

City of Fort Lauderdale



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 1, 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

HEATHER MORAITIS Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District I

STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II

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 6:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis explained meeting etiquette and sign-up instructions for members of the public wishing to speak in-person at this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie (arrived at 6:39 p.m.), Commissioner Ben Sorensen, Vice Mayor Heather Moraitis (arrived at 6:45 p.m. - participated via communication technology), Commissioner Steven Glassman and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[21-0558](#)

Minutes for May 18, 2021 Commission Conference Meeting and May 18, 2021 Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman noted edits for these meeting minutes.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve the Agenda and the Meeting Minutes as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 2 - Commissioner McKinzie and Vice Mayor Moraitis

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [21-0559](#)
1

Commissioner Sorensen will present Certificates to winners of the 2021 More Flavor Less Plastic Poster Contest

Commissioner Sorensen requested participants and winners of the Public Works - Sustainability Division *More Flavor Less Plastic Campaign* Poster Contest (Contest) join him at the podium. In honor of Earth Month, Public Works - Sustainability Division Staff hosted the *More*

Flavor Less Plastic Campaign poster contest to 4th and 5th grade students living and/or attending school in Fort Lauderdale. The contest involved creating a poster to creatively convey love for our planet and highlight the importance of reducing plastic and polystyrene usage, reminding the community of the impact and importance of reducing plastics in our environment.

Commissioner Sorensen presented Certificates to the following winners: First Place Winner - Bernadette Longo - Bayview Elementary; Second Place Winner - Phoebe Dixon - Harbordale Elementary; and Third Place Winner - Vy Dao - Bennett Elementary.

PRESENTED

PRES- [21-0519](#)
2

Vice Mayor Moraitis will present a Proclamation declaring June 1, 2021 as Pine Crest Boys Basketball Team Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale - FHSAA 4A State Champions

Mayor Trantalis requested Pine Crest basketball team members and administration join him at the podium. He presented a Proclamation declaring *June 1, 2021 as Pine Crest Boys Basketball Team Day - FHSAA 2A State Champions* in the City of Fort Lauderdale, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Pine Crest Athletic Director Jeff Johnson, on behalf of Pine Crest President Dr. Dana Markham, Upper School Head Joseph Walters, Head Coach Isaac Smith, Assistant Coach Essie Hollis, Assistant Coach James Bartholomew and Pine Crest Basketball Team members, accepted the Proclamation and thanked Mayor Trantalis for this recognition.

PRESENTED

PRES- [21-0560](#)
3

Vice Mayor Moraitis will present a Proclamation declaring June 1, 2021 as Pine Crest Boys Tennis Team Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale - FHSAA 4A State Champions

Mayor Trantalis presented a Proclamation declaring *June 1, 2021 as Pine Crest Boys Tennis Team Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale - FHSAA 2A State Champions*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Pine Crest President Dr. Dana Markham, accepted the Proclamation. Pine Crest Head Tennis Coach Corey Marsh commented on the work and effort of the team during a COVID challenged year and thanked Mayor Trantalis for this recognition.

PRESENTED

PRES- [21-0561](#)
4

Commissioner Glassman will present a Proclamation declaring June 2021 as Pride Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Glassman requested Miik Martorell, President, *Greater Fort Lauderdale Pride, Inc.*, (*Pride Fort Lauderdale*) and other members of the LGBTQ+ community join him at the podium. Commissioner Glassman presented a Proclamation declaring *June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Mr. Martorell accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission and Mayor Trantalis. He commented on the upcoming events taking place in June 2021.

PRESENTED

PRES- [21-0562](#)
5

Mayor Trantalis will present a Proclamation declaring June 4, 2021 as Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Mayor Trantalis requested Cristina Rodrigues, Tanya Reid, Beth Wiegard and Lucy Rowles-Springer join him at the podium. Mayor Trantalis presented a Proclamation declaring *June 4, 2021 as Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Trantalis explained procedures and details regarding how members of the public could speak on *Consent Agenda* items.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT MOTION

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie.

