

# City of Fort Lauderdale

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## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, October 15, 2019**

**1:30 PM**

**OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE  
City Commission Conference Room**

### **City Commission Conference Meeting**

***FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION***

***DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor  
ROBERT L. McKINZIE Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District III  
HEATHER MORAITIS Commissioner - District I  
STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II  
BEN SORENSEN Commissioner - District IV***

***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 meeting to order at 2:28 p.m.

## QUORUM ESTABLISHED

**Commission Members Present:** Commissioner Heather Moraitis, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Vice Mayor Robert L. McKinzie, Commissioner Ben Sorensen, and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

**Also Present:** City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Alain E. Boileau, City Auditor John Herbst, and Sergeant Keven Dupree

## CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Trantalis explained the reason for the Conference Meeting delay. The City of Fort Lauderdale Commission and Broward County Commission participated in the Unified Direct Procurement Authority (UDPA) Meeting held at the Broward County Government Center for presentation and ranking for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. PNC2119087R1, Consultant Services for Joint Government Center Campus. He noted a consensus on decisions regarding this topic.

Commissioner Moraitis recommended foregoing Commission Reports to allow sufficient time for Conference Agenda items. There was a consensus on this recommendation.

[19-1032](#)

Communications to the City Commission - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

***Cemetery System Board Of Trustees (CSBT)  
Thursday, September 12, 2019***

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

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom explained the genesis of this request for a joint meeting with the Commission to discuss the vision for the CSBT. The CSBT board is new and the former vendor no longer manages the City's cemeteries. There was consensus to hold a joint meeting. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed Staff would coordinate.

## OLD/NEW BUSINESS

### **BUS-1** [19-1024](#)

Dockless Mobility Ordinance Update - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Manager Lagerbloom gave a brief overview of this item. There are four permits for dockless mobility vendors that will expire soon, which includes a bicycle vendor. Based upon Commission input and direction, Staff is working to bring forward an Ordinance to temporarily extend these permits on a month-to-month basis until the amended Ordinance is brought forward. Discussion ensued on Ordinance details to be addressed.

Commissioner Glassman recommended having a corralling area on the east or west side of barrier island bridges at Las Olas Bridge and Oakland Park Bridge. There was consensus on this recommendation. Commissioner Sorensen recommended also restricting scooter usage along Las Olas Way.

Mayor Trantalis recommended a minimum of three dockless mobility vendors to not create a monopoly. The proposed permit fee would be \$100,000 annual per permit. Discussion ensued. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed three vendors are manageable. Currently, 1,500 scooters are available for use by three providers. Commissioner Moraitis recommended maintaining what exists.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Interim Director - Transportation and Mobility Department. Mr. Rogers narrated the Dockless Mobility Ordinance Update presentation. He discussed Florida Statute language and related changes, confirming Staff's efforts to align a City Ordinance with Florida Statutes and ensure the ability to adapt to the industry's evolving technology. The presentation included discussion of geofencing, key recommendations, draft Ordinance recommendations, an overview of permits and permit application recommendations.

***A copy of Mr. Rogers' presentation is attached to these minutes.***

Mr. Rogers requested direction and input regarding areas where scooters would not be permitted to operate due to pedestrian traffic and associated implementation, i.e., via geofencing restrictions made at the direction of the City Manager or hard restrictions contained in the Ordinance. There was consensus that the following areas would not allow scooters and would be governed by hard restrictions in the Ordinance: the barrier island (including The Galt Mile), the commercial

sector of Las Olas Boulevard between SE 17th Avenue and Andrews Avenue, and the entire Riverwalk brick paver walkway along the water. Other scooter use restricted areas would be addressed with geofencing at the discretion of the City Manager.

City Attorney Alain Boileau noted the need for proper public notice for the City Manager's discretionary geofencing areas, explaining criteria that allow the City Manager to act, similar to what is in place for high impact events. Mayor Trantalis requested City Attorney Boileau promulgate those criteria. Discussion ensued on the non-commercial area of Las Olas Boulevard where scooter usage would be permitted.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding the use of non-commercial scooters, City Attorney Boileau commented on enforcement concerns, suggesting the Ordinance apply to both commercial and non-commercial scooter usage.

Vice Mayor McKinzie commented on his perspective and the use of non-motorized vehicles currently on the barrier island. Mayor Trantalis noted his perspective to give priority to pedestrians. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic.

Commissioner Sorensen noted the need to allow scooters on streets parallel to scooter-restricted areas of Las Olas Boulevard to allow access to Las Olas Boulevard at Sospino Canal while heading east to the barrier island. Comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor McKinzie commented on having mandatory helmet use while operating a scooter. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic and enforcement.

In response to City Attorney Boileau's question regarding allowing scooters on sidewalks, it was confirmed that in areas where there are no bike lanes, scooters would be allowed on sidewalks with the exception of the restricted areas discussed earlier.

