

# City of Fort Lauderdale

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## Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Friday

January 31, 2020

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

## City Commission Annual Goal Setting Workshop

### **FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION**

**DEAN J. TRANTALIS** Mayor - Commissioner  
**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 BOILEAU**, City Attorney

## **ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Dean J. Trantalis  
Vice Mayor Robert L. McKinzie (arrived at 9:20 a.m.)  
Commissioner Heather Moraitis  
Commissioner Steven Glassman  
Commissioner Ben Sorensen

## **Quorum Established**

**Also Present:** City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, City Auditor John Herbst, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Alain Boileau, Deputy City Manager Rob Hernandez, Assistant City Manager Tarlesha Smith, Assistant City Manager Ashley Boxer, Budget Director Laura Reece

**No public comments were submitted by email regarding this meeting.**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Trantalis called the Workshop to order at 9:10 a.m.

Mayor Trantalis gave a brief overview of the workshop purpose and requested City Manager Chris Lagerbloom update the Commission on the recent sewer pipe break at George English Park. City Manager Lagerbloom described the break location within a conflict box of the sewer line and noted immediate and future action to be taken.

### Welcome and Introduction

Mayor Trantalis requested staff introductions. Ingrid Kindbom, Assistant Structural Innovation Manager, introduced herself as the facilitator and provided agenda details and workshop goals.

### FY 2020 CAAP updates and other accomplishments/success

Ms. Kindbom requested the Commission provide successes from last year. Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis noted open space being addressed through the park bond, including the new stadium in District I. Mayor Trantalis and Commissioner Sorensen noted successes related to homelessness, and further discussion ensued regarding continued challenges to addressing homelessness. City Manager Chris Lagerbloom confirmed a report card/summary would be forthcoming to assess progress.

### Challenges and Opportunities for the upcoming year

Commissioner Sorensen noted challenges with homelessness in the City and the need for resource allocation based on more accurate, data-based reporting. Vice Mayor McKinzie also noted that homelessness is a continuing challenge and outsourcing resources to external agencies is not working as effectively as managed in-house. Vice Mayor McKinzie also requested better reporting and outcomes. Discussion ensued on the use of enforcement to

discourage congregating and focusing resources on the homeless population seeking assistance.

Outline Proposed FY 2021 CAAP priorities

The Commission agreed to hear District priorities individually prior to breaking for lunch. For District I, Commissioner Moraitis requested an additional Uptown Masterplan for the area just east of Lockhart, and to address the aviation workforce skills gap with an airport workforce training facility included in the Uptown Master Plan. The Commission confirmed support of this request. Commissioner Moraitis also requested the LauderTrail connect to District I. Mayor Trantalis confirmed each of the three items noted.

For District II, Commissioner Glassman requested expanding infrastructure priorities and seawalls in Riviera and Idlewyld. He also noted the need to address coastal development issues and items that are quality of life issues. Commissioner Glassman also noted safety opportunities such as improving Emergency Medical Service (EMS) response times and addressing streetlight outages. He noted several Code Enforcement issues such as trash, broken fences, maintenance of clean and safe neighborhoods, parking on sidewalks, dumping in waterways and improving the LauderServ Application. Commissioner Glassman commented on development and transportation opportunities for improvement with Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) project priorities. He requested City communication improvements, tree enhancements and neighborhood parks.

For District III, Vice Mayor McKinzie requested progress on adding a Melrose Manors Stormwater Masterplan. He requested progress updates on fifty (50) plus lots of infill housing and lifting the ceiling on CRA buildouts and facades. Vice Mayor McKinzie also noted completing and improving existing parks per the park bond and streetlights for Melrose park.

Vice Mayor McKinzie thanked staff for hard work and was excused at 10:30 a.m.

For District IV, Commissioner Sorensen noted City positives in employment, Police, Fire, challenging growth and working together to garner resident trust. He noted five buckets of priorities: 1) infrastructure- water, sewer, stormwater, Infrastructure Task Force and maximizing efforts simultaneously, 2) transportation- LauderTrail, Uptown, Las Olas Mobility and funding, MPO partnership, public transportation, 3) homelessness- better data, affordable housing 4) smart growth- Comprehensive and Downtown Masterplan, 5) communications – MPO communications, proactive.

Mayor Trantalis commented on positives of District Commissioners keeping residents informed. He noted the importance of facility commitments such as Lockhart, Aquatic Complex and War Memorial continuing to move forward for public use. Mayor Trantalis echoed exploring homelessness opportunities for improvement and addressing infrastructure. He also noted an affordable housing gap and desire to seek new opportunities to blend new housing with existing neighborhoods.

Mayor Trantalis continued by stating proactive opportunities such as the Joint Government Facility, Downtown Master Plan, and transportation. Discussion ensued about building a bridge or a tunnel and the Commission agreed a tunnel to be more appropriate. Finally, Mayor Trantalis requested focusing on waterway quality and working to determine the sources of pollution. Discussion on partnering with the County to address waterway quality ensued.

The Commission recessed for a short break at 11:10 and continued the Workshop at 11:27.

Ranking

Ingrid Kindbom facilitated discussion regarding categorizing, grouping and ranking priorities. Mr. Lagerbloom suggested current priorities go into a “Management in Progress” category and the remaining priorities go into a category for the next fiscal year called “Commission Annual Action Plan Priorities”.

City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the Top City Commission Priorities for calendar year 2020 as listed below:

Homelessness and Housing Opportunities  
Infrastructure  
Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Master Plan Implementation  
Transportation and Traffic  
Waterway Quality  
Resiliency

Discussion ensued regarding current funding for the City Commission Priorities and City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed he would explore the current fiscal year budget.

Management in Progress Items were read by Ms. Kindbom as follows:

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Sidewalk Policy  
Breakers – Birch Streetscape Project  
LauderTrail Development  
Joint Government Complex  
Las Olas Corridor Mobility Working Group  
Enforcement  
Communication

City Manager Lagerbloom requested that the remaining priorities be listed. The remaining items were not listed in either Management in Progress or Top City Commission Priorities. Those remaining Priorities are listed below:

Streetscape  
Tree Enhancement  
Uptown Masterplan  
Airport Workforce Training Facility  
Safety  
Smart Growth  
Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Build outs

Commissioner Moraitis was excused at 12:05 p.m. for the remainder of the Workshop.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m. and continued the Workshop at 12:39 p.m.

FY 2020 CAAP updates and other accomplishments/success (Continued)

City Manager Lagerbloom noted moving the discussion to review progress of the FY 2020 Commission Annual Action Plan. In response to questions from Mayor Trantalis and Commissioner Sorensen, Luisa Agathon, Senior Assistant to the City Manager, noted where infill housing opportunities existed. Further discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding sidewalk repair and replacement funding, Laura Reece, Budget Director, noted the amount budgeted for repairs and replacement. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed he would follow-up with the Commission in the future.

Ms. Kindbom noted the actions taken to improve waterways and mitigate algae bloom. City Manager Lagerbloom added that a comprehensive assessment plan was underway to address quality in the waterways versus education campaign undertaken in the past.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' request for updates on the Breakers - Birch Streetscape, Commissioner Glassman responded with project status and Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Director confirmed he would follow-up with further details.

Ms. Kindbom updated the Commission on the status of LauderTrail and potential partners working with City Staff to collaborate on trail development.

Mayor Trantalis updated the Commission and Staff regarding the Joint Government Complex, and City Manager Lagerbloom noted the next Unified Direct Procurement Authority (UDPA) Meeting would be scheduled in the future. Commissioner Sorensen requested having placeholder dates in advance.

City Manager Lagerbloom commented on Streetscape Projects and location for the future Police Department building. He noted several specific potential locations and City office space logistics, including parking, while under construction. Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis commented on the possibility of affordable housing on the current City Hall footprint, should the land be sold. Mayor Trantalis remarked on timing while coordinating properties and building the new Police Department building, and further discussion ensued.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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