

City of Fort Lauderdale



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2021

6:00 PM

City Hall - City Commission Chambers
100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

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City Commission Regular 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 6:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Heather Moraitis, Vice Mayor Steven Glassman (participated telephonically), Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie (joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m. - participated telephonically), Commissioner Ben Sorensen (participated telephonically) and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mayor Trantalis announced the following modifications to the Agenda:

Additional Agenda Item:

Walk-On - Resolution regarding events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021 - ***A copy of the Resolution is attached to these Minutes.***

Removed from Agenda:

CR-4 Resolution Disposing of City-Owned Surplus Property
Located at 724 NW 15th Way

CP-4 Motion Approving Agreement for Automated Fare
Collection System *PayByPhone Technologies, Inc.*

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[21-0125](#)

Minutes for January 5, 2021 Commission Conference Meeting and

January 5, 2021 Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Vice Mayor Glassman made a motion to approve this item as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Moraitis.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [21-0150](#)
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Commissioner Moraitis will present a Proclamation declaring January 21, 2021 as Cardinal Gibbons High School Football Team Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale - Class 4A State Champions

Commissioner Moraitis presented a Proclamation declaring *January 21, 2021 as Cardinal Gibbons High School Football Team Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale - Class 4A State Champions*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Tom Mahon, President of Cardinal Gibbons High School, thanked Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner Moraitis and the Commission for the Proclamation and recognition.

Matt DuBuc, Head Coach of Cardinal Gibbons High School Football Team, acknowledged the work and efforts of the team during a year impacted by COVID. He expressed gratitude to High School Administration and the community for their support. Mr. DuBuc thanked Commissioner Moraitis, Mayor Trantalis and the Commission for the Proclamation and recognition.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Trantalis explained the procedure and related details regarding the manner in which members of the public could speak on Consent Agenda items.

Mayor Trantalis announced the following Consent Agenda items had been pulled by Commission Members for separate discussion:

CP-2 Commissioner Moraitis and Vice Mayor Glassman

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

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

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

- CM-1** [21-0071](#) Motion Approving Event Agreements and Related Road Closures: 7th Annual Fort Lauderdale Shamrock Run and FICPA 1040 5K - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

APPROVED

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

- CM-2** [21-0020](#) Motion Approving an Amendment to the Agreement with Broward County, the Performing Arts Center Authority, and Alberni, Caballero & Fierman, LLP for Audit Services- \$18,350.50 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

- CM-3** [21-0101](#) Motion Authorizing the Addition of Two Classifications (Court Liaison Specialist and Investigations Specialist) to the Teamsters Local 769 Collective Bargaining Agreement - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

- CR-1** [21-0002](#) Resolution Declaring the City's Official Intent to Issue Special Obligation Bonds - Utility Undergrounding Project - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

CR-2 [21-0143](#)

Resolution Rescinding Resolution Nos. 20-81 and 20-199; Rescinding the City's Acceptance of the Bid of Stiles Corporation for the Leasing, and Development of City-Owned Property Located at 100 SE 1 Street & 155 SE 2 Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301, Commonly Known as the "Riverwalk Center"; Rescinding its Authorization to Negotiate and Prepare a Lease Pursuant to Section 8.09 of the City Charter; Authorizing the City Manager to Take Such Actions as he Deems Appropriate to Implement this Resolution - (Commission District 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-3 [21-0064](#)

Resolution Approving Notice of Award and Sale of City Owned Property Located at NW 23rd Lane, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 to Dacca Management, LLC. - (Commission District 3)

ADOPTED

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

CR-4 [21-0088](#)

Resolution Disposing of City-Owned Surplus Property Located at 724 NW 15th Way - (Commission District 3)

REMOVED FROM AGENDA**CR-5** [21-0103](#)

Resolution Approving Amendments to the Municipal Cemetery System Investment Policy - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-6 [21-0054](#)

Resolution Approving the Second Amendment to and the Restatement of the Transportation System Surtax Interlocal Agreement - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-7** [21-0074](#) Resolution Supporting Broward County Traffic Engineering Division to Post "No Thru Trucks" Signage at Northbound and Southbound Northwest 15th Avenue between Commercial Boulevard and Prospect Road - (Commission District 1)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT PURCHASE

- CP-1** [21-0067](#) Motion Approving Negotiated Fee Schedule and Agreement for Structural Bridge Engineering Consulting Services - Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

- CP-3** [21-0072](#) Motion Approving Change Order No. 2 for the Coconut Isle Bridge Restoration Project - Cone & Graham, Inc. - \$79,374.37 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

- CP-4** [21-0073](#) Motion Approving Agreement for Automated Fare Collection System-PayByPhone Technologies, Inc. - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

- CP-5** [21-0086](#) Motion Terminating for Convenience Sunset Memorial Cemetery Irrigation System Agreement - Sun Eagle General Contractors Corporation - \$625,000 - (Commission District 3)

APPROVED

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

- CP-2** [21-0069](#) Motion Approving an Agreement for Medical Director Services for the Fire Rescue Department - \$210,000 (three-year total) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dr. Benny Menendez, 7169 Via Firenze, current Medical Director of City of Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue

Department (Fire Rescue) and Broward Health Medical Center (Medical Center) Medical Director. Dr. Menendez spoke in opposition to this item. He expounded on his viewpoint, qualifications and other details regarding his desire to continue serving as Fire Rescue Medical Director.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Dr. Menendez said he had not received a performance review.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' questions, Dr. Menendez explained details regarding his years of service as Fire Rescue Assistant Medical Director and Fire Rescue Medical Director.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, City Manager Lagerbloom explained this Agenda item needs Commission approval because the contract amount threshold is more than \$100,000. City Attorney Boileau confirmed the Commission relies on Staff for professional recommendations.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dr. Sunil Kumar, Medical Director of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Broward Health Medical Center (Medical Center) and Chief of Staff at the Medical Center. Dr. Kumar discussed his viewpoint in support of maintaining Dr. Menendez as Fire Rescue Medical Director, citing the importance of the medical process beginning with the transport of Fire Rescue EMS transport to the Medical Center Emergency Room. He expounded on implementing process protocols that starts with Fire Rescue transport impacting patient care and requested the Commission consider this aspect in its decision.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dr. Warren Sturman, 520 SE 5 Avenue. Dr. Sturman spoke in support of maintaining Dr. Menendez as Fire Rescue Medical Director. He concurred with Dr. Kumar's viewpoint regarding continuity of care benefits related to a Fire Rescue Medical Director practicing in the City at a Level One Trauma Center, citing examples. Dr. Sturman expounded on his professional experience with Dr. Menendez while volunteering at City events.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dr. Neil Miransky, a Board Certified Family Physician and Palliative Physician and Supervisor of Palliative Services at the Medical Center. He spoke as a resident and on behalf of Medical Center patients and Medical Center Staff as their Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. Miransky said Dr. Menendez and the recommended new physician are qualified, exceptional physicians, and he has worked with both individuals. Dr. Miransky explained his reasoning for Dr. Menendez continuing as Fire Rescue Medical Director, citing examples.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dr. Venu Devabhaktuni, Medical Director of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at the Medical Center. Dr. Devabhaktuni concurred with the previous comments and noted the importance of coordinated Fire Rescue Emergency Medical Service (EMS) transport medical protocols. He expounded on his support of Dr. Menendez continuing as Fire Rescue Medical Director.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Gary Lai, Chief of Emergency Medicine at Broward Health Coral Springs Emergency Room. Dr. Lai spoke in support of Dr. Menendez continuing as Fire Rescue Medical Director, confirming his professionalism and positive interaction with EMS Staff, doctors and nurses in furtherance of best patient care.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Rhoda Mae Kerr, Fire Rescue Department Chief explained discussions about making a change to improve community Fire Rescue Department EMS transport, i.e., being more progressive and proactive, which began approximately one year ago. There would be no change in continuity of EMS patient transfers to Broward Health System. The contract is with the doctor, not the hospital. Chief Kerr explained details regarding patient transfers. Approximately sixty-five percent (65%) of patient transfers are made to Broward Health. Established protocols with Broward Health will continue.

Chief Kerr discussed the qualifications of Dr. Roach, Chairman and Medical Director of Department of Emergency Services Cleveland Clinic, Medical Director of City of Sunrise Fire Rescue and Medical Director of the Broward Sheriff's Office Regional Communications Bureau (911 Regional Communications Bureau). She expounded on Dr. Roach's ability to coordinate and collaborate Fire Rescue EMS protocols with those of the 911 Regional Communications Bureau. Dr. Roach was of significant assistance to Fire Rescue personnel regarding COVID safety protocols implementation. Chief Kerr confirmed her goal to maintain the City Fire Rescue Department as the best in the nation.

Chief Kerr introduced Stephen Shaw, Fire Rescue Department Battalion Chief - EMS-2. Chief Shaw explained his credentials, years of service with City Fire Rescue and professional background, including Chair of the EMS Subcommittee for the Fire Chief's Association of Broward County. He expounded on Dr. Roach's qualifications and expertise in numerous areas, citing specific examples. Chief Shaw explained numerous EMS initiatives, including training and integrated health care plans with Dr. Roach.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question regarding the value of

being both Broward Health Medical Director and Fire Rescue Medical Director, Chief Kerr explained there is no significant value. Every Fire Rescue Medical Director has Emergency Room experience. The relationship with Broward Health will not change. Fire Rescue operates under the Fire Rescue Medical Director's direction and license. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Moraitis explained her perspective and desire to decide based on facts.

Chief Kerr explained the history of Fire-Rescue Department Medical Directors, which began in 1996. Commissioner Moraitis commented on her viewpoint and the long-standing relationship between Fire Rescue Medical Directors and their association with Broward Health. Further comment and discussion ensued. Chief Kerr discussed goals, moving to the next level with new technologies. The relationship with Broward Health can be strengthened as Fire Rescue becomes more progressive. The goal is to transition Fire Rescue services to the next level.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions, Chief Kerr said the current three-year contract with Dr. Menendez is \$150,000 (\$50,000 annually). The increased compensation associated with this item is due to additional services from Dr. Roach, including hands-on leadership and training and is lower than other Medical Director contracts.

Vice Mayor Glassman expounded on his viewpoint to maintain Dr. Menendez as Fire Rescue Medical Director, providing performance feedback and working with Dr. Menendez to move forward with initiatives. Chief Kerr commented on necessary leadership aspects, confirming conversations and lack of response.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dr. James Roach, 108 Dockside Circle, Chairman and Medical Director Department of Emergency Services Cleveland Clinic, Medical Director of City of Sunrise Fire Rescue and Medical Director of the Broward Sheriff's Office Regional Communications Bureau (911). Dr. Roach explained his professional background, qualifications and his positive relationship with Broward Health. He explained the differences between running a hospital Emergency Department and a pre-hospital organization, emphasizing the importance and goal of improving and maximizing pre-hospital quality care and efficiency in furthering Fire Rescue efforts.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on Dr. Roach's numerous professional responsibilities. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Dr. Roach explained his dedication and enthusiasm for his work, discussed economies of scale regarding *Best Practices* when serving multiple agencies and cited examples. He commented on the

