

# City of Fort Lauderdale

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## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, July 10, 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, Interim City Attorney***

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the Conference Meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** Commissioner Heather Moraitis, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen, Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie (arrived at 5:13 p.m.) and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

## QUORUM ESTABLISHED

**Also Present:** City Manager Lee R. Feldman, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, Interim City Attorney Alain Boileau, City Auditor John Herbst and Sergeant at Arms Tanisha Stevens

No e-comments were submitted for this meeting.

Mayor Trantalis announced Agenda items would be taken out of order to accommodate Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) personnel and their presentation for Agenda Item BUS-1.

## OLD/NEW BUSINESS

### BUS-1 [18-0732](#)

Florida Department of Transportation Pedestrian Bridge over the New River Project Update

City Manager Feldman gave a brief review of the history of this item. Representatives of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Broward County School Board (School Board) are in attendance to present their position for a safe alternative to walking and bicycling through the Henry E. Kinney Tunnel (Tunnel).

Mayor Trantalis recognized Scott Peterson, Planning and Design, FDOT. Mr. Peterson gave a presentation on the FDOT Feasibility Study.

***A copy of the FDOT PowerPoint presentation is attached to these minutes.***

schools are a community effort. Ms. Fertig recommended all stakeholders work collaboratively for the success of all children.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King confirmed his membership on the Broward County Diversity Advisory Board, commenting on his work with the School Board. He discussed his position on funding both public and private schools in the City.

**BUS-3 18-0588**

**Update to the Central Beach Architectural Resource Survey**

Mayor Trantalis recognized Anthony Fajardo, Director of Sustainable Development (DSD). Mr. Fajardo gave a brief review of DSD's draft of the Architectural Resource Survey (Survey). He acknowledged the reason for this presentation is to receive Commission feedback noting the need for extensive public outreach. Mr. Fajardo introduced Trisha Logan, Historic Preservation Officer, who gave the Survey presentation.

Ms. Logan gave a brief history of the Survey that began in 2008 with assistance from the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society and incorporated into the Master Plan in 2011. In 2013, the State Historic Preservation Office determined several areas surveyed were eligible for registration on the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) and that occurred in 2013 and 2015. In 2017, a resurvey was implemented. The area surveyed was the Central Beach Area from Sunrise Boulevard to Holiday Drive and Harbor Drive as illustrated in the presentation. Ms. Logan expounded on how the Survey was conducted and details for buildings qualifying for historic designation and those structures warranting further research.

Ms. Logan expounded on updates to the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR), additional studies, public outreach and preparation of historic designation nomination. She discussed changes to the Central Beach Area over the last five years, including properties which were demolished, nomenclature and tax incentives regarding historic properties.

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized, David B. Kyner, 416 Palm Avenue and Chair of the Historic Preservation Board. Mr. Kyner commented on his ownership of historic homes in numerous cities. He suggested the Commission accept the findings and recommendations of the Survey, and moving forward. Mr. Kyner confirmed the need for extensive community outreach to educate the community and discussed

recommendations for individual designations and contributing factors.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Marilyn Mammano, 1819 SE 17th Street and Historic Preservation Board Member. Ms. Mammano recommended going forward with the modifications, including better defined terms and identification of economic incentives and procedures to the existing Ordinance.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Arthur Marcus, 1800 N. Andrews Avenue and member of the Historic Preservation Board. Mr. Marcus confirmed his qualifications as an architect and preservationist, noting the Survey is the beginning of a much larger process. He expounded on aspects of buildings and the need for protection within designated Historic Districts. Mr. Marcus expounded on this topic, citing the Town Square shopping area at the corner of Oakland Park Boulevard and A1A as an example.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Russell Dion, 701 Bayshore Drive. Mr. Dion commented on aspects of the Study and his opposition to designation of his property without his agreement. He also commented on incentives for historic designation, the effect of historic designation on property values and voluntary designation. Mr. Dion submitted backup from the National Bureau of Economic Research about property values to Mayor Trantalis.

***A copy of Mr. Dion's submission is attached to these minutes.***

Mayor Trantalis recognized Sherman Whitmore, 401 East Las Olas Boulevard. Mr. Whitmore commented on his viewpoint that historic designation can be viewed as adverse condemnation and its impact on neighboring properties.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dan Lindblade, President and CEO of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce (Chamber). Mr. Lindblade commented on the discussion of Historic Designation at the Chamber's recent Board Meeting, confirming that a motion to oppose historic preservation was rescinded. He commented on the business community's economic concerns over blanket labeling of Historic Districts. The Chamber would like to participate in the process and urges careful consideration.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tim Schiavone, 911 Sunrise Lane, owner of the Parrot Lounge and designated representative of the North Beach Village Merchants Association. Mr. Schiavone commented on how this procedure impacts individuals. He requested the Commission be

reasonable and fair, noting his willingness to participate in the process to work together. He noted the need for property owners' consent in order for these efforts to be successful.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Steve Gonely, 700 Antioch. Mr. Gonely discussed costs related to his home's window replacement located in a Historic District. He also commented on other issues related to his home's renovations and infrastructure concerns.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dayaldas Lalwani, 3132 NE 9th Street. Mr. Lalwani commented on his family's business in the Central Beach Area. He discussed the community's opposition to this issue, a lack of clear definitions, and the need for transparency and community involvement.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Greger Nilzen, 3003 Terramar St. Mr. Nilzen commented on his North Beach Village residence, business and beautification efforts in this area. He commented on his opposition to blanket Historic Designation and desire for improved streetscapes and landscaping in North Beach Village. Mayor Trantalis commented on developers previous efforts in the North Beach Area. Mr. Nilzen commented on the need for area upgrades.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Abby Laughlin, 425 Bayshore Drive. Ms. Laughlin commented on historic preservation, stating that it cannot be forced on people. She discussed practical realities for opposing the historic designation of the Central Beach Area, commenting on reasons regarding property rights and the need for consent of property owners. Ms. Laughlin submitted her comments for the record.

***A copy of Ms. Laughlin's comments is attached to these minutes.***

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stephen Tillbrook, Esq., 200 East Las Olas Boulevard and Chair of the Government Affairs Committee for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Tillbrook discussed his redevelopment work in the City, commenting on the vision and goals. He noted neighbors were not consulted in the Survey, commenting on the flawed criteria as it relates to what constitutes a contributing property, expounding on this point.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Courtney Crush, Esq., Crush Law, P.A., 333 New River Drive and on behalf of several property owners in the Central Beach Area. Ms. Crush confirmed the need for additional time for her client's consultants to review and digest the Survey. She commented on the history of efforts regarding the Central Beach Master Plan since

2008. Ms. Crush expounded on issues regarding this Survey, confirming her clients' opposition to blanket Historic Designation.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King commented on the number of structures that are fifty years old and would be considered as contributing factor to Historic Designation. He recommended this be voluntary, expounding on the reasoning.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dev Motwani, 2415 Del Mar Place. Mr. Motwani discussed his family being long time property owners in the Central Beach Area and his ownership of two historic properties in the City. He confirmed his support of historic preservation in the right context and done the right way. Mr. Motwani noted the Study was correct. However, the Study was based on flawed Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR), expounding on this point. As a first step, Mr. Motwani recommended making appropriate changes. He confirmed his opposition, commenting on the many challenges associated with living in a Historic District.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tom McMannus, 632 Intracoastal Drive. Mr. McMannus recommended reconsidering the process, confirming his opposition to the blanket historic designation and commenting on the unintended consequences. He urged working with the community.

Commissioner Glassman thanked Staff for their work and the members of the community for their input. He commented on his position and the need for the City to holistically determine how to handle historic preservation while respecting history. Commissioner Glassman noted the City of Fort Lauderdale applied and received its federal and state recognized Certification as a Local Government, commenting on the corresponding level of responsibility regarding historic preservation and the importance of education. He commented on the four historic areas in the City and the need to look at them holistically.

Commissioner Glassman recommended increased incentives, commenting on the options available, discussing the history of this topic and the City's Master Plan's recommendations to address historic preservation. Further comment and discussion ensued on establishing a Historic Preservation Trust Fund (HPTF), addressing the Florida Master Site File and changes in the ULDR. Commissioner Glassman recommended more groundwork be done in the recommendation portion of the backup to this Agenda item.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on the need to assist with improving



areas rather than taking over areas, noting initiatives in the Birch Road area. She confirmed her opposition to overlay zoning, commenting on the need to preserve property rights and support for property owners who consent to having their property designated as historic. Commissioner Moraitis commented on the need for incentives, additional studies and her position to preserve property rights.

Vice Mayor Sorensen commented on his position, confirming the importance of historic preservation and concurring with concerns of blanket designation. He noted the importance of neighbor and property owner engagement to move this issue forward and addressing incentives. Vice Mayor Sorensen commented on the opportunity and importance of improving the ULDR to facilitate a clear understanding and expectation.

Mayor Trantalis acknowledged the work of Mr. Kyner and the Historic Preservation Board. He commented on the identity of the City and the economic benefits as it relates to Historic Preservation, discussing examples of other municipalities' identifiable attributes. Mayor Trantalis commented on his long-held position to address and improve the economic impact on historic property owners and the transfer of development rights. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recessed the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

**BUS-4** [18-0576](#)

**Uptown Urban Village Project - Land Use Plan Amendment Status**

Mayor Trantalis recognized Anthony Fajardo, Director of Sustainable Development (DSD). Mr. Fajardo gave a brief update on efforts for the Uptown Urban Village Project (Project). He introduced Jim Hetzel, Planner III - DSD. Mr. Hetzel gave the Commission a presentation on the Project. Mr. Hetzel gave a brief update on the history and background of the Project. Details regarding Mr. Hetzel's comments are noted in the attached presentation.

***A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is attached to these minutes.***

Mr. Hetzel said Staff is seeking Commission direction to move forward with the Land Use Plan Amendment to be presented at an upcoming Commission Meeting for transmittal to Broward County. Staff continues to work on the Master Plan that will also be presented to the Commission. In response to Mayor Trantalis, Mr. Hetzel confirmed that

Vice Mayor Sorensen commented on rescheduling the first Budget Hearing on September 6, 2018. Further comment and discussion ensued on rescheduling this meeting.

Vice Mayor Sorensen discussed the Las Olas Corridor Mobility Public Workshop (Workshop), expounding on the successful results. He requested a follow-up meeting with the City's traffic consultants on retainer for guidance. Further discussions ensued on revisiting the results of the original design implemented by Staff and subsequent refinement based on Workshop feedback. Further comment and discussion ensued on the numerous contexts for different sections of Las Olas Boulevard from the beach to Andrews Avenue. Mayor Trantalis recommended this be brought before the Commission as a Conference Meeting item following upcoming Workshops.

Commissioner McKinzie arrived at 5:13 p.m.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed the ongoing process for reviewing resumes for the City Attorney position and the vetting process. Discussions ensued on this topic. It was confirmed that Mayor Trantalis and City Manager Feldman would vet the remaining 25 resumes and bring the resulting resumes before the Commission at the August 21, 2018 Conference Meeting.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on his arriving late to today's Conference Meeting. He attended the Swearing In Ceremony for Boynton Beach Police Chief Michael Gregory, formerly Assistant Police Chief with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the Commission Conference Meeting at 5:16 p.m.