

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 20, 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, City Attorney***

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Heather Moraitis, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie (arrived at 1:54 p.m.), Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Moraitis commented on meetings with Palm Aire, the Envision Group and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), regarding connectivity in District I and Lockhart Stadium. She also commented on the opening of a large medical facility adjacent to Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) and the upcoming holiday *Light up the Galt* event.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question, Anthony Fajardo, Director of Sustainable Development, gave an update on the AquaBlu condominium project, confirming details regarding Certificates of Occupancy (COs) and expounding on details regarding the screening of the building's mechanical rooftop. In response to Commissioner Moraitis, Mr. Fajardo confirmed he would keep the Commission updated. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman commented on participating in a real estate panel discussion on the *Rise of Flagler Village*. He noted his attendance at the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Advisory Board, stating that Central City rezoning discussions are moving forward. Commissioner Glassman discussed details regarding his participation at the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) Board Meeting. He noted the Covenant House received Florida Power and Light's *Non-Profit Energy Makeover Award*.

Commissioner Glassman and Commissioner Moraitis requested a calendar view of street closures. City Manager Feldman commented on LauderShare's ability to accommodate this request, expounding that the purpose is to allow residents to report concerns and other features. LauderStreet allows the viewing of street closures in real time, though not in a calendar format. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic and the amount of simultaneous street closures due to infrastructure and development construction, and events.

Commissioner Glassman requested an upcoming Conference Agenda item to discuss the monitoring of scooters. He also commented on neighbor concerns regarding street light maintenance. City Manager Feldman said street light maintenance is under varying jurisdictions. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner McKinzie reported on his attendance at the 2018 National League of Cities City Summit (Summit) in Los Angeles. He commented on discussions to address Affordable Housing, scooters as a mode of transportation and use in municipalities. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner McKinzie requested City Manager Feldman address concerns regarding holiday lights. He also discussed the need for restricted access to the Commission suite. Mayor Trantalis concurred commenting on the need to be proactive in the area of security. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Sorensen discussed the importance of supporting military families during the holiday season. He commented on the success of the Riverland Road Project Community Meeting focused on area improvements. Mayor Trantalis commented on addressing traffic calming efforts and other community improvements in the Riverland Road area. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Sorensen confirmed the upcoming Las Olas Mobility Plan Working Group meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, December 7, 2018 co-hosted with Commissioner Glassman.

Vice Mayor Sorensen gave an update on stakeholder efforts to address homelessness, including creating a consolidated list of services. Commissioner Moraitis requested a consolidated list include contact information regarding how volunteers can participate. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on the Broward Sheriffs' Association (Association) turkey giveaway in District III, expounding on their services during the holiday season. Further comment and discussion ensued on the Association's food projects throughout Broward County (County).

Mayor Trantalis discussed attending the 2018 National League of Cities City Summit (Summit). He commented on attending a legislative session focused on issues to be brought forward to the State legislature, expounding on details and the process.

Mayor Trantalis discussed a conference call with other large Florida municipal mayors discussing legislative priorities. The topic of scooters was discussed. City Manager Feldman explained facets of the Ordinance and additional details. Further comment and discussion ensued on scooter riders adhering to traffic laws and modifying the current Ordinance.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on Summit discussions regarding home rule, encouraging neighbors to attend *Broward Days* to advocate for legislative priorities. Mayor Trantalis commented on discussions regarding annexation of unincorporated areas being a development tool. Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Manager Feldman commented on enforcement of traffic laws for bicycles and safety standards for scooters. Further comment and discussion ensued on enforcement action, the amount of scooters and the number of individuals riding a scooter. City Manager Feldman noted the current scooter agreement in place is for one-year, recommending evaluation and review as a conference item in February 2019.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on the \$10,000 donation received from the Board of Directors of Parker Playhouse to be presented to Dillard High School's Dillard Center for the Performing Arts Program. Further comment and discussion ensued on the exceptional talent at the Dillard Center for Performing Arts and the participation and contributions from the surrounding community.

Mayor Trantalis commented on the success of the holiday meals served at The Sanctuary Church.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Assistant City Manager Chris Lagerbloom updated the Commission on recent meetings with Broward

County to address the homeless encampment at the Broward County Library (Library), expounding on details. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic, including the establishment of an Incident Command Center (ICC), providing housing and associated homeless services. City participation will include providing a Staff ICC contact person who will participate on a daily call for updates. City Homeless Outreach Officers will be onsite at the Library and will be focused on a housing exit strategy. Mayor Trantalis commented on these efforts, confirming the opening of the Community Court in January 2019. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the database of homeless individuals, the Landlord Program and other housing options. In response to Commissioner Moraitis, it was confirmed the ICC will be staffed by Broward County.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the approval of the Penny Sales Tax, commenting on its assistance in alleviating traffic in the downtown area. Commissioner Moraitis commented on addressing traffic synchronization. Mayor Trantalis confirmed this is on the County's list of projects, expounding on the details. City Manager Feldman confirmed the hiring of a consultant to determine the cost of the City's responsibility for traffic signalization. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic.

City Manager Feldman discussed the process for addressing transportation needs with the County. Ninety percent of the Penny Sales Tax goes to the County and the remaining ten percent is shared among the thirty-one County municipalities and are limited to the line items allowed for transportation based upon priorities as ranked by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Sorensen discussed the low cost of traffic light synchronization along SE 17th Street. He confirmed collaborative, coordinated efforts with the County and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to apply for a grant that addresses traffic light synchronization for the entire City east of Interstate 95. City Manager Feldman commented on not having traffic signalization along all roadways for safety.

[18-1245](#)

Communications to the City Commission

Infrastructure Task Force Committee (ITF)
November 5, 2018

A copy of this communication is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed the ITF's support of a Park Bond on the March 2019 ballot.

Parks, Recreation, & Beaches Board (PR&B)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018

A copy of this communication is attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Glassman recommended requesting additional information. Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, confirmed he would communicate with the PR&B Board on specific details regarding its recommendations. City Manager Feldman noted that new initiatives require staffing and funding.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 [18-1251](#)

Discussion of Future Parks Bond

Mayor Trantalis acknowledged the previous presentation to the Commission on this topic, stating that this discussion will address the feedback received from each District.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question on the genesis of the initial presentation, Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, confirmed it focused on updating existing infrastructure, bringing forward new amenities, details related to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Master Plan) adopted in 2016 and neighbor surveys. Lockhart Stadium was not included in the Master Plan. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Thornburg confirmed the desire of the Parks, Recreation & Beaches Board to remain involved in plans moving forward with the parks bond and Lockhart Stadium. City Manager Feldman explained work with Premier Parks and the request for them to share information at no cost to the City, stating this was included in Lockhart Stadium discussions.

City Manager Feldman discussed the process, commenting on several signature projects that the referendum would be built around, in addition to smaller park projects for improvements into the future. He said if approved, there would be a line of credit against the parks bond to address projects in phases, expounding on details. All non-signature projects would be vetted through the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board. Vice Mayor Sorensen discussed having thorough neighbor

engagement for each phase, commenting on the park needs list evolving in the future. Mayor Trantalis commented on refining the needs list. He also noted the need to ensure Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board appointees are experienced. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Moraitis discussed increasing the amount of the parks bond for other park space and Lockhart Stadium. Mr. Thornburg commented on the items included in the \$150,000,000 estimate for the parks bond. Mayor Trantalis commented on an upcoming meeting regarding Lockhart Stadium and its use for practice fields. Further comment and discussion ensued on funding for Lockhart Stadium with a parks bond or a Public Private Partnership (P3). Mayor Trantalis confirmed Commission support of rehabilitating Lockhart Stadium, acknowledging the limited amount of park space in District I. Further comment and discussion ensued on the need to refine the parks priorities list, items and uses for Lockhart Stadium. City Manager Feldman reviewed numerous aspects of the former P3 Request for Proposal (RFP) for Lockhart Stadium.

City Manager Feldman discussed Lockhart Stadium, Holiday Park (including a garage), Carter Park (including a Community Center) and Tunnel Top Park as the bond's major park projects that would cost an estimated \$80,000,000, expounding on expenditures for the balance of a parks bond. Commissioner Glassman discussed the need to clearly inform and educate the community on how neighborhood park needs will be included to allow realistic expectations.

In response to Mayor Trantalis, City Manager Feldman explained the need for a parking garage at Holiday Park. He noted the renovation of Parker Playhouse, planned renovations for War Memorial Auditorium, the opportunity for recreation assets on the top floor of a parking garage, and freeing up park space. Further comment and discussion ensued on augmenting a parking garage with proceeds from the Parking Fund. Commissioner Glassman commented on Victoria Park resident's input regarding the need for others to contribute to the cost of a parking garage. He discussed Victoria Park survey efforts, stating there was no objection to a parking garage, confirming a desire for additional field space.

Vice Mayor Sorensen commented on the need to reserve funds in a parks bond for purchase of future park space in the downtown area should it become available. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic. Commissioner Glassman noted the need to be cognizant of the timeline to have the parks bond on the March 2019 ballot.

There was agreement on identifying signature projects for a parks bond and other park improvements would be added in the future. There was a consensus that the list of park needs is a "living" document.

Mr. Thornburg confirmed the process moving forward and the need to decide an amount for the parks bond, identifying signature projects, and language for additional future projects. City Manager Feldman discussed language in the resolution exhibit for the parks bond. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Assistant City Attorney D'Wayne Spence commented on having sufficient detail on a parks bond initiative as required by State Statute. Comment and discussion ensued on this topic and planning for future parks needs.

Mayor Trantalis recessed the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive. Ms. Fertig commented on the benefits of proceeding with Lockhart Stadium for use as a regional complex for athletic events and High School Junior ROTC events. She concurred with the Commission's plan to identify signature park items in the parks bond and planning for future greenspace.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Genia Ellis, 429 SW 13th Street and CEO of Riverwalk Trust. Ms. Ellis commented on areas funded by previous park bonds. She noted the need for funding should opportunities for greenspace become available in the downtown area. Discussions ensued on addressing City park seawalls, including those along the Riverwalk.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dennis Ulmer, 1007 NW 11th Place. Mr. Ulmer encouraged the Commission to move forward with a parks bond to address delayed park items, commenting on community support of past park bonds.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jim Ellis on behalf of the Flagler Village Business Improvement Association. Mr. Ellis encouraged the Commission to move forward with a parks bond to assist with Flagler Village area parks and other areas of downtown growth. Comment and discussion ensued regarding ensuring available funding for future greenspace opportunities in the downtown area.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Alan Hooper, 2719 NE 37th Drive, and designated representative of FAT Village. Mr. Hooper encouraged the Commission to identify funds for park needs in the downtown area. He also commented on the needs of Holiday Park.

City Manager Feldman commented on funding of County Parks located outside the City.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jenni Morejon, Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Ms. Morejon commented on past bond efforts of the DDA and its future vision for parks. She confirmed the DDA's support of a parks bond to address greenspace needs.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question, City Manager Feldman confirmed applying for grant funding opportunities for parks, stating matching funds are usually required.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Maggie Hunt, 1407 SW 4th Court. Ms. Hunt discussed the condition of Hardy Park, commenting on lighting recommendations. She also concurred with Mayor Trantalis' comments to be cognizant of all needs and expenditures, recommending the involvement of businesses and private individuals.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Drive. Mr. King commented on past and future park funding. He recommended adequate funding for Holiday Park, commenting on the proposed garage, other proposed park bond items and neighborhood sidewalks.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Colleen Lockwood, 820 NE 16th Place. Ms. Lockwood confirmed support of the signature park projects and neighbor input on smaller park projects. She commented on Holiday Park, the needs of the tennis facility and the outstanding capabilities of the Parks and Recreation Department and partners in the downtown coalition.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ray Cox. Mr. Cox commented on this item, previous appropriations and other items.

Further comment ensued on the proposed parks bond language having flexibility for priority projects and future needs and presentation to the community.

