

City of Fort Lauderdale



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

6:00 PM

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City Commission Regular Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

ROBERT L. McKENZIE 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 6:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

ROLL CALL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Trantalis explained the City would be hosting its meetings in a virtual format until further notice, confirming ways to view and participate in an effort to encourage people to stay at home, limit public gatherings and slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Florida Governor Ron DeSantis waived state requirements for local governments to have in-person quorums for public meetings as part of Executive Order 20-69.

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Mayor Trantalis commented on closing of beaches on March 15, 2020, to address Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) concerns to ensure the safety of the community, expounding on related details. He thanked City Manager Chris Lagerbloom and City Attorney Alain Boileau for their assistance in moving forward with that decision.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Trantalis requested a Moment of Silence in recognition of Broward County Sheriff Deputy Shannon Bennett. Commissioner Glassman recognized community members Zev Bufman and Judy Drucker both of whom had made significant contributions in the fields of Arts and Culture, expounding on related details.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

[20-0302](#)

Minutes for February 18, 2020 Commission Conference Meeting, February 18, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting, March 3, 2020 Joint Workshop with Budget Advisory Board, March 3, 2020 Commission Conference Meeting, March 3, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting and March 20, 2020 Commission Special Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED

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

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Trantalis announced the following item had been pulled for separate discussion:

CR-2 - Commissioner Glassman and Vice Mayor McKinzie

CONSENT AGENDA**CONSENT MOTION****Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

CM-1 [20-0289](#)

Motion Authorizing the Addition of Three Classifications (Detention

Officer, Detention Corporal, and Digital Evidence Specialist) to the Teamsters Local 769 Collective Bargaining Agreement, and One Classification (Forensic Biology/DNA Specialist) to the Federation of Public Employees Collective Bargaining Agreement - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-2 [20-0316](#)

Motion Approving a City of Fort Lauderdale Non-Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc. - \$64,706 - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-3 [20-0211](#)

Motion Approving the Execution of an Amendment to the FY2017 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Memorandum of Understanding - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-4 [20-0247](#)

Motion Approving the Acceptance of a Donation from the Broward Sheriff's Advisory Council - \$60,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

CR-1 [20-0310](#)

Resolution Approving the Appointment of Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel for the Issuance and Sale of Taxable Special Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020, for the Pension Funding Project - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-2 [20-0089](#)

Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal

Year 2020 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman discussed item *B* in the Budget Amendment, recommending not moving forward on this aspect of CR-2 and explaining his rational. He noted the lack of opportunity for conversations with Staff regarding 8th Floor Commission Office renovations, requesting item *B* be removed from item CR-2 and deferred to a future Commission Regular Meeting. Commissioner Moraitis concurred.

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

ADOPTED AS AMENDED - Deleted Item B. from Resolution Exhibit (Memo No. 20-0089)

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

CR-3 [20-0326](#)

Resolution Amending Resolution 20-36 to Extend the Bid Deadline to May 15, 2020, or Such Other Dates the City Manager May Deem Reasonably Necessary to Dispose of City-Owned Surplus Property Located at 1131 NE 6 Avenue - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

CR-4 [20-0327](#)

Resolution Amending Resolution 20-37 to Extend the Bid Deadline to May 15, 2020, or Such Other Dates the City Manager May Deem Reasonably Necessary to Dispose of City-Owned Surplus Property Located at 11XX NW 1 Avenue - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

CR-5 [20-0328](#)

Resolution Amending Resolution 20-38 to Extend the Bid Deadline to May 15, 2020, or Such Other Dates the City Manager May Deem Reasonably Necessary to Dispose of City-Owned Surplus Property Located at 8XX NW 2 Avenue - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

CR-6 [20-0168](#)

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Taxable Special Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$170,000,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-7 [20-0271](#)

Resolution Authorizing the Investment and Reinvestment of Surplus City Funds, Including the Proceeds of General Obligations Bonds, Series 2020A and Series 2020B, in the Florida Public Assets for Liquidity Management Intergovernmental Investment Pool, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreements and Necessary Documents - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-8 [20-0276](#)

Resolution Authorizing the Investment and Reinvestment of Surplus City Funds, Including the Proceeds of General Obligations Bonds, Series 2020A and Series 2020B, in the Florida Cooperative Liquid Assets Security System Intergovernmental Investment Pool, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreements and Necessary Documents - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-9 [20-0228](#)

