

City of Fort Lauderdale



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers
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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

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 6:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Trantalis led a *Moment of Silence* in remembrance of The Honorable Congressman Alcee Hastings, Gypsy Graves and Jack Osterholt and spoke briefly about their community contributions.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Heather Moraitis, Vice Mayor Steven Glassman (participated telephonically), Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie (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.

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda**[21-0396](#)**

Minutes for March 2, 2021 Commission Conference Meeting, March 2, 2021 Commission Regular Meeting, March 16, 2021 Commission Conference Meeting and March 16, 2021 Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Vice Mayor Glassman clarified an item in the March 2, 2021 Commission Conference Meeting Minutes.

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

APPROVED AS AMENDED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [21-0408](#)

1

Joe Scott, Broward County Supervisor of Elections - 2021 High School Voter Registration Drive

Mayor Trantalis recognized Joe Scott, newly elected Broward County Supervisor of Elections, who appeared virtually. Mr. Scott expounded on the goal to civically engage high school students and ways the City could assist with the April 21, 2021 to April 30, 2021 *Supervisor of Elections Office 2021 High School Voter Registration Drive (Registration)* initiative.

Mayor Trantalis thanked Supervisor Scott for this presentation and expounded on the community benefits of increased voter registration and related details. Commissioner Moraitis discussed including *Registration* outreach to private schools. Supervisor Scott confirmed.

Zoie Saunders, Chief Education Officer, confirmed she would confer with Supervisor Scott and assist with *Registration* communication efforts. Supervisor Scott confirmed this effort would continue to be built upon annually.

PRESENTED

PRES- [21-0413](#)

2

Sarah Leonardi, School Board Member for District 3

Mayor Trantalis recognized Sarah Leonardi, District 3 Broward County School Board Member, who appeared virtually. Ms. Leonardi introduced herself as a new School Board Member representing a large portion of the City. She expounded on her background, experience and goals as a Broward County School Board member. Ms. Leonardi acknowledged efforts of Zoie Saunders, Chief Education Officer. Mayor Trantalis noted and thanked Ms. Leonardi for her community contributions.

PRESENTED

PRES- [21-0389](#)
3

Commissioner Moraitis will present a Proclamation declaring April 6, 2021 as Pine Crest Girls Swimming/Diving Team Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale - FHSAA 2A State Champions

Commissioner Moraitis presented a Proclamation declaring April 6, 2021 as *Pine Crest Girls Swimming/Diving Team Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale and recognition as FHSAA 2A State Champions*. The Proclamation was accepted in Commission Chambers by Dr. Dana Markham, Pine Crest School (Pine Crest) President, Athletic Staff and Championship Team members. Dr. Dana Markham thanked Mayor Trantalis and Commission Members for this recognition, acknowledging Pine Crest goals to build character and leadership skills. Pine Crest Aquatics Director Mariusz Podkoscielny thanked Mayor Trantalis and Commission Members for recognizing the hardworking student athletes on the *Pine Crest Girls Swimming/Diving Team* while dealing with challenges faced this year.

PRESENTED

PRES- [21-0387](#)
4

Vice Mayor Glassman will present a Proclamation declaring April 2021 as Water Conservation Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Vice Mayor Glassman presented a Proclamation declaring April 2021 as Water Conservation Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale, reading the Proclamation in its entirety. Cesar Alza, Public Works Water Facilities Manager, accepted the Proclamation in Commission Chambers. Mr. Alza thanked Mayor Trantalis and the Commission for this recognition and acknowledged the importance of this valuable resource. This Proclamation recognizes the hard work and effort of water treatment plant employees.

PRESENTED

PRES- [21-0395](#)
5

Commissioner Sorensen will present a Proclamation declaring April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Sorensen presented a Proclamation declaring *April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety. The Proclamation was accepted in Commission Chambers by Kerri-Ann Brown, Chair of *Broward AWARE Committee*, Cynthia Reynoso, Senior Programs Manager *Children's Services Council of Broward County* and Megan Turetsky, Government Affairs Manager, *Children's Services Council of Broward County*. Ms. Brown thanked Mayor Trantalis and Commission Members for this recognition. She expounded on *Children's Services Council of Broward County* efforts. Mayor Trantalis thanked Ms. Brown for her efforts, acknowledging the importance of addressing the needs of

children in the community.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CR-1 Vice Mayor Glassman

CONSENT MOTION

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

CM-1 [21-0226](#) Motion Approving Event Agreement with Dolphins Cycling Challenge, Inc. - (Commission Districts 2, 3, and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-2 [21-0310](#) Motion Approving Event Agreements and Related Road Closures: First Street Cars and Coffee, and AvMed Orange Bowl 5k Run/Walk - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-3 [21-0347](#) Motion Approving an Application for a Temporary Beach License and Outdoor Event Agreement and Road Closures with AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Inc., for Florida AIDS Walk and Music Festival - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

APPROVED

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

- CM-4** [21-0294](#) Motion Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application for \$8,663 to the Florida Inland Navigation District - Small Scale Derelict Vessel Removal Program to Remove a Derelict Vessel from the New River - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

