

# City of Fort Lauderdale

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## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, August 21, 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 Conference Meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** Commissioner Heather Moraitis, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie, Vice Mayor 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 Luan Malushi

## CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

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

Commissioner Moraitis commented on the Galt Ocean Mile Business Owners Meeting. She invited the Commission to the upcoming *Light Up the Galt Event* holiday event. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Moraitis noted a conflict with attending Transportation Management Association (TMA) meetings held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, requesting coverage assistance over the next two months. City Manager Feldman commented on by-law requirements. It was confirmed Commissioner Moraitis' absences would be excused over the next two months. Should the conflict continue, this would be revisited and another elected official would be appointed to attend TMA meetings.

Commissioner Glassman discussed neighbor comments on the lane elimination on Fourth Avenue. Mayor Trantalis recalled there would not be lane elimination below Thirteenth Street or in front of Fort Lauderdale High School. Commissioner McKinzie confirmed this discussion in a prior Commission Meeting. Further comments ensued. City Manager

Feldman confirmed this topic would be revisited at the September 4, 2018 Commission Conference Meeting.

Vice Mayor Sorensen discussed working with Broward County Commissioner Nan Rich to address homelessness, commenting on their tour of the Miami-Dade County homeless facilities. Vice Mayor Sorensen confirmed he is a member of the Broward County Continuum of Care Board.

Mayor Trantalis gave the Commission an update on homelessness, discussing the target date of October 15, 2018 for the Community Court and related services. He thanked Vice Mayor Sorensen for keeping this issue at the forefront. Vice Mayor Sorensen confirmed his membership on the Landlord Committee. Commissioner McKinzie commented on homelessness at the park in the vicinity of the One-Stop Shop. Comments and discussion ensued on addressing homelessness locally and around the nation.

Vice Mayor Sorensen discussed a meeting with vacation rental businesses, which included City Manager Feldman and other stakeholders to address Code issues and vacation rental registration. The goal was to make Code equitable, effective and enforceable. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Sorensen discussed canal dredging, acknowledging funding concerns. Mayor Trantalis confirmed opposition from canal frontage property owners who had been requested to fund canal dredging. Discussion of funding and related concerns ensued. Commissioner McKinzie commented on infrastructure priorities and budget constraints. Mayor Trantalis commented on the history of this subject. City Manager Feldman confirmed canal dredging by the City is minimal. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Sorensen raised the subject of private road maintenance in District IV. Commissioner McKinzie gave a brief overview of this topic. It was confirmed an owner of a private road is responsible for its maintenance. Vice Mayor Sorensen inquired about the City being responsible for road maintenance in post annexation areas. City Manager Feldman expounded on policy, stating if a private road is brought up to City standards, it will be brought before the Commission to determine if the City would take control of the private road.

Vice Mayor Sorensen discussed the topic of a gun safety program and having related pamphlets at City Hall. Further discussion ensued on this

topic. Interim City Attorney Alain Boileau commented on concerns related to this topic. Vice Mayor Sorensen confirmed he would provide the Commission with a draft copy of the gun safety pamphlet.

Vice Mayor Sorensen commented on delays with the Brightline Quiet Zones. City Manager Feldman expounded on this topic, explaining it relates to the size of safety box mechanisms at railroad crossings. Mayor Trantalis commented on this concern and the need to expedite solutions. City Manager Feldman recommended this be brought forth at the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meeting. Mayor Trantalis confirmed he would address this concern at the upcoming MPO Meeting.

Mayor Trantalis discussed staffing City schools with security coverage. He thanked City Manager Feldman and Police Chief Maglione for their work to ensure this was implemented by the first day of school, August 15, 2018. Mayor Trantalis acknowledged and thanked members of the Police Department for their cooperation to ensure all City schools have security coverage until the School Board has hired an outside vendor for security staffing. Mayor Trantalis confirmed the primary goal is school safety, confirming the School Board will reimburse the City for these security costs. Further comment and discussion ensued.

