

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

1:30 PM

City Commission Conference Room

City Commission Conference Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the Commission Conference Meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Commissioner Steven Glassman

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

No e-comments were submitted for this meeting.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

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

Commissioner Moraitis commented on working with the Fire Department on a book drive for the Boys and Girls Club and lending libraries. She also discussed time spent in Washington, DC, working with the Florida League of Cities on issues including support of on Senate Bill 2783, sponsored by Senator Nelson, focusing on local needs including climate change. Additional discussions ensued on working with Broward County towards resiliency efforts.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on meetings with the Secretary of Education, Departments of Labor and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding a task force to address a workforce skills gap, apprenticeship and pre-apprentice programs for youth. She requested permission to begin researching the viability of establishing an Aviation High School at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (Executive Airport), expounding on details. City Manager Feldman discussed available paths to address Commissioner Moraitis' request, including having conversations with the operators of Charter Schools. Mayor Trantalis recommended the Education Advisory Board research this matter,

confirming the need to tap into Executive Airport's available resources and talent. Commissioner Moraitis confirmed she would reach out to the Education Advisory Board.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on the District I and II Joint Meeting co-moderated with Commissioner Glassman to address War Memorial Auditorium repurposing.

Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis briefly commented on the 2018 Walk of Fame Honorees recognized for making lifelong, positive City contributions. Due to the inclement weather, Mayor Trantalis recommended recognizing the 2018 recipients during the 4th of July Celebration Weekend.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on the Walker Elementary School Reading Program projects, including summer reading. He confirmed that reading test scores have excelled. Commissioner McKinzie acknowledged the efforts of Sergeant Michael Tucker and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Police Chief Maglione and his Staff for their reading program contributions.

Commissioner McKinzie expounded on the genesis and successful completion of the Children's Playground at Sistrunk Park. He commented on the upcoming completion of District III's infrastructure project, acknowledging and thanking Staff for their work. Commissioner McKinzie commented on FPL statistics about Hurricanes Irma and Wilma. He emphasized the importance of tree trimming near power lines and hurricane season preparedness that enables faster service restoration.

Vice Mayor Sorensen thanked the FOP for their contribution to children's reading programs. He commented on the jointly moderated kick-off planning meeting for the Las Olas Corridor (Corridor) focusing on the Corridor from Andrews Avenue to the Beach. The task force will involve all stakeholders working towards executing a vision. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 27, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in City Hall Commission Chambers. Mayor Trantalis expounded on prior Corridor meetings, resulting improvements and acknowledging these improvements are a work in progress.

Vice Mayor Sorensen discussed attending homelessness meetings with stakeholders to find solutions. Mayor Trantalis noted the five components, including Broward County, the United Way, the City, the court system and the business community. The Community Court is

scheduled to begin September 1, 2018. Commissioner Moraitis commented on attending a library meeting with the homeless and the importance of addressing their mental health needs. Mayor Trantalis concurred, commenting on the need for job placement services. Mayor Trantalis confirmed his meeting with the Mayor of Orlando, Florida, to model its court system. Vice Mayor Sorensen noted his outreach to former National Football League (NFL) members who are willing to assist in addressing needs of the homeless.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's request for City Manager Feldman to expound on the Police Department's effort to address traffic concerns at the Broward County Convention Center (Convention Center) for the upcoming Florida Supercon Event during July 12-15, 2018, City Manager Feldman confirmed ongoing efforts by Police Chief Maglione and work with the Convention Center. He emphasized a portion of the responsibility resides with the Broward County Sheriff's Department. Chief Maglione confirmed. Discussions ensued on parking concerns.

Vice Mayor Sorensen expounded on the 17th Street Mobility Working Group's ongoing efforts to address traffic along SE 17th Street. He confirmed results from the latest traffic technology indicating the bulk of traffic transits the entire length of SE 17th Street to the beach, affirming the necessity of a bypass road. He said this technology could also be utilized to address traffic issues along Las Olas Boulevard.

Vice Mayor Sorensen discussed meeting with the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association and the need to address human trafficking issues. He confirmed the need to expend necessary Police Department resources to combat this crime.

Vice Mayor Sorensen raised the issue of inclusivity for members of the LGBT community, including an equal benefits ordinance similar to Broward County's requiring vendors doing business with the County at a certain threshold level to extend domestic partner healthcare benefits. City Manager Feldman confirmed the City's ordinance that vendors cannot discriminate but does not mandate vendors extend healthcare benefits to domestic partners.

