

# City of Fort Lauderdale

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## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 5, 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 1:34 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, Interim Assistant City Manager Rhoda Mae Kerr, Interim Assistant City Manager Linda Logan-Short, City Attorney Alain Boileau, City Auditor John Herbst and Sergeant at Arms Keven Dupree

## CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

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

Commissioner Moraitis confirmed the Ribbon Cutting for Fire Station 54 on February 16, 2019 inviting the Commission and neighbors. Commissioner Moraitis acknowledged the removal of item OFR-2 on tonight's Agenda, an ordinance establishing the Bermuda Riviera Neighborhood Improvement District. She explained there would be additional neighbor engagement prior to moving forward. In response to Mayor Trantalis, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed this item has been removed from tonight's Agenda.

Commissioner Glassman commented on his attendance at the Central Beach Alliance Meeting, and the Resiliency Workshop hosted by the Department of Public Works. He discussed the progress of the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Mobility Workshop, confirming that the fifth scheduled workshop will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2019.

Commissioner Glassman noted neighbor feedback regarding the plastic straw ban. He proposed a Commission discussion on raising the age for purchasing tobacco to 21. Commissioner Glassman also proposed a resolution supporting State legislation to ban smoking on the beach. Mayor Trantalis commented on previous Commission discussions regarding methods to discourage the use of tobacco products on the

beach. Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, commented on the challenges involved.

Commissioner Glassman commented on discussions at the District II Pre-Agenda Meeting regarding implementing pathways/promenades in the beach area on the east side of the City's Wave Wall that would address dockless mobility concerns, similar to the City of Miami Beach. Further comment and discussion ensued on past efforts. Commissioner Glassman requested City Attorney Boileau research this topic and provide updated information.

Vice Mayor Sorensen commented on the upcoming Fire Rescue Station Number 8 ground breaking and ongoing efforts for an Emergency Medical Sub-Station (EMS) in District IV. He discussed participation in Broward County's *Homeless Point In Time Count*, confirming he would share the results to assist with homelessness efforts. Vice Mayor Sorensen confirmed the forward progress of the SE 17th Street Mobility Workshop.

Mayor Trantalis commented on discussions with the *New Leaders Council* and their positive community engagement through neighborhood associations and Advisory Boards and Committee membership opportunities. Mayor Trantalis confirmed he would be hosting a *Telephone Town Hall* on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Topics of discussion will include March 12, 2019 ballot items, the Parks Bond and Public Safety Facilities Bond in addition to proposed Charter updates. Additional information is available on the City's website.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his recent attendance at the *Community Court* in City Hall Chambers. He reviewed discussions with representatives of Broward County and the United Way regarding housing for the homeless encampment previously located adjacent to the downtown Broward County Library (Library). Mayor Trantalis commented on the difficulty in raising funds from the private sector.

Mayor Trantalis requested a Commission Workshop focusing on housing for the homeless and funding for associated costs going forward. He requested City Manager Lagerbloom provide details regarding the County's initiative to date and an update regarding funding to maintain results, focusing on the City's homelessness needs. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on the need to address homelessness beyond the Library, confirming additional homeless

areas. Vice Mayor Sorensen commented on the estimated number of homeless, acknowledging the large effort still required, including addressing Affordable Housing in the City. He noted that the County's Affordable Housing is at capacity. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis commented on the willingness of landlords to participate in the City's Homelessness Program (Program). Commissioner McKinzie commented on allocating the remaining homelessness funding to this Program.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on discussions with Broward County Commissioner Lamar Fisher regarding the 100-unit structure in Pompano Beach being built by the *Broward County Partnership for the Homeless*. She suggested looking at all County's efforts.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question regarding partnering with the Salvation Army for a Day Respite Center (Center) for the homeless, Mayor Trantalis said the Salvation Army is moving forward on the Center and its opening is imminent. In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question, Vice Mayor Sorensen expounded on details regarding the *Homeless Point In Time Count*. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed Staff would work with the Salvation Army regarding the Center, commenting on details related to the usage and assembly of modular facilities. A discussion on the state of homelessness will be an Agenda item at the next Commission Conference Meeting. Comment and discussion ensued on suggested participants and specific topics for discussion.

[19-0145](#)

Communications to the City Commission

***Cemetery System Board of Trustees (CSBT)  
January 10, 2019***

***A copy of the CSBT revised communication to the Commission is attached to these minutes.***

Mayor Trantalis commented on discussions with City Manager Lagerbloom regarding the need to communicate to the CSBT that there are existing Enterprise Funds to address the communication request. Further comment and discussion ensued on a previous Commission discussion regarding cemeteries becoming park-like environments. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Attorney Alain Boileau confirmed that should a decision be made to use CSBT funds to acquire additional cemetery property, an update to the Ordinance would be required. City Auditor John Herbst commented on projecting future needs within the Cemetery Master Plan. Phil Thornburg, Director of

Parks and Recreation, explained details related to finalizing a draft of the Cemetery Master Plan. The final version is expected to be submitted to the CBST within the next 60 days.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**BUS-1** [19-0165](#)

Update on the Joint/County Governmental Center Discussions with Broward County

Mayor Trantalis confirmed the Federal Court House Prospectus has received approval from the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate, expounding on details related to the next steps in the process and selection of a site location.

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom gave an update on the status of the Joint/County Governmental Center (Joint Campus) and discussions with Broward County (County). It is the County's intention to build the Joint Campus on the three acres currently located at the Bus Depot (Site). The remaining County request is for the City to affirm in an Interlocal Agreement that the City agrees to have the Joint Campus located at this Site.

Mayor Trantalis commented on discussions with private entities for a Public Private Partnership (P3) for construction of the Joint Campus with a 30-year lease back agreement, expounding on details. He noted that the Site is owned by the County. A P3 would result in cost savings and an efficient construction timeframe. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question to the Commission regarding collaboration with the County for a Joint Campus, Vice Mayor Sorensen confirmed his support, commenting on synergies, cost savings and transportation related features of the location. Commissioner Moraitis confirmed her support of a Joint Campus.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question regarding what would occur with the current location of City Hall, Mayor Trantalis confirmed the opportunity for a new Federal Court House. Further comment and discussion ensued on details related to the opportunity for a new Federal Court House at the One-Stop Shop location. Mayor Trantalis commented on the need to maintain an open space within the configuration of the Joint Campus and Federal Court House area. Further comment and discussion ensued on possible Federal Court House locations, types of open space, proposed P3 plans and the size of the One-Stop Shop site compared to the footprint of City Hall.

Commissioner Glassman commented on the need for a good working

relationship with the County. Mayor Trantalis discussed City Manager Lagerbloom's determination of a formula that ensures that the City has an equal say in decisions regarding the Joint Campus. In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question regarding incorporating the Federal Court House within the Joint Campus, it was noted that security concerns would not allow this option. In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question regarding the timeline, City Manager Lagerbloom discussed a 3-4 year timeline, commenting on design related opportunities. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ray Cox, 101 SW 18th Avenue. Mr. Cox commented on recommendations regarding this item and other topics. Mayor Trantalis gave brief comments regarding items raised by Mr. Cox.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question regarding refunding of assessments for The Wave Project, City Manager Lagerbloom gave an update on the multi-step process, confirming those who paid the assessment will receive refunds, expounding on details. The refunds are expected to begin in April 2019.

**BUS-2** [19-0088](#)

**Dockless Mobility Permit Program Update**

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom gave opening comments and an overview of the Dockless Mobility (scooter) Program (Program) presentation. This Agenda item addresses what has occurred since the November 1, 2018 implementation of the Program and the Commission's observations and recommendations moving forward. City Manager Lagerbloom explained there is an item on tonight's Regular Commission Agenda regarding an Ordinance that will provide the opportunity to prohibit the Program during high impact events. He confirmed two Program presentations are planned, expounding on related details.