#### 18-0873

#### Communications to the City Commission

##### **Cemetery System Board of Trustees July 31, 2018**

City Manager Feldman explained financial details regarding cemetery maintenance, confirming the vendor contract expires on September 30, 2018. There have been no responses to the Request for Proposal (RFP). On October 1, 2018 the City will be responsible for City cemeteries. City Manager Feldman explained financial details of cemetery management. Further comment and discussion ensued. City Auditor John Herbst gave a historic overview on cemetery revenue and funding. He also reviewed recommendations regarding the Cemetery Trust Fund (Trust) based upon Commissions proposals.

Mayor Trantalis noted the Cemetery Trust Fund Board of Trustees' recommendation to keep all revenue in the Perpetual Care Fund. City Manager Feldman noted cemeteries are the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Department. He gave his recommendations for cemetery management going forward, commenting on possible updates to Ordinances. He also discussed the forthcoming Cemetery Master Plan. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman inquired about withdrawals from the Trust Fund for the self-management of cemeteries, giving his comments. Further discussions ensued on revenue going into the General Fund once the City begins cemetery management. Commissioner Glassman concurred with the recommendation of the Cemetery Trust Fund Board of Trustees. Further comment and discussion ensued. City Manager Feldman confirmed his request to preserve current funding to the General Fund.

***A copy of this communication is attached to these minutes.***

**Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment  
Agency (CRA) Advisory Board  
June 12, 2018**

City Manager Feldman confirmed the current subcommittee policy for Advisory Boards and Committees. City Manager Feldman confirmed he would work with City Clerk Modarelli to formally address the formation of subcommittees for Advisory Boards and Committees.

***A copy of this communication is attached to these minutes.***

**Sustainability Advisory Board  
July 23, 2018**

There was no discussion on this item.

***A copy of this communication is attached to these minutes.***

**CONFERENCE REPORTS**

**CF-1     [18-0887](#)**

Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI) Interim Status Report Parking Garage,  
Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvements and Aquatic Center  
Renovations Projects

City Auditor John Herbst gave an overview of this item. Due to the high cost and large profile of these projects, this is an Interim Audit Status

Report (Report) for the Las Olas Parking Garage, the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvements and Aquatic Complex Renovations. He gave a brief review of the Report's observations. All observations have been addressed with the Project Manager and rectified. Mr. Herbst confirmed the audit firm's guidance, recommendations and positive working relationship with Staff. In response to Commissioner Glassman's inquiry, Mr. Herbst confirmed honest mistakes and errors were made due to the magnitude of the projects and the number of individuals involved. The goal is to reduce the number of errors and the errors were not intentional.

On an unrelated topic, City Manager Feldman updated the Commission on the arrest of two individuals involved in a shooting near the Broward County Library. The individuals have been apprehended and are now in custody.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

#### **BUS-1 [18-0841](#)**

#### **Special Events Policy Discussion**

City Manager Feldman gave preliminary comments, confirming special event management is now part of the Nighttime Economy Division (NITE). Associated responsibilities have been transferred from the Parks and Recreation Department to the Office of the City Manager. City Manager Feldman also commented on stream-lining for special events based upon proposed Commission policy recommendations .

Mayor Trantalis recognized Sarah Hannah-Spurlock, Nighttime Economy Manager. Ms. Hannah-Spurlock gave the Commission a slide presentation on the following:

- Better defining what qualifies as a special event
- A more manageable application deadline
- Fees
- Enforcement of Permit Compliance
- Establishing Special Event Limitation with regards to location, event type, and quantity of events

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Hannah-Spurlock confirmed the City of Delray Beach collects a fifty percent deposit for the estimated costs of event related city services.

As illustrated in the presentation, Vice Mayor Sorensen commented on

the differences in application fees for profit and non-profit organizations in the City of Miami Beach. Brief comments ensued on waivers for non-profit organizations. Commission comment and discussion ensued on the different types of fees charged for special events in other municipalities.