need for a Medical Director to have an unbiased approach towards individual hospital systems and the need for good relationships with all hospitals within the City. Dr. Roach explained his work history with Broward Health and confirmed his commitment to continue improving relations.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions, Dr. Roach said he chose to practice emergency medicine at the Cleveland Clinic. Hospital admitting privileges do not exist for Emergency Medicine Physicians. He said there was no conflict of interest with serving as Medical Director for Broward County and Medical Director of Fire Rescue.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Chief Kerr confirmed the Medical Director of Fire Rescue reports to her. There would be regular interaction with Fire Rescue Staff and its Medical Director.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions regarding concerns with earlier comments supporting maintaining Dr. Menendez as Fire Rescue Medical Director, Chief Kerr explained a Fire Rescue Medical Director provides pre-hospital care and direction and is the responsibility and focus of Fire Rescue. Existing relationships with hospitals will be maintained. The goal is to improve, and a change in the Medical Director does not impact continuity of care. Further comment and discussion ensued on the Fire Rescue sixty-five percent (65%) transport rate to Broward Health System hospitals.

Commissioner Sorensen read a communication from Jo-Ann Smith, 620 Tennis Club Drive, into the record. He read Ms. Smith's communication in support of contracting a Medical Director who works in the City, expounding on details related to the work, attributes, qualifications and experience of Dr. Menendez.

Dr. Roach explained what is involved with practicing pre-hospital medicine, and confirmed he has the equivalent Board Certification of Dr. Menendez. He expounded on his work activities as a Fire Rescue Medical Director and the differences in work activities of a Hospital Medical Director and a Fire Rescue Medical Director, citing examples. Dr. Roach reiterated Fire Rescue Medical Directors do not have hospital admitting privileges. He explained doctors must be employed by a publicly-traded company, *Envision*, to have hospital admitting privileges at Broward Health. No Emergency Medical Physicians work for Broward Health. They work for *Envision*.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions, Dr. Roach said he

envisions riding with Fire Rescue Staff weekly on Tuesdays. On Thursdays once or twice per month, Dr. Roach rides with Broward Sheriff's Office Regional Communications Bureau (911) Staff. Dr. Roach explained details of the pre-hospital setting. Before EMS patient transitions to a hospital Emergency Room, they are the responsibility of the EMS Medical Director and paramedics operating under the Fire Rescue Medical Director's license. Vice Mayor Glassman expounded on his perspective.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question, Chief Kerr confirmed Fire Rescue Staff works under the Fire Rescue Medical Director's license, allowing patient pick-up and transport to hospital Emergency Rooms. Commissioner McKinzie confirmed his understanding and the need to contract with a physician who can improve and move EMS services to the next level. Chief Kerr confirmed. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner McKinzie emphasized the need to rely on Staff recommendations.

Commissioner Sorensen shared conversations with Broward Health North Administrators who confirmed a change of Fire Rescue Medical Director would not impact the relationship between the City and Broward Health in any way. He confirmed support of the Staff recommendation and noted the professionalism of Dr. Menendez, expounding on his perspective.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on the significance of this decision and input from his constituents. He expounded on his perspective, concerns and preference for a local Medical Director who can view issues daily. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Moraitis discussed her perspective and the importance of the Fire Rescue Chief and the Fire Rescue Medical Director's relationship. She confirmed support of Chief Kerr's recommendation to approve this item.

Mayor Trantalis concurred with Commissioner Moraitis, supporting Chief Kerr's recommendation. He commented on the role of a Fire Rescue Medical Director and the opportunity to strategically move forward with developing new initiatives enhancing and improving Fire Rescue protocols and services.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on an annual contract and an annual evaluation of the Fire Rescue Medical Director. Commissioner Sorensen commented on his perspective in opposition to this suggestion. City Attorney Boileau explained this would be beyond the

terms of the contract.

Vice Mayor Glassman requested annual Commission updates from Fire Rescue Chief Kerr regarding new initiatives and protocols.

Commissioner Sorensen concurred. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed contract language states either party could terminate the contract for any reason at any time by providing ninety (90) days written notice.