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

CM-1 [21-0510](#)

Motion Approving an Event Agreement for Fort Lauderdale Concours
- (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-2 [21-0524](#)

Motion Approving an Event Agreement and Related Road Closures for the Wilton Manors Stonewall Pride Parade & Street Festival - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-3 [21-0585](#)

Motion Approving Agreement between Clean Waterways, LLC and the City of Fort Lauderdale for a Pilot Protein Skimming Program in the Himmarshee Canal - \$350,000 - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-4 [21-0497](#)

Motion Approving First Amendment to the Lease Agreement Between KMAC LLC and the City of Fort Lauderdale for Property Located at 255 NE 3rd Avenue - \$680,760.96 (60-month rent) - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-5 [21-0487](#)

Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Five-Year Agreement with the School Board of Broward County for Reciprocal Use of City Parks and School Board Facilities in the City - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-6 [21-0533](#)

Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a First Amendment to the Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Accepting a Grant of \$50,000 for Hottt Park Playground, Changing the Agreement to a Retroactive Project - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-7 [21-0488](#)

Motion Accepting Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Grant Extension (FY2021/2022) and Increase in Funding \$27,777 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-8 [21-0491](#)

Motion Approving Funding Contribution for Design of Shared Use Paths on Cypress Creek Road - (Commission District 1)

APPROVED

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

CM-9 [21-0542](#)

Motion Approving an Amendment to an Agreement between the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Historical Resources and the City of Fort Lauderdale for a City-wide Architectural Resource Survey to Extend the Length of the Agreement - \$10,000 - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-10 [21-0597](#)

Motion Approving a Comprehensive Agreement for Design and Construction of the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center South Building - Hensel Phelps Construction Company - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

CR-1 [21-0162](#)

Resolution Authorizing a Sublicense Agreement with Broward County for Property Located at 1799 SE 17th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316 - \$76,225 (60-month rent) - (Commission District 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-2 [21-0230](#)

Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Terms of a State Housing

Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Rental Rehabilitation Program Loan Agreement, Mortgage, and Promissory Note between Housing Opportunities, Mortgage Assistance, & Effective Neighborhood Solutions, Inc. (H.O.M.E.S., Inc.) and the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

CR-3 [21-0539](#)

Resolution Disposing of City-Owned Surplus Property Located at 2200 NW 6th Court, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 - (Commission District 3)

ADOPTED

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

CR-4 [21-0568](#)

Resolution Declaring Notice of Intent to Lease City Owned Property Located at 2000 NE 16 Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304, Known as the Fire Prevention Bureau Building, Pursuant to Section 8.13 of the City Charter, to Fort Lauderdale Professional Firefighters, Inc. IAFF Local 765 - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

CR-5 [21-0457](#)

Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation and Authorizing Execution and the Acceptance of Grant Funds for the Northwest Community Link and Neighborhood Link Routes - \$200,000 - (Commission Districts 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-6 [21-0458](#)

Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation and Authorizing Execution and the Acceptance of Grant Funds for the Downtown Link Route - \$182,680 - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-7** [21-0509](#) Resolution Approving a Landscape Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement for State Road 5 with the Florida Department of Transportation for Improvements within the Right-of-Way of State Road 5 (US1) and Assumption of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement with 105 North Federal BSD, LLC - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-8** [21-0095](#) Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2021 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT PURCHASE

- CP-1** [21-0495](#) Motion Approving Agreement for Stormwater Infrastructure Desilting Services - FG Construction, LLC - \$1,247,500 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

- CP-2** [21-0548](#) Motion Approving Change Order No. 1 for Refurbishment of the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant 5 MG Steel Tank (North) - Southern Road & Bridge, LLC - \$193,211.96 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

- CP-3** [21-0521](#) Motion Approving Agreements for the Purchase of Stormwater Construction Contract Services - Various Contractors - \$9,000,000 (two-year total) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

- CP-4** [21-0591](#) Motion Approving an Increase in Funding for Pool Resurfacing -

Riverland Park Pool, Carter Park Pool, Croissant Park Water Playground - VPR Construction Corporation in the amount of \$31,722 - (Commission Districts 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS

NP-1 [21-0563](#)