City Manager Feldman confirmed the City extends healthcare benefits to domestic partners of employees. Mayor Trantalis commented on the need to achieve this goal, commenting on the history of the Ordinance. Further discussion ensued on this topic. Mayor Trantalis requested ordinance language augmenting this issue. Interim City Attorney Alain Boileau confirmed. Comments followed on "gender identification" and

"gender expression" language as it relates to vendors at a certain business threshold and administrative policy for the City workforce. Vice Mayor Sorensen discussed the need for a provision to address a youth bullying policy related to the LGBT community. City Manager Feldman confirmed the Parks and Recreation Department would address this issue.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the Washington, DC, lobbying organization entitled The Human Rights Campaign which monitors human rights issues. He commented on the current measurement of the City and efforts to achieve a score of 100 percent.

Mayor Trantalis discussed an upcoming meeting in the Fall for a Town Hall Meeting providing citizens a clear roadmap and vision regarding how the City is addressing all aspects of climate change as identified by Staff, including costs and associated timelines. Further discussions ensued on the possibility of coordinating efforts at the County and State levels.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question about the Commission receiving results of the Aquatic Complex Request for Proposal (RFP), City Manager Feldman confirmed negotiations are currently underway with the low bidder. The presentation to the Commission should occur prior to the Commission's summer break. Mayor Trantalis requested each Commissioner take a field trip to review the contract's recommendations for the Complex.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his meeting at City Hall with the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Cultural Office). The Cultural Office invited Mayor Trantalis and additional attendees to participate in an International Conference on Economic and Cultural Exchange (Conference) in Taiwan on September 25, 2018. Mayor Trantalis recommended using this as a business opportunity, suggesting that representatives of the local business community join him at the Conference.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the need to promote Memorial Day Events to increase attendance. Further discussion ensued on achieving this goal.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' concern about adequately addressing infrastructure concerns, City Manager Feldman confirmed that the Engineering Staff within Public Works is addressing these issues. Mayor Trantalis asked about the treated discharge from the George T. Lohmeyer Plant. City Manager Feldman explained details regarding this

issue. Further discussions ensued. City Manager Feldman confirmed testing indicates that there is no danger to the environment.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on his attendance at a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meeting in Tampa, Florida. He noted the informative nature of the meeting, MPO's responsibility to oversee federal transportation funding and the importance of the MPO's citizen advisory representative.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's inquiry, Commissioner McKinzie confirmed Staff has addressed infrastructure backfill concerns.

[18-0573](#)

Communications to the City Commission

Beach Redevelopment Board - Tuesday, May 2, 2018

A copy of the Beach Redevelopment Board Communication to the City Commission is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Don Morris, Economic and Beach Redevelopment Area Manager of the Beach Area Community Redevelopment Agency. Mr. Morris explained this communication recommends private development on the west side of A1A mirror the streetscape improvements on the east side of A1A being done by the City. City Manager Feldman said that the current Ordinance does not require these improvements.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 [18-0597](#)

Sanitation Franchise Fee Audit Report

City Auditor John Herbst said Sunshine Recycling did not submit required information under the Franchise Agreement and further action is being explored. All other vendors complied and expectations were met. He acknowledged and thanked Melissa Doyle, Public Works Program Manager for Sanitation, for her contribution and initiative with this audit.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 [18-0592](#)

Discussion on School Resource Officer Program

City Manager Feldman updated the Commission on the background of this item, commenting on action by the State Legislature requiring a School Resource Officer (SRO) at each Broward County school, including Charter Schools. He confirmed this is the responsibility of the

Broward County School District. City Manager Feldman reviewed the three ways this requirement could be met:

1. School Marshalls: Armed school employees that undergo certain testing to be deemed eligible and minimum training requirements. This would be the responsibility of the Broward County Sheriff's Office.
2. Contract with the various municipalities or the Broward Sheriff's Office for staffing and funding to provide the SROs in every school.
3. Staff the program with certified law enforcement officers employed by the Broward County School Board (School Board).

City Manager Feldman discussed the City's current School Board Agreement (Agreement). The Agreement currently staffs SROs only in middle and high schools. He discussed associated costs and the expiration of the Agreement on June 7, 2018. City Manager Feldman commented on the City's inability to staff elementary schools due to costs and Police Officer vacancy levels. He also commented on funding, confirming Staff's determination that it is the responsibility of the School Board. City Manager Feldman said the School Board does not have a plan for the upcoming 2018 school year. The School Board has not given the City a proposed SRO Agreement for the upcoming 2018 school year and has not identified a funding source for SRO staffing in all County Schools. He confirmed communications with the School Board that the City is not in a position to provide SROs in all City schools. City Manager Feldman requested the Commission provide their input prior to his attendance at an upcoming workshop on this matter with the School Board.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Police Chief Rick Maglione. Chief Maglione expounded on his efforts to ascertain the School Board's plan to meet mandated SRO staffing in all County Schools, confirming the deadline is commencement of the 2018 school year. He discussed previous efforts to address funding and recommendations to the School Board to meet the recent State Legislature mandate. Chief Maglione commented on projected costs to the City for municipal SRO staffing and his recommendations to the School Board to hire their own law enforcement. In response to Mayor Trantalis, Chief Maglione confirmed both Miami-Dade County and Palm Beach County School Boards have their own police force in place. City Manager Feldman commented on Palm Beach County paying law enforcement overtime for SRO staffing until they can be fully staffed.

Chief Maglione emphasized the need to understand the School Board's plan, commenting on required timelines to meet mandated SRO objectives. He recommended a School Marshall Program. Further comments and discussion ensued on options available to resolve those issues.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on four private schools in District I that have addressed SRO needs, expounding on the details. Discussions ensued about current Police Officers working an additional shift to address SRO needs. Commissioner Moraitis commented on the 36 weeks schools are in session. Further discussions ensued on available hiring options and working with Broward County Schools to staff SRO positions. Commissioner Moraitis commented on the Broward County League of Cities Task Force efforts. Chief Maglione confirmed 8 out of 27 City schools, not including Charter Schools, are staffed with SROs. Commissioner Moraitis commented on the upcoming decision to raise the School Board Millage Rate to fund school security and teacher salary increases.

Chief Maglione commented on the need for SRO staffing whenever children are present on campus, including summer school, after school and sport practices. City Manager Feldman commented on his position to have a SRO on campus year round at each school.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Sullivan, Director of Legislative Affairs for the Broward County School Board. Mr. Sullivan gave a PowerPoint presentation on the School Board's SRO Program. The presentation included what currently exists and SRO needs as mandated by the State Legislature.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to these minutes.

In response to City Manager Feldman's question about the School Board's position on elementary schools' SRO cost sharing, Mr. Sullivan said he would confirm and advise. Discussions ensued on elementary schools without SRO coverage and current Police Department Community Engagement Team efforts. Mr. Sullivan commented on the need for discussions with the School Board regarding SRO funding at elementary schools. He also commented on the School Board's position about three SRO coverage options and funding available in the School Board's Guardian Program.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question, Mr. Sullivan confirmed the School Board's opposition to the School Board employing certified law enforcement officers. Discussions ensued on hiring a private security firm for SRO positions. City Manager Feldman explained prior funding sources for SROs. He confirmed the intent of the Commission and State Legislature going forward, stating it is the responsibility of the School Board to fund all SRO staffing mandates. Further discussions continued on funding the SRO requirements, contracting with various municipalities, the Broward Sheriff's Office and other funding sources. A School Board Meeting is scheduled on this topic on June 19, 2018.

City Manager Feldman voiced concern over the School Board not being proactive in resolving SRO requirements prior to submission of its Agreement with the City for the upcoming 2018 school year. He confirmed the Police Chiefs' Association and the City Managers' Association brought this to the School Board's attention several weeks ago, recommending a meeting with all stakeholders to arrive at an Agreement. Commissioner McKinzie commented on Police Department efforts to address this issue, including active shooter training at schools. He reiterated the need for answers from the School Board prior to the beginning of the 2018 school year.

Mr. Sullivan commented on funding issues involved with the School Board establishing its own police force. Further discussions ensued on costs associated with SROs. City Manager Feldman and Commissioner McKinzie voiced their concern about the inability of the School Board to work towards a bilateral SRO Agreement.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question about SRO funding amounts from a .5 millage increase, Mr. Sullivan said it is just under \$100,000,000 in the first year. For years two through four, funding would be just over \$100,000,000. Discussions continued on allocating those funds. The funds will go into a separate fund for the expenditures listed in proposed .5 ad valorem millage rate increase listed on the August 28, 2018 Primary Election Ballot (Ballot Item). Vice Mayor Sorensen said should the Ballot Item pass, there would still be a funding gap for the upcoming 2018 school year. Mr. Sullivan confirmed. Further discussions ensued on allocation of funds.

In response to Chief Maglione's question about this being the School Board's responsibility to comply with the new state law, Mr. Sullivan confirmed, commenting on aspects of the current Agreement. Further comments and discussion ensued on this topic.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question, Mr. Sullivan confirmed the preference of the School Board is to partner with the City for SRO staffing. Vice Mayor Sorensen commented on the need to see a financial breakdown of SRO staffing options. Mr. Sullivan noted the next steps going forward include two upcoming workshops with the School Board that City Manager Feldman will attend. The meetings will address outstanding issues resulting from the State Legislature mandate and the upcoming ballot referendum, neither of which addresses the SRO manpower shortage for the upcoming 2018 school year. Further discussion ensued on future funding and current SRO staffing.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question about the third option of hiring private security, City Manager Feldman discussed options under the existing School Guardian Program. Chief Maglione commented on the ability to replace private security personnel with Police Officers as they become available.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Assistant City Attorney Brad Weissman. Mr. Weissman commented on hiring private security officers, the School Guardian Training requirements through the Broward County Sheriff's Office and the need to implement this option as soon as possible due to lengthy training requirements.

Mayor Trantalis reiterated the concerns noted by City Manager Feldman about addressing the continuation of the current SRO Agreement with the School Board that expires on June 7, 2018. Commissioner McKinzie noted that the current Agreement has not been modified over the past ten years.

City Manager Feldman expounded on details of the upcoming workshop with the School Board.

In response to City Auditor Herbst's question about the ability to split a portion of the upcoming proposed tax increase between security and teacher raises, Mr. Sullivan stated that this is not likely due to issues relating to the language in the Ballot Item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King noted his membership on the Broward County School Advisory Board, commenting on aspects of the School Board and its funding sources and expenditures.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Brian Quail, Boys and Girls Club of Broward County (Club). Mr. Quail requested SROs be placed at the Nan Knox

Club and the Lester H. White Club during the summer school break to protect children. This request is due to the large majority of school age children present at these locations during the summer. The Cities of Hollywood and Davie have agreed to this for Clubs within their jurisdiction.

Mayor Trantalis recessed the Conference Meeting at 3:49 p.m.

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the Conference Meeting at 3:59 p.m.

Mayor Trantalis announced that Public Hearing (PH-3) on Item 18-0626 at tonight's Commission Regular Meeting would not be heard due to the applicant's request for a deferral.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed Item 18-0626 is a Public Hearing on a proposed Resolution Authorizing a Development Agreement Between the City of Fort Lauderdale, Tavistock Development Company, Pier 66 Parking LLC, Pier 66 Ventures, LLC, and Sails Ventures, LLC (Collectively Known as TS Entities) Pursuant to Chapter 163.3220-163.3243, Florida Statutes and Delegating certain Authority to the City Manager

BUS-2 [18-0600](#)

Discussion to Consider a One Penny Sales Tax for Transportation

City Manager Feldman explained the Broward County Commission (County Commission) will be considering placing this item on the November 2018 Ballot. He explained the City's involvement. The City would be eligible to participate in funding by submitting proposed projects to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for scoring. Afterwards, it would go to the County Commission for approval or rejection. Approved items would go to an Oversight Committee for ratification to confirm project validity under the Tax Ordinance. At this time, the County Commission has not made a formal request for a project list. City Manager Feldman confirmed that Staff has a project list which requires Commission review and direction.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question regarding impact on the Sun Trolley, City Manager Feldman said Sun Trolley is funded by the Transportation Management Association (TMA). He commented on current funding for circulators and eligibility for additional routes and higher reimbursement.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question about the pedestrian

bridge over the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC), City Manager Feldman explained the purpose is to connect the Brightline Station over to the east side on Second Street.

Discussions ensued on the cumulative list of unfunded transportation projects, traffic mitigation, railroad tracks hindering vehicle traffic traveling east-west on Broward Boulevard and Davie Boulevard and marine industry business traffic. Mayor Trantalis discussed pursuing with the County a railroad tunnel project and the creation of dedicated one way bus routes going north along Third Avenue and south on Andrews Avenue.

Mayor Trantalis passed out an illustration of the one-way downtown bus paring to the Commission.

A copy of this document is attached to these minutes.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on MPO Commission representative's impact on working towards traffic mitigation solutions.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question about the Sun Trolley routing from Brightline, City Manager Feldman confirmed an agenda budget amendment item funding railroad crossing improvements and the Brightline Sun Trolley circulator. The projected date for the Sun Trolley circulator is July 1, 2018.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Drive. Mr. King commented on his opposition to a half-penny sales tax and proposals by members of the Broward County Commission for development in the western part of the County.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question, Interim City Attorney Alain Boileau commented on parameters for public comments during Commission Meetings.

BUS-3 [18-0547](#)

FY 2019 - FY 2023 Community Investment Plan Prioritization Worksheet

In response to Mayor Trantalis' request, City Manager Feldman expounded on the FY 2019 - FY 2023 Community Investment Plan Prioritization Worksheet, confirming that it is discretionary. Mayor Trantalis noted the Commission set priorities at their recent Goal Setting Session. City Manager Feldman confirmed Staff's understanding of Commission priorities. Mayor Trantalis noted the need to complete all priorities.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question about receiving detailed information on achieving priorities, City Manager Feldman confirmed it will be available in the next few weeks. He noted his need to review Staff's input to ensure achievable timelines.

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

[18-0555](#)

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

Anthony Stone, et al. v. City of Fort Lauderdale
Case No. 17-61211-CIV-DIMITROULEAS/SNOW

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the Commission Conference Meeting of June 6, 2018 at 4:27 p.m.