- CM-5** [21-0414](#) Motion Accepting a Sidewalk, Utility, Drainage or Right of Way Easement - (Commission District 1)

APPROVED

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

- CM-6** [21-0120](#) Motion Accepting FY2021 Florida Department of Transportation Grant for Occupant Protection Safety - \$60,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

- CR-1** [21-0293](#) Resolution Declaring Notice of Intent to Lease City Owned Property Located at 2000 NE 16 Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304, Pursuant to Section 8.13 of the City Charter, to Fort Lauderdale Professional Firefighters, Inc. IAFF Local 765 - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Scott Bayne on behalf of Fort Lauderdale Professional Fire Fighters International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 765 (Local 765). Mr. Bayne spoke in support of this item and noted his availability to answer Commission questions.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed additional details associated with this item. Local architect Donald Singer designed this building located at 2000 NE 16th Street (Building) and received an award in 1987 from the American Institute of Architects (AIA). He discussed efforts to assist Mr. Bayne with Building renovations and rehabilitation by facilitating

communication between Mr. Singer and Mr. Bayne to ensure the building remains true.

Mayor Trantalis inquired about the structural integrity of the Building and noted input by the previous administration. Mr. Bayne confirmed a review of the Building with contractors and the architect and said renovations could be achieved. Mr. Bayne noted multiple items to be addressed in the Building and confirmed Local 765 has adequate funding to renovate. Further comment and discussion ensued on relocation efforts for the homeless residing in the Building.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Bayne confirmed Local 765 would relocate its Headquarters from its current location on State Road 84 to this Building and expounded on civic outreach efforts to assist the community in various ways. Mayor Trantalis commented that it would be helpful for Local 765 Administration to allow the Poinsettia Heights Civic Association meetings in the Building.

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

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

CR-2 [21-0260](#)

Resolution Approving a Fifteenth Amendment to the Landscape Inclusive Memorandum of Agreement for State Road A1A with the Florida Department of Transportation for Landscape Improvements within the Right-of-Way of State Road A1A and Assumption of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement with GRANITEFL LLC - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

CR-3 [21-0093](#)

Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2021 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 [21-0273](#)

Motion Approving Agreements for Purchase of Plan Review and

Inspection Services - C.A.P. Government, Inc. and Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. - \$6,000,000- (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CP-2 [21-0298](#)

Motion Approving Purchase of Crossing Guard Services- Waterfield Florida Staffing, LLC d/b/a Action Labor of Florida and Kemp International Corporation - \$2,467,282 (2-year total) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CP-3 [21-0345](#)

Motion Approving Design-Build Agreement for the Re-Bid Design Build Pump Station B-4 Redundant Force Main - David Mancini & Sons, Inc. - \$2,628,197 - (Commission District 1)

APPROVED

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

NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS

NP-1 [21-0291](#)

Sarah Leonardi - New School Board Member for District 3

RECEIVED - Moved to Presentations Portion of Agenda

NP-2 [21-0290](#)

Nickisha Burger - Construction and continuous flooding in front of property

NOT PRESENT

NP-3 [21-0394](#)

Jessica Graves - Parks Bond

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jessica Graves and her son, Jessie Graves, 2849 NE 28th Street. Jessie Graves discussed details, benefits and attributes he has gained from skateboarding. Ms. Graves discussed her perspective regarding the positive aspects of skateboarding, her input on *Parks Bond* projects and related details. She commented on including skateboard facilities in existing parks and the need for the Commission to give skateboarding the same consideration as other sports.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective and noted skateboarding is an Olympic sport. He confirmed advocating for skateboard facilities in parks, expounding on safety concerns related to skateboarding in other areas.

Mayor Trantalis recommended Ms. Graves address this topic with the *Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board* which makes *Parks Bond* recommendations to the Commission. Further comment and discussion ensued on the availability of the skateboard park at *Calvary Christian Academy* and related details.

PRESENTED

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [21-0355](#) 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 20, 2021 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 as amended which was read by title only.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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

R-2 [21-0278](#) Resolution Adopting Application Fees for the Transfer of Development Rights Program - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [21-0317](#) Public Hearing Amending the Housing and Community Development 2019-2020 Amended Annual Action Plan in Response to the Community Development Block Grant Under the Coronavirus Aid,

Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 SE 26th Avenue. Ms. Fertig thanked City Manager Lagerbloom and the Commission for consideration of this item and for creating the Chief Education Officer position and selection of Zoie Saunders to lead education efforts. She expounded on her perspective regarding the negative impact of COVID on students and the need to address.

Commissioner Moraitis confirmed her support of education. She inquired about Broward County's funding to address COVID's impact on education and the need for this CBDG funding reallocation. City Manager Lagerbloom explained numerous funding opportunities for rental assistance and housing reentry and expounded on related details. CBDG funding can also assist in this need to address the education gap that resulted from COVID.