Sarah Leonardi - Recognizing Pride Month

Sarah Leonardi, District 3 Broward County School Board (School Board) Member, commented on support of *Pride Month* celebrating the LGBTQ Community. Ms. Leonardi also commented on the need to address gun violence in the community. She recommended informing School Board regarding gun violence in the community occurring after school. Ms. Leonardi noted the importance of partnering with the School Board to provide services to victims of trauma.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on a recent incident on a street outside of *Bass Park*, clarified related details discussed earlier today at the Commission Conference Meeting and emphasized the need for all similar incidents to be addressed in the same manner. He expounded on his viewpoint regarding the positive relationship he has built with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department in District 3 and the impact of an alternate perspective regarding this incident. Commissioner McKinzie confirmed efforts towards moving forward with all stakeholders to address gun violence.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed work with Commissioner McKinzie to address gun violence holistically in all areas of the City. Mayor Trantalis recommended this topic be on a future Commission Meeting Agenda for discussion to address and achieve solutions.

RECEIVED

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [21-0555](#)

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 June 15, 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 Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

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

R-3 [21-0586](#)

Resolution Providing Notice of Intent to Enter into a Comprehensive Agreement for a Qualifying Project Submitted as Unsolicited Proposals and Notice of Intent to Accept Other Proposals for the Same Project - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Attorney Boileau explained the Commission had determined a ninety (90) day time frame.

Commissioner Glassman reiterated that every applicant and proposal would be treated equally and go through the same vetting process as the initial proposal in terms of extra scrutiny related to vetting the extra \$70,000. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed and expounded on details. Further comment and discussion ensued on the timeline.

In response to Vice Mayor Moraitis' questions, City Manager Lagerbloom explained details associated with the timeline and Staff preparation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for this Project and confirmed it is on a parallel path with the unsolicited proposal. He noted selection of an unsolicited proposal would provide a shorter timeline. An Owner's Representative would assist in preparation of the RFP but has not yet been hired.

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

ADOPTED

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

Nay: 1 - Vice Mayor Moraitis

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [21-0493](#)

Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution Approving the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board's Recommendation for Athletic Field Lighting Projects - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

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

ADOPTED

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

PH-2 [21-0372](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Vacating Right-of-Way Identified as a 50-Foot Wide by 209-Foot-Long Roadway between Broward Boulevard and SW 1st Street known as SW 15th Terrace - Len & Melody Renne and Christian Garay - Case No. PLN-VAC-20060001 - (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.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Andrew J. Schein, Esq., Lochrie and Chakas, 1401 E. Broward Boulevard, on behalf of the applicants. Mr. Schein commented he was available for any questions related to this item.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions regarding unsigned correspondence and neighborhood discussions, Mr. Schein confirmed the street vacation, rezoning and Site Plan associated with this item had been discussed with the neighborhood. Planned *Historic Preservation Board* hearings were also discussed. Mr. Schein noted unsigned letters

of support were addressed by the *Sailboat Bend Civic Association President*.

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 [21-0547](#) Second Reading - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning from Residential Multifamily Low Rise/Medium-High Density District (RML-25) District to Community Business (CB) District with 0.227 Acres of Commercial Flex Allocation and Conditional Use for a Marina Sales and Service Facility - Len & Melody Renne - Case No. PLN-SITE-20060001 - (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 no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED

R-2 [21-0206](#) Resolution Accepting the Las Olas Boulevard Vision Plan - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis acknowledged and thanked all stakeholders who had participated in developing the *Las Olas Boulevard Vision Plan (Plan)*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department Director. Mr. Rogers provided a brief historical overview of *Plan* efforts to date and confirming it is conceptual.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen, Mayor Trantalis commented on the numerous facets and segments of the *Plan*, discussion and neighbor feedback. He recommended scheduling a subsequent *Commission Workshop* for a detailed review of each segment.

Commissioner Glassman thanked Commissioner Sorensen, Staff, *The Corradino Group* and efforts of all stakeholders toward developing the *Plan*. He reiterated Mr. Roger's comment that the *Plan* is conceptual and noted tasks involved in the process and additional work to be done. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Moraitis commented on her perspective regarding the *Plan* and the need for a consensus regarding approved aspects of the *Plan* to ensure eligibility for future Federal infrastructure funding opportunities.

Commission Glassman commented on the need to ensure members of the public are aware of the *Plan*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Joseph M. Corradino, AICP, *The Corradino Group, Inc., (Corradino)*, conceptual streetscape design consultant for the *Plan*. Mr. Corradino provided an overview and details of the *Plan*.

