

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

City Commission Regular 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 6:07 p.m.

Invocation

Rabbi Yitzchok Naparstek, Temple Chabad Lubavitch

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice Mayor Robert L. McKinzie, Commissioner Ben Sorensen, Commissioner Heather Moraitis, Commissioner Steven Glassman and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, Deputy City Manager Rob Hernandez, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Alain E. Boileau, City Auditor John Herbst and Sergeant at Arms Jeffrey Brull

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis made the following Agenda announcements:

Revisions:

PRES-1 - District II Award to Juan Herrera

PRES-2 - Removed from Agenda

M-1 - Revised Titles for Exhibits 2a and 3a

PH-3 - Ordinance Amended page 1 and 16

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[20-0151](#)

Minutes for January 7, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting and January 21, 2020 Joint Workshop with Cemetery System Board of Trustees - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED AS AMENDED

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [20-0080](#)
1

Commissioner Glassman will present District II Community Appearance Board WOW Award to Juan Herrera

Commissioner Glassman presented the District II Community Appearance Board WOW Award (WOW Award) to Juan Herrera. Mr. Herrera accepted the WOW Award, thanking members of the Community Appearance Board, Mayor Trantalis and the Commission.

PRESENTED

PRES- [20-0170](#)
2

Commissioner Sorensen will present District IV Community Appearance Board WOW Award to Nanci Landy

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Trantalis pulled Consent Agenda item CR-7 for separate discussion.

No members of the public spoke on the remaining Consent Agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT MOTION

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Approve the Consent Agenda

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

CM-1 [20-0110](#)

Motion Approving Event Agreements: Bloody Mary Festival, Margarita Festival, Flower Brunch and Fort Lauderdale Ruggerfest 2020 - (Commission Districts 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

CM-2 [20-0111](#) Motion Approving Event Agreements and Related Road Closures: Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration and Crab Fest - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

APPROVED

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

CONSENT RESOLUTION

CR-1 [20-0131](#) Resolution Appointing Eugene M. Steinfeld, Esquire as a Special Magistrate for the City of Fort Lauderdale for Purposes of Hearing Reasonable Accommodation Requests for Community Residences - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

CR-2 [20-0132](#) Resolution Approving Reappointment of Code Enforcement Special Magistrates - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

CR-3 [20-0134](#) Resolution appointing Haliczzer, Pettis & Schwamm, P.A. and reappointing Massey, Coican, and King PLLC, as special counsel to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with workers' compensation matters and claims - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

- CR-4** [20-0085](#) Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2020 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

- CR-5** [20-0121](#) Resolution Approving Pay Ranges for Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, and 2022 for the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and Teamsters Local Union No. 769, Affiliated with International Brotherhood of Teamsters, effective November 5, 2019 through September 30, 2022 and Incorporating the Pay Ranges into the Collective Bargaining Agreement - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

- CR-6** [20-0122](#) Resolution Approving Pay Schedules for Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, and 2022 for the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Federation of Public Employees, a Division of the National Federation of Public and Private Employees, AFL-CIO, effective December 3, 2019 through September 30, 2022 and Incorporating the Pay Schedules into the Collective Bargaining Agreement - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

- CR-7** [20-0024](#) Resolution Naming of Property Located at 3000 East Las Olas Boulevard "Las Olas Oceanside Park" - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis inquired about conversations with the community regarding naming the oceanside park after beach area citizen activists who have passed away. Commissioner Glassman said he was not aware of those types of conversations. The Central Beach Alliance indicated they recommend naming the park *Las Olas Oceanside Park (LOOP)*, confirming a significant amount of marketing and branding has happened.

Mayor Trantalis suggested future consideration of naming portions of the park after long-time community activists such as John Weaver and Fred Carlson who pursued actions contributing to the Central Beach area. He requested Commissioner Glassman have these discussions with area homeowner associations to come to a consensus for these individuals or others whose names may be tendered. Commissioner Glassman confirmed, requesting City Manager Lagerbloom's assistance regarding specific areas of the park to be named.

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

ADOPTED

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

CR-8 [20-0065](#)

Resolution Approving a Locally Funded Agreement and an Escrow Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for SR A1A and SE 5th Street Traffic Signal Mast Arm Assemblies - \$22,379 - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

CR-9 [20-0066](#)

Resolution Approving a Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for SR A1A and SE 5th Street Traffic Signal Mast Arm Assemblies - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 [20-0007](#)

Motion Approving Purchase of Safety Shoes - Various Vendors - \$130,000 (estimated one-year total) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

MOTIONS

- M-1** [20-0109](#) Motion Approving Event Agreements, Road Closures and Music Exemptions: AMSO Block Party, St. Paddy's Block Party, Las Olas Wine and Food Festival and St. Patrick's Day Street Festival - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

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

APPROVED

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

NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS

- NP-1** [20-0129](#) Timothy Myers - City Waterway Health, Quality and Reporting

Timothy Myers gave a Neighbor Presentation on the health of City waterways, quality and reporting. He requested the City adopt a proactive approach towards a healthy waterway program, expounding on details. Further comment and discussion ensued on information contained in Mr. Myers' presentation.

Commissioner Glassman noted testing result discrepancies. Mr. Myers commented on testing details. Commissioner Glassman concurred with Mr. Myers input, thanking him for his presentation. He requested City Manager Lagerbloom's input regarding increasing proactive efforts on this topic, including related improvements to the website. City Manager Lagerbloom concurred. Dr. Nancy Gassman, Assistant Public Works Director - Sustainability, expounded on details and challenges related to proactive testing, monitoring, and publishing results. She explained existing monitoring programs on the ocean side of waterways.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Dr. Gassman explained Broward County (County) is the area's primary umbrella agency providing water sampling. She explained details related to the County's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit sampling and the Quarterly Environmental Network (Environmental Network) sampling. These are only monitoring programs and are not action-oriented. Broward County posts results for the Environmental Network on its website. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen requested a link to all related County and State environmental testing be easily accessible on the City website. Commissioner Glassman concurred, commenting on his perspective and need to address items discussed by Mr. Myers and Dr. Gassman. Commissioner Moraitis agreed this is a priority, expounding on recommendations to improve water quality.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective, noting the importance of ongoing infrastructure improvements, improving waterways and the responsibility of the City to work with residents to determine the source of pollutants, i.e., vessel discharge and fertilizer runoff, and being more responsible as a community. Mr. Myers confirmed his group's availability to participate in these efforts. Further comment and discussion ensued on surveys in the Tarpon River and the body of water inside George English Park.

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NP-2 [20-0130](#)

Jay Bruce Bartz - Management of Fort Lauderdale

NOT PRESENT

NP-3 [20-0162](#)

Charles King - City Commission

Charles King gave a Neighbor Presentation on the topic of the City Commission, expounding on his perspective regarding the prior City Commission and prior management.

RECEIVED

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [20-0124](#)

Appointment of Board and Committee Members - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Clerk Jeffrey Modarelli read the names of the Board and Committee nominees for appointment and/or reappointment at the February 18, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting.

City Clerk Modarelli read into the record the names of Board and Committee appointments and/or reappointments for Agenda item R-1.

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

ADOPTED

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

R-2 [20-0123](#)

Resolution Providing for a Merit Salary Increase for Chris Lagerbloom, City Manager, Effective January 1, 2020 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis acknowledged the positive performance of City Manager Lagerbloom, expounding on details and confirming his support of a three percent (3%) merit salary increase. Commissioner Moraitis concurred, confirming positive comments received from residents. Commissioner Glassman agreed, commenting on positive feedback received at his recent District II Pre-Agenda Meeting. Commissioner Sorensen confirmed his approval of City Manager Lagerbloom's outstanding job of managing a number of important City components simultaneously, expounding on details.

Commissioner Glassman discussed determining salary levels of other area city manager municipalities, noting the City is the largest municipality in Broward County. Comment ensued on City Manager Lagerbloom's salary as compared to other city managers located in Broward County.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King commented on this topic and his perspective regarding City Manager Lagerbloom's predecessor. City Manager Lagerbloom noted details regarding his differing philosophic approach to management of the City, citing examples. Further comment ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Kevin Cochrane. Mr. Cochrane commented on his perspective on this item, explaining his reasoning.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective, expounding on his support of a merit increase for City Manager Lagerbloom.

City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed his investment and dedication towards successful achievement of current plans and plans going forward for the City.

Vice Mayor McKinzie concurred with comments from other members of the Commission in support of this item, expounding on his perspective. City Manager Lagerbloom commented on the ability and aptitude of the City's current management team. Further comment ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution for a three percent (3%) salary increase which was read by title only.

ADOPTED 3% Salary increase effective January 1, 2020

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

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

OFR-1 [20-0036](#)

Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale Section 28-4 - Standards for Florida-Friendly Fertilizer Use on Urban Landscapes - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Todd Hiteshew, Environmental Compliance Manager, Department of Sustainable Development. Mr. Hiteshew explained this Ordinance adds the prohibition of fertilizer during the rainy season, June 1st through September 30th. This will control nutrient runoff into waterways to prevent algae blooms. The Ordinance also provides Staff created information to retailers. Discussion ensued on outreach to educate neighbors and the enforcement provision, i.e., issuing stop orders and citations when violations are reported.

In response to Vice Mayor McKinzie's question, Mr. Hiteshew confirmed this Ordinance provides a tool to address the health of waterways. Further discussion ensued on applying fertilizers and enforcement details. Mr. Hiteshew confirmed the cost of a citation is \$150.00.

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

OFR-2 [20-0148](#)

Ordinance to Advance Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan Update Amending the Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan by Adding, Deleting, and Modifying Goals, Objectives, and Policies; Amending the Future Land Use Element, Housing Element, the General Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Drainage, Potable Water, and Natural Groundwater Recharge Element as Incorporated in the Infrastructure Element, Coastal Management Element, Conservation Element, Intergovernmental Coordination Element, Capital Improvements Element, Transportation and Mobility Element, Parks and Recreation Element, Historic Preservation Element, and Public School Facilities Element; Providing for the Addition of Urban Design Element, Climate Change Element and Economic Development Element - Case No. L19001 - (Commission District 1, 2, 3, and 4) - Requesting Deferment to February 18, 2020

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to defer this item to the

February 18, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting and was seconded by Vice Mayor McKinzie.

DEFERRED to February 18, 2020

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

OFR-3 [20-0071](#)

Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances Repealing Division 2 Entitled, "Dockless Mobility Programs" and Creating a New Division 2 Entitled, "Micromobility Programs" - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ashley Brown, Government Partnership Management, SPIN. Ms. Brown explained SPIN is an electric scooter vendor and a subsidiary of the Ford Motor Company. She made recommendations regarding this Ordinance. Ms. Brown recommended allowing City management to set speeds in different areas. Ms. Brown also recommended specific metrics and criteria be used for decisions approving or denying an increase to fleet size, i.e., good behavior compliance. Comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding the twelve miles per hour (12 mph) scooter speed limit, City Attorney Alain Boileau explained definitions in the Ordinance adhere to Florida Statute. Ms. Brown reiterated her recommendation allows Staff to be more prescriptive regarding speed limits in various areas. City Attorney Boileau explained the reasoning behind having a twelve (12) mph scooter speed limit and logistical challenges related to Ms. Brown's recommendation for varying speed limits.

Commissioner Moraitis concurred with the recommendation that good behavior is one criterion for fleet increase requests. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor McKinzie's question regarding speeding citations issued for scooters, Police Major Luis Alvarez explained details related to handling those types of incidents.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ellen Bogdanoff, Esq., on behalf of SPIN. Ms. Bogdanoff pointed out items related to permission for price changes and related approvals, citing scooter vendor promotions as an example. City Attorney Boileau explained details regarding this topic.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Director of Transportation and Mobility (TAM). Mr. Rogers explained this amendment relaxes aspects of the current Ordinance, citing examples. The intent is to ensure Staff

awareness of scooter related items and informing the community. Numerous price change requests over the past year have been allowed and the two (2) week review period was removed.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Rogers confirmed going forward there will be more robust information available on the City website related to scooters, criteria, and pricing. Further explanation and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen recommended amending pricing language in the Ordinance. Comment and discussion ensued. There was a consensus to remove the pricing language.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Mr. Rogers explained timeline details for the competitive solicitation process, stating operations would begin April 1, 2020. There will be three (3) permits for scooter vendors for up to five hundred (500) scooters per vendor and one (1) e-bike permit for up to two hundred (200) e-bikes.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding why scooter permits were limited to three (3) vendors, Mr. Rogers explained details related to operating challenges, noting the previous Commission recommendation of three (3) vendors.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Rogers confirmed there are currently two (2) active permitted scooter vendors, *Bird* and *Lime*, each operating with five hundred (500) scooters. Comment ensued on ridership.

Ms. Bogdanoff pointed out concerns in Section 24.1 of the Ordinance related to privacy and the availability of rider information to the public. City Attorney Boileau noted this data is part of the public record, confirming this concern can be discussed between the First and Second Reading of the Ordinance.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading as amended which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING AS AMENDED

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli
City Clerk