In response to Mayor Trantalis, Mr. Rogers explained how Staff determined permit fee recommendations, expounding on specific details, including the calculation of the per-unit cost and enforcement costs. During the first permit round of funding, a Staff vehicle would be purchased for scooter impounding. Approximately \$40,000 worth of Staff time would be budgeted for enforcement and monitoring.

In response to Commission Sorensen, Mr. Rogers explained details

regarding permit applications, described in the presentation.

Commissioner Glassman explained how the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, has modified its policy, including charging a \$1.00 fee per-day, per-device fee. They also charge a \$25.00 fine for improper parking. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic.

City Auditor John Herbst requested Staff provide his office with supporting documentation.

In response to Vice Mayor McKinzie's question regarding enforcement, Mr. Rogers said enforcement would not be handled by the Police Department. Staff would address corrective actions including scooters left in front yards and scooters blocking sidewalks.

Commissioner Glassman commented on the importance of addressing the corralling of scooters and possibly identifying plazas or supermarkets in heavy usage areas, similar to bicycle racks. Vice Mayor McKinzie noted vendor efforts to gather and recharge scooters.

Commissioner Glassman discussed the topic of scooter speed, noting the current speed of 15 miles per hour (mph) is high and recommending a speed limit of 12-13 mph. Mr. Rogers said the threshold speed is 11 mph. Commissioner Sorensen requested feedback from scooter vendors on this topic. There was a consensus for the speed limit to remain at 15 mph.

Commissioner Glassman commented on resident input regarding the inability to see scooters during nighttime and scooter lighting. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed currently scooters are used 24 hours per day. City Attorney Boileau commented that vehicle lighting is regulated by Florida Statute. Mayor Trantalis said this recommendation should be communicated to vendors.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on concerns regarding limiting scooter usage at nighttime due to ridership for transportation to and from work. Vice Mayor McKinzie concurred with Commissioner Moraitis, recommending not restricting hours of scooter operation.

Vice Mayor McKinzie commented on the need to address a blind spot caused by a tree at the intersection of Las Olas Boulevard and Isles of Capri.

(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Interim Director - Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department. Mr. Rogers outlined details related to the TAM Department, which consists of four (4) divisions. The City's Transportation and Planning Services Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will impact the planning aspect of the TAM Transportation Division.

Mr. Rogers introduced William Cross, Deputy Executive Director of the MPO. Mr. Cross updated the Commission on the ILA with the MPO. Mr. Cross provided a background on the MPO and its scope of services. The MPO is federally mandated for transportation planning in the Broward County Metropolitan Area, managing \$1,300,000,000 in transportation funds and working with municipal partners to prioritize, fund and build transportation projects consistent with Broward County's community goals. The MPO Board consists of two elected City officials, elected officials from other Broward County municipalities, the Broward County Commission, and two non-voting representatives, one from the Florida Department of Transportation and one from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) Tri-Rail.

Mr. Rogers explained details of the five-year ILA between the City and the MPO.

***A copy of the MPO ILA presentation is attached to these minutes.***

Initial services will include a four-month period when Staff will work with MPO to define and understand the workflow process, information technology infrastructure, communication expectations and other pertinent details. This would be followed by the transition of core services, the annual deliverable.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding MPO District Planners, Mr. Rogers confirmed the vacant MPO positions listed in the presentation would be posted and hired by the MPO. The MPO District Planners would report to Mr. Cross. Karen Warfel would be the contact for the City and in contact with Mr. Cross or a lead planner for the Districts. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic.

Vice Mayor McKinzie commented on his understanding of the transition process, noting the goal to balance the City's budget.

In response to City Manager Lagerbloom's question, Mr. Rogers confirmed the two City Staff vacant positions would be restaffed.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions regarding conversations with TAM Staff regarding their future roles, Mr. Rogers confirmed an upcoming meeting with TAM Staff and the four-month transition program to address in-depth details regarding processes and workflows. Mr. Rogers said people would be not displaced without an opportunity for a future role, explaining related information.

City Manager Lagerbloom explained details related to this model and project management, noting the ability to bill back services to individual projects as they are worked on rather than being subsidized from the General Fund.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding correspondence dated September 24, 2019 from the Council of Fort Lauderdale of Civic Associations (CFLCA) and its suggestions to continue current TAM responsibilities, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed receipt and review of that correspondence. As part of the ILA, a regional planning component is being added. There will be a MPO Planner for each District. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed resident engagement for local planning at the neighborhood level would continue, expounding on details regarding TAM staffing.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the District Planners would be physically located at the MPO office. Vice Mayor McKinzie commented on his perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis commented on the strategic importance of having a regional component addressing City transportation needs.

**BUS-3** [19-1050](#)

**Community Center at the Site of the Former Lockhart and Fort Lauderdale Stadiums - (Commission District 1)**

City Manager Lagerbloom gave an overview of Staff efforts to date regarding the Community Center on the City's portion of the former Lockhart Stadium Site (Site), requesting Commission input and direction. Miami Beckham United, LLC ("Inter Miami"), is developing the soccer side of the Site. It is well underway and scheduled for opening in March 2020.

