

# City of Fort Lauderdale

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## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019**

**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***

***CHRIS LAGERBLOOM, 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 1:35 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 Chris Lagerbloom, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Alain E. 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 discussed the City's hosting of the upcoming Broward League of Cities Meeting. She commented on the upcoming Education Advisory Board Meeting with Broward County School Board Superintendent Robert W. Runcie.

Commissioner Glassman commented on the Las Olas Mobility Workshop. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding Workshop discussions of one-way paring on 15th Avenue and 12th Avenue, Commission Glassman noted that those types of precise details have not been discussed. Further comment ensued. Mayor Trantalis requested this item be addressed as things move forward.

Commissioner Glassman commented on concerns regarding Florida Power and Light (FPL) lighting and updates on Brightline Quiet Zones, stating he would address these with City Manager Lagerbloom. Mayor Trantalis discussed efforts by Brightline regarding Quiet Zones. Commissioner McKinzie commented on the sound level of Brightline train horns at several crossing gate locations. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed he would request an update from the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on this topic. Commissioner Moraitis commented on late night cargo train noise in District I. Vice Mayor Sorensen

discussed communications with Brightline regarding Quiet Zones, commenting that incorrect equipment was initially ordered and new equipment is expected to be installed within the next few months.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding setting a February Conference Meeting date for dockless mobility (a/k/a scooters) discussions, Mayor Trantalis said this topic would be discussed as part this Agenda's Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board Communication to the Commission.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on participating in a ride-along with the Office of the City Manager Staff to address concerns in District III. Mayor Trantalis confirmed that Commission ride-alongs with Staff are opportunities to understand District priorities. City Manager Lagerbloom concurred. Commissioner McKinzie requested Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, address the condition of recreation items at Osswald Park. Mr. Thornburg confirmed.

Vice Mayor Sorensen discussed the upcoming Broward County Aviation Division (BCAD) Public Information Workshop (Workshop) regarding the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport 14 CFR Part 150 Airport Noise Compatibility Planning Study (Study) scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2019. He confirmed that the City will hire its own airport noise consultant. Mayor Trantalis requested Vice Mayor Sorensen update the Commission following the January 16, 2019 Workshop. Vice Mayor Sorensen confirmed. Further comment ensued.

Vice Mayor Sorensen noted the Fort Lauderdale Council of Civic Associations has requested a meeting with the Commission. There was a consensus to schedule this meeting. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed.

Vice Mayor Sorensen commented on Affordable Housing needs, recommending development of a comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan for the City. Mayor Trantalis discussed previous efforts to address Affordable Housing in Regional Activity Centers (RACs). He noted that developers determine locations of Affordable Housing. Vice Mayor Sorensen expounded on exploring possible options and solutions, commenting on Broward County's efforts.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' inquiry on Affordable Housing, Anthony Fajardo, Director of Sustainable Development, confirmed discussions with Vice Mayor Sorensen. Mr. Fajardo noted that Broward County's plan for Affordable Housing is similar to a typical Comprehensive Plan,

expounding on details regarding how the City would address this topic. He confirmed Staff has started to analyze actions moving forward. Further comment and discussion ensued on the goals of Broward County's Affordable Housing Plan and Staff developing a plan involving incentive programs. Commissioner McKinzie commented on his perspective regarding capitalizing on the Affordable Housing Task Force's funding and the release of flex units. Mayor Trantalis commented on progress to date, expounding on details and confirming the need to focus on Affordable Housing. He requested Staff develop a road map to meet Affordable Housing goals. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis commented on the need to increase audio sound levels at Conference Meetings. He discussed the homeless initiative, expounding on the implementation of the Community Court in Commission Chambers at City Hall, expounding on details and noting it is a milestone in addressing homelessness. Mayor Trantalis commented on Bloomberg News Service's recognition of the City as one of the top 21 bucket-list travel destinations around the globe.

[19-0030](#)

Communications to the City Commission

**Parks, Recreation, & Beaches Board (PR&B Board)  
December 5, 2018**

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

Mayor Trantalis reviewed the PR&B Board Communication to the Commission. He recommended Dockless Mobility a/k/a scooters Program (Program) enforcement. He gave a brief overview of dockless mobility in the City, requesting input from each Commissioner. Commissioner Glassman agreed with the PR&B Board's communication regarding enforcement, confirming his understanding of the review process. City Manager Lagerbloom said this topic would be an Agenda item at the February 5, 2019 Commission Conference Meeting and confirming his meeting with Mayor Trantalis next week on this subject. Further comment and discussion ensued on addressing safety concerns with vendors, enforcement and options moving forward. In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, City Manager Lagerbloom gave an update on vendor actions, Staff recommendations and vendors adherence to the current policy. He confirmed the need for improvement, expounding on ways technology can be utilized to address speed, usage and other safety concerns.

