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Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Friday

September 7, 2018 - 3:00 PM

City Commission Conference Room

*100 North Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301*

Las Olas Boulevard Mobility

WORKSHOP

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 BOILEAU, City Attorney

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Present: 2 - Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen and Commissioner Steven Glassman

No public comments were submitted by email regarding this meeting.

Call to Order: Vice Mayor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Sorensen introduced Commissioner Steven Glassman and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves. Commissioner Glassman noted the next Las Olas Boulevard Mobility Working Group meeting to be held on September 21, 2018, 2 p.m., in the 8th Floor Conference Room. He also noted the purpose of the current meeting and announced stakeholders.

A copy of the current stakeholders (working group) list is attached to these minutes.

Discussion ensued regarding stakeholders. Commissioner Glassman noted the importance of having as many stakeholders included as possible. Vice Mayor Sorensen clarified neighborhood association involvement. Members of the public in attendance commented on the impact of all neighborhoods and individuals providing input during working group meetings.

Commissioner Glassman confirmed input would be provided as the meetings would be publicly noticed and open to the public. Vice Mayor Sorensen commented that the consultant would be hired and funded by the City. City Manager Lee Feldman noted recent relevant budget cuts in response to Commissioner Glassman's question.

Public comment and questions were made regarding the process of selecting a contractor/consultant. Vice Mayor Sorensen clarified that the next meeting would provide a brainstorming process for staff to include in the consultant's scope.

Commissioner Glassman requested staff provide topics to incorporate into the next meeting agenda. Christine Fanchi, Engineering Design Manager, Transportation and Mobility Department (TAM), discussed public input, data and constraints in the planning phase. She also addressed prioritizing following the planning phase. Robert Modys, Planner II, TAM, noted the process contrast between the Las Olas Working Group and the 17th Street Working Group.

City Manager Lee Feldman commented on facilitating the process and timeline involved in developing a scope and Request for Proposal (RFP). He noted the timeline and process to select a contractor would take until spring. After selecting a consultant, having a plan presented to the Commission for approval would be December 2019 to February of 2020. Once the plan is approved, funding and implementation would take a decade or greater.

Vice Mayor Sorensen noted that the focus of the next meeting would be determining the scope. City Manager Feldman noted that funding should be part of the discussion. Vice Mayor Sorensen requested that TAM staff provide scope questions for discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding public comments and requests for previous plans, a calendar of events and funding options. Commissioner Glassman requested the City Manager's timeline be included by TAM staff along with funding options.

Members of the public commented on data collection and Ms. Fanchi clarified. Further discussion ensued regarding agenda planning for upcoming meetings. Vice Mayor Sorensen summarized the upcoming meeting agenda:

1. TAM to create a tentative timeline
2. TAM to distribute scope questions for the next meeting (including funding options)
3. Inventory of plans and prior studies to be added to the website

Vice Mayor Sorensen noted beginning the "grass roots" approach immediately. Commissioner Glassman commented on adding a "next step" to each agenda and deciding what specific days would be selected for the working group meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Glassman adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.