The presentation reviewed ideas and recommendations for Commission consideration. Comment and discussion ensued on these recommendations. Ms. Hannah-Spurlock expounded on the types of events that would not require a special permit, i.e., events held in a park not having a large impact on the City or requiring extensive City services such as police services and road closures. This would reduce the number of requested special permits by a small amount. Further comment and discussion ensued on different types of events, their size and venues.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen, Ms. Hannah-Spurlock confirmed a breakdown of the size and location of events could be prepared for Commission review. Ms. Hannah-Spurlock confirmed there are approximately 250 events per year. Discussions ensued on the sponsors and details relating to the *Friday Night Sound Waves* event.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the proposed fees, Ms. Hannah-Spurlock confirmed they are similar to other surrounding municipalities. Discussions ensued on fees representing the exclusive use of a property. Interim City Attorney Alain Boileau confirmed these recommendations would be vetted, expounding on the topic of fees and the zoning component of recurring events on private property. City Manager Feldman noted zoning aspects would be handled during the permitting process.

Ms. Hannah-Spurlock recommended limiting special event permitting in the area of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts during peak performances.

Mayor Trantalis thanked Ms. Hannah-Spurlock for the thorough presentation.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Genia Ellis, 888 East Las Olas Boulevard and Executive Director and CEO of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. Ms. Ellis gave a brief overview of work to address the City's entertainment district, expounding on the nighttime economy and other related aspects. She recommended a further assessment.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Christina Curry, 888 East Las Olas Boulevard and representative of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. Ms. Curry commented on discussions at the February 27, 2017 Conference Meeting and today's presentation. Her comments focused on fees and event management.

Mayor Trantalis commented on fees having a threshold level, their impact on established events and new events. Further discussions ensued on addressing existing event concerns. Mayor Trantalis commented on the impact and frequency of events. Additional comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen, Ms. Hannah-Spurlock confirmed weekly event stakeholder meetings have been held over the last several months, resulting in feedback about concerns. She expounded on this topic. Ms. Hannah-Spurlock confirmed there have been thorough discussions with Ms. Ellis and Ms. Curry relative to today's presentation.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dan Barnett, 3300 NE 16th Place and representative of Beach Improvement District (BID). Mr. Barnett confirmed meeting with Ms. Hannah-Spurlock on different strategies, commenting on the BID's support of events which promote the brand and image of the beach and the desire to maintain positive relationships with beach event producers. Further comment and discussion ensued on the strategy of surcharges versus fees charged to event producers.

City Manager Feldman commented on a surcharge being perceived as a sales tax and the City not having appropriate authority in this area. Mr. Barnett expounded on the BID's contribution towards addressing and improving the infrastructure in the beach area to support large events. Further comment and discussion ensued on the BID's input and recommendation for special events on the beach. Mr. Barnett explained additional details involving the BID.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ina Lee, 2000 S. Ocean Drive and Chair of the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board. Ms. Lee expounded on her involvement with major beach events and work towards creating the nighttime economy, noting the positive economic impact of special events. She commented on her efforts with the Special Events Committee to arrive at solutions for event noise and other concerns. Ms. Lee expounded on the economic benefits of the nighttime economy and special events, inquiring about where the fee revenue would be applied.



She requested the Commission keep this process moving forward.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ron Centamore, 638 NW 2nd Avenue and designated representative of the Council of Civic Associations. Mr. Centamore commented on the reassignment of special events from the Parks and Recreation Department, confirming the need for neighborhood involvement and keeping residents informed. He commented on the topic of fees for local neighborhood events. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Renee Quinn, 100 SW 3rd Avenue and representative of *Damn Good Hospitality Group*. Ms. Quinn gave a brief overview of her history in the downtown area, involvement with Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and local business owners. She discussed the outstanding capability of the Parks and Recreation Department, recommending ways to move forward with stakeholders.