Mayor Trantalis requested City Manager Feldman work with bond counsel to develop appropriate language for the parks bond as

discussed. Further comment and discussion ensued on the parks bond amount and other details. City Manager Feldman confirmed the direction and intent of the Commission for a parks bond.

Additional comment and discussion ensued on a bond for a new Police Department Headquarters and Staff input at the December 4, 2018 Commission Meeting.

BUS-2 [18-1259](#)

Discussion of Future Reuse of the One Stop Shop

Commissioner Glassman confirmed this is included on the Agenda for a discussion of possible uses of this site.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dylan Lagi, 820 NE 4th Avenue and Executive Director of Music and Arts South of Sunrise (MASS). Mr. Lagi commented on the position of MASS to make public open space in the area that moves it forward in the direction of the Master Plan. In response to Commissioner Glassman, Mr. Lagi discussed stakeholders' vision for programming the site, including a farmers market, tying it into the existing Art Walk and expounding on details.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Feldman confirmed funds for this site were not included on the parks bond list. Further comment and discussion ensued on funding for creating greenspace at this site, utilizing future parks funding and possible future use for the Federal Courthouse.

Mr. Lagi commented on current funding for site maintenance and resource allocation. Comment and discussion ensued on removing the current building. City Manager Feldman confirmed funding could be found for demolishing the current building, commenting on the cost for ensuing improvements.

Mayor Trantalis requested City Manager Feldman come back with an amount for demolishing the building and sodding of the area. City Manager Feldman confirmed.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jim Ellis on behalf of the Flagler Village Business Improvement Association. Mr. Ellis commented on previous efforts to address this matter. He discussed the possible use of Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funding and future site uses, urging the Commission to move forward. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Alan Hooper, 2719 NE 37th Drive and

designated representative of FAT Village. Mr. Hooper commented on the current site's impact on surrounding property values, making recommendations and encouraging the Commission to move forward.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Drive. Mr. King urged the Commission to move forward, demolish the building and make it a park.

City Manager Feldman commented Code mandates that once the site is designated as a park, it must remain a park. Mayor Trantalis clarified it would be designated as an open space after which it may or may not be designated as a park.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ray Cox. Mr. Cox commented on the site's current value. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Genia Ellis, 429 SW 13th Street and CEO of Riverwalk Trust. Ms. Ellis commented on opportunities to address parking needs of FAT Village and Flagler Village, suggesting the site be utilized on a short-term basis as a parking revenue stream.

BUS-3 [18-1159](#)

Zeroing In - Five Year Strategic Plan

City Manager Feldman confirmed the request to move this discussion to a future Commission Meeting. There was Commission consensus to reschedule this item to a future Commission Meeting.

BUS-4 [18-1267](#)

Advisory Boards and Committees - Purpose/Duties

After review of information provided by the Office of the City Clerk, Commission members concurred that there were no opportunities to consolidate the purpose and duties of Boards and Committees.

Commissioner Glassman commented on the recent correspondence (Letter) received from the Florida Office of the Inspector General regarding the dates of Board and Committee appointments. In response to Commissioner Glassman, Assistant City Attorney D'Wayne Spence confirmed this was not addressed in the recent Board and Committee Ordinance. Assistant City Attorney Spence expounded on holdover appointments, terms and appointment dates, commenting on the need to ensure the continued function of Board and Committees. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis, City Clerk Modarelli confirmed a holdover member can be appointed to a separate Board or Committee.

In response to Commissioner Glassman, City Clerk Modarelli confirmed details of the recently adopted Ordinance regarding Boards and Committees will be discussed and explained to each Board and Committee Liaison for dissemination to Board and Committee members. Further comment and discussion ensued on the need to make upcoming appointments to the Budget Advisory Board (BAB).

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question about the impact of the Letter, Assistant City Attorney Spence said there was no impact, stating concerns raised in previous, initial correspondence has been addressed in the recent Ordinance. Further comment ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King recommended having more diversity on Boards and Committees. Further comment and discussion ensued.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the Commission Conference Meeting at 4:52 p.m.