Commissioner Glassman discussed the concern of businesses

regarding the impact of scooters during Spring Break. City Manager Lagerbloom explained plans to add scooters to the High Impact Event Ordinance. This amendment will come before the Commission for the First and Second Readings during the January 22, 2019 and February 5, 2019 Commission Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on scooter usage for entertainment versus mobility, age restrictions and the policies of nearby municipalities. Commissioner McKinzie commented on safety concerns and helmet use. Further comment and discussion ensued on expanding the number of scooter and bicycle vendors.

Vice Mayor Sorensen inquired about the impact of dockless mobility on businesses and tourism. Mayor Trantalis recognized Dan Lindblade, Chairman of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce (Chamber). Mr. Lindblade commented on scooter safety and usage, discussing the business perspective and the Chamber's desire to work with Staff to address concerns.

Commissioner Moraitis and Commissioner Glassman commented on the need to receive input from the tourism industry prior to discussions at the February 5, 2019 Commission Conference Meeting. Commissioner Glassman confirmed receipt of positive communications regarding scooters. Commissioner Moraitis requested a dockless mobility vendor offer a bicycle service. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed Staff would explore that opportunity.

Commissioner McKinzie discussed the interpretation of zoning language regarding a dockless mobility operations center in the warehouse area of District III. He commented on converting warehouse locations to store fronts, noting related parking concerns.

### **Education Advisory Board (EAB) December 20, 2018**

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

Mayor Trantalis commented on the EAB's Education Assessment and Gaps Analysis, noting the Broward County School Board's openness to addressing concerns to improve the quality of education. He noted the EAB's request for a Joint Workshop (Workshop) with the Commission. There was a consensus to schedule a Workshop. Mayor Trantalis requested Staff coordinate.

**Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB)  
December 12, 2018**

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

Mayor Trantalis reviewed the Economic and Community Investment (ECI) Division's priorities listed in this Communication to the Commission. Commissioner Glassman also commented on EDAB's recommendation to move forward with Oslo, Norway, establishing a Sister Cities relationship.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Chen, Economic and Community Investment Manager. Mr. Chen reviewed the priorities, confirming they were a result of the EDAB's Workshop with the Commission in November 2018, stating they are consistent with the need for an adopted economic development roadmap. He expounded on each of the recommended priorities. Mayor Trantalis commented on the specific business branding priority. Mr. Chen expounded on the City having generic focused branding as a business-friendly environment, noting that it would not replace existing successful industry specific branding.

Vice Mayor Sorensen left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Chen expounded on details related to the City's identification as a business hub. In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question about working cohesively with other economic development partners, Mr. Chen confirmed successful development of functional, effective working relationships with those partners, the existing business pipeline and related details.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Chen explained the implementation process moving forward should the Commission approve the EAB's priorities, expounding on details moving forward. There was Commission consensus to move forward.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Chen discussed details regarding expanding Sister Cities relationships. Mayor Trantalis commented on establishing an EAB subcommittee to actively address and pursue these relationships. Further comment and discussion ensued on the background for establishing a Sister Cities relationship with Oslo, Norway. Mr. Chen noted that the Sister Cities Organization is an independent entity. Further comment and discussion ensued on

partnering with Sister Cities to pursue common goals.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**BUS-1** [19-0069](#)

Update on the Education Campaigns of the Parks and Recreation and Public Safety Facilities Bonds

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom gave an update on educational campaigns for the Parks and Recreation Bond and the Public Safety Facilities Bond (Bonds). He confirmed that after the adoption of the associated Resolutions, Staff will start an active community education campaign for the March 12, 2019 ballot items. City Manager Lagerbloom expounded on details, including the hiring of a consultant to address collateral material and timing. He commented on efforts of an independent advocacy group consisting of business owners and residents. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the City's responsibility for educational aspects of the Bonds and details related to Commission engagement in the education process.

City Manager Lagerbloom requested Commission feedback on the opportunity for the consultant to address other items on the March 12, 2019 ballot, including Charter clean-up, changes to the election date and Commission terms. Commissioner Moraitis commented on the consultant's capabilities for an enhanced, targeted direct mail education campaign. Commissioner Glassman concurred. City Manager Lagerbloom noted that the consultant offered to incorporate these items, confirming there would be no additional consultant costs. The City would only be charged for mailing costs. Commissioner Moraitis commented on the need to communicate details to residents regarding the vote-by-mail deadline and informing voters that there will be no early voting. Further comment and discussion ensued.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the Commission Conference Meeting at 2:43 p.m.