

City of Fort Lauderdale



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

1:30 PM

**City Hall - City Commission Chambers
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City Commission Conference Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

STEVEN GLASSMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District II

HEATHER MORAITIS Commissioner - District I

ROBERT L. McKINZIE Commissioner - District III

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 1:48 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced details regarding the virtual format of this meeting, including how members of the public can view and participate.

Mayor Trantalis explained the delayed start of this meeting was due to the duration of the UDPA Meeting with the City of Fort Lauderdale Commission and Broward County Commission regarding the Joint Government Center.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Charter Officers Present: City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Alain E. Boileau and City Auditor John Herbst (participated telephonically)

[20-0976](#)

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

***Budget Advisory Board (BAB)
November 18, 2020***

Communications to the City Commission

The Budget Advisory Board (BAB) would like the City Commission to have a formal discussion during their goal setting session regarding the non-profit funding process and to provide the BAB with priority areas for them to use in their ranking process.

Motion made by Mr. Cammarata, seconded by Mr. Smith. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Lagerbloom explained the BAB Communication requesting the Commission include a formal discussion regarding non-profit organization funding during the January 2021 *Commission Goal Setting Session*. This will serve to inform the BAB about Commission non-profit organization priorities during the ranking process. Mayor Trantalis confirmed.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events and matters of interest.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on the recent passing of an active beach area community member, Ron McGuire. He extended condolences to Mrs. McGuire and her family. Vice Mayor Glassman requested a moment of silence during tonight's Commission Regular Meeting.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed a recent fatal car accident at the intersection of NE 3rd Avenue and NE 6th Street, where seven (7) vehicle collisions had occurred since March 2020. Victoria Park Neighborhood residents have complained about numerous vehicle accidents at intersections along NE 5th Street from Federal Highway to NE 17th Avenue (Intersections). He noted aspects of stop signs at these Intersections.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question regarding how areas experiencing high rates of vehicle accidents are addressed, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed Staff tracks this information, expounding on details related to signal control at the NE 3rd Avenue and NE 6th Street intersection. City Manager Lagerbloom will request Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department Staff assemble related traffic data.

City Manager Lagerbloom commented on the impact of infrastructure work in Victoria Park diverting traffic to NE 5th Street. TAM Staff will review the Intersections to ensure proper stop signs are in place and modify them as necessary. Vice Mayor Glassman said his Commission Staff would forward related Intersection information.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Vice Mayor Glassman said there was no input from neighbors in the area of the NE 3rd Avenue and NE 6th Street intersection regarding vehicle crash causes or corrective measures. Further comment ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed Broward County (County) finalizing *Juneteenth* as an official paid County holiday. He noted his previous comments regarding recognition of Federal government holidays as paid Staff holidays. He expounded on how the County celebrates holidays and requested this be an agenda item at an upcoming Conference Meeting.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed a recent Court ruling impacting the City's conversion therapy prohibition within Human Relations Ordinance C-19-30 (Ordinance). He recommended the City participate in the related amicus brief appeal. Mayor Trantalis reviewed Ordinance details and the subsequent decision by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals (Appeals Court) disallowing the banning of Conversion Therapy.

City Attorney Boileau explained the City of Boca Raton and Palm Beach County initiated an appeal and other municipalities had joined an amicus brief addressing the Appeals Court decision. There was a consensus to allow City Attorney Boileau to move forward and join the amicus brief.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed input from residents regarding moving forward with the *Parks Bond* and their request for additional information, i.e., community outreach and a website allowing resident input and recommendations.

Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation Director, provided a status update on this topic. A website is being finalized and will allow one (1) month of resident input on beginning on February 1, 2021. Outreach to neighborhoods and homeowner's associations will begin after the first of the year. Information will be included with water bills, and there will be park banners informing neighbors about website access. He commented on website development by Parks Bond consultant, AECOM, Inc., which will allow residents the opportunity to provide virtual input. Vice Mayor Glassman said he would be happy to send out informational flyers.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's inquiry regarding meetings of the *Central City Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Advisory Board* and concerns regarding the need to move forward with *Central City Rezoning (Rezoning)*, Anthony Fajardo, Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) Director, provided an update and explained rezoning requirements. He commented on work of the prior consultant.

