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Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Thursday and Friday

January 17 and 18, 2019

*Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club
20 South Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301*

2019 - 2020 Commission Prioritization & Goal Setting Workshop

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor - Commissioner
BEN SORENSEN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District
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 BOILEAU, City Attorney

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dean J. Trantalis
Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen
Commissioner Heather Moraitis
Commissioner Steven Glassman
Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie

Quorum Established

Also Present: City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, City Auditor John Herbst, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Alain Boileau

No public comments were submitted by email regarding this meeting.

Working Documents referenced by section and page are attached to these minutes.

January 17, 2019

Call to Order: City Manager Chris Lagerbloom opened the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Mr. Lyle Sumek, PhD. of Lyle Sumek Associates, Inc. provided an overview of the Goal Setting and Prioritization Agenda (Section 1 of Working Documents).

Mayor Trantalis joined the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Mayor Trantalis requested Mr. Sumek discuss the goals and achievements over the last 12 months. Mr. Sumek directed the Commission to Section 4, page 14 of the working documents. Commission discussion ensued regarding major successes and achievements.

The Commission recessed briefly at 10:36 a.m. and the workshop continued at 10:38 a.m.

Mr. Sumek continued with Section 4, page 14, item number 16 of the working documents. Commission discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis noted the Marina expansion and the location of the restaurant. Commissioner Glassman updated the Commission that the restaurant will be eliminated and the update will go to Development Review Committee in a few weeks. Discussion continued with item number 26 on the list.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the One Stop Shop and the North Beach Restaurants and Shoppes (NBRS), City Manager Lagerbloom noted that the City received quotes to sod, install irrigation and move forward with demolition. Mr. Lagerbloom confirmed he would provide an update regarding the NBRS in the future. Commissioner Moraitis provided an update on the progress of the NBRS. Mayor Trantalis provided an update on the Joint Government Complex. The City and County are moving forward slowly and a lot depends on the Federal Courthouse location. Mayor Trantalis also noted the possibility of a public-private partnership.

Commissioner Moraitis requested to add “Education Officer” as a deliverable for the list along with school security. Commissioner Glassman commented on public schools and priorities for the new Education Officer Position and response to the recent Education Advisory Board Report.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m. and the workshop continued at 12:51 p.m.

Mr. Sumek directed the Commission to Section 6, page 2 of the Working Documents – Preferred Future for Fort Lauderdale in 10-15 years. The Commission discussed future preferences.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on developing the uptown area with a great park, school and other opportunities to be implemented.

Commissioner Glassman noted he hoped for all issues already discussed earlier to be resolved in a satisfactory manner and that the City improves aesthetics, including public art.

Vice Mayor Sorensen commented that the City should be the leader in addressing homelessness and affordable housing as a beacon of inclusivity and protecting the environment.

Commissioner McKinzie noted that his priorities have not changed and the City is moving in the right direction. He commented on handling the environmental issue in his district so that development can proceed.

Mayor Trantalis noted homeless undertakings and that the programs should be integrated with a continuum of care. He commented on sea level resiliency, fresh water contamination prevention and integrating new development into old neighborhoods while mitigating traffic issues. Mayor Trantalis noted artistic endeavors and integrating them into the City. He also commented on the City stepping into a more international role.

Mayor Trantalis commented that the City should begin to look into commercial recycling. Commissioner Glassman noted the importance of focusing on greenspace, open space and public land for public purpose. He also commented on repurposing buildings rather than demolishing.

Mr. Sumek began the discussion on Section 6, page 4 of the Working Documents - Legacy for Fort Lauderdale. Commissioner Moraitis noted her legacy items as parks, education and recreational spaces.

Commissioner McKinzie noted the importance of continuing the momentum for being “the City you don’t want to leave” by continuing smart growth, education and public safety to make the City better as a whole.

Vice Mayor Sorensen noted a vibrant downtown with thriving economic activity and beauty that brings people back. Safe-guarding neighborhoods and having beauty in a place so that people with moderate means can live.

Commissioner Glassman noted the City should have a sense of place and be distinctive. How education leads to economic opportunities for young people is also very important.