City Manager Feldman confirmed the person responsible for special events in the Parks and Recreation Department had retired, noting the request for more involvement with upper management. He confirmed Parks and Recreation Department sponsored events are managed by the Park and Recreation Department. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic and determining fees for large scale events such as the Air Show.

Mayor Trantalis recognized April Kirk, 2640 SW 13th Avenue, Executive Director of Stranahan House and Marketing Chair of the Las Olas Association. Ms. Kirk addressed the need to define events, commenting on recommendations which impact community non-profit organizations not produced by the City or event promoters. She also commented on fees for City Services currently paid by community non-profit organizations. Ms. Kirk requested the involvement of all stakeholders, noting the need for clarification on items such as the scheduling and management of wedding events in parks.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen, City Manager Feldman confirmed the majority of fees go to the General Fund.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive and representative of the Idlewyld Neighborhood. Ms. Fertig discussed the need to have a comprehensive list of special events, regulating simultaneous major events impacting the same area, and the limitation of

the number of annual events at one location. She encouraged wide community input and participation by all stakeholders on this topic, recommending the creation of a working group or task force. Ms. Fertig recognized the Police Department for their outstanding outreach and handling of special events.

Mayor Trantalis commented this presentation is the first step in the process, confirming the need for thorough community outreach and the involvement of all stakeholders.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question, Ms. Hannah-Spurlock confirmed there is a master calendar of events distributed upon request. Approved events are on the City's website. Vice Mayor Sorensen suggested having the master calendar on the City's website. Ms. Hannah-Spurlock confirmed, noting the goal of this presentation is to receive direction from the Commission.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dylan Lagi, 820 NE 4th Avenue, designated representative of Mass District and member of the Hospitality Zone Assessment (HZA) Group. Mr. Lagi commented on three main priorities of the HZA: safety; planning; and vibrancy. He reviewed aspects of these priorities, requesting information regarding road closures and events located on infill streets, i.e., 8th Street and 3rd Avenue. He requested discussions on items including timelines, incentivizing events, event innovation, partnering with event coordinators and having new policies discussed at event meetings.

Commission Moraitis thanked Ms. Hannah-Spurlock and Staff for the thorough presentation, giving her position on the recommendations and requesting additional clarity on fees.

Commissioner Glassman also thanked Staff and all stakeholders who have participated in events and contributed to these efforts. He requested a breakdown of current event fees and the amount of fees to be paid if all the recommendations were implemented. He also requested information regarding how residents benefit from events, i.e., revenue generated and the impact on infrastructure. Commissioner Glassman asked for the current and upcoming event requests to include all details be made available to residents online. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, City Clerk Jeffrey

Modarelli confirmed in 2016 the Special Events Committee (Committee) had sunset. Further discussion ensued on having Committee members provide input regarding recommended special event policy.

Commissioner Glassman noted the need for high-profile events and those with road closures coming before the Commission for approval.

Commissioner McKinzie discussed the importance of the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board, the Beach Improvement District and Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale involvement and part of a consensus for policy recommendations to the Commission. He concurred with Commissioner Glassman's recommendation to have high-profile events and events with road closures come before the Commission for approval.

Commissioner McKinzie discussed his position on fees for high income events and efforts to activate the City and responsibilities associated with managing the nighttime economy.

Vice Mayor Sorensen concurred on bringing all stakeholders together to address special events. Ms. Hannah-Spurlock and Staff would work with members of the former Committee and all stakeholders to determine Commission policy recommendations. Further comment and discussion ensued on special event topics and the role of the former Committee.

Mayor Trantalis concurred with the need for Staff to receive feedback from all stakeholders in determining how to move forward.

Commissioner Glassman confirmed the need to address resident concerns. Mayor Trantalis confirmed Ms. Hannah-Spurlock would meet with all stakeholders impacted by special events for input to address special event policy.