Mayor Trantalis provided his perspective regarding the lengthy timeline for the *Rezoning* and related details. Mr. Fajardo explained that if adequate public outreach has been realized, outstanding items will include an amendment to the *Comprehensive Plan* and other zoning change requirements. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Fajardo noted CRA Staff is working with the new consultant to facilitate moving forward. Vice Mayor Glassman reiterated the need for the *Rezoning* to move forward.

Commissioner McKinzie requested clarification regarding responsibilities of the *Central City CRA (CC CRA)* Staff. Mr. Fajardo explained all project management emanates from the *CC CRA*, with input from the consultant and DSD. There is a dedicated DSD Staff person in place to assist the *CC CRA*. DSD provides review and comment on any documentation.

Mr. Fajardo said land use and rezoning aspects are the responsibility of DSD. The consultant was hired to fulfill that process through DSD. He cited examples of the rezoning process.

Tarlesha Smith, Assistant City Manager and Human Resources Director, explained *CC CRA* meeting dates that were canceled due to COVID or the lack of business agenda items. A total of five (5) *CC CRA Advisory Board Meetings* were held in 2020. The contract with the consultant, *The Corradino Group, Inc. (Corradino)*, was signed in late October 2020. There is a kick-off meeting scheduled for December 17, 2020. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Clarence Woods, Area Manager *Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency (NWPFH CRA)*, explained *CC CRA* project details, including the hiring process of the new consultant and cancellation of *CC CRA Advisory Board Meetings*. There were ongoing conversations with members of the *CC CRA Advisory Board* and *Central City Alliance* keeping them updated. Regular, recurring monthly meetings with the *CC CRA Advisory Board* will go forward. Vice Mayor Glassman suggested an agenda item for resident input, citing examples and expounding on his perspective.

Mayor Trantalis requested a commitment from Staff to accelerate and move the *Rezoning* process forward, including community outreach and public notice of the next scheduled *CC CRA* meeting. Vice Chair Glassman confirmed, noting the need for the update to include the new consultant, *Corradino*, and information regarding efforts moving forward. Mr. Woods confirmed, expounding on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Glassman recommended communicating with Presidents of *Central City* neighborhood associations located along the Central City corridor.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on a previous commitment from *Florida Power and Light (FPL)* to inform residents about ongoing *FPL* work in neighborhoods, citing examples and expounding on his

perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed neighborhood feedback on this subject. He will continue to request *FPL* inform residents of work in neighborhoods.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed attendance with Commissioner Sorensen at the *Las Olas Mobility Working Group Meeting*. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2020. Work is progressing rapidly and there are four (4) meetings scheduled prior to its plan being presented to the Commission on February 16, 2021.

Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed attendance at a TAM and Broward County Transportation meeting on December 10, 2020 regarding the NE 3rd Avenue and *Florida East Coast (FEC)* Railway Crossing, which has been a dangerous area. There are good plans coming forward for improvements. He thanked Staff and the County for their efforts.

Mayor Trantalis commented on the *Sailboat Bend Civic Association (Sailboat Bend)* meeting. Further comment and discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Glassman noted topics discussed at this meeting. *Sailboat Bend* would be included in the next set of seven (7) neighborhoods scheduled for stormwater infrastructure improvements.

Vice Mayor Glassman noted Michelle Nunziata, longtime President of the *Flagler Village Civic Association*, would be relocating. He thanked Ms. Nunziata for her service on behalf of the *Flagler Village Civic Association*.

Commissioner Sorensen inquired about the rollout of COVID vaccines (Vaccines). City Manager Lagerbloom provided his understanding. Memorial Hospital would be the first place in the County to administer the Vaccines. He has offered existing COVID testing sites as locations to administer the Vaccine. The State has indicated the use of a pod system for Vaccine administration. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed rescheduling the *Las Olas Art Fair* from January 2, 2021 to January 9, 2021. City Manager Lagerbloom explained the earliest he could present this to the Commission is January 5, 2021, commenting on related details. Mayor Trantalis discussed the need to address COVID safety concerns related to outdoor events, citing input received about a recent outdoor art show event. He requested Commission input.