Mayor Trantalis noted the sustainability of the economy as impacted by the marine, tourism and real estate industries. He commented on attracting other opportunities by having a business climate that includes low and affordable taxes, affordable housing and quality education to maintain a sustainable economy. Commissioner Moraitis expounded on the importance of aviation education to help with a sustainable economy. Discussion ensued on building code, affordable housing and Community Redevelopment Agency projects.

Mr. Sumek requested the Commission provide new initiatives for 2020. The Commission provided initiatives.

2020 New Commission Priorities and Initiatives are attached to these minutes.

The Commission discussed the upcoming agenda for the second workshop day, January 18, 2019, and recessed the Workshop at 2:34 p.m.

January 18, 2019

Call to Order: Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dean J. Trantalis
Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen
Commissioner Heather Moraitis
Commissioner Steven Glassman
Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie

Quorum Established

Also Present: City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, City Auditor John Herbst, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Alain Boileau

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom updated the Commission regarding the Joint Government Complex.

Mr. Sumek outlined the agenda for the day to include the vision, update on current action plan for FY 2019 and 2020 and determine priorities as top, high and moderate. He directed Commission to Section 7, page 2 of the Working Documents. Discussion ensued on the City's vision.

Commissioner McKinzie arrived at 9:36 a.m.

Mr. Sumek directed the Commission to Section 4, page 5 of the Working Documents – Stormwater Masterplan and Rate Methodology for discussion. City Manager Lagerbloom commented on both rates and previewed what would be coming before the Commission and the timeline. Discussion ensued regarding methodology.

Mr. Sumek summarized the previous day's four (4) actions regarding affordable housing.

1. Look at zoning to include affordable housing
2. Meeting with property owners to initiate discussions
3. Working with Housing Authority for further opportunities
4. How to incentivize affordable housing in development

Commissioner Glassman commented on land trust and City's surplus land for affordable housing development opportunities. Commissioner McKinzie commented on the County's role. Commissioner Moraitis inquired about current funding sources for affordable housing. Further discussion ensued.

Continuing discussion on Section 4, page 5 of the Working Document, Mr. Lagerbloom updated the Commission on the Breakers-Birch Streetscape project, and Commissioner Glassman commented on funding and schedule.

Mr. Sumek directed the Commission to Section 4, Page 6 of the Working Document – Other Commission Initiatives. Discussion ensued.

The Commission recessed briefly at 10:22 a.m. and the workshop continued at 10:46 a.m.

Commissioner Moraitis requested to add an item to 2019 – Contract options for a high school. Vice Mayor Sorensen wanted to add a budget item for 2019 in preparation for 2020. Mr. Sumek commented on addressing scooters and the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center. Commissioner Glassman noted the need to address event space policy, thresholds for development projects to be heard by the Commission and open spaces. Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Sumek handed out 2020 New Commission Priorities and Initiatives. He commented that numbers 1-10 were discussed yesterday and called attention to those added to the list beginning with item number 11. Discussion ensued regarding the priorities.

2020 New Commission Priorities and Initiatives are attached to these minutes.

Commissions Priorities List

- Item 1- Stays
- Item 2- Stays
- Item 3- Stays
- Item 4- Stays
- Item 5- Stays
- Item 6- Not Voted on – Moved to other Commission Initiatives
- Item 7- Not Voted on – Moved to other Commission Initiatives
- Item 8- Stays
- Item 9- Stays
- Item 10- Stays
- Item 11- "Critical Utility" added
- Item 12- Stays
- Item 13- Moved to Management List
- Item 14- Stays
- Item 15- Stays
- Item 16- Changed to "Water Quality/Algae Bloom"
- Item 17- Stays
- Item 18- Moved to Management List
- Item 19- Moved and combined with Item 11

Top 5 Ranked Priorities

1, 3, 4, 11, 14, 16

High Ranked Priorities

5, 8, 9, 10, 12

Other Initiatives

2, 6, 7, 15, 17

City Manager Lagerbloom requested direction regarding timing for closing the 2019 Action Plan and continuing to the 2020 Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli
City Clerk