Resolution Imposing Special Assessment Liens for Lot Clearing - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-10 [20-0322](#)

Resolution Approving Affordable Housing Development Agreement Between West Village, LLC and the City of Fort Lauderdale for 46 Residential Affordable Housing Units, to Be Set-Aside in Perpetuity - (Commission District 3)

ADOPTED

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

CR-11 [20-0229](#)

Resolution Approving a Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement Inclusive Agreement for State Road 5 (US 1) with the Florida Department of Transportation for Landscape Improvements Within the Right-of-Way of State Road 5 and Assumption of Liability and

Hold Harmless Agreement with RRPIV WF FTL LLLP - (Commission District 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-12 [20-0257](#)

Resolution Approving the Fifth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association, Inc. for Community Bus and Transit Services - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-13 [20-0283](#)

Resolution Approving a Construction Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the State Road A1A Bahia Mar Pedestrian Bridge - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 [20-0061](#)

Motion Approving Change Order No. 6 for the A-13 Sewer Redirection Project - C & W Pipeline, Inc. - \$180,902.92 - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CP-2 [20-0146](#)

Motion Approving Contract for Pump Station A-7 Upgrade Project - Hinterland Group, Inc. - \$1,735,150 - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CP-3 [20-0165](#)

Motion Approving Contract for Architectural Design and Post-Design Construction Administration Services for Fire Station No. 13 - ACAI Associates, Inc. - \$660,585 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CP-4 [20-0192](#)

Motion Approving Annual Contract for Concrete Sidewalk and Paver Stones - Team Contracting Inc. - \$1,800,000 - (two-year total) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CP-5 [20-0282](#)

Motion Approving Contract for Forcemain Upsize of Pump Stations D-35 and D-36 - R.P. Utility & Excavation Corp - \$985,000 - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

MOTIONS

M-1 [20-0314](#)

Motion Designating the Ten Most Populous City Seat to Florida League of Cities Board of Directors - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis confirmed he currently serves as a Board of Directors Member on the Florida League of Cities' Ten Most Populous City Seats.

Commissioner Moraitis made a motion nominating Mayor Dean J. Trantalis to serve on the 2020-2021 Board of Directors - Florida League of Cities' Ten Most Populous City Seats and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED - City Seat - Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

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

M-2 [20-0298](#)

Motion Authorizing the Execution of a Satisfaction of Mortgage for 419 NW 21st Terrace Fort Lauderdale - (Commission District 3)

In response to Mayor Trantalis, City Manager Lagerbloom explained this item is a satisfaction of mortgage for the referenced property, confirming the criteria requiring the individual to live in the home for fifteen (15) years has been satisfied.

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

APPROVED

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

RESOLUTIONS**R-1** [20-0290](#)

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 upcoming April 21, 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 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

R-2 [20-0313](#)

Appointment of Director, Alternate and Second Alternate to Broward League of Cities Board of Directors - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Resolution appointing Heather Moraitis Director to the 2020-2021 Broward League of Cities Board of Directors and Ben Sorensen Alternate Director which was read by title only.

ADOPTED - Heather Moraitis Director and Ben Sorensen Alternate Director

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

Mayor Trantalis announced former Commissioner Tim Smith is coordinating community action to assist house-bound residents with shopping needs during mandated COVID-19 social distancing requirements. Anyone who would like to assist in these efforts should contact former Commissioner Smith. Mayor Trantalis announced contact information.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [20-0208](#)

Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution Approving the Recommendation of the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board for the Property Acquisition at 4201 North Ocean Boulevard as Provided for in the Bond Resolution - (Commission District 1)

Commissioner Moraitis commented on discussions with residents and community associations regarding this item, confirming their support. Commissioner Glassman noted his concerns, questioning whether this is the proper time to purchase land due to current COVID-19 circumstances, expounding on details. He commented on the appraised value listed on the Property Appraiser website and the amount the City is offering for this property. Commissioner Glassman discussed his position regarding the purchase of the property at this time, explaining his perspective and recommending deferment until a later date.

City Manager Lagerbloom acknowledged Commissioner Glassman's comments, explaining the process and confirming moving forward is a policy decision. This item was presented to the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board and provided a favorable recommendation. Comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Moraitis acknowledged the possibility of a reduction in real estate prices, asking if this policy would be community-wide while determining if COVID-19 would impact real estate prices.

