalis discussed the circumstances surrounding the purchase of land for Schlitterbahn Park and the plans to move forward. Mayor Seiler recommended putting out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a waterpark and four soccer fields. Commissioner Roberts noted his desire to keep this area a Parks and Recreation destination. Commissioner Rogers noted that time is important and public/private partnerships could be an option.

City Manager Feldman commented on the poor condition of the current facilities at this location. He stated his intent to lease would be brought before the Commission on May 16, 2017. The parameters of the RFP would require the responsive bidder to retain and rehabilitate one of the two existing stadiums for its intended use and to provide a minimum of four soccer/lacrosse fields. Comments and discussions continued on all options for this site including athletic fields, a water park, and an entertainment venue. It was noted that an RFP could be issued for whatever is desired at this location. There was a consensus to bring the RFP back for discussion and a vote as a future Regular Meeting Agenda item in order to address the timeliness of this matter.

MPO Half Penny Sales Tax Refund

Commissioner Roberts discussed the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) leftover funds from the advocacy of the half-penny sales tax initiative on the November 2017 ballot. The City's portion is \$29,950. Discussions ensued on how to use these funds. Vice Mayor Trantalis suggested bringing it back to the City for future MPO programming. Commissioner Rogers suggested keeping it with the MPO for future advocacy of a half-penny sales tax. City Attorney Everett confirmed this needs to be brought before the Commission to be voted on at a Regular City Commission Meeting.

Traffic on Federal Highway at Trader Joe's

Commissioner Roberts discussed traffic issues on Federal Highway near the Trader Joes and Nordstrom Rack location due to lack of parking and the shortness of stacking lanes for turning. Commissioner Roberts said there would be an upcoming FDOT onsite meeting to

address this issue.

Air and Sea Show Signage and Parking

Commissioner Roberts noted the need for better signage for the Air and Sea Show to notify drivers coming onto A1A at Oakland Park Boulevard that they cannot get to the event by driving down A1A. City Manager Feldman stated he is working with event's management to move the show onto the sand, allowing one lane of traffic to remain open on A1A. Vice Mayor Trantalis commented on his concerns with moving the show to the sand. Mayor Seiler concurred with City Manager Feldman that he would prefer to have traffic flowing.

Due to the lack of cooperation between the Air Show operator and the Galleria, City Manager Feldman stated his latest direction to Staff was coordinating a parking operation between the City and the Galleria. The revenue generated would offset the costs incurred. Further discussions ensued on the efforts between the Air and Sea Show operator and the Galleria for parking and its impact on mall shoppers.

Annual Police Department Memorial Service

Commissioner Roberts said the Fraternal Order of Police's Annual Police Memorial Service to honor officers killed in the line of duty had been moved to noon on April 19, 2017 at Esplanade Park. Discussions and comments on the timing of the event ensued. Commissioner Roberts stated this service is being held prior to State and National Memorial Recognition Events, noting the month of May is Police Officers Memorial Month.

Marijuana Ordinance

Commissioner Roberts asked about the status of the proposed marijuana ordinance, stating his concern for having something in place by July 1, 2017. City Manager Feldman stated he is cognizant of the timing and Staff is presenting their recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Board at their May 2017 meeting.

Melrose Park Sidewalk Issues

Commissioner McKinzie discussed the lack of cooperation by FDOT to remedy Melrose Park's sidewalk issues. Deputy Director of Public Works Alan Dodd gave the Commission an update, stating Staff met with FDOT onsite three weeks ago to determine what modification could be made to address numerous issues. The response from FDOT was they were unable to make changes or modify any work completed. Commissioner Roberts noted this is an MPO funded project. Commissioner McKinzie discussed the lack of opportunity by Staff to review the plans prior to the work commencing. Mr. Dodd confirmed the lack of feedback given to FDOT in 2012.