City Manager Lagerbloom noted positive feedback regarding the recent

Brazilian Festival event and its compliance with the safety plan submitted to the County. Further comment and discussion ensued on event safety plan protocols submitted to the County for outdoor events with over one hundred (100) attendees.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on his perspective, questioning the acceptance of event applications when the County's authority supersedes the Commission. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Moraitis provided her perspective, stating the Commission could approve outdoor events that limit event capacity with ticketing and provide enforcement of attendee adherence to *Center for Disease Control (CDC)* safety protocols, i.e., social distancing and wearing masks (*CDC Safety Protocols*).

Vice Mayor Glassman concurred, noting the need for appropriate controls and cautiousness during the next few months.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed the ability to immediately shut down an outdoor event not adhering to *CDC Safety Protocols*. He recommended this policy for future outdoor events, including the *Las Olas Art Fair*. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis concurred with Commissioner Moraitis' comments and noted the need for event producers to be responsible and ensure adherence to *CDC Safety Protocols*. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding the ability to shut down an event not adhering to *CDC Safety Protocols*, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the City's legal authority to revoke an event permit, noting the amount of enforcement effort needed. Commissioner Sorensen recommended this be communicated to event organizers to ensure clarity.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's request for an update on the *Fiveash Water Treatment Plant*, Raj Verma, Public Works Department Director, explained changes to the scope of work for the *Request for Quotes (RFQ)* followed by handoff to the Procurement Department for advertising. He noted timing concerns due to the holiday season.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding an update for utility undergrounding in *Harbor Beach* neighborhoods, Mr. Verma explained challenges regarding extraction of information from existing

records. He plans to communicate with presidents of homeowner's associations and residents who have shown an interest in undergrounding in this area. A website is being prepared that will allow residents to make an application and will include frequently asked questions.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, City Manager Lagerbloom provided a status update on the new Police Station. Site design, conceptual layout and phasing of the project is done along with action to procure an additional parcel of land on which the Commission has taken action. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed he would send the Commission a one-page timeline overview.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding neighborhood license plate readers, City Manager Lagerbloom provided an update. Staff will work with neighborhoods requesting this technology versus it being rolled out as a City-wide program.

Commissioner Sorensen requested an update regarding a portion of Davie Boulevard being named in remembrance of Rubin Stacey. Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department Director, confirmed a portion of Davie Boulevard from Interstate 95 and State Road 441 would be renamed in remembrance of Mr. Stacey. There are approximately twenty-six (26) signs that the County would be responsible for changing. There are twenty-four (24) signs the City would be responsible for changing. City signs would be on a custom decorative sign pole and quotes are being received. The estimated cost is approximately \$50,000 - \$60,000 to implement sign changes. A Resolution of support is scheduled to be before the Commission in January 2021. The process with the County would begin in February 2021. There is a target goal to have a portion of these intersection signs completed during *Black History Month*. Commissioner Sorensen said he would request County funding. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed Staff support.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's request for an update on the replacement of the *South Oceanside Bridge (Bridge Project)*, Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department Director, explained the *Bridge Project* was slated for *County Surtax Funding (Surtax Funding)*, commenting on related delays. The County has provided documents for the next amendment to the related *Interlocal Agreement*, which should be before the Commission in January 2021. He commented on traffic concerns associated with the *Bridge Project*. Related traffic calming measures are being reviewed.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's request for an update on the *Tree Ordinance*, Raj Verma, Public Works Director, explained resident input had been received and provided to the Office of the City Attorney for review. The *Tree Ordinance* is anticipated to be before the *Planning and Zoning Board* in January 2021.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed a request from the family of Ryan Owens, a former resident and Navy Seal veteran who died in action while serving in Yemen in 2017, to have a statue placed in the City in remembrance of Ryan. Funding would be provided by a non-profit organization. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis recommended another type of recognition, i.e., a wall of honor similar to the Police Department.