City Manager Lagerbloom noted the extensive District I neighbor feedback received by Commissioner Moraitis for a Community Center with a gymnasium, multi-purpose rooms and other amenities.

Commissioner Moraitis reviewed discussions with City Manager Lagerbloom, noting the need for a Project Manager for this project and City-wide outreach. She emphasized serving the needs of all families and residents, citing examples and noting the importance of park amenities to be well designed and planned. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis confirmed the need to address programming for the City's portion of the Site.

Commissioner Moraitis discussed the coordination of plans and programming options for the park Community Center located adjacent to the proposed education aviation training space at Fort Lauderdale International Airport (FXE). She confirmed an upcoming meeting with Broward County School Superintendent Robert W. Runcie regarding the FXE aviation training facility.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on programming options for a 20,000 square foot Community Center facility, including e-gaming, Science, Technology and Engineering and Math (STEM) components, a restaurant and multi-purpose and passive spaces. She discussed the potential for additional programming should the Commission so desire. Commissioner Moraitis recommended collective Commission community outreach to determine future needs as the City grows into the future. She discussed the option of bringing in a partner to assist in managing programs for this City-wide destination.

City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the need for collective Commission input regarding moving forward and the next steps in the process.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed funding would come from the Parks Bond and is estimated to cost approximately \$350-\$400 per square foot or \$10,000,000. Vice Mayor McKinzie commented on his perspective in support of Commissioner Moraitis' efforts, noting his concern regarding maintaining the facility.

Commissioner Moraitis confirmed backup for this item was updated due to the expansion of the building and replacing the pool with a splash pad. Further comment and discussion ensued on having an entertainment venue on the north side.

Mayor Trantalis commented on coordinating and interfacing with the Inter Miami area of the Site. City Attorney Alain Boileau confirmed the Inter Miami area adjacent to the City's portion of the Site is passive space, expounding on details.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed his perspective that this project falls within the Parks Bond funding allocation for District I, recommending Commissioner Moraitis move forward. He commented on his concerns regarding operating a restaurant at the Community Center, suggesting community input.

Mayor Trantalis noted the importance of the Community Center's operations, making sure it is not underutilized and ensuring it is a destination. He commended Commissioner Moraitis' efforts, confirming the merit of having this type of facility at this location. Commissioner Moraitis reiterated the need for input from the entire community for a unique park.

Vice Mayor McKinzie noted the importance of keeping the Commission informed as the Community Center design evolves.

Mayor Trantalis commented on the similarity of Community Center components with the Sistrunk Boulevard YMCA plans and his support of using a successful model. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Moraitis confirmed moving forward with a Project Manager and receiving additional community input. Staff would become more involved, her involvement would be reduced, and Commission input would continue.

Further comment and discussion ensued on the involvement of private partners to activate programming and educational opportunities. City Attorney Boileau noted the need to be cognizant and adhere to the requirements of Parks Bond funding.

**BUS-4** [19-1036](#)

Presentation of Press Play Fort Lauderdale: Our City, Our Strategic Plan 2024 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Manager Lagerbloom gave an overview of this item, explaining this presentation is an update of the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan would be before the Commission at tonight's Commission Regular Meeting for adoption by Resolution.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding having continued input from a citizen oversight committee, City Manager Lagerbloom explained citizen input. Citizen feedback is received from the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations (CFLCA) that provides input from a cross-section of the community. Commissioner Glassman confirmed the need for ongoing CFLCA input on the Strategic

Plan. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the CFLCA would continue to be the source of public input.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Aricka Johnson, Manager - Structural Innovation Division, and Ingrid Kindbom, Assistant Manager - Structural Innovation Division. Ms. Johnson and Ms. Kindbom narrated the presentation entitled *Press Play Fort Lauderdale: Our City, Our Strategic Plan 2024*.

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

Mayor Trantalis commented on the need to address conservation, reducing carbon footprints and preserving natural resources, i.e., water conservation and possible solar-based electricity incentives. Ms. Johnson discussed how individual Departments could address evolving initiatives through business plans that would become goals. Mayor Trantalis expounded on his perspective. City Manager Lagerbloom suggested adding a resilience objective to the Strategic Plan, describing related details. There was consensus on this point. Ms. Johnson confirmed Staff would include a resilience objective to the Strategic Plan before tonight's vote on this item.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom requested clarification regarding delegating him the authority to negotiate with the vendor selected for design services at the Unified Direct Procurement Authority (UDPA) Meeting between the City of Fort Lauderdale Commission and Broward County Commission (Broward County). Comment and discussion ensued. City Attorney Boileau noted his perception that a Broward County elected official would not negotiate on behalf of the County. Mayor Trantalis confirmed City Manager Lagerbloom would negotiate on behalf of the City. Should Broward County designate an elected official to negotiate with the selected vendor, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed he would return to the Commission.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.