Mr. Dodd discussed the significant amount of ongoing engagement with FDOT for current and future projects. Commissioner Roberts noted this should have been addressed at the Public Hearing regarding input on this issue. Diana Alarcon, Director of Transportation and Mobility, stated this area was part of the Broward Boulevard Project. She discussed the FDOT practice to cap off water irrigation systems at the property lines. FDOT is not willing to yield on this issue. Ms. Alarcon said Staff is working with MPO and FDOT to allow the City to step in and do the extension, stating FDOT is willing to address this on the forefront of a project. In response to Commissioner Roberts's question, Ms. Alarcon stated she does not know if the MPO is willing to fund that portion of the City's work and those conversations are ongoing. Commissioner McKinzie commented on the lack of communication during the project and the importance of getting ahead of this issue for future projects. Commissioner Roberts recommended notifications be sent out to the affected neighborhoods prior to start of the projects. Ms. Alarcon said there is a difference of opinion as to what the notification should be and is being worked through. Further discussions and comments continued on aspects of the shortfall in notification to the affected neighborhood.

Florida Power and Light (FP&L) Utility Poles

Commissioner McKinzie discussed sidewalk conditions in District III following FP&L's installation of stronger utility poles. Alan Dodd, Deputy Director of Public Works, confirmed this work is contracted out by FP&L, stating the problems are due to lack of onsite oversight of the contractor. He confirmed he is working with the FP&L representative to address the sidewalks and to ensure proper onsite oversight of the contractor going forward.

District III Transportation and Public Works Issues - Bike Lanes on 19th Street

Commissioner McKinzie discussed the bike lanes and greenscape area on 19th Street. He explained the neighbors' concerns regarding the bike lanes shortening the width of the car travel lanes. Ms. Alarcon confirmed the bike lanes must remain part of this MPO/FDOT project. Commissioner McKinzie discussed the need for greenscape improvements on the west side of the railroad tracks.

Ms. Alarcon confirmed a meeting will be held on April 6, 2017 with concerned residents in the area. She has invited representatives of the MPO, FDOT, and Broward County to the meeting to facilitate a better conversation between all stakeholders for this County roadway. Commissioner McKinzie also discussed a safety hazard near the

southeast corner of the CSX railroad tracks due to part of a sign pole left sticking out of the sidewalk. Ms. Alarcon and Mr. Dodd confirmed they would address this issue.

Citizens' Police Review Board

On behalf of Roosevelt Walters, Commissioner McKinzie requested a joint meeting with the Commission for a review and update of the Citizens' Police Review Board. City Attorney Everett confirmed her department has forwarded the draft revisions and parameters for this Board to City Manager Feldman. City Manager Feldman stated Police Chief Maglione requested a meeting with the Citizens' Police Review Board to review the updated changes and parameters. Mayor Seiler requested a joint meeting with Citizens' Police Review Board subsequent to that meeting to address Mr. Walters' issue.

District III Development

Commissioner McKinzie discussed numerous development requests for gas stations in District III. Discussions continued on the various locations, traffic and safety implications. Commissioner McKinzie focused his concerns on the area near Dillard High School, requesting City Manager Feldman look into this matter with Broward County due to the fact it is a County project. Vice Mayor Trantalis voiced his concern that the proliferation of gas stations is not a good pattern in the entryways of the City. Despite the fact they are improvements to the area, he is concerned about the area resembling State Road 84.

Convention Center Relocation

Commissioner Rogers discussed issues related to expanding the current Convention Center, including common law on existing art, easements and other restrictions due to its vicinity to Port Everglades. Discussions continued on a possible location in the downtown area for the Convention Center. Commissioner Rogers discussed the importance of the City and County having a conversation to explore this possibility. He commented on his discussions with County representatives. Commissioner Rogers asked City Manager Feldman to prepare a practical alternative for this recommendation at the meeting with the County scheduled for May 9, 2017. The County vote regarding the Convention Center was briefly discussed. Discussions continued on the area downtown area for a possible relocation of the Convention Center.

Vice Mayor Trantalis requested City Manager Feldman to put together a visualization of a Convention Center in the downtown area. He commented this could be accomplished through a City partnership with FEC Railway, the Downtown Development Authority, and Broward County.

Meeting Rescheduling

In response to a Board member concern, Commissioner Rogers asked City Manager Feldman to request Staff move meeting dates to adjust for upcoming religious holidays.

Future Development - Bahia Mar and Galleria

Vice Mayor Trantalis commented on large project proposals coming such as Bahia Mar, Galleria, and the need to understand the City's direction for future development. He recommended having a meeting with community, the Sustainability Advisory Board and Planning and Zoning Development Board for a roundtable, open discussion to determine the next steps as it relates to development, density, traffic, roads and infrastructure.

Commissioner Roberts commented on the need to revisit the City's Vision Statement. Vice Mayor Trantalis concurred, stating the importance of it coinciding with the vision of developers at the inception of the development process. Commissioner Rogers commented on the need for a buildout assessment and the appropriate software tools. City Manager Feldman stated the 3-D model software will be available in June 2017. Commissioner Rogers commented on the importance of determining where to encourage future development in a visual manner. Vice Mayor Trantalis emphasized the need to be smart about the future of development in the Galleria and beach areas. Mayor Seiler recommended meeting with the Planning and Zoning Board.

Southside School

Commissioner Rogers discussed a letter from Friends of Southside requesting the Commission to affirm their role in having access and input for the community center's programming and noting their desire for clarity as to their role. Commissioner Rogers requested Southside School to be an item on the next Conference Meeting Agenda.

[17-0435](#)

Communications to the City Commission

***ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
(EDAB)
March 8, 2017***

Communication to the City Commission

Motion made by Mr. Costello, seconded by Ms. Espinal, for a formal request for a joint workshop with the City Commission. In a

voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Mayor Seiler confirmed a joint workshop meeting would be held with the Economic Development Advisory Board.

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
March 27, 2017

Communication to the City Commission 1 of 2

The Sustainability Advisory Board has identified the following five sustainability priorities, and respectfully requests that the City Commission incorporate them into its Fiscal Year 2018 Commission Annual Action Plan:

- 1. Develop and implement a green building and smart growth ordinance;*
- 2. Increase resilience to sea level rise with specific attention to water quality and salt water intrusion;*
- 3. Implement urban agriculture in public places;*
- 4. Develop and implement a commercial building energy benchmarking ordinance; and*
- 5. Establish an internal revolving fund for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects*

Motion made by Vice Chair Clark, seconded by Ms. Wood to advance the above Communication to the City Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Seiler requested City Manager Feldman include the Sustainability Advisory Board communication to the Commissions Annual Action Plan meeting on May 10, 2017.

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
March 27, 2017

Communication to the City Commission 2 of 2

The Sustainability Advisory Board urges the City Commission to adopt the attached resolution supporting the initiatives by local municipalities in Florida to lessen the negative impact of single-use plastic bags on our environment. This resolution was presented to us by the Surfrider

Foundation. Enclosed is a partial list of other municipalities that have passed this resolution.

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

Copies of the referenced resolution and the partial list of other municipalities who have passed the resolution, provided by the Surfrider Foundation are attached to these minutes.

Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Advisory Manager, explained this communication is a request for the City to pass a resolution regarding reducing the negative impact of single-use plastic bags on our environment. This would be sent to the State Legislature to allow cities to have the authority to address plastic bags and their impact on the environment.

Mayor Seiler confirmed this item would be brought back for discussion at a future Conference Meeting. Mr. Hadwen confirmed he would give the Commission an update on the current State Legislation regarding this issue.

PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017

Communications to the Commission 1 of 2

A motion was made by Ronald Goff, seconded by James Jordan for the board's Chairperson Mrs. Debby Eisinger to draft a letter to the City Commission expressing concerns about the issues surrounding the recent spring break activities on the Fort Lauderdale Beach. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Board March 22, 2017

*Dear Mayor and City
Commissioners,*

By unanimous approval of the Fort Lauderdale Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board, I send this correspondence to convey the Board's concerns about the behaviors of the many "Spring Breakers" visiting the Fort Lauderdale area in recent weeks. Although the Board is grateful for the increase in tourism and the positive economic impact that tourists bring to the City, the Board was very concerned about observations of disorderly conduct and disregard of City laws.

At the March 22nd meeting, the Board discussed their personal observations and the feedback received from other residents throughout the City. It appeared the number of college students and "20 something population" vacationing in Fort Lauderdale increased significantly this year over previous years. While it is wonderful to observe our youth enjoying Fort Lauderdale's world famous beaches, restaurants and shopping; it was disheartening to witness so much disrespect for the environment, the rights of others, public property and City ordinances.

We applaud the City for pro-actively placing garbage and recycling receptacles in high traffic areas as well as posting ample signage advising visitors of laws prohibiting drinking of alcoholic beverages on the beaches. Sadly, a significant number of tourists chose to disobey the City's requests.

While historically, Spring Break activity was more confined to the tourist areas of the City, the popularity of private home rentals through sites such as "VRBO" and "airbnb" has brought Spring Break activity into the backyards of private residents. Without doubt, this activity appeared to have been disruptive to the residents living near these rental homes.

The Board acknowledged seeing increased public safety services but nevertheless felt the large volume of Spring Breakers likely contributed to making enforcement of laws difficult. Therefore, it is the intention of this Board to suggest to the City Commission that a more pro-active strategy be adopted in anticipation of another deluge of "Spring Break" vacationers during the 2018 tourist season.

The Advisory Board was also deeply concerned about the possibility of other popular tourist groups such as families with young children and the over 30 crowd being dissuaded from visiting Fort Lauderdale next year as a response to the activities and somewhat unruly behavior that occurred this year.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence as well as for your dedicated service to the health, welfare and safety of the residents of Fort Lauderdale.

Sincerely,

*Debby Eisinger, Chair
Fort Lauderdale Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board*

PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017

Communications to the Commission 2 of 2

A motion was made by James Jordan, seconded by Bill Schonlau to request the City Commission to discuss at a conference meeting, the issues surrounding alcohol and underage drinking, trash, destruction of beaches, traffic, safety, disorderly conduct and the diminishing value of a family friendly beach environment from the recent spring break activities. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Regarding both communications from the Parks and Recreation Board, Mayor confirmed meetings with City Manager Feldman and Police Chief Maglione addressing the large influx of spring breakers that was unanticipated. Vice Mayor Trantalis noted the soft approach of enforcing ordinances worked well. Mayor Seiler stated the extenuating circumstances combined to make the situation unfortunate. He thanked Staff and the Police Department for their efforts in responding to these issues that resulted in a remarkable turnaround. Mayor Seiler thanked Florida Atlantic University's volunteer efforts in cleaning the beach.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

- CF-1** [17-0312](#) Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update
- Item CF-1 was not discussed. The Commission stated the report update was sufficient.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- BUS-1** [17-0465](#) Discussion on a Service Agreement with Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc.
- Mayor Seiler discussed the need for a clear division of the geographic areas of the Riverfront area and Las Olas area that define the service responsibilities for event coordination. Commissioner Roberts commented on his constituents' concerns over to the lack of coordination for recent events that caused parking and traffic issues on Sunday, April 2, 2017.
- Vice Mayor Trantalis discussed the agreement with Riverwalk Trust, recommending the Commission move forward with the agreement.

There was a consensus among the Commission to move forward. Mayor Seiler thanked the Riverwalk Trust for all their efforts. City Manager Feldman asked for more direction to activate Riverwalk events. Discussions followed on the scope of duties to be added and the expansion of the grant. City Manager Feldman expounded on the past history with the Riverwalk Trust, noting the need to enhance the grant agreement for things such as food kiosks, and the need to amend the grant agreement to provide additional funds for the coordination of additional activities. City Auditor Herbst defined grants as non-exchange transactions, and expounded on the definition of a service agreement. He recommended it be properly categorized to allow for the grant expansion.

Discussions continued on what the Riverwalk Trust is proposing for the expansion of the Riverwalk Trust Grant to include the coordination of Riverwalk activities and specific items. Mayor Seiler acknowledged the long history of efforts from the Riverwalk Trust. Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation Director, confirmed they have worked things out with the Riverwalk Trust, stating the challenge is the appropriate instrument to move forward.

Mayor Seiler requested City Attorney Everett direct the authoring of the expanded, amended and restated grant in an expedited timeframe.

BUS-2 [17-0269](#)

Transit Master Plan Presentation

Mayor Seiler recognized Diana Alarcon, Director of Transportation and Mobility, who introduced Tara Crawford, Tindale-Oliver, who presented the Transit Master Plan.

The presentation included the following points with the goal of enhancing mobility throughout the City:

- Summary of Effort
- Needs, Opportunities & Vision
- Route Recommendations
- Capital and Policy Recommendations
- Implementation Plan

A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

Ms. Crawford noted that aspects of the future vision of the Sun Trolley and these recommendations are subject to change due to unknown future dynamics.

Commissioner Rogers commented on the ability to control operating costs through correct timing for future grant funding. Commissioner Roberts stated future grant funding might not be available.

Ms. Crawford discussed airport routing on weekends, the design of the trolley, and grants procured from Broward MPO. She confirmed she would send pictures of new trolleys and cutaways to the Commission. Commissioner Rogers asked about the Sun Trolley Tracker Route application, suggesting it be updated to mirror the Uber application.

Vice Mayor Trantalis recognized Mark Brown, Vice Mayor of Lauderdale by the Sea, who discussed aspects of the Sun Trolley and the Galt Link, commenting on its success and their wish to continue this effort. Vice Mayor Brown raised the following points:

- Galt link has some deficiencies in its data due to construction on A1A and Oakland Park Boulevard;
- There has been no Sun Trolley vehicle traveling through Lauderdale by the Sea, rather a nondescript bus;
- No surveys had been sent to residents of Lauderdale by the Sea, illustrating a lack of pertinent data;
- Lauderdale by the Sea's tourism industry has worked diligently to promote Sun Trolley ridership;
- The need for the Sun Trolley to run all the way up Elmar Street due to the large number of hotel rooms in this area;
- A discrepancy in this item's backup data, i.e., the Sun Trolley does not go up to Holy Cross Hospital, noting this service is provided by Lauderdale by the Sea's Pelican Hopper;
- Additional changes should include addressing overlap; and
- Both cities need cooperate and work together.

Vice Mayor Trantalis raised the issue of possibly increasing Lauderdale by the Sea's financial contribution to the Sun Trolley. Mr. Brown noted Lauderdale by the Sea contributed the amount requested and noting the ridership generated by Lauderdale by the Sea to areas such as the Galleria. He requested a fair opportunity for both municipalities to work together.

Commissioner Roberts asked Staff to address the following Sun Trolley service issues in Lauderdale by the Sea discussed by Vice Mayor Brown including:

- Keep the additional two blocks of route on Elmer Drive;
- Eliminate the combined, duplicate route with Pelican Hopper;
- Utilize a Sun Trolley vehicle versus the current nondescript bus which would assist visibility issues.

Ms. Alarcon confirmed she would address the issues raised by Vice Mayor Brown and would reach out to his staff.

Vice Mayor Brown confirmed Lauderdale by the Sea's commitment to promoting the Sun Trolley through advertising and promoting its service.