Rachel Williams, Housing and Community Development Manager, explained diversification efforts to address community needs. An additional program for \$700,000 will be forthcoming in the next several weeks to address rental assistance. During the pandemic, the City has invested over \$6,500,000 towards homelessness efforts, and this request is to reallocate \$500,000 towards education and student support.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question regarding funding and distribution of the housing voucher/rental assistance referenced in the April 5, 2021 Commission Memorandum, City Manager Lagerbloom said that funding would continue until the end of September 2021.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on her perspective and support of assistance due to the unique circumstances created by the pandemic. She acknowledged and thanked Ms. Saunders for her work to bring the education assistance summer program to the Commission.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' questions regarding partnering with other agencies for education assistance efforts and the number of students served, Ms. Saunders confirmed that through this education initiative 350 to 1,000 students would be served. Ms. Saunders narrated a short slide presentation regarding the education program models.

A copy has been made part of the backup to this Agenda item.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on the goal of reaching all those students in need of academic assistance. Ms. Saunders expounded on this initiative and efforts to provide sustained student support beyond the summer, i.e., after-school tutoring. Commissioner Moraitis thanked Ms. Saunders for her efforts developing this project.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed his support of this education initiative and thanked Ms. Saunders for her efforts. He acknowledged and thanked those participating in addressing the needs of the homeless.

Vice Mayor Glassman expounded on his perspective and support of the Commission's creation of the Chief Education Officer position. He acknowledged Ms. Saunders outstanding efforts in creating this education initiative in collaboration with the Education Advisory Board. Vice Mayor Glassman thanked Ms. Saunders and the Education Advisory Board for their work. Further comment and discussion ensued on the efforts of the Commission, Staff and stakeholders to meet community needs.

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

APPROVED

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

PH-2 [21-0305](#)

Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution Approving the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board's Recommendation for Approval of Additional Funding for the Aquatic Center Project as Provided in the Parks and Recreation Bond Resolutions - (Commission District 2)

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Lagerbloom commented on an upcoming opportunity to recognize the installation of the *27 Meter Dive Tower* at the *Aquatic Complex Project*. The end of 2022 is the anticipated completion date for the entire *Aquatic Complex Project*.

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

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

ORDINANCE FIRST READING**OFR-1** [21-0214](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Section 10-47 of Chapter 10, Cemeteries - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Patricia Zeiler, Vice Chair of the *Cemetery Board of Trustees (Trustees)*. She recognized the support of Staff and Stacey Spates, *Cemetery Board of Trustees Liaison*, during the transition from Carriage Services. Vice Chair Zeiler expounded on the needs of City Cemeteries that are rapidly running out of space. She explained her understanding of financial aspects of the *Cemetery Trust (Trust)*. The *Trustees* wholeheartedly support the purchase of additional cemetery property and construction of additional mausoleums. Vice Chair Zeiler explained her understanding of financial aspects of the *Trust* and requested an adjustment to the 19% reimbursement share established in 1981 to cover 100% percent of land purchases and capital expenses.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions, Ms. Spates clarified financial aspects and management details of City cemeteries.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective. Ms. Spates explained details related to inventory and operations and cited examples.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on his perspective, including the need to be cautious regarding not exceeding income, taking a more aggressive approach on how business is conducted and pursuing additional mausoleum space. He thanked Ms. Spates for her work. Further comment and discussion ensued.

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING**OSR-1** [21-0361](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-24.5, Subdivision Regulations, to bring the Code Section into Substantial Conformity with the Broward County Platting Requirements -

(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 - Commissioner Moraitis, Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

OSR-2 [21-0363](#)

Second Reading - De Novo Hearing; Quasi-Judicial Consideration of an Ordinance for a Vacation of Right-Of-Way Application - Portion of NE 8th Street - Holman Automotive, Inc. - Case No. V19008 - (Commission District 2) - Requesting Deferral to April 20, 2021

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.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on concerns regarding notice for this item and the request for deferral.

Anthony Fajardo, Department of Sustainable Development Director, explained notice details. Legal advertising can occur between the First and Second Readings. The deferral is due to an unexpected scheduling conflict with the applicant. City Attorney Boileau clarified aspects of newspaper advertising items versus other types of notice requirements.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Mr. Fajardo confirmed notice provided prior to the First Reading meets requirements under the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR). Additional notice requirements will be met prior to the Second Reading. Vice Mayor Glassman requested a list of notice requirements prior to the First Reading, expounding on his perspective. City Attorney Boileau provided additional comment and confirmed compliance with notice requirements.

Vice Mayor Glassman made a motion to defer the Second Reading of this Ordinance to April 20, 2021 and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

DEFERRED to April 20, 2021 6pm.

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

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED

R-3 [21-0360](#)

Resolution Designating Vice-Mayor - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED - Appointing Heather Moraitis as Vice Mayor

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENT

Prior to adjournment, City Attorney Boileau clarified aspects of notice requirements related to OSR-2 Agenda item discussions. In addition to newspaper advertisement publication, there is a requirement for a mail notice.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli