

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

City Commission Regular 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 Regular Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Invocation

Ron Perkins, City of Fort Lauderdale Police and Fire-Rescue Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance

Bayview Elementary School Student Council

Mayor Trantalis announced Dillard High School 8th grader Leriana Stoner was the winner of the *If I Were Mayor* Essay Contest. Dillard High School student Taylor Simpson was the second-place winner. Mayor Trantalis congratulated Leriana and Taylor, requesting that they participate on the dais.

Leriana Stoner called the role.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen, Commissioner Heather Moraitis, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie 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 Andy Pallen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis made the following Agenda announcements:

Walk-On Items:

WALK-ON Motion Ratifying the Rankings for the Two Unsolicited Proposals for Lockhart Stadium - First ranked - Miami Beckham United, LLC (Inter Miami) and Second ranked - FXE Futbol, LLC

WALK-ON Resolution Accepting and Declaring Results of the March 12, 2019, Special Election

WALK-ON Motion to Amend the 24th Annual Las Olas Wine & Food Festival Agreement to Include Earlier Las Olas Boulevard Road Closure

Revisions

CP-1 - Background section amended at bottom of page 1
PH-2 - Revised the recommendation section of the Commission Agenda Memo (CAM) - page 1

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[19-0300](#)

Minutes for February 19, 2019 Joint Workshop with Sustainability Advisory Board, February 19, 2019 Commission Conference Meeting and February 19, 2019 Commission Regular Meeting

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Vice Mayor Sorensen.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [19-0309](#)
1

Welcome and Introduction of Consul General Kenji Hirata, Consulate-General of Japan in Miami

Mayor Trantalis introduced Miami's Consul General for Japan, Kenji Hirata. Mayor Trantalis commented on the positive relationship between Japan and the United States, expounding on economic details and acknowledging Consul General Hirata's extensive foreign relations background and experience.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Russell Weaver, President - Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International (Sister Cities). Mr. Weaver thanked the Commission and Staff. He showed photographs, explaining they memorialize the Japanese Navy's July 24, 2017 visit to the City.

A copy of the photos are attached to these minutes.

Mr. Weaver introduced Consul General Kenji Hirata. Consul General Hirata addressed the Commission, thanking Mayor Trantalis and Mr. Weaver. He discussed the positive relations between the United States and Japan, commenting on the City's important attributes including its strategic location, port and airport. Consul General Hirata confirmed his desire to work towards promoting mutually beneficial economic

opportunities and cultural relationships through the Sister Cities organization. Mayor Trantalis concurred, thanking Consul General Hirata.

PRESENTED

PRES- [19-0310](#)
2

Recognition of 2019 Neighbor Support Night Sponsors and Essay Contest Winners

Mayor Trantalis recognized Junia Robinson, Administrative Supervisor - Neighbor Support Division. Ms. Robinson thanked everyone who participated in the February 21, 2019 *Neighbor Support Night Event (Event)*, expounding on details and commenting on the opportunities provided to neighbors. Ms. Robinson announced the Department of Sustainable Development winner of the *Event's Neighbors Choice Award (Award)*.

Anthony Fajardo, Director - Department of Sustainable Development, and his Staff accepted the *Award*. Mr. Fajardo acknowledged and thanked his Staff for their hard work and effort. Ms. Robinson recognized the *Event* sponsors. Each sponsor and representative in attendance were presented with a Certificate of Recognition.

PRESENTED

Mayor Trantalis requested a moment of silence for the passing of two prominent members of the community: Grant Lynn Ford, Pastor - Sunshine Cathedral; and Steven Cernak, Chief Executive - Port Everglades.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Glassman requested that the following Consent Agenda items be pulled for separate discussion:

CR-2, CR-3 and CP-3

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT MOTION

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items and was seconded by Vice Mayor Sorensen.

Approve the Consent Agenda

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

- CM-1** [19-0255](#) Motion to Approve Event Agreements: iDream Block Party at HTRM, Walk MS Fort Lauderdale, Garneau Gran Fondo and Carlos & Pepe's 40th Anniversary

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

- CM-2** [19-0256](#) Motion to Approve Event Agreements and Related Road Closures: 2019 Fort Lauderdale Mercedes-Benz Corporate Run, Spring Festival at Victoria Park and MASS District Events

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

- CM-3** [19-0299](#) Motion Authorizing a Consent to Assignment of Lease Agreement - E&J Dining, Inc. d/b/a Mr. Nick's Sub Shoppe to MBR of Fort Lauderdale, LLC for Riverwalk Center Shops No. 108 & 112

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

- CM-4** [19-0242](#) Motion to Approve Temporary Access Agreement with the School Board of Broward County for City Contractor Temporary Access to Pump Station C-3

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

CONSENT RESOLUTION

- CR-1** [19-0075](#) Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Serve as a Member of Leadership Broward Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors & Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Inc, Board of Directors

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

CR-2 [19-0296](#)**Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2019 - Appropriation**

Commissioner Glassman requested City Manager Chris Lagerbloom to explain the genesis of the Consolidated Budget Amendment (Amendment) items. Commissioner Glassman noted requests from District II neighbors for online access and explanation of Amendments, expounding on details. City Manager Lagerbloom said the goal is to have one Amendment per month. He explained that details related to specific information for each individual Amendment is contained in the Amendment's Commission Agenda Memo (CAM), citing examples.

Commissioner Glassman inquired about developing access to allow ongoing detailed Amendment information, including online cumulative totals. Further comment ensued. Laura Reese, Budget Manager, confirmed that Amendments are tracked, expounding on details regarding Capital Project budget items and stating that the Operating Budget is a separate budget. She confirmed Staff would research addressing Commissioner Glassman's request.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Lagerbloom explained details regarding Staff's recommendation to amend the FY 2019 Final Budget in the amount of \$3,995,417. This amount would come from the General Fund Balance for the Settlement Agreement with Fort Lauderdale Professional Firefighters Inc. IAFF Local 765. He stated that there are no further expectations for additional funding from the Fund Balance and expounded on related details.

Mayor Trantalis commented on funding from the Fund Balance for the Police Department's contractual agreement negotiated during the tenure of the previous City Manager. Ms. Reese confirmed. Further comment and discussion ensued on avoiding use of funds from the Fund Balance. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed upcoming contract negotiations with these entities next year and he does not anticipate these types of unknown expenses being included in future contracts.

Commissioner McKinzie introduced this item which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

CR-3 [19-0239](#)**Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Non-Exclusive Master Utility License Agreement with Florida Power & Light Company for Installation of Utility Lines and Facilities for Parcel 8AB at Fort**

Lauderdale Executive Airport

Due to this item involving Florida Power and Light (FPL), Commissioner Glassman asked City Manager Chris Lagerbloom to request regular updates from FPL to address street light outages in District II, specifically noting the outages along the Las Olas Corridor and A1A. Commissioner Glassman expounded on specific information to be included in the requested regular updates.

Mayor Trantalis suggested inviting an FPL representative to an upcoming Commission Conference Meeting. City Manager Lagerbloom concurred, noting FPL's responsibility to address these concerns and confirming he would schedule this item.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this item which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

CR-4 [19-0241](#)

Resolution to Approve a Highway Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Oakland Park Boulevard Transit Corridor Project

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 [19-0070](#)

Motion to Reject All Bids for Riverwalk Seawall Replacement Northside

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

CP-2 [19-0193](#)

Motion to Terminate for Convenience Contract No. 12089-183 for Holiday Park War Memorial Auditorium Renovations - Canseco Electrical Contractors, Inc.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

CP-3 [19-0238](#)

Motion to Reject All Bids for the 40-Year Building Repairs at the

Swimming Hall of Fame (at Aquatic Complex), City Hall and George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant Project

Commissioner Glassman commented on input at the District II Pre-Agenda Meeting regarding requests to see details related to this project in a public forum allowing input and review of design plans. He suggested scheduling this topic for an upcoming Commission Conference Meeting to allow public review and input. City Manager Chris Lagerbloom recommended scheduling this item during the next Central Beach Update at an upcoming Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board Meeting.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Sherman Whitmore, 401 East Las Olas Boulevard. Mr. Whitmore spoke in opposition to this item, commenting on details related to costs, bid scheduling and making recommendations.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

MOTIONS

M-1 [19-0248](#) Motion to Approve Lease Agreement with 521 N.E. 4th Avenue, LLC for Property Located 521 NE 4 Avenue - \$1,430,534 (64-month Base Rent and estimated Property Expenses)

Vice Mayor Sorensen made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

M-2 [19-0260](#) Motion to Approve Event Agreements: Tarpon River Anniversary Party and Night on the Streets: Ending the Trafficking of Homeless Youth

Commissioner Glassman commented on the short notice of this item, requesting earlier submission to allow for a thorough review and an adequate event promotion timeline. City Manager Chris Lagerbloom concurred, confirming that the applicant paid \$400 for the event request due to the late submission. Further comment and discussion ensued on the process. It was confirmed that the event agreement was executed

prior to the Commission Regular Meeting.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Julian Siegel, Manager - Tarpon River Anniversary Party. Mr. Siegel said he was unaware of the need to apply for an event agreement because the event would be taking place in the parking lot located on private property and no street closures are being requested, commenting on related information. City Manager Lagerbloom discussed aspects of the event which require an event agreement approval. Mr. Siegel commented on his intent to do the right thing.

Vice Mayor Sorensen made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [19-0290](#)

Appointment of Board and Committee Members

City Clerk Jeffrey Modarelli read the names of Board and Committee nominated for appointments and reappointments for the April 2, 2019 Board and Committee Appointments Resolution.

City Clerk Modarelli read the names of Board and Committee appointments, reappointments for tonight's R-1 Resolution.

A copy of the list of Board and Committee appointees and terms is attached to these minutes.

Vice Mayor Sorensen introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [19-0298](#)

Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Refund Amounts Paid as WAVE Streetcar Special Assessments and Approving and Certifying the WAVE Special Assessment Refund Roll

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Kirk Buffington, Director of Finance, said that the assessment refund checks are expected to be run on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, noting there are approximately 3,500 checks to be sent out and expounding on related details. The goal for completion is March 31, 2019.

There being no one from the public wishing to speak on this item, Vice Mayor Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Commissioner McKinzie

Abstain: 1 - Mayor Trantalis

PH-2 [19-0138](#)

Quasi-Judicial - Ordinance Vacating an Alley Reservation (Right-of-Way) Identified as North of NE 8th Street, South of NE 9th Street, East of NE 5th Avenue, and West of NE 5th Terrace - RWL 8 LLC, 812 NE 5th Avenue, LLC, Boye's Gas Serv, LLC, and Helping Abused Neglected Disadvantaged Youth, Inc. - Case No. V18008

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

Each Commission member disclosed verbal and written communications, site visits and expert opinions.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item Commissioner Glassman, made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 [19-0251](#)

Ordinance Amending the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Revising the Innovative Development (ID) District Incorporating Recommendations by the Innovative Development (ID) District Advisory Committee

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom said that the Central Beach Alliance has requested a Staff presentation on amendments to this Ordinance, currently scheduled for March 28, 2019. He requested deferral of this item until the May 7, 2019 Commission Regular Meeting to address any concerns that could arise. There was no objection to the deferral request.

Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to defer this item to the May 7, 2019 Commission Regular Meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

DEFERRED to May 7, 2019

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

OSR-2 [19-0279](#)

Ordinance Amending Section 5-26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale to Allow Additional Establishments to Request a Special Exception for the Distance Measurement Between Establishments that Serve Alcohol or Intoxicating Beverages

Commissioner Glassman commented on neighbor input and feedback from the Fort Lauderdale Council of Civic Associations (Council). He requested City Attorney Alain Boileau revisit this topic with a holistic approach. City Attorney Boileau confirmed, commenting on details related to the Council's input at a recent meeting and efforts moving forward to address those concerns with City Manager Lagerbloom. Commissioner Glassman commented on the need to also address this item in conjunction with the Board of Adjustment in a broader scope. City Manager Lagerbloom concurred.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Ordinance for the Second Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

[19-0328](#)

WALK-ON Motion to Amend the 24th Annual Las Olas Wine & Food Festival Agreement to Include Earlier Las Olas Boulevard Road Closure

City Manager Lagerbloom explained details related to this item. This amendment allows the road closure to begin at 4:00 a.m. for event tent setup. The previous approval approved the road closure at 7:00 a.m.

Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Vice Mayor Sorensen.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

[19-0329](#)

WALK-ON Motion Ratifying the Rankings for the Two Unsolicited Proposals for Lockhart Stadium - 1-Miami Beckham United, LLC (Inter Miami) and 2-FXE Futbol, LLC

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive. Ms. Fertig commented on her support of this item, thanking the Commission for a policy to use public land for a public use and commenting on the long-term community benefits.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Sherman Whitmore, 401 East Las Olas Boulevard. Mr. Whitmore directed his comments to City Manager Chris Lagerbloom and City Attorney Alain Boileau, noting the complicated nature of this project. He recommended contacting Oceanside California Mayor Peter Weiss (former City Manager of Oceanside California) and consulting youth sports event organizer Surf Cup Sports. He also commented on ULDR compliance.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Derek Reese. Mr. Reese spoke in opposition to the selection of the first-ranked vendor, expounding on details related to his support of soccer. He discussed support of the second ranked vendor, FXE Futbol, LLC, and its proposal to renovate Lockhart Stadium.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Zachary Reese on behalf of FXE Futbol, LLC. Mr. Reese discussed his perspective on soccer being the focal point of this item, the importance of input from soccer fans, his dedication to soccer and support of the FXE Futbol, LLC proposal. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Steve Weber, 2000 S. Ocean Drive. Mr. Weber commented on his support of developing Lockhart Stadium, suggesting that the Baltimore Orioles Spring Training return. He

emphasized the need for written documentation to ensure adequate time for sports field use by public schools. He commented on the process, the need for public vetting and input from the City Auditor. He requested further information regarding the financial benefit to the City.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Howard Pryor, 911 NE 17th Way. Mr. Pryor expressed his support of the FXE Futbol, LLC proposal. He expounded on his perspective regarding details of both presentations made at today's Commission Conference Meeting. Mr. Pryor also commented on the timelines and the designated park area.

Commissioner Moraitis made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

[19-0318](#)

WALK-ON Resolution Declaring Results of the 2019 Municipal Special Election - General Obligation Bonds and Charter Amendments

Mayor Trantalis said that as a result of the recent referendum, beginning in 2020, each Commissioner and the Mayor would be entitled to three, four-year terms. He commented on Charter discussions with City Attorney Alain Boileau regarding allowing Commissioners and the Mayor to serve three, three-year terms. The recently approved referendum schedules the next election in November 2020 and would truncate current Commission terms to less than three years. Mayor Trantalis recommended this topic be scheduled for discussion at an upcoming Commission Conference Meeting. In response to City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, Mayor Trantalis recommended scheduling this for discussion on the April 2, 2019 Commission Conference Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on his understanding that the referendum would not truncate the current term but would add an additional year to a second term with the ability to serve an additional two terms. Further discussion ensued. City Attorney Boileau confirmed he has established a legal opinion on this topic.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE CLOSED-DOOR SESSION

City Attorney Alain Boileau announced that on April 2, 2019 commencing at approximately 4:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, the City Commission shall meet privately to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, for the following case(s):

Ed Louis Brin and Margaret M. Brin v. City of Fort Lauderdale
Case No.: CACE 18-026905 (04)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the Commission Regular Meeting of March 19, 2019 at 7:25 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli
City Clerk