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

APPROVED

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

Nay: 1 - Vice Mayor Glassman

MOTIONS

M-1 [21-0116](#)

Motion Approving an Event Agreement and Music Exemption for a Post Wedding Ceremony at Chabad Lubavitch of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission District 1)

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's inquiry, Commissioner Moraitis confirmed outreach to *Galt Ocean Mile* leadership regarding event approval and the extended hours of amplified music.

APPROVED

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

NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS

NP-1 [21-0117](#)

Hy Montero - Locking beach access gate north of Point of Americas between sunset and sunrise

Hy Montero, 100 SE 6th Street, addressed the Commission with a neighbor presentation regarding closure of the beach access gate located near the *North of Points of America Condominium* (Beach Access Gate) from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. to address problematic nighttime beach activities. Nearby neighborhood associations *Harbor Inlet*, *Harbor Beach* and *Surf Club* oppose closure for Beach Access Gate from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Mr. Montero suggested a proactive forty-five (45) day trial period approach of Beach Access Gate closure to evaluate the impact on problematic beach activities and nearby condominiums.

Commissioner Sorensen explained his perspective, provided an overview of community discussions, and confirmed involvement of City Manager Lagerbloom and City Attorney Boileau. There is a City easement at this location, and the City is responsible for determining Beach Access Gate closure.

Commissioner Sorensen recommended further stakeholder discussions allowing increased alignment of area homeowner's' associations viewpoints before implementing closure of the Beach Access Gate.

Mayor Trantalis noted October 2020 discussions with Mr. Montero and community members on this topic. He explained his perspective regarding negative beach activities and addressing neighbor concerns. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding proposed hours of Beach Access Gate closure and obtaining agreement from the three (3) nearby large condominium associations.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, City Attorney Boileau explained that the City controls this area due to the City's existing easement. Closure of the Beach Access Gate is the decision of City Manager Lagerbloom, and the Commission can provide direction.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's inquiry, Mr. Montero confirmed a *Point of Americas Condominium* private gatehouse, located approximately one hundred fifty feet (150') from the Beach Access Gate, can be opened for area residents from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed he would continue to work with area resident stakeholders and update the Commission at the second Commission Regular Meeting in February. Further comment and discussion ensued on the beach area being public.

City Manager Lagerbloom explained 6:00 a.m. is the earliest a Park Ranger could unlock the Beach Access Gate. Mr. Montero confirmed a *Points of America Condominium* security guard could close the Beach Access Gate at 10:00 p.m. and reopen at 5:00 a.m. He noted that the western portion of the beach area is private, and stakeholders need to work together.

RECEIVED

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [21-0104](#)

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 February 2, 2021 Commission Regular Meeting. He explained there were two (2) consensus nominations submitted for one (1) seat on the *Walk of Fame Committee*, Ramola Motwani submitted by Commissioner Sorensen and Ina Lee submitted by Mayor Trantalis. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis and Commissioner Sorensen concurred that Ms. Motwani should be the consensus nomination.

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 Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

R-2 [21-0090](#)

Resolution Providing Notice of Intent to Enter into a Comprehensive Agreement for a Qualified Project Submitted as an Unsolicited Proposal and Notice of Intent to Accept Other Proposals for the Same Project - (Commission District 2)

In response to Mayor Trantalis' request, City Manager Lagerbloom provided an overview of this item. This Resolution provides notice of intent to move forward with the unsolicited project proposal submitted for the replacement of the east and west buildings at the *Swimming Hall of Fame*.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, a specific time period for submission of additional project proposals was confirmed to be included in this Resolution.

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced this Resolution with a twenty-one (21) day time period for submission of additional project proposals after the initial publication date which was read by title only.

ADOPTED - a period of 21 Days after the initial date of publication

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

R-3 [21-0087](#)

Quasi-Judicial Appeal of Planning and Zoning Board Denial of a

Vacation of Right-Of-Way Application - Portion of NE 8th Street - Holman Automotive, Inc. - Case No. V19008 - (Commission District 2)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

City Manager Lagerbloom requested this item be deferred to the February 16, 2021 Commission Regular Meeting.

Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to defer this item to the February 16, 2021 Commission Regular Meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

DEFERRED to February 16, 2021

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

R-4 [21-0049](#)

City Manager Annual Performance Review - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis commented on the Commission's appreciation of City Manager Lagerbloom and his remarkable job addressing numerous crises during 2020.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on residents' positive input regarding City Manager Lagerbloom, expounding on details. He recommended approval of a three percent (3%) merit salary increase.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on her perspective regarding City Manager Lagerbloom's salary disparity with other area municipalities and the Broward County Administrator.

Vice Mayor Glassman explained details regarding the entry salary level of City Manager Lagerbloom and the challenges faced in 2020. Further comment and discussion ensued on implementing a salary adjustment for City Manager Lagerbloom based on other City Manager positions in the area.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed a consensus to increase City Manager Lagerbloom's salary to \$275,000 retroactive to January 1, 2021.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution adopting a \$275,000 Base Salary for City Manager Chris Lagerbloom retroactive to January 1, 2021 which was read by title only.

ADOPTED - \$275,000 Base Salary beginning January 1, 2021

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS**PH-1** [21-0024](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance - Rezoning 1.46 Acres of Land from Planned Unit Development (PUD) District to Northwest Regional Activity Center Mixed Use East (NWRAC-MUe) District - Case No. PLN-REZ-20070002 - (Commission District 2)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

Each Commission member disclosed verbal communications, written communications, site visits and expert opinions received.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis.

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

PH-2 [21-0026](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning from Industrial (I) District to Commercial Recreation (CR) District through the Allocation of Commercial Flexibility and Associated Site Plan Approval for Xtreme Action Park - Dezer Powerline, LLC., Dunkin Properties, LLC. and Joluc Powerline, LLC. - Case No. ZR19004 - (Commission District 1)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

Each Commission member disclosed verbal communications, written communications, site visits, and expert opinions received.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jens Berding, 2108 NE 63rd Street, co-owner of *Spacebound Trampoline Park* located within *Xtreme Action Park*. City Clerk Modarelli swore Mr. Berding in for testimony.

Mr. Berding explained his concerns regarding this rezoning application and factual mistakes in the application related to ownership details and aspects of the floor plan. Mr. Berding commented on additional discrepancies related to restructuring areas in the facility and construction permitting. Mr. Berding confirmed an upcoming meeting in February 2021 with Anthony Fajardo, Department of Sustainable Development Director, and requested deferment until concerns have been addressed.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Pizzi on behalf of entities representing *Xtreme Action Park*, *Dezer Powerline, LLC.*, *Dunkin Properties, LLC.*, and *Joluc Powerline, LLC* (Applicants). Mr. Pizzi explained the position of the Applicants in support of this item.

Mayor Trantalis commented on concerns regarding the Site Plan aspect of approval and the need for accurate application information. Mr. Pizzi commented on work with the Department of Sustainable Development on behalf of the Applicants and application accuracy, citing examples.

Mr. Fajardo explained that a Site Plan was included with this item because of the flex acreage usage area added to the rezoning. Any allocation of space in the project within what is approved would be acceptable, and any associated parking would be recalculated. Further comment ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman inquired about the urgency of approving this item and allowing an opportunity to address concerns raised. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed this item could be deferred. Mr. Pizzi expounded on his perspective.

City Clerk Modarelli swore Mr. Pizzi in for his earlier testimony.

There being one else wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis.

Commissioner Moraitis recommended deferment of this item based upon information provided by Mr. Berding that she would like Staff to verify.

Commissioner Moraitis made a motion to defer this item to the March 2, 2021 Commission Regular Meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

DEFERRED to March 2, 2021

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

Commission Break

Mayor Trantalis recessed the meeting at 8:52 p.m. to allow Commission Member the opportunity review two (2) proposed resolutions for consideration as the *Walk-On Resolution addressing events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021*.

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

PH-3 [21-0017](#)

Public Hearing - Ordinance Amending City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-14, General Aviation Districts to Adopt Airport and Heliport/Helistop Zoning Regulations and Creating Section 47-3.12 to Add Regulations for Nonconforming Obstructions Located Within the Airport Hazard Area, General Aviation Airport District, or Airport Industrial Park District - (Commission Districts 1 and 4)

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' questions, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed this amended Ordinance would not be more restrictive for the project planned for the south end area of the Lockhart site. City Attorney Boileau clarified this amendment replicates Florida Statute requirements. The Ordinance replaces the FDOT process and is not more restrictive. Rufus James, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) Manager, confirmed he had no concerns about this item impacting the Lockhart site project discussed by Commissioner Moraitis.

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 [21-0082](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the Pay Plan of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida by Amending the Non-Bargaining Compensation Table and Schedule VI Providing a One and One-Half Percent General Wage Increase Effective October 4, 2020 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

OSR-2 [21-0108](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Creating Article XI. - Landlord Registration Program, of Chapter 9 - Buildings and Construction of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Kelly Mallette, Senior Government Affairs Director for Ronald L. Book, P.A., on behalf of the Southeast Florida Apartment Association. Ms. Mallette spoke in support of this item. She thanked Mayor Trantalis and Commission Members for the requested Ordinance amendment prior to the Second Reading.

Mayor Trantalis commented on input from real estate industry representatives regarding this Ordinance. He confirmed its purpose is to efficiently provide information to landlords, citing examples. If the Ordinance does not work as intended, it can be revisited.

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

OSR-3 [21-0109](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Chapter 9, Building and Construction Fees - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

OSR-4 [21-0110](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Rescinding the Commons at Cypress Creek Development of Regional Impact (Formerly Known as the Lightspeed Broward Center Development of Regional Impact) - Florida Department of Transportation - Case No. 109R00R - (Commission District 1)

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

[21-0177](#)

Walk-On Resolution - Events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021

Commissioner Moraitis confirmed support of Resolution 1. Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed support of Resolution 2, citing examples, expounding on details and efforts to be non-partisan. Commissioner McKinzie confirmed support of Resolution 2. Commissioner Sorensen confirmed support of Resolution 2.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the importance of this item, support of Resolution 1 and a desire for a consensus. The goal is to pursue reconciliation, healing and inclusion. Further comment and discussion ensued on modifications incorporating aspects of both Resolution 1 and Resolution 2. Mayor Trantalis explained the agreed-upon changes.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, City Attorney Boileau explained that at the direction of the Commission, dissemination language could be included in the Resolution. Vice Mayor Glassman recommended sending the Resolution to all elected officials at all government levels. Mayor Trantalis concurred and said the Resolution should be shared on City social media platforms. Further comment and discussion ensued. City Attorney Boileau confirmed.

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced Resolution 2 as amended which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 21-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SENDING ITS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF OFFICER BRIAN SICKNICK, AFFIRMING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CAPITOL POLICE, CONDEMNING THE EVENTS AT THE U.S. CAPITOL ON JANUARY 6, 2021, ENCOURAGING THE HEALING OF THE NATION, URGING ALL CITIZENS TO RESPECT THE RESULTS OF THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND ALLOW THE NEW ADMINISTRATION TO BEGIN THE NECESSARY WORK OF GOVERNING OUR NATION AND ADDRESSING THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES THAT WE FACE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris were sworn into office on January 20 amid a turbulent period for our country that resulted from the global COVID-19 pandemic, the dispute over the November election results and the siege on the nation's Capitol; and

WHEREAS, their ascension to the nation's highest offices opens a new chapter in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale condemns the dissemination of false information and the incitement of a mass riot that led to a breach of the United States Capitol on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 while Congress was in the process of counting the Electoral College votes certified in each state after a fair and free election; and

WHEREAS, elected officials have a responsibility to tell the truth to constituents and not incite insurrection by continuing to lie as the Presidential Election was not stolen; and

WHEREAS, we respect the honesty and accuracy of the vote count in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, the State of Florida, and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, elected officials who continued to lie about the election legitimacy have done and continue to do great damage to our democracy; and

WHEREAS, eroding the public's trust in the function and legitimacy of the government jeopardizes the physical safety of all elected public servants across the country and weakens their ability to govern, effectuate change, and uphold the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, the rights of freedom of speech and assembly do not give anyone the right to resort to violence, sedition, and insurrection; and

WHEREAS, the rioters used violent physical force and weapons to overpower the United States Capitol Police and break through doors and windows and cross physical barriers to commit illegal entry into the U.S. Capitol, the citadel of American democracy; and

WHEREAS, the rioters threatened the safety and lives of the Vice President, Speaker of the House, and the President pro tempore of the Senate – the first three individuals in the line of succession to the presidency; and

WHEREAS, the rioters unleashed chaos and terror among Members of Congress and Congressional staff and their families; vandalized and pilfered government property; and interfered and caused a delay in the counting of electoral college votes in the joint session of Congress; and

WHEREAS, five Americans died as a result of the violent attack on the U.S. Capitol, including Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick; and the injury of numerous other law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, these events struck at the heart of our democratic institutions and represented the most significant enemy occupation of the Capitol since the building was burned during the War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, this represents an opportunity for our nation to heal from a downward spiral of partisan divide, end this deadly pandemic, rebuild our economy, address long-neglected issues from infrastructure to racial justice, and restore a common faith in democracy and governance; and

WHEREAS, all Americans now should stand together, united, in a recognition that President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris are the lawful and duly elected leaders of our country as confirmed by election administrators in all 50 states, repeated decisions from our court system, the counting of the electoral votes in Congress, and the actions of Chief Justice John Roberts in administering the oath of office to President Biden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby sends its condolences to the family of Officer Brian Sicknick, and affirms its support for the members of the Capitol Police who valiantly put their lives on the line to defend the U.S. Capitol.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale encourages the healing of the nation; fully aware that healing requires accountability and truth.

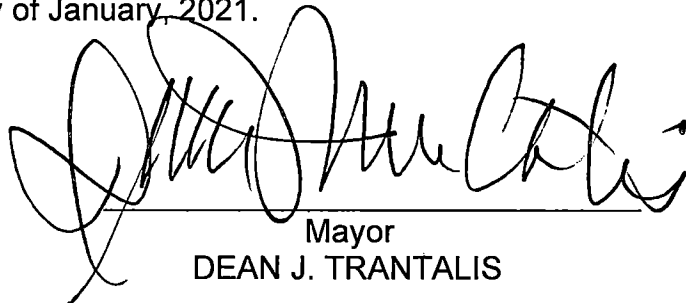
SECTION 3. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby condemns in the strongest terms possible the violent and deadly attack on the U.S. Capitol and urges all citizens to respect the results of the 2020 presidential election and allow the new Administration to begin the necessary work of governing our nation and addressing the significant issues that we face.

SECTION 4. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale calls on all residents of our community to join together in supporting the new administration of President Biden, respecting the outcome of the election and doing our individual and collective part to help our nation heal its political rifts and address the critical issues that lie ahead.

SECTION 5. That the City Clerk is directed to distribute a copy of this Resolution to President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice President Kamala D. Harris, Governor Ron DeSantis, Lieutenant Governor Jeanette M. Nuñez, the United States Congressional Delegations from Florida, the Broward County Legislative Delegation, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the governing bodies of the cities and towns in Broward County, Florida, the Florida League of Cities, and the Broward League of Cities.

SECTION 6. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 21st day of January, 2021.



Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:



City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI