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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

1:30 PM

City Commission Conference Room

City Commission Conference Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

***DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor - Commissioner
HEATHER MORAITIS Commissioner - District I
STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II
ROBERT L. McKINZIE Commissioner - District III
BEN SORENSEN Commissioner - District IV***

***LEE R. FELDMAN, City Manager
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, City Clerk
ALAIN E. BOILEAU, Interim City Attorney***

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Heather Moraitis, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie, Commissioner Ben Sorensen and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: City Manager Lee R. Feldman, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, Interim City Attorney Alain Boileau, City Auditor John Herbst and Sergeant at Arms Francisco Vetancourt

Please see attached e-comments submitted for the April 3, 2018 Commission Meetings.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the Conference Meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

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

Mayor Trantalis reviewed Commission Conference Meeting procedures, noting that Conference Agenda items are for discussion purposes and public comment. He explained that voting occurs during Commission Regular Meetings. Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Agenda items are voted on during CRA Board Meetings following the Commission Conference Meeting.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on District I's Pre-Agenda Meeting and the Galt Ocean Mile Condo Association Meeting. Discussions ensued on the duration of Commission Regular Meetings. Mayor Trantalis commented on options for scheduling lengthy agenda items. Each Commissioner gave their input on this topic. Commissioner McKinzie recommended Commission Regular Meetings be time certain with a vote taken to extend or continue. Commissioner Sorensen also said Regular Meetings should have a time limitation with a vote to calendar continuation to a date certain time. Commissioner Moraitis suggested lengthy matters be scheduled in advance on a separate night, including Call-Up Items.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed the length of time for public input on agenda items. Further discussions ensued on this matter.

Commissioner Glassman discussed his reluctance to reduce the current amount of time for public input, three minutes for residents and five minutes for representatives of homeowners associations and civic groups.

Commissioner Glassman commented on the District II Neighborhood Association Meeting. He inquired about details of The Wave (Project). Mayor Trantalis commented on the current status of the Project, noting actions by the previous Commission to continue forward. He confirmed the need to wait for the re-bid/revised cost analysis expected on April 27, 2018. In response to Commissioner Glassman's inquiry about the City's Project expenditures, City Manager Feldman confirmed all financial commitments have been paid to date and the City is awaiting the re-bid response. City Manager confirmed the upcoming Commission Workshop on the Project scheduled for April 30, 2018, confirming that this item will be on the Tuesday, May 1, 2018 Commission Regular Agenda.

Commissioner Glassman thanked those citizens participating in the Neighbor Academy Workshop. He also thanked Genia Ellis, President and CEO of Riverwalk, for her assistance with the \$50,000 JetBlue grant award funding Sistrunk Park playground equipment.

Commissioner McKinzie discussed neighbor requests for street calming measures in District III. City Manager Feldman commented on current criteria adopted that can be reviewed and revised. Discussions ensued on this topic. Mayor Trantalis concurred with Commissioner McKinzie's concerns about efforts to slow traffic in areas of District III. City Manager Feldman confirmed this will be brought back before the Commission for further review, discussion and adjustment.

Commissioner McKinzie discussed the Commission reviewing annexation of the unincorporated areas of District III, including Roosevelt Gardens, Washington Park, Franklin Park, Boulevard Gardens and possibly Broadview. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the analysis used to make a determination about the inclusion of unincorporated areas in the City, City Manager Feldman explained that revenue versus expenditures is a consideration. Mayor Trantalis requested City Manager Feldman bring this issue forward for consideration and reexamination. Discussions ensued on contributions from Broward County.

Commissioner McKinzie discussed the calculation of Impact Fees for new construction. Mayor Trantalis recommended a Commission Workshop on this issue. There was a consensus on this recommendation. City Manager Feldman confirmed a rate study has been authorized for water rates, sewer rates and a calculation of impact fees. These results are expected in the June-July 2018 timeframe. He confirmed this financial information will need to be included in the upcoming budget. Discussions ensued on the timetable and need for a conversation on impact fees, including how impact fees are established, i.e., cost of consistent new growth and allowable charges per unit.

In an effort to expedite permitting, Commissioner McKinzie discussed previous restructuring of the Building Department. Mayor Trantalis said that the current delay involves engineering. Commissioner McKinzie commented on aspects of current building permitting processes for projects being repurposed. City Manager Feldman noted upcoming actions addressing these concerns including budget requests for additional engineering personnel and online permitting allowing simultaneous submission to multiple Building Department disciplines. The new Accela software (Accela) is expected to be fully functional in October 2018. Discussions ensued on Accela's implementation. City Manager Feldman confirmed he and Anthony Fajardo, Director of Sustainable Development, will present to the Commission upon implementation. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's inquiry, City Manager Feldman discussed the capabilities of Accela.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mr. Fajardo who reviewed the implementation, features and capabilities of Accela, stating it is a major change to the City's current land management software. Mr. Fajardo confirmed Accela is expected to be fully implemented in the October-November 2018 timeframe, commenting on federally mandated business reporting requirements.

Mr. Fajardo commented on recruitment efforts for the engineering and mechanical disciplines in the Department of Sustainable Development, commenting on the challenge of finding qualified individuals and ongoing recruiting efforts. He said that some of the engineering tasks will be moved to the plumbing section. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question about pay range, Mr. Fajardo commented that recruitment and retention pay is funded through the Building Department. The compensation is competitive and substantial. City Manager Feldman explained that engineers in the Department of Sustainable Development are limited to the site plan development process, expounding on the statutory requirements for funding. He said that

anything within the Florida Building Code cannot fund engineers, noting previous requests to Broward County include both site plan and engineering reviews.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on the 911 Emergency Response System (911 System). Mayor Trantalis and City Manager Feldman confirmed that the previous Commission chose to remain with the current consolidated County-wide 911 System due to cost factors. Discussions ensued on issues and complaints.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Scott Bayne, Firefighters Local 765 Union President. Mr. Bayne commented that the situation is improving. He discussed incorrect address emergency calls in other jurisdictions and other concerns. Commissioner McKinzie stated the importance of the Commission being kept informed on these issues. Further comments and discussions ensued on moving forward. Mayor Trantalis requested Mr. Bayne report back to Commission with an update in the next 60-90 days. Commissioner Sorensen asked if anyone is communicating with the County about these concerns. City Manager Feldman confirmed there is a monthly County Steering Committee Meeting that Police and Fire representatives attend in addition to a monthly report.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen, Mr. Bayne expounded on the process of reporting errors to the County. Commissioner Sorensen discussed the importance of reporting and documenting errors in order to be addressed. Mr. Bayne confirmed.

Commissioner Sorensen requested the Police Department perspective on this issue. Mayor Trantalis recognized Police Chief Rick Maglione. Chief Maglione stated the 911 Emergency System has improved, confirming that recommendations are being accepted, including movement towards interagency communications and the ability to access a statewide channel. Chief Maglione commented on working towards implementing a uniform policy for 911 Emergency System dispatchers.

Commissioner McKinzie discussed salaries for Commission members, commenting that it was endorsed by the Budget Advisory Board in order to address the importance of finding qualified candidates. Mayor Trantalis concurred, expounding on the importance of paying a livable wage to those wishing to serve. City Manager Feldman expounded on previous Commission comments and recommendations on this topic. Discussions ensued on sending this issue to the Charter Review Board for their recommendation and there was a consensus. Mayor Trantalis requested that this matter be sent back to the Budget Advisory Board

and to the Charter Review Board for review and recommendations.

To allow for improved interaction, visibility and public participation, Commissioner Sorensen recommended the Commission Conference Meetings be held in Commission Chambers. Mayor Trantalis commented on the history of the Commission meeting in the 8th Floor Conference Room and increased public participation. He concurred that Commissioner Sorensen's recommendation should be considered. Further comments ensued on this topic.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on The Wave (Project), requesting City Auditor Herbst provide an update on the requested financial analysis. City Auditor Herbst gave an update of Audit Staff's efforts to reconcile items, including internal payments to date and communications with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Broward County, FDOT and the federal government. The DDA has been very cooperative. He expounded on details of what spending represents, noting the need for other partners involved to be more forthcoming about underlying details regarding where funds have been spent. Things are progressing and a full report is expected by the end of the month. Mayor Trantalis requested information about what funds have been collected and not yet spent. Mr. Herbst commented on this information and current agreements with FDOT. Commissioner Sorensen also requested Interim City Attorney Alain Boileau provide a summary analysis on the City's legal position. Interim City Attorney Boileau confirmed.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed the current position of the Commission, discussing the ramifications should the City seek to opt out of the Project. He discussed the possibility of the rebid coming in higher than the established threshold obligation, the nature of value engineering and the responsible party for those related components. Mayor Trantalis commented on his position regarding these negotiations. He reiterated the desire and need for mass transit, noting the need for the best possible alternative technologies and the ability to modify the current configuration. There was consensus on the need to find the best transit solutions. Further comments and discussions continued.

Commissioner Sorensen stated the importance of the Commission articulating and communicating its perspective on the Project. Commissioner Glassman concurred. Commissioner Moraitis confirmed her support of the Project as it currently exists, noting her willingness to consider new technologies, the need to review the requested financial and legal obligations, and a complete review of all Project details.

Commissioner McKinzie discussed Project efforts thus far and his desire to review and consider all facts and details. He acknowledged needing multi-modal transportation. Mayor Trantalis concurred with the need for mass transportation, commenting on his position against the Project as currently configured, noting the high cost could result in higher taxes. Further discussions ensued on the City's future financial obligations after the year 2020. Commissioner Sorensen commented on confirming the Commission's current position while studying the Project's forthcoming requested financial and legal details.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed evaluating the Charter Offices, recommending a 360 Evaluation from an outside consultant to analyze performance metrics and recommendations to professionally develop and assess the current performance of all Charter Offices. Commissioner McKinzie commented on the importance of communicating Commission goals to Charter Offices. Mayor Trantalis commented on the ability for an accurate and informal approach to assessing Charter Offices. Further comments and discussion ensued on this topic.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed shared narrowing of traffic lanes on Las Olas Boulevard, requesting an update. Mayor Trantalis recognized Diana Alarcon, Director of Transportation and Mobility. Ms. Alarcon confirmed the current trial is scheduled for completion on June 30, 2018. A report updating the Commission will be forthcoming upon completion and is scheduled to be presented at the July 20, 2018 Commission Meeting. She expounded on the details being collected and analyzed. Commissioner Glassman discussed the need for a balanced report that ensures input from residential and commercial neighbors in this area. Ms. Alarcon discussed receipt of emails and neighbor outreach, which will be included as part of data collection. Commissioner Glassman requested an aggressive effort to gather information from all stakeholders in addition to active Staff participation in neighbor meetings. Ms. Alarcon confirmed. Commissioner Sorensen asked about procedures involved upon completion of the Report. Ms. Alarcon said a policy decision would be made by the Commission about hardscaping the current temporary road modifications or reverting to the previous configuration.

Mayor Trantalis commented on meetings with the Counsel General of Mexico and efforts to establish a Sister Cities relationship.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the importance of a Commission member being present at events in the City, stating that all Commission members

should make an effort to participate in all major events.

City Manager Feldman commented on the fiduciary responsibility of the Commission with regard to the Investment Policy. Mayor Trantalis said the Commission Conference Meeting would be continued following the Commission Regular Meeting and this would be discussed at that time.

Mayor Trantalis discussed continuing the appointment of Interim City Attorney Alain Boileau, the process for hiring a new City Attorney and the Interim City Attorney having the same authority of the City Attorney to maintain the Office of the City Attorney. Mayor Trantalis commented this would be addressed at tonight's Commission Regular Meeting.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 [18-0310](#)

Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

Commissioner Sorensen requested a Master Event Calendar (Master Calendar) for all scheduled permitted City events and proposed events. City Manager Feldman expounded on efforts of the new Nighttime Economy Manager who will be overseeing special events and coordinating event best practices. He noted that beach front hotels would like to have conference guest beach events with an expedited permit approval process, confirming this item will be brought before the Commission at a future meeting.

City Manager Feldman also discussed beach event activity limitations during Sea Turtle Season and its impact on calendaring beach events after sunset. Discussions ensued on Commissioner Sorensen and Commissioner Glassman's request for a Master Calendar for all City permitted events. City Manager Feldman confirmed he would provide Master Calendar information with those agenda items that request approval for permitted events.

Commissioner Sorensen requested an overview of pricing options for fees charged by other cities for event permitting that can be used to compile best practices guidelines. City Manager Feldman confirmed.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-4 [18-0350](#)

Rescheduling City Commission Meeting Dates for Remainder of 2018 and 2019 New Year's Day Holiday

Discussions ensued the upcoming 2018-2019 Commission Calendar regarding holidays, budget meetings and Commission Meetings.

A copy of the Commission Holiday Calendar is attached to these minutes.

BUS-2 [18-0363](#)

City Attorney Recruitment

Commissioner Trantalis confirmed that BUS-2, City Attorney recruitment, would be addressed at tonight's Commission Regular Meeting.

BUS-3 [18-0347](#)

Discussion of Gun Shows at War Memorial Auditorium in Holiday Park

In response to Mayor Trantalis' request, Interim City Attorney Alain Boileau updated the Commission on the existing Licensing Agreement (Agreement) with The Gun and Knife Show (The Gun Show) at the War Memorial Auditorium (Auditorium). He confirmed that five shows remain prior to the expiration of the Agreement in November 2018. Interim City Attorney Boileau recommended adhering to the Agreement until its expiration. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question about the standard which must be met to terminate the current term of the Agreement, Interim City Attorney Boileau stated "good cause." He commented that this is a subjective concept, citing examples and expounding on this topic. Discussions ensued about public safety being good cause.

Mayor Trantalis noted that public comments will be limited to two minutes.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jacob Newman, 1510 SW 12th Court. Mr. Newman spoke in support of discontinuing The Gun Show at the Auditorium.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King spoke about his long-time opposition to The Gun Show. He expounded on his position in support of discontinuing The Gun Show at the Auditorium, commenting on the incompatibility of hosting this event in close proximity to Holiday Park (Park).

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Jane Cockerhan, 4561 SW 24th Avenue. Ms. Cockerhan expounded on Broward County's *Promise Program* (Program), a cooperation between The School Board and local law enforcement not to report crimes committed by students. She stated that the Program has had unintended consequences on background checks for gun purchases.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Will Rodriguez, 5102 Laurel Circle. Mr. Rodriguez spoke in opposition to removing The Gun Show from the

Auditorium. He recommended enforcing existing laws, expounding on the negative impact of banning the purchase of firearms.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Christina Currie, 644 SE 5th Avenue. Ms. Currie spoke in support of removing The Gun Show, stating it is an inappropriate venue due to the multitude of children present and youth activities in the Park. It is inconsistent with the purpose of the Park and the Auditorium. Ms. Currie requested the City join the lawsuit filed by numerous Broward County municipalities against the State of Florida in Leon County, Florida, regarding the preemption issue concerning the enactment of local gun laws.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Woodbury, Esq., designated representative of The Gun Show. Mr. Woodbury expounded on the constitutional and contractual rights involved with the Agreement. He commented on previous legal outcomes in other jurisdictions. Discussions ensued on permitting firearm sales, the contractual Agreement currently in place, clarification of future "penciled in" Gun Show dates at the Auditorium until 2025 which lack an executed written contract and deposit, what is involved in an appropriate location for The Gun Show, and efforts to relocate The Gun Show to another location within the City that meets criteria of The Gun Show.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mark East 201 NW 32nd Court. Mr. East spoke in opposition to removing The Gun Show from the Auditorium. He commented on the numerous types of vendors, stating that attendees are law abiding citizens who feel the need for firearm protection. He urged the Commission to keep The Gun Show at its current location.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Wendy McDavid. Ms. McDavid spoke in opposition to removing The Gun Show from the Auditorium, stating that she is an attendee, a gun owner and this is a business issue. She expounded on the right of a business to conduct itself lawfully in the City and the economic benefits.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Gary Taninbaum, 333 Lake Frances Drive. Mr. Taninbaum spoke in opposition to removing The Gun Show from the Auditorium, citing its history. He commented that every dealer must be a federally registered firearms dealer, noting that private sales are not allowed. Mr. Taninbaum also commented on purchase requirements and background checks.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stewart Mirsky, 2860 NW 88th Terrace. Mr. Mirsky spoke in opposition to removing The Gun Show from the

Auditorium, confirming that he is an exhibitor and makes a significant part of his living as such. He noted that removing The Gun Show will not prevent crime.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dana Sanchez, 1400 NE 57th Street. Ms. Sanchez spoke in support of removing The Gun Show from the Auditorium, commenting on her history of advocacy against gun violence. She discussed her perspective on having The Gun Show in the Park in close proximity to the activities of children.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ron Bensimon, 1700 E. Sunrise Boulevard. Mr. Bensimon spoke in support of The Gun Show remaining at the Auditorium, expounding on the numerous reasons for his position. He recommended alternative measures to prevent gun violence in society, including addressing improved education and mental health issues.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ralph Zeltman, 2177 NE 63rd Court. Mr. Zeltman spoke in opposition to removing The Gun Show from the Auditorium, reading the email he sent to the Commission on this topic.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Barbara Markley, 2416 Middle River Drive. Ms. Markley spoke in support of removing The Gun Show from the Auditorium, commenting on her efforts to end The Gun Show. She also discussed issues relating to guns and the implications of hosting The Gun Show. Ms. Markley commented on legal issues relating to holding The Gun Show at the Auditorium.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Healy, 2871 N. Ocean Boulevard. Mr. Healy spoke in opposition to removing The Gun Show from the Auditorium, citing the First Amendment right to assemble peacefully. He commented on The Gun Show's strict adherence to statutes regarding gun control, noting the financial benefits of The Gun Show.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Gabriella Pettit, 5901 Town Bay Drive. Ms. Pettit spoke in support of removing The Gun Show from the Auditorium located in an area frequented by children. She expounded on personal experience with gun violence, its impact on her well-being, commenting on recent gun violence and the need to be sensitive to those who were victimized.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Sydney Seeley, 5612 Pacific Boulevard. Ms. Seeley spoke in support of removing The Gun Show from its location at the Auditorium. She confirmed that she was contacted by The Gun Show to come and advocate for their position to remain at the Auditorium,

confirming that she supports removing The Gun Show from its location. Ms. Seeley expounded on the reasons she feels The Gun Show is inappropriate for the City.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Diego Navas, 320 Sunrise Drive. Mr. Navas spoke in opposition to removing The Gun Show from the Auditorium. He acknowledged his concerns over the safety of children in the community. Mr. Navas expounded on his attendance at The Gun Show, commenting on random acts of violence by criminals. He urged the Commission to allow The Gun Show to continue at the Auditorium.

Mayor Trantalis announced that this is a public forum to determine if any action should be taken on restricting The Gun Show at the Auditorium, expounding on his position against hosting The Gun Show at the Auditorium due to its location in a City Park.

Commissioner Moraitis discussed her position in favor of the First and Second Amendments. She confirmed that a City Park is not an appropriate venue for The Gun Show. Commissioner Moraitis recommended repurposing the Auditorium to fit within the scope of the Parks and Recreation Department, recommending neighbor input about what they envision for repurposing the Auditorium and Park.

Commissioner Glassman concurred with Commissioner Moraitis' comments. He confirmed that after numerous discussions with District II constituents, there is no support to continue The Gun Show Agreement at this location, commenting on his desire to be responsive to the residents in this area. Commissioner Glassman discussed the many activities at the Park, commenting on the upcoming renovation of The Parker Playhouse, the new YMCA, and the possibility of an Arts and Technology School coming to the Park. He expounded on his position to not take immediate action regarding The Gun Show preempting the five remaining Gun Shows. Following the expiration of the current Agreement, he is not in favor of it continuing.