## **BUS-2** [18-0888](#)

### **Status on Medical Cannabis Dispensing Facility Use**

City Manager Feldman reviewed the context of discussion regarding this item. Prior to the Commission summer recess, there was a meeting with Mayor Trantalis and industry representatives. Industry representatives desire to establish a medical cannabis facility (Facility) at 4500 North Federal Highway. This request includes issues relating to distance requirements in the Ordinance.

City Manager Feldman confirmed the position of industry representatives that the distance requirement violates State law. He said two formal applications for Facilities have been received and there are two additional applications pending in District I. The Ordinance prohibits more than one Facility per District. The applications are taken on a first come, first serve basis. The second formal application and two pending applications will be denied based upon the current Ordinance.

Commissioner McKinzie noted the current Ordinance was enacted prior to State law, commenting on the need to avoid future legal implications. Interim City Attorney Alain Boileau confirmed how State law is applied when an Ordinance exists. He also discussed the application of the Ordinance regarding distance requirements. Interim City Attorney Boileau confirmed there is a concern with the Ordinance's restriction on the number of Facilities per District. He said amending the existing Ordinance would invalidate it. Interim City Attorney Boileau expounded on this topic, explaining how the language of the State law is written. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Moraitis requested direction about a Facility's distance from a park. Interim City Attorney Boileau confirmed a Facility must be more than 1,500 feet from a park. Commissioner Moraitis confirmed Coral Ridge Country Club is zoned as a park and is too close to the proposed Facility at 4500 North Federal Highway. Further comment and discussion ensued on Coral Ridge Country Club (a private club) being considered a City park. Interim City Attorney Boileau stated under the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDRs), the Zoning Administrator is the interpreting authority. Should a disagreement on interpretation exist, it can be addressed with the Board of Adjustment. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis commented that the initial issue is to maintain the current Ordinance or modify it and risk it being invalidated by the State. There was consensus not to modify the current Ordinance.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' inquiry about how to define a park, Interim City Attorney Boileau confirmed the intent of the Ordinance is better served with use versus a zoning designation. Interim City Attorney Boileau stated there is no differentiation between a public and private park in the Ordinance. City Manager Feldman confirmed the golf course (park) in Coral Ridge Country Club has not been recognized as a park for establishments requesting liquor licenses along the North Federal Highway Corridor. Further comment and discussion ensued on the number of Facilities and the Ordinance's one-mile distance requirement between each Facility. City Manager Feldman recommended enforcing the current Ordinance, explaining his position. Interim City Attorney Boileau discussed alternatives.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's inquiry about the Development Review Committee's (DRC) Meeting and review of the Facility's application, Anthony Fajardo, Director of the Department of Sustainable

Development, updated the Commission on what transpired. Mr. Fajardo confirmed the application's request for a reduction in the amount of required parking for the Facility and the associated process. From a Staff perspective, they are looking for the applicant to meet Ordinance requirements. He also commented on the Ordinance's requirement for one Facility per 40,000 residents.

Commissioner Moraitis confirmed correspondence from the President of Coral Ridge Country Club about the application's request for a reduction in the amount of required parking and the proximity to Coral Ridge Country Club's golf course zoned as a park. Further comment and discussion ensued on areas zoned as parks.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Rick McCall, 4500 NE 21st Lane, representative of Coral Ridge Estates. Mr. McCall said his residence is adjacent to the applicant's requested Facility location. He confirmed attending the DRC Meeting on this item. Mr. McCall acknowledged Commission discussions on the distance from a park. He noted concerns relating to the applicant's request for a reduction in parking and the change of use from retail to medical. Mr. McCall expounded on parking and traffic concerns and Code requirements. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic.

**BUS-3** [18-0589](#)

**Las Olas Boulevard Safety Improvements Demonstration Evaluation Report**

Mayor Trantalis recognized Julie Leonard, Interim Director for Transportation and Mobility (TAM). Ms. Leonard introduced Christine Fanchi, TAM Engineering and Design Manager, and Catherine Prince, Project Manager for the Las Olas Boulevard Safety Improvements.