Count Rosenthal, 1237 NW Fourth Avenue, suggested the lack of ridership in his South Middle River neighborhood results from the lack of advertising and information provided to residents in the community. He recommended the routing and timetables for the Sun Trolley be advertised, suggesting including this information in each Commissioners Monthly District Newsletters to their constituents.

Ann Hilmer, 621 Idelwyld Drive, commented on her concerns about Sun Trolley including:

- The inability to change commuter behavior;
- Ridership is down 22 percent on Las Olas since 2014 and is on the MPO's watch list; and
- Mandatory ridership limits would cause a lack of grant funding for the Las Olas portion of the Sun Trolley.

Mayor Seiler asked Ms. Alarcon about Uber and Lyft services causing the drop off in public transportation. Ms. Alarcon responded the primary reason for the decrease in ridership is due to non-reliable trolleys which would be addressed with grant funding. Additionally, with the perspective of revenue generated from parking fees, only a minor decrease has been seen. Uber and Lyft have primarily offset taxi business. Discussions continued on Uber and Lyft's impact on ridership in the City and County.

Mayor Seiler recognized Kevin Walford, Transportation Manager, who updated the Commission on both last year and this year's ridership declines in the county-wide mainline bus system and community bus service.

Commissioner Roberts discussed the possible lack of grant funding, commenting on the timelines of almost a year to determine the viability of various Sun Trolley routes. Mayor Seiler stated the Sun Trolley needs to survive until the Wave is online because it serves to expand the Wave's reach. Further discussions and comments ensued, noting the beach route is the most successful Sun Trolley route due to tourism. Karen Warfel, Principal Planner, Transportation and Mobility Department, stated the beach link of the Sun Trolley has the highest total ridership due to operating seven days per week. The northwest neighborhood link has the highest total number of passengers per hour.

Mayor Seiler recognized Paul Chettle, 200 S. Birch Road, who commented on the recommendation to transition from the wave/flag-down system to a fixed operation system. His concerns included:

- Increased travel time,
- Increased congestion; and
- Encouraging pedestrians to jay-walk mid-block.

He discussed the decrease in ridership for the beach link and Las Olas link. Mr. Chettle noted the future need will be to address the needs of those whose behavior has changed and to provide them with a public option for transportation in the City.

The Commission congratulated Kevin Walford, Transportation Manager, on his new assignment. The entire Commission thanked him for his work for the City.

Mayor Seiler left the meeting at 3:59 to participate in a conference call.

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

BUS-3 [17-0431](#)

Neighbor Support Informational Presentation

Mayor Seiler recognized Hal Barnes, Neighbor Support Manager with the Division of Neighbor Support, who presented the Commission with highlights of 2016-2017, noting the success of Neighbor Support

Night.

A copy of the Neighbor Support presentation is attached to these minutes.

Zach McGinnis, Senior Management Fellow, Neighbor Support, presented the NCIP/BCIP Inventory and Maintenance Initiatives.

Luisa Agathon, Senior Management Fellow, Neighbor Support, addressed the Commission on the Neighbor Support Leadership Academy.

Mr. Barnes introduced the members of the Neighbor Support Staff to the Commission, noting their corresponding responsibilities.

The Commission thanked the members of the Neighbor Support Division for all their efforts and contributions to the City.

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

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 listed in item 17-0468:

He announced those present at the attorney-client session would 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
Assistant City Attorney, Alain E. Boileau

Outside Counsel, Michael T. Burke, Esq., of Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper & Hochman, P.A., and a Certified Court Reporter with Daughters Reporting, Inc.

The estimated length of the attorney-client session is approximately forty-five (45) minutes.

[17-0468](#)

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

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

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

BD-1 [17-0434](#) Board and Committee Vacancies
See Regular Meeting item R-1.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Commission at the Conference Meeting of April 4, 2017, Mayor Seiler adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.