City Manager Lagerbloom explained his perspective regarding honoring fallen heroes and said it is a function of Commission policy. Commissioner Moraitis recommended partnering with the *Florida Panthers* organization and the *War Memorial Auditorium (Auditorium)* for a memorial.

Mayor Trantalis agreed with the appropriateness of a wall of remembrance memorial at the *Auditorium*. Commissioner McKinzie concurred, stating it could be included at the *Auditorium* or at *Holiday Park*, expounding on his viewpoint and citing an example at *Woodlawn Cemetery*.

Vice Mayor Glassman concurred with Commission comments, noting the importance of having a well thought out plan and criteria and the need to be as inclusive as possible. Commissioner Sorensen said he would reach out to the *Florida Panthers* organization and work towards the memorial wall at the *Auditorium* recommendation.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed recognizing *Juneteenth* as an official City holiday. Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective and the possibility of forming a committee to address the topic of paid City holidays, noting the financial impact of adding additional paid holidays. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis requested each Commission Member obtain community input. This subject should be a future Commission Conference Meeting Agenda item. Vice Mayor Glassman reiterated his concern regarding the City not recognizing *President's Day* as a national holiday. Further comment ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on progress made towards acquiring a parcel of land for a new *Federal Courthouse* located south of the *New River* and west of *Federal Highway*.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on concerns regarding trash pickup and related experiences in District 3, citing examples and noting the need for clarity and better communications. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed, commenting on late communication efforts and related details.

Commissioner McKinzie discussed the need for improved resident communications and messaging regarding infrastructure activities and changes to services. He noted the recent turnover in the Strategic Communications Division. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed, expounding on Staff rebuilding efforts. In the interim, contracted communication firms will be utilized to meet and support resident communication goals. Further comment ensued.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed he would research communication contracts and update the Commission.

Commissioner McKinzie discussed follow-up efforts addressing stormwater flooding concerns in *Melrose Manors* and *Melrose Park*, including improved resident services, funding assistance and communications. Commissioner McKinzie recommended there be a Staff team on the ground to assess needs, provide assistance and follow-up, i.e., cleaning sewer infrastructure and swales.

City Manager Lagerbloom said Staff is in these neighborhoods on a regular basis. Mr. Verma confirmed a discussion with Commissioner McKinzie's Staff yesterday on this topic and plans going forward. He will be approving additional expenses. Mr. Verma said he and other members of management would be touring these neighborhoods to assess efforts and determine *Melrose Manors* and *Melrose Park* resident needs.

Mr. Verma said he would provide periodic stormwater infrastructure updates, confirming the large volume of work to be accomplished in these areas and expounding on details. This work is anticipated to take a significant amount of time. Commissioner McKinzie requested weekly updates for inclusion in his *District 3 Newsletters*, ensuring residents are well informed moving forward. Mr. Verma confirmed Staff would

coordinate with Commissioner McKinzie's office to ensure goals are accomplished.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 [20-0966](#)

Henry E. Kinney Tunnel Top Park Design - (Commission District 4)

Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department Director, narrated a slide presentation on the District 4 *Henry E. Kinney Tunnel Top Park (Project) Design Plan (Project Design Plan)*.

A copy of this presentation can be found in the backup to these minutes.

Mr. Rogers introduced individuals present to answer *Project Design Plan* questions, Fausto Gomez, P.E., Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 4 Project Manager, and Benjamin Restrepo, Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department Project Manager. Mr. Rogers explained the purpose of this presentation is to obtain Commission feedback on plans to date and obtain input regarding moving forward.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question regarding overlap and coordination of *Project Design Plan* efforts with *The Corradino Group (Corradino)* and the *Las Olas Mobility Working Group*, Mr. Rogers confirmed. Mr. Rogers expounded on details and communications related to intersection modifications. Staff is also working with the Public Works Department to coordinate *Project* efforts.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding narrowing *Las Olas Boulevard* from two (2) lanes to one (1) lane in the portion traveling through the *Project*, Vice Mayor Glassman explained *Las Olas Working Group* discussions. They were focused on the entire two point three (2.3) mile area of *Las Olas Boulevard*, not specifically the *Project*. He commented on resident opposition to narrowing traffic lanes. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed the February 2021 timeline for submission of the *Las Olas Working Group's Plan* to the Commission that will coordinate with *Project* plans. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis explained his perspective and concerns regarding finalizing plans to narrow lanes on *Las Olas Boulevard* through the *Project*. Commissioner Sorensen confirmed all design plans would be collaborated and coordinated with all stakeholders.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Gomez, explained FDOT prefers to move forward with the *Project Design Plan*. Any modifications reverting lanes to their original state made within the next three (3) months would be addressed by a revision to the *Project Design Plan*. Mayor Trantalis reviewed the upcoming process, inquiring about delays associated with this recommendation. Mr. Fausto noted the preference for any redesign to be done within one (1) to two (2) months before *Project* letting, expounding on details. Further comment and discussion ensued on the *Project Design Plan* expanding the pedestrian area.

Naldo Gonzalez, PE, ENV SP, Vice President, Florida Transportation Director Gannett Fleming, Inc., confirmed coordination with TAM for pedestrian area expansion, expounding on details that include eliminating a second lane used as a parking lane. He expounded on work with *Corradino* to address *Las Olas Boulevard*. Mayor Trantalis explained his perspective regarding area traffic at different times of the day and during season. Further comment and discussion ensued related to the *Corradino* traffic study.

Commissioner Sorensen provided his viewpoint, commenting on the traffic analyses that would be approached synergistically to finalize the *Project Design Plan*.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question regarding the ability of artificial turf in the *Project Design Plan* to absorb groundwater, Mr. Rogers confirmed, expounding on specific details.

Mayor Trantalis discussed *Project Design Plan* modifications related to existing fountains and costs. He commented on his perspective regarding landscape design and the number of hard surfaces. Mr. Rogers explained the reason for fountain removal is due to design layout and increasing pedestrian flow.

Mayor Trantalis commented on aspects of hard surfaces, other *Project Design Plan* details and recommendations. Further comment and discussion ensued on addressing interactive factors and utilization of unused space. Commissioner Sorensen discussed the *Project Design Plan* and a recommendation for an interactive water feature.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed aspects of the presentation that proposes improved circulation to reach Commissioner Sorensen's desired goal. Further comment and discussion ensued on having adequate infrastructure for water features.

Brian Shore, RLA, Miller Legg Senior Associate, clarified aspects of the *Project Design Plan* related to the canopy trees, palms, shadowing and green space. Further comment and discussion ensued on the *Project Design Plan* narrative and the addition of shade areas. Mr. Shore explained various landscape design features in the *Project Design Plan*, expounding on specific details. Mayor Trantalis reiterated concerns.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding having an interactive water feature on the southwest corner of the Tunnel Top Park, Mr. Shore said the health code requires adjacent bathrooms and a changing area not included in the budget.

Commissioner Moraitis confirmed her support of the *Project Design Plan* and expounded on her perspective. She commented on the opportunity to add sail shades in areas of the Park. Commissioner Moraitis discussed her recollection that representatives of *Riverwalk* did not want an interactive water feature. Commissioner Moraitis discussed various types of *Park* space activation, citing examples.

Mr. Shore explained aspects of the *Project Design Plan*. The purpose of pavers is to tie areas together and to create cohesiveness with the *Icon* building. The *Project Design Plan* creates a consolidated green space, reconstructs the existing fountain to fit the theme of the *Park* and provides an opportunity for public art.

Vice Mayor Glassman provided his perspective regarding the ability of local artists to include public art in the form of shade structures and other *Park* functions. Mayor Trantalis confirmed. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen noted a communication from April Kirk, Stranahan House Executive Director, indicating the future possibility of opening up the gate at the northern boundary of the *Park* to allow ingress and egress.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Maggie Hunt, 1307 SW 4th Court. Ms. Hunt concurred with Mayor Trantalis' comments on hardscape and greenscape areas of the *Project Design Plan*, expounding on her perspective regarding trees and shade. She requested additional information on trees planned for the *Park* and recommended areas for additional canopy trees.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Rogers confirmed the last slide illustrates the final design.

In response to Department of Sustainable Development Director Anthony Fajardo's question regarding allowing work during nights and weekends, City Manager Lagerbloom said due to the close proximity to residential neighborhoods, he would consider this request and advise.

Mr. Rogers explained night and weekend work would reduce the project timeline by four (4) months (from twenty-eight (28) months to twenty-four (24) months) alleviating congestion and traffic concerns. Commissioner Sorensen confirmed this would be discussed with area homeowner's associations. Mr. Rogers said the bid process would not include the reduced timeline, expounding on details and noting it could be modified at a later time.

Mr. Gomez commented on the possibility of including bonuses for expedited work in the specification package tied to extended contractor work hours. If the City does not concur, the contractor will proceed with normal timing.

Mr. Rogers reviewed the portion of the slide presentation addressing work hours.

Vice Mayor Glassman noted recent legislation allowing City Manager Lagerbloom latitude on this subject, allowing extended hours for construction contractors. He recommended this request for extended hours be addressed in the overall context of City-wide projects that have been allowed extended hours. Further comment and discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Glassman noted a Flagler Village construction project is allowed to begin work at 7:00 a.m.

Mr. Fajardo explained the Building Code allows the extension of hours from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. and there is no ability to extend.

Mr. Rogers reviewed FDOT's hours listed in the presentation and expounded on proposed bonuses. Mr. Fausto commented on details related to FDOT hours that include starting time delays due to the *Modification of Traffic (MOT)* setup. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recommended construction hours from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. He suggested Commissioner Sorensen obtain feedback from area residents prior to a final decision.

City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed a noise management plan is requested from contractors requesting extended hours outside normal hours of construction operation. He noted the ability to program construction activities.

Mayor Trantalis noted that Mr. Fausto would be advised of a Commission decision regarding the extension of *Project* hours.

BUS-2 [20-0981](#)

FY 2020 - 4th Quarter Year-End Projections - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Laura Reece, Budget, CIP and Grants Division Director, narrated a presentation entitled *4th Quarter Year-End Projections* advising the Commission about the financial impact of COVID. This information is preliminary and is being finalized by the Finance Department.

A copy of this presentation can be found in the backup to these minutes.

Year-end revenues are anticipated to be \$20,000,000 lower than originally anticipated in the beginning of 2020, a \$14,000,000 improvement over the original revenue loss expected. Ms. Reece reviewed details of the year-end results that include Staff efforts to minimize COVID-related revenue decline.

Mayor Trantalis commended Staff efforts in this regard.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions regarding building *Fire Station 13*, City Manager Lagerbloom explained the amount remaining in the *Fire Bond Fund* for the final fire station is \$3,700,000. City Manager Lagerbloom explained additional required expenses and funding, including relocation and raising the elevation of *Fire Station 13*. Consultants estimate the total current construction costs to be \$7,300,000, and an additional funding source is needed. He explained numerous consultants were utilized due to the Procurement Code process, expounding on details. Vice Mayor Glassman commented on utilization of institutional knowledge. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed and commented on his perspective.

Vice Mayor Glassman commended Staff for their efforts addressing the financial impact of COVID.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question regarding recapturing COVID expenses from the State and Federal government, Susan Grant,

Finance Department Director, explained details of reimbursements. Broward County has reimbursed the City approximately \$9,200,000 in COVID expenses as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. Expenses not qualifying for Broward County CARES ACT reimbursement will be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Seventy-five percent (75%) to eighty-seven and one-half percent (87.5%) is anticipated to be recovered from FEMA.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding Staffing, City Manager Lagerbloom said critical Staff positions are being filled, expounding on related details. Recreation programming is not moving forward, i.e., no hiring of summer staff.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Ms. Reece confirmed the positive financial position of the Fund Balance.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.