Ms. Fanchi gave the Commission a slide presentation update on the Las Olas Boulevard Safety Improvements Report.

***A copy of the slide presentation is attached to these minutes.***

Mayor Trantalis recognized Eric Barton, 720 SE 17th Street and representative of Bike Walk Fort Lauderdale, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Mr. Barton commented on community support on the priority of cyclists and pedestrian safety in all areas, including Northeast 4th Avenue. He expounded about why bike lanes and pedestrian accesses are important, commenting on the need to address bike and pedestrian safety in this area of Las Olas Boulevard.

Mayor Trantalis recognized April Kirk, 2640 SW 13th Avenue. Ms. Kirk

recommended not implementing changes to Las Olas Boulevard until the ongoing Working Group studies are completed, shared and reviewed. She commented on the Workshop's recommendations for Las Olas Boulevard from Andrews Avenue to the beach. Ms. Kirk requested addressing American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements along Las Olas Boulevard.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive and representative of the Idlewyld Neighborhood. Ms. Fertig gave a brief review of efforts to address mobility issues on Las Olas Boulevard and nearby neighborhoods. She gave a critique of the presentation, expounding on details and citing examples. Ms. Fertig submitted examples for the record. Ms. Fertig requested Las Olas Boulevard be returned to its prior condition and developing one plan consistent for Las Olas Boulevard from Andrews Avenue to the Beach.

***A copy of Ms. Fertig's submissions are attached to these minutes.***

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jacquelyn Scott, 1626 SE 1st Street. Ms. Scott gave her comments about the process and the results of efforts to address traffic and safety issues along Las Olas Boulevard. She concurred with Ms. Fertig's comments, noting her support of the Working Group to address safety and traffic concerns and the importance of the community being part of the process.

In response Mayor Trantalis, City Manager Feldman reviewed the three options listed in the presentation. Mayor Trantalis noted it may be premature to make a decision prior to ongoing evaluations.

In response to Mayor Trantalis's question about having bike lanes on alternate streets, Mr. Barton commented regarding alternate bike lane routes on sections of Las Olas Boulevard and the importance of pedestrian safety along Las Olas Boulevard. Further comment and discussion ensued on available options.

Commissioner Glassman confirmed the Working Group Meeting held with Vice Mayor Sorensen will be moving forward with a meeting in September. He concurred with recommendations for a holistic continuum for the two-mile stretch of Las Olas Boulevard. Commissioner Glassman discussed feedback received from residents at the District II Pre-Agenda Meeting, recommending returning Las Olas Boulevard to its previous state until a final holistic decision is made. He commented on

his support of cyclist safety. Commissioner McKinzie gave his comments and recommendations. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis reviewed previous Commission action on this topic. He commented about the Las Olas Merchants and Property Owners Group hiring an independent urban planning consultant to recommend the best design considerations for the two mile stretch of Las Olas Boulevard from Andrews Avenue to the bridge.

Vice Mayor Sorensen gave a brief overview of the Working Group's efforts to date, confirming their consensus to hire a professional traffic planning firm to independently address this topic.

City Manager Feldman commented on the varying sections of Las Olas Boulevard from Andrews Avenue to the beach. Mayor Trantalis recommended Staff continue the process of working with neighbors and stakeholders for input to address the varying needs of the numerous sections of Las Olas Boulevard. Further comment and discussion ensued on the most effective way to address these areas with the goal of making all roadway segments more efficient from a traffic and safety perspective, benefitting all stakeholders. Mayor Trantalis recommended the Working Group continue to work together with the Las Olas merchants and property owners for the selection of a traffic and urban planning consultant. Further comment and discussion on this topic ensued.

There was a consensus to have the process move forward with additional community input prior to a final Commission decision.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the Conference Meeting at 5:14 p.m.