Commissioner McKinzie concurred with Commissioners Moraitis and Glassman's comments, recommending the Commission address this matter after the expiration of the Agreement.

Commissioner Sorensen requested the owner of The Gun Show answer Commission questions. Mayor Trantalis recognized Khaled Akkawi, Owner of The Gun Show. In response Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis' inquiry about exploring other venue opportunities in the City, Mr. Akkawi said the County would not host The Gun Show at the

Broward County Convention Center (Convention Center) due to firearm gate restrictions. It was stated that the gate was relocated. Mr. Akkawi confirmed his willingness to work with the Commission. Discussions ensued on assisting Mr. Akkawi in exploring options with the County to possibly relocate The Gun Show to the Convention Center.

City Manager Feldman clarified issues regarding The Gun Show prior to ownership by Mr. Akkawi. Those issues required the City to increase the number of law enforcement personnel to address individuals selling guns outside of the Auditorium and those carrying non-concealed weapons.

Commissioner Sorensen thanked Mr. Akkawi for his willingness to consider other venues within the City, confirming his readiness to be part of that process. Mayor Trantalis confirmed the six-month timeframe available for Mr. Akkawi to explore other venues, including the Convention Center. He said that City Manager Feldman would be a liaison for Mr. Akkawi with the County on this issue in addition to assisting with locating other venues within the City that meets event criteria. Mayor Trantalis emphasized the importance of doing the right thing, commenting that it will lead to success for all stakeholders. He encouraged Mr. Akkawi to contact Broward County about the Broward County Convention Center as a possible venue for The Gun Show. Further comments and discussions ensued on assisting Mr. Akkawi with finding an alternative venue.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Interim City Attorney Alain Boileau confirmed his recommendation to continue the current Agreement until its expiration in November 2018. He said no action is necessary from the Commission because the Parks and Recreation Department is the entity that reviews and grants this type of license agreement. Commission policy will impact the decision about hosting The Gun Show in a City Park at the end of the current Agreement. Interim City Attorney Boileau confirmed his legal position beyond the November 2018 expiration, confirming no precedent exists. He expounded on the legal position regarding the City's contractual legal obligations under Florida law beyond the November 2018 Agreement expiration.

As discussed by Commissioner Moraitis earlier in the meeting, Mayor Trantalis requested Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, to evaluate and report to the Commission on how the Auditorium can be repurposed. Mr. Thornburg confirmed.

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Commissioner Sorensen recessed the Commission Conference

Meeting at 5:09 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the Commission Conference Meeting at 10:39 p.m.

BUS-1 [18-0348](#)

Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending December 31, 2017 and Investment Policy Discussion

City Manager Feldman announced Commission questions regarding the Quarterly Investment Report can be directed to him or to Staff. He explained the Commission's fiduciary responsibility for Investment Policy.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Linda Logan-Short, Deputy Director of Finance. Ms. Logan-Short presented the Investment Plan, expounding on the Operating Fund governed by Florida Statute (Statute), stating it is in compliance. She expounded on managing public funds, stating safety and security is the primary goal. Other factors include liquidity, yield and investment return. Ms. Logan-Short reviewed the current Investment Policy, confirming that a maximum of four investment managers can be hired. Currently there is one investment manager. A policy recommendation from Staff for a more streamlined approach will be forthcoming. She commented on the most recent Quarterly Investment Report and the anticipation of a lower investment yield on the next Quarterly Investment Report. Ms. Logan-Short explained current policy as it relates to the responsibilities of the Finance Director and Treasurer for portfolios managed in-house and portfolios managed by outside asset managers.

City Manager Feldman requested the Commission to read the Investment Policy. He confirmed that the Commission also serves as the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Board, noting there is a continuing education requirement that Staff will assist the Commission in fulfilling. Mayor Trantalis commented on the performance of various funds, confirming safety is a priority over yield. Ms. Logan-Short expounded on investments.

City Manager Feldman introduced Chantal Botting, Interim Division Fire-Rescue Chief, until new Division Fire-Rescue Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr arrives. Ms. Botting thanked the Commission for the opportunity.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the Commission Conference Meeting of April 3, 2018 at 10:47 p.m.