Commissioner Sorensen said assessed values of properties on the Property Appraiser website are not reflective of current market values, acknowledging a possible reduction in property values. He expounded on his perspective, requesting future appraisals for the purchase of park properties be done in a post COVID-19 environment, citing details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor McKinzie commented on his perspective, noting the need for Park space and concern regarding losing this opportunity. He recommended moving forward with this item.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question regarding incurring a financial penalty should this item not move forward, City Manager Lagerbloom said *no*. He explained the real estate purchase contract expires on April 20, 2020 and the process would need to start again.

Due to challenges involved with land acquisition by the City, Commissioner Sorensen confirmed his support of moving forward should Commissioner Moraitis support the purchase of this property for a District I Park. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Moraitis commented that should this item not move forward, there should be a moratorium for a specified time on all City land purchases. Vice Mayor McKinzie and Mayor Trantalis concurred. Commissioner Moraitis expounded on her perspective, noting the need for cautious spending at this time with the exception of Police, Fire and Public Safety and Public Works. Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Attorney Alain Boileau explained Agenda item PH-1 addresses the Commission recommendation to purchase this parcel with Parks Bond funds. Agenda item PH-2 authorizes the purchase of this parcel with Parks Bond funds.

City Attorney Boileau explained details related to the Florida Statue that applies to PH-2, confirming a super majority Commission vote is required to authorize the approval of this parcel of land because the purchase price is twelve point six percent (12.6%) percent above the average of three (3) appraisals and the purchase price is three point six percent below (3.6%) the asking price. Agenda item PH-1 does not require a Commission Super Majority vote. Comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman noted the amount the parcel owner paid for the property. City Attorney Boileau commented on the process should item PH-2 be deferred.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ken Krasnow, Vice Chairman, Colliers International for Institutional Investor Services - Florida Region. Mr. Krasnow commented on his perspective, stating the property is in an area of need, explaining related details and noting market rate transactions are moving forward. He explained efforts and challenges to acquiring property in this area, explaining market details.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question regarding the *Map of Area Needs*, including the beach as a walkable space in the area, Mr. Krasnow confirmed work with a third-party entitled *ParkServe* to address the walkability analysis. To the best of his knowledge, *ParkServe* did not include the beach and was not factored into the *Map of Area Needs* analysis. Further comment and discussion ensued. Vice Mayor McKinzie commented on his perspective.

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

ADOPTED

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Moraitis, Vice Mayor McKinzie and Commissioner Sorensen

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

PH-2 [20-0186](#)

Motion Approving Purchase and Sale Agreement for Real Property Located at 4201 North Ocean Boulevard under the Parks Bond for \$1,090,000 - (Commission District 1)

Commissioner Moraitis expounded on her perspective regarding the PH-1 discussion, including actions going forward should this item be deferred.

City Manager Lagerbloom explained aspects of Parks Bond funding and spending percentage deadlines, confirming \$4,000,000 must be spent by August 2020. Susan Grant, Finance Director, confirmed that no Parks Bond funds have been spent to date, noting contracts are in process and related details.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Ms. Grant explained the August 2020 deadline for spending Park Bond funds. They could be spent on any park item, i.e., playground equipment, land or any type of park improvements. Further comment, questions and discussion ensued on the extension of deadlines and other factors due to current circumstances surrounding COVID-19.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on his perspective to continue moving forward with Commission goals, citing examples. Commissioner Glassman concurred, explaining that this is a business decision regarding this item. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective, confirming he would support Commissioner Moraitis' position regarding approval of this item located in District I.

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

APPROVED

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Glassman

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 [20-0120](#)

Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 - Business Tax Receipts and

Miscellaneous Business Regulations of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida to Include an Additional Homestead Tax Exemption for Low-Income Seniors - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

OSR-2 [20-0294](#)

Ordinance Amending Section 16-31 of the Code of Ordinances Prohibiting Unauthorized Camping on Public Property in Designated Areas - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis inquired if the Commission wished to defer this item due to current COVID-19 circumstances. Commissioner Glassman confirmed his support of a deferral due to schools not being in session and the need to allow public input from individuals most impacted.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on the resident challenges due to COVID-19, including providing food and shelter to those in need. He confirmed support of a deferral.

Vice Mayor McKinzie confirmed his support of moving forward with the Second Reading of this Ordinance, noting the background and circumstances leading to the amendment of this Ordinance. He cited concerns and support of Jack & Jill Children's Center, North Fork Elementary School parents, District III residents and Homeowner Associations.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on her support of this item and concerns regarding a deferral, explaining her position.