***Copies of the Dockless Mobility presentations are attached to these minutes.***

Mayor Trantalis recognized Robert Modys, Planner - Transportation and Mobility Department. Mr. Modys gave the first presentation which defines regulated and unregulated aspects of the Program, challenges, solutions, and ridership related details.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen, Mr. Modys confirmed that more than three rides per user each day warrants a fleet increase. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed that the only area in which scooters can lawfully operate is on sidewalks. They cannot lawfully operate on the

street or in bike lanes. Mayor Trantalis confirmed that these restrictions are regulated by State Statute. City Manager Lagerbloom commented on the opportunity to modify these restrictions at the State legislative level. City Attorney Boileau expounded on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued on scooter use in parks, on private property and pathways, and the impact on pedestrians.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, the Commission confirmed their desire for the second Dockless Mobility Presentation. City Manager Lagerbloom explained the second presentation addresses what can be done moving forward. Mr. Modys gave the second presentation which outlined recommended ordinance changes, confirming the need for vetting by the Office of the City Attorney. City Manager Lagerbloom said the presentation's recommendations include how other municipalities are addressing this topic. Mr. Modys discussed the opportunity to take an active management position, confirming this is where the industry is headed, expounding on scooter application's technology components and related opportunities to regulate scooters.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' comment regarding limiting scooter pickup and drop off locations, Mr. Modys noted that high ridership is related to the lack of restrictions. Mr. Modys discussed the option of corral areas in high impact areas. In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question, discussions ensued on corral areas along Las Olas on a block by block basis. Mr. Modys expounded on related details. In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question, Mr. Modys confirmed that current scooter usage is allowed 24 hours per day and is market driven. He expounded on current vendor operations. Comment and discussion ensued on increasing fees, details related to current enforcement and scooter policies in other municipalities.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding other Florida municipalities navigating State Statute restrictions regarding scooters operating in bike lanes, Mr. Modys explained details regarding the definition of sidewalk areas. City Attorney Boileau discussed his opposition to this approach. Further comment and discussion ensued on scooter policy in other Florida municipalities.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding age restrictions, Mr. Modys explained that State Statute only addresses age related helmet requirements for bicyclists. State Statute does not address age restrictions for scooter usage. Scooter vendor policy restricts usage to 18 years of age and older. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recessed the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Irving Dobbs, 333 Las Olas Way. Mr. Dobbs spoke about scooter safety concerns, requesting they not be allowed on sidewalks.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Judy Rice, 625 Orton Avenue. Ms. Rice spoke about concerns regarding scooters, citing examples in her neighborhood and recommending compromise.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Rita Green, 311 N. New River Drive East. Ms. Green commented on the need to address pedestrian safety and alternative transportation options.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jackie Scott, 1626 SE First Street. Ms. Scott commented on the need to address fees for enforcement funding, vendor software improvements to ensure age restrictions are followed and additional recommendations.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mark Brown, on behalf of BOLT. Mr. Brown confirmed the importance of improving scooter safety, expounding on addressing safety related details.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Katie O'Reilly, 1436 SW 16th Terrace. Ms. O'Reilly commented on scooter safety concerns and the impact on the elderly and the disabled.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Matt Ferk, 1240 NE 24th Street and on behalf of Fun Center. Mr. Ferk commented on safety training for his vacation gear rental business, expounding on the viewpoint of local businesses.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Raymond Strack, 63 Castle Harbor Isle. Mr. Strack noted the importance of transportation alternatives, commenting on the importance of proper implementation. He expounded on details related to safety and speed reduction.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Brett Vigrass, designated representative of Gotcha Mobility. Mr. Vigrass confirmed Gotcha's commitment to address all the concerns raised, explaining efforts to date. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding addressing concerns experienced in other cities prior to implementing the scooters in the City, Mr. Vigrass



said that physical hubs were not required when the scooters were launched. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Will Nicholas, designated representative of BOLT. Mr. Nicholas confirmed that the City is their first market place, expounding on additional details and confirming their commitment to working with Staff to ensure safety. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding whether 15 mph is an appropriate speed, efforts to address ridership in bike lanes, consideration of eliminating ridership on certain sidewalks and the difficulty in geo-fencing certain streets.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Javier Correoso, designated representative of Uber/Jump. Mr. Correoso discussed Uber's commitment to provide scooters and e-bike services, expounding on details related to their permit application.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Abby Laughlin, 425 Bayshore Drive. Ms. Laughlin commented on the need for the City's mobility to evolve and address related concerns, including minimum sidewalk width to adopt new mobility options.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Bob Swindell, 1317 Tangelo Isle and on behalf of the of Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance (Alliance). Mr. Swindell confirmed support of extending the Program, focusing on safety improvements to include addressing travel in bike lanes at the State Legislative level. He noted the importance and need for alternative transportation.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Aaron Abramoff, 5795 SW 87th Avenue. Mr. Abramoff commented on the positive impact of scooters on customers and employees of restaurants in the downtown area.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jonas Mikolich, 675 NW 4th Avenue and designated representative of Lime. Mr. Mikolich discussed the positive impact of scooters in reducing car ridership and their future for expansion over the next five years as a transportation solution.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Servando Esparza, designated representative of Bird. Mr. Esparza discussed positive feedback from its customers regarding parking and the ability to travel longer distances.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen and Commission Glassman's question, Mr. Esparza confirmed Bird's daily operations end at 9:00 p.m. The earliest they deploy is 5:00 a.m. In response to Vice Mayor

Sorensen's question regarding enforcing ridership on sidewalks, Mr. Esparza acknowledged the challenge, explaining details related to safety. Further comment and discussions ensued on educating ridership when people register for scooter use.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Mr. Esparza confirmed the ability to ban users who have violated terms of use. In response to Commissioner Glassman's question about the ability to fine responsible parties for allowing underage usage, City Attorney Alain Boileau confirmed he would address this question and report back. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to City Manager Lagerbloom's question Mr. Esparza said Drivers Licenses were not validated against a database, expounding on details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Gail Bulfin, 110 E. Broward Boulevard and designated representative of Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance (Alliance). Ms. Bulfin discussed the Alliance's support of alternate modes of transportation that serves to enhance travel of local employees.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Steve Lange, 1705 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach. Mr. Lange commented on his position regarding dockless mobility, citing safety concerns due to turtle season lighting restrictions.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding mitigation during Spring Break, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the duration of Spring Break is a minimum of six weeks.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Roth, 333 Sunset Drive. Mr. Roth discussed details of an email sent to the Commission containing a *Wall Street Journal* article on this topic. He made recommendations for improvements.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's questions regarding the legal liability for scooter rider accidents, City Attorney Boileau explained the City's personal injury indemnification provided by vendors. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Sarah Haynes, co-founder of BOLT. Ms. Haynes discussed Bolt's safety efforts and the goal of allowing users access to jobs, health care and other opportunities, including her support of improving safety.

Mayor Trantalis recognized William Schneider, 2910 E. Sunrise Boulevard. Mr. Schneider spoke in opposition to dockless mobility, commenting on various transportation alternatives currently available and current scooter ridership concerns.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dan Lindblade, 512 NE Third Avenue. Mr. Lindblade discussed his support of dockless mobility, regulation compliance, cautioning on over-regulation.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Doreen Cameron, 3800 Galt Ocean Drive. Ms. Cameron commented on the importance of pedestrian safety on sidewalks.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Peter Partington, 1521 NE 53rd Street. Mr. Partington commented on the statistics from the two-month trial. He made recommendations regarding ways to mitigate safety concerns during Spring Break.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ray Cox, 101 SW 18th Avenue. Mr. Cox commented on his perspective.

Brief comment and discussion ensued on the need to dim the lights of scooters during Turtle Season.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charlie King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King confirmed his support of dockless mobility, commenting on its benefits, the need for sidewalk investment and speed reduction.

Mayor Trantalis recognized James Musters, 115 Fiesta Way. Mr. Musters commented on following State Statute safety mandates, his support of scooters that serve to support businesses on Las Olas Boulevard due to inadequate parking. He also recommended increasing sidewalk space by moving restaurant dining within property lines.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Shawn Williams, 904 W. Broward Boulevard. Mr. Williams discussed his support of dockless mobility, efforts to educate the public on safety etiquette and the positive aspects of the Program.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Gail Choate, 510 SE 5th Avenue. Mr. Choate commented on the use of scooters in her neighborhood and efforts to utilize public transportation, noting scooters serve a gap in the transportation system.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Bill Brown, 112 N. Birch Road. Mr. Brown recommended ideas including a temporary moratorium to address safety concerns.

Commissioner Moraitis confirmed her general support of scooters, commenting on her position regarding their use on sidewalks in specific areas. She recommended the use of dockless bicycles along A1A, the beach and Galt Ocean Mile areas. Commissioner Moraitis urged examining additional transportation options for the last mile of a destination.

Commissioner Glassman discussed his perspective on this topic, noting the ability for all stakeholders to come together, successfully address concerns and make this Program work. He commented on the attributes of the scooters and their contribution towards the City's progressive image, expounding on details. Commissioner Glassman commented on input from constituents regarding sidewalk safety, Spring Break and the beach area. He commented on fee and safety options, including speed reduction and punitive action.

Commissioner McKinzie concurred with Commissioner Glassman's comments. He confirmed his support of the Program, commenting on the ridership statistics since November 2018, the experience of local residential ridership, the need for parents to regulate their children's ridership and the opportunity for providing a revenue stream to offset budget shortfalls. Commissioner McKinzie discussed the economic opportunities, sidewalk use and enforcement. He encouraged more vendor competition.

Vice Mayor Sorensen discussed the impact of scooters on public safety, commenting on his positive perspective of vendor input regarding ways to improve safety and fee increases. He recommended vendor discussions regarding reaching an agreement on indemnification. Vice Mayor Sorensen commented on addressing vendor response times for scooter relocation when parked in inappropriate areas and enforcement of ridership restrictions.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question regarding scooter usage, Police Chief Rick Maglione commented on the reduction in traffic congestion. He commented on scooter accidents involving cars and the impact of speed differentials. Chief Maglione noted the difficulty involved with enforcement, expounding on details and confirming the need for education. Further comment and discussion ensued on software safety options that could be implemented by vendors. Chief Maglione

confirmed the need for mitigation efforts during Spring Break.

Mayor Trantalis requested Staff return to the Commission with recommendations moving forward, commenting on the perspective of the Commission, confirming usage consistent with pedestrian use of sidewalks, increased fees for associated costs and the recommendations listed in the two Staff presentations. There was consensus on these recommendations.

City Manager Lagerbloom requested clarification on speed reduction. Further comment and discussion ensued on reducing maximum scooter speed to 10 mph on sidewalks.

Commissioner Moraitis confirmed her position to not allow scooters on sidewalks in the Galt Ocean Mile area. In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question regarding the ability to limit scooter ridership on sidewalks, City Attorney Boileau confirmed sidewalks can be controlled. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Glassman said he has the same concerns in the beach area. It was confirmed this topic would be addressed at tonight's Commission Regular Meeting. City Attorney Boileau inquired about a desire to restrict scooter ridership permanently on the barrier island. Mayor Trantalis recommended evaluating the banning of scooters on the barrier island during the six-week Spring Break time period.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the Commission Conference Meeting of February 5, 2019 at 4:55 p.m.