

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

1:30 PM

City Commission Conference Room

City Commission Conference Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

***JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER Mayor - Commissioner
BRUCE G. ROBERTS Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District I
DEAN J. TRANTALIS Commissioner - District II
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***

Commissioner McKinzie discussed authorization delays for sewer line repair work in District III, causing neighbor concerns about safety issues resulting from temporary barricades and metal plates covering roadways. City Manager Feldman confirmed he would address this issue. Commissioner McKinzie asked Paul Berg, Director of Public Works, to keep the community informed. Further discussions ensued on this topic. The Commission discussed the impact of roadway changes in traffic corridors, i.e., narrowing of lanes and roundabouts.

In response to Mayor Seiler's question about the reaction to the removal of the 15th Avenue stop sign in Colee Hammock, City Manager Feldman confirmed he had not received complaints. Mayor Seiler noted receiving one complaint. Discussion ensued on traffic patterns, raised intersections and congestion in the Colee Hammock area. City Manager Feldman confirmed this area would be monitored. Comments ensued on alterations to the Las Olas Boulevard and SE 15th Avenue intersection, allowing large trucks to turn onto SE 15th Street.

Commissioner McKinzie discussed requests for speed calming measures in District III areas with low volumes of traffic and speeding vehicles. Mayor Seiler commented on the need for an objective standard policy. Further discussions on traffic calming measures ensued.

Vice Mayor Roberts discussed concerns in District I relating to Code Enforcement, stating the need for a more aggressive approach to enforcement of chronic violations and recommended establishing a threshold criteria. The Special Magistrate process is too slow for chronic violations. Vice Mayor Roberts requested City Manager Feldman and City Attorney Everett review this issue and develop recommendations for the Commission at an upcoming Conference Meeting. Further discussions ensued on the current process, the possibility of implementing a criminal process and alternative solutions. City Manager Feldman commented on the issuance of civil citations for Code violations.

Vice Mayor Roberts discussed issues raised during his attendance at the recent National League of Cities Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina. One issue is the national opioid crisis and participation in a class-action proceeding against pharmaceutical companies. Mayor Seiler recommended pursuing this and expediting the process by the end of next week. In response Commissioner Trantalis' question, City Attorney Everett confirmed hiring outside counsel for this purpose would not require a Request for Proposal (RFP). Mayor Seiler requested City