Commissioner Glassman reiterated his concerns regarding the public's ability to participate and provide input. Further comment ensued.

Vice Mayor McKinzie reiterated his position and desire to move forward, asking about the ability to carve out or modify this Ordinance to apply to schools and day care centers. City Attorney Boileau said this is not an option.

Mayor Trantalis gave a brief historic overview of this topic, expounding on his perspective. He explained restrictions in place regarding COVID-19 social distancing requirements, including the closure of

homeless shelters and related housing challenges. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor McKinzie explained his viewpoint, confirming the need for this Ordinance amendment. City Manager Lagerbloom concurred, commenting on related details.

Vice Mayor McKinzie introduced this Ordinance on the Second Reading.

Mayor Trantalis noted the number of people wishing to speak telephonically on this item.

Mayor Trantalis explained City Attorney Boileau advised a Commission member's motion for a deferral takes precedence over a Commission member's introduction of an Ordinance. Vice Mayor McKinzie requested an explanation regarding the authority governing this procedure. Further comment ensued on a deferral date and the impact on impacted neighborhoods.

Commissioner Glassman asked about a future date regarding the next Commission Meeting in Chambers, allowing public input. City Manager Lagerbloom replied with his estimation.

Vice Mayor McKinzie requested the Police Department enforce social distancing requirements at existing homeless encampments. Mayor Trantalis concurred, requesting City Manager Lagerbloom to work with the Police Department to ensure social distancing is maintained.

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to defer this item until the May 5, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

DEFERRED ON SECOND READING to May 5, 2020

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

OSR-3 [20-0309](#)

Ordinance Amending Subsection 19-3(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Deleting the One Meeting or Event Per Month Limitation for Homeowner Associations' Use of City Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities and Deleting the Additional Costs Provision - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED

R-3 [20-0323](#) Resolution Designating Vice-Mayor - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis confirmed Commissioner Glassman as the next Commissioner in the rotation to serve as Vice Mayor. Commissioner Glassman confirmed his willingness to serve as Vice Mayor. Discussion ensued on changing the Charter to run with the updated election schedule. Mayor Trantalis confirmed the Charter Review Board should address this subject. City Attorney Boileau said the new Commission would be sworn in at the first meeting in January 2021 and this appointment would need to coincide.

Mayor Trantalis thanked Vice Mayor McKinzie for his service as Vice Mayor on behalf of the City.

Commissioner Moraitis introduced this Resolution designating Commissioner Steven Glassman as Vice Mayor which was read by title only.

ADOPTED - Steven Glassman designated as Vice Mayor

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

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Mayor Trantalis discussed a preliminary offer from Vincent Viola and the Florida Panthers Organization (*Panthers Organization*) to underwrite and open a COVID-19 testing site at *War Memorial Auditorium (Testing Site)*. AMR Ambulance Services (AMR) has agreed to staff this site and assist with obtaining supplies. He commented on test kits and related details and ongoing efforts with Jared Moskowitz, Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management, to obtain swab testing materials.

Mayor Trantalis explained details regarding City Manager Lagerbloom working with Broward County Administrator Bertha Henry, through the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), to obtain the required Command Number for the *Testing Center* through the *WebEOC* software program. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed this could be done tonight. Mayor Trantalis expounded on the benefits of COVID-19 testing, thanking Mr. Viola and the Florida Panthers Organization.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question, City Manager Lagerbloom provided an update on the field hospital set up by the State of Florida at 1515 West Commercial Boulevard (Field Hospital). The Field Hospital's mission has changed several times. It is currently intended for use when there are surges in area hospitals beyond capacity, expounding on details.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's questions, City Attorney Boileau explained procedures regarding approval of this *Testing Site* currently under lease with the non-profit *Panthers Organization*. City Attorney Boileau said as the leaseholder, the *Panthers Organization* has significant control over the property, confirming its outreach to the Commission for consent. This topic does not need to be brought back for public input. Under Emergency Orders in place, Mayor Trantalis can proceed.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question regarding discussions with surrounding neighborhoods, Mayor Trantalis said the process has not yet reached that point.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Mayor Trantalis reconfirmed AMR Ambulance would staff this Testing Center. Additional details would be worked out and there would be communications with the North Broward Hospital District and area hospitals. Commissioner Sorensen expounded on this support, acknowledging the many moving parts to this opportunity.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's questions, Mayor Trantalis confirmed there would be no charge for testing and appropriate safety protocols established, explaining related details. Commissioner McKinzie commented on concerns regarding additional burdens on Staff, including City Manager Lagerbloom and City Attorney Boileau. Mayor Trantalis concurred, noting the anticipation of details being coordinated with the Governor's Office and commenting on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued on protocols for testing and locations.

Vice Mayor Glassman thanked First Responders, Staff and members of the community, stating the City has been responding to this pandemic in an exemplary manner. He commented on input from residents in multi-family buildings regarding the most recent Broward County Emergency Order to control amenities in multi-family private residences, citing examples and expounding on details. He requested City Manager Lagerbloom set up a meeting with Broward County Administrator Bertha Henry on this topic. Further comment ensued. Vice Mayor Glassman discussed efforts by condominiums to ensure social distancing. Further

comment and discussion ensued on essential activities and details related to this topic.

City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed ongoing outreach and discussions with County Administrator Henry. He explained the County's position regarding Vice Mayor Glassman's concerns is due to complaints about neighborhood pool parties, confirming he would address Vice Mayor Glassman's concerns during his next conversation with County Administrator Henry.

Commissioner McKinzie was excused and left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor Trantalis announced all Agenda items had been addressed, explaining these Commission discussions are for the good and welfare of the City.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, a discussion ensued on Commission procedures regarding adding items to the Commission Regular Meeting Agenda.

City Attorney Boileau confirmed the City was on solid footing with regard to enforcing City and County Emergency Orders and the Governor's Executive Orders.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on his perspective to aggressively address COVID-19, expounding on details. Further comment and discussion ensued on related restrictions, public safety measures and mandates.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, City Attorney Boileau explained aspects of the Miami-Dade Emergency Order that the City is mandated to follow as dictated by the Governor's Executive Order 90-89, expounding on details. Vice Mayor Glassman commented on his support to limit the number of individuals shopping in grocery stores at the same time.

Commissioner Sorensen's confirmed his support of requiring individuals to wear face masks in grocery stores, pharmacies and restaurant take-out locations. Commissioner Moraitis provided input on this topic at the Broward County level requiring the wearing of masks uniformly across the County as discussed on a conference call. Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed his participation in that conference call. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic and details regarding proactively taking additional precautions.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective, requesting City Attorney Boileau research and advise on the ability to enact proactive precautionary measures, including requiring a face covering while outside.

Commissioner Sorensen raised the topic of the Federal Courthouse (Courthouse), commenting on his engagement with the United States General Services Administration (GSA). He recommended the Commission discuss, rank and provide feedback to the GSA regarding the four (4) proposed Federal Courthouse sites (Sites). Mayor Trantalis noted GSA had reached out to the public, commenting on the varying degrees of availability of the Sites, expounding on details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Manager Lagerbloom explained the need for a virtual Commission Workshop next week to discuss this topic, confirming GSA is looking for feedback by April 20, 2020.

In response to City Attorney Boileau's question, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed none of the Sites are owned by the City. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed scheduling a Commission Workshop on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 on this topic in order to provide GSA feedback.

Commissioner Sorensen raised the topic of homelessness and food insecurity, expounding on details. He suggested available Staff collaborate with food distribution organizations to address this concern. City Manager Lagerbloom commented on discussions with neighboring cities, Oakland Park and Wilton Manors. He expounded on details and ongoing discussions to proceed with coordinated food distribution giveaways in conjunction with Feeding South Florida and would provide more information as it becomes available. Further comment and discussion continued on ensuring the non-duplication of efforts.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, City Manager Lagerbloom provided an update regarding efforts to identify housing for the homeless in the City and County, commenting on a conversation with Broward County Administrator Henry. Further comment and discussion ensued on available options, including area hotels currently vacant due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Broward County Stockade facility.

City Manager Lagerbloom commented on possible Community Block Development Grant (CBDG) funding provided through the Federal Government Stimulus Package that could be used for homeless housing. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective, confirming the need to address this quickly and

noting the critical nature of the current situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed he would report back to the Commission on available options later this week.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed his upcoming April 13, 2020 Town Hall Meeting, requesting Mayor Trantalis host. Mayor Trantalis confirmed, commenting on related details.

City Manager Lagerbloom noted Vice Mayor Glassman's scheduling conflict for the upcoming Commission Workshop. It was confirmed the Commission Workshop would be scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli
City Clerk