Comment and discussion ensued on traffic flow on *SE 15th Avenue* in the *Colee Hammock* neighborhood impacted by intersections that require improved capacity. Mr. Corradino confirmed the overriding objective is to preserve the character and quality of life in the *Colee Hammock* neighborhood, expounding on related details.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, City Manager Lagerbloom explained details associated with the process when the Commission approves the *Plan*.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question, Mr. Corradino discussed traffic flow on *SE 15th Street* and plans to double intersection capacity.

Eric Churninsky, Director of Traffic for *Corradino*, discussed proposed

intersection design improvements, in coordination with *Broward County Transportation*, at *Broward Boulevard* on the northbound approach to *Las Olas Boulevard*. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Rogers explained additional intersection modification details allowing a dual lane for left-hand turns along *SE 15th Street* southbound at *Las Olas Boulevard* and northbound at *Broward Boulevard*. Comment and discussion ensued regarding the acquisition of land to provide the dual left-hand turn lanes.

Mr. Corradino explained traffic calming measures in the *Plan* to address speeding along *The Isles* portion of *Las Olas Boulevard*, including pedestrian crosswalks with traffic signalization, and bicycle lanes. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Glassman commented on the need to address crosswalks soon.

Edward Ng, AICP, on behalf of *Corradino*, expounded on details related to the acquisition of new rights-of-way for a dual left-hand turn lane along *SE 15th Avenue* at *Las Olas Boulevard*.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tom Godart, 330 Isle Of Capri, Vice President of the *Las Olas Homeowner's Association*. Mr. Godart spoke in support of *Plan* approval and expounded on his extensive involvement with improving *Las Olas Boulevard*. He concurred with Vice Mayor Moraitis' recommendation to keep aspects of the *Plan* moving forward to address area infrastructure.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Christina Currie, Esq., 644 SE Fifth Avenue. Ms. Currie spoke in support of *Plan* approval and preserving the character and quality of life in the *Colee Hammock* neighborhood.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Cabot Edewaard, 621 SE Sixth Street. Mr. Edewaard spoke in support of the *Plan*, expounding on his perspective and recommended moving forward.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Albetta, 1117 NE Tenth Avenue. Mr. Albetta concurred with Ms. Currie's comments and confirmed support of the *Plan*. He described drivers consistently ignoring traffic signs along SE 16th Street.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Molly Taylor, 1620 SE Second Street. Ms. Taylor spoke in support of the *Plan* and a dual left-hand turn lane along

SE 15th Street. She explained her support of the closure of *SE 16th Avenue* citing use as a thoroughfare for traffic accessing *Broward Boulevard*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Peter Partington, 1521 NE 53 Street. Mr. Partington commented on his experience as an engineer with the City and support of the *Plan* to move forward. He emphasized the importance of Neighborhood Master Plans and maintaining low-traffic neighborhoods.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Burns, One Las Olas Circle. Mr. Burns recommended including a bike path and pedestrian sidewalk improvements along the portion of *Las Olas Boulevard* from *Las Olas Bridge* to *Seabreeze Boulevard* due to increased pedestrian traffic from the *Las Olas Garage*. He recommended a thirty (30) mile per hour speed limit along *The Isles* portion of *Las Olas Boulevard*, similar to *Seabreeze Boulevard*. Mr. Burns also commented on his perspective regarding aspects of *SE 15th Avenue* and *SE 16th Avenue*.

Commissioner Glassman noted that *Las Olas Boulevard* east of Las Olas Bridge was not in the scope of work for the *Plan*. TAM Staff is working with beach residents to address concerns noted by Mr. Burns.

Mayor Trantalis recognized James Carlson, 1601 SE First Street. Mr. Carlson commented on numerous traffic incidents occurring along *SE 16th Avenue*. He spoke in support of the *Plan*, including its traffic calming measures along *Las Olas Boulevard* and planned studies to address *SE 15th Avenue* and *SE 16th Avenue*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paul Daly, 401 Idlewyld Drive. Mr. Daly commented on current aspects of traffic flow along *SE 15th Avenue* and *SE 16th Avenue* and the need for safety. He spoke in opposition to this *Plan* due to its plan to narrow roads in *The Isles*, bicycle lanes and parking nodes. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Steve Hudson, 1799 SE Ninth Street. Mr. Hudson spoke in support of the *Plan*. He recommended a *Commission Workshop* allowing Commission Members the opportunity for a thorough understanding. He recommended coordinating the *Plan* with the *Tunnel Top Park Project* to reduce construction impact on area businesses.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Luciano Bonaldo, 1710 SE Second Court. Mr. Bonaldo spoke in support of the *Plan*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive, on behalf of the *Idlewyld Improvement Association*. Ms. Fertig explained *Idlewyld Improvement Association* joins other homeowner's associations, including *Rivera Isles*, *Seven Isles*, *Marine Tower*, *Nurmi Isles* and *Isles of Venice*, in opposition to portions of the *Plan*.

Ms. Fertig expounded on traffic congestion, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) response times and necessity to maintain evacuation routes. Ms. Fertig commented on need for bicycle and walkability paths parallel to *Las Olas Boulevard* from *Andrews Avenue* at *River Walk* connecting downtown with *Las Olas Boulevard* to the *Las Olas Boulevard shopping area (Shops)* and the beach. Ms. Fertig expounded on recommendations to the *Plan*, comments from homeowner's associations. She concurred with the recommendation to hold a *Commission Workshop* on this item.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on ongoing efforts to address EMS response times. Ms. Fertig explained that the EMS concerns relate to traffic congestion during high-season and special events impacting EMS response time and patient transport time to hospitals. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Karen Owen, 2500 East *Las Olas Boulevard*, on behalf of *Marine Tower*. Ms. Owen opposed the *Plan* explaining the adverse impact of the *Plan* on *Marine Towers*, the adjacent pump station and *Merle Fogg Park*.

Commissioner Glassman commented on the need for coordination among all stakeholders, expounding on details of the *Plan* related to narrowed roadways to address traffic calming. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the methodology utilized and the ability, process and standards associated with modifying the speed limit along *Las Olas Boulevard*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Howard Steinholz, 2600 Barcelona Drive, on behalf of *Seven Isles Homeowner's Association (Seven Isles HOA)*. Mr. Steinholz concurred with Ms. Fertig's comments, the impact of traffic congestion on *Seven Isles HOA* residents and the need for improvements to enhance the quality of life of residents.

Mayor Trantalis commented on traffic-calming measures implemented along *NE 13th Street* and *Dixie Highway* for consideration in residential areas along *Las Olas Boulevard* that experience high-speed traffic. Commissioner Glassman concurred, expounding on details and noting a

possible future underground tunnel from *Brightline Station* to the beach.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Ruddy, 610 Solar Isle Drive, President of *Riviera Isles Homeowner's Association* (Riviera Isles HOA). Dr. Ruddy concurred with Ms. Fertig's comments and confirmed *Riviera Isles HOA* opposition to the current *Plan* east of *Isle of Capri*. Dr. Ruddy commented on the history of high school students in the early part of the 20th Century who had planted existing palm trees lining this portion of *Las Olas Boulevard* as a memorial monument to those lost in *World War I*.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Dr. Ruddy explained the palm tree memorial portion of *Las Olas Drive* extended east of *Isle of Capri* to *Las Olas Bridge*, formerly known as *Memorial Drive*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Suzee Bailey, 105 Nurmi Drive, President of *Nurmi Isles Homeowner's Associations* (Nurmi Isles HOA). Ms. Bailey confirmed support of removing *The Isles* segment of the *Plan* pending resolution of concerns discussed. She commented on opposition to the closure of *SE 16th Avenue* and the need for traffic safety measures along *Las Olas Boulevard*, including the need for crosswalks.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Robert B. Lochrie III, Esq., Lochrie and Chakas, 1401 E. Broward Boulevard, on behalf of *Stiles Corporation*. Mr. Lochrie spoke in opposition to capacity reduction along *Las Olas Boulevard* from *Andrews Avenue* to the *Henry E. Kinney Tunnel* (Tunnel), citing details and the need for four (4) traffic lanes.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Milledge, Esq., 200 SW First Avenue, on behalf of the McTigue Family. Mr. Milledge spoke in opposition to removing the fifty (50) parking spaces at the *Shops* portion of the *Plan* within the segment from the *Tunnel* to *SE 12th Avenue*. He explained details regarding the importance of this parking to *Shop* owners and negative impact of removing this parking on surrounding residential neighbors.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Corradino explained removing those parking spaces is designed to significantly increase pedestrian space. Mr. Corradino expounded on details, noting the ability to maintain those parking spaces. Further comment and discussion ensued on the pedestrian area and parking illustrations on pages 32 and 67 of the *Plan*.

A copy is part of the backup to this Agenda item.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mr. Corradino explained eliminating the parking lane from *Andrews Avenue* to the *Tunnel* would allow a permanent bicycle path. Mr. Corradino said should parallel parking remain in this portion of *Las Olas Boulevard*, bicycle paths could be placed on parallel streets connecting to eastern segments of the *Plan*. Commissioner Glassman commented on not eliminating lanes due to future growth along *Las Olas Boulevard* from *Andrews Avenue* to the *Tunnel*.

Commissioner Sorensen recommended the *Plan* segment along *Las Olas Boulevard* from *Andrews Avenue* to *Federal Highway* maintain four (4) traffic lanes and utilize one (1) traffic lane as a bicycle sharrow lane (sharrow lane). The sharrow lane could connect with bicycle paths on adjacent parallel streets that would connect to eastern segments of the *Plan*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jenni Morejon, President and Chief Executive Officer, *Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (DDA)*. Ms. Morejon commented on her perspective regarding the *Plan*, the large density and planned growth along *Las Olas Boulevard* from *Andrews Avenue* to the *Tunnel*. She recommended maintaining the four (4) lanes right-of-way width, including on-street parking. Ms. Morejon recommend maintaining parking along the *Shops* segment of the *Plan*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Timothy J. Cleary, 518 Solar Isle Drive, *Riviera Isles HOA* member. Mr. Cleary recommended modifications to the *Plan* prior to Commission approval. He commented on *SE 15th Avenue* traffic congestion and the need for *SE 16th Avenue* to remain open allowing access to *Victoria Park* and eastern *Sunrise Boulevard*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Anthony Abbate, 1222 SE First Street. Mr. Abbate referenced three elements of the *Plan* in need of further study. He cited specific items in *Exhibit 1* and explained concerns regarding the impact of these items on the *Colee Hammock* neighborhood.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jacquelyn Scott, 1626 SE 17th Avenue, President of the *Colee Hammock* neighborhood. Ms. Scott confirmed support of the *Plan* and a possible future tunnel from the *Brightline Station* to the beach. She discussed the need to protect the *Colee Hammock* neighborhood by keeping *SE 16th Avenue* open as a two-way street for residents but preventing *Las Olas Boulevard* vehicle traffic from entering.

Ms. Scott explained the *1990 Colee Hammock Neighborhood Master Plan Program* designated *SE 15th Avenue* as the connector from *Las Olas Boulevard* to *Broward Boulevard*, which was approved by a previous Commission. Ms. Scott submitted a copy of the *1990 Colee Hammock Neighborhood Master Plan Program* for the record.

A copy is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Trantalis commented on limiting access to *SE 16th Avenue* and additional modifications. Ms. Scott explained the use of *SE 15th Avenue* and historical aspects related to traffic management. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mike Weymouth, 600 Sagamore Road, President and CEO of the *Las Olas Company*. Mr. Weymouth clarified aspects of the *Plan* related to sidewalks from the *Tunnel* to *Himmarsee Canal*. Comment and discussion ensued.

Mr. Weymouth discussed his perspective and the need for professionals to develop the *Plan* to include pedestrian safety, wider sidewalks and on-street parking in *the Shops* segment. He emphasized and expounded on the need to couple the *Tunnel Top Park* project planned for 2022 with improvements to the *Shops* segment of the *Plan*. Mayor Trantalis concurred. Further comment and discussion on coupling these improvements. Commissioner Sorensen agreed and said Staff is working to coordinate.

Mayor Trantalis discussed *the Shops* segment of the *Plan*, the impact of eliminating the center median on pedestrians crossing *Las Olas Boulevard*, the need for good tree landscaping to provide pedestrian shade tree canopies on both sides of *Las Olas Boulevard* and maintaining on-street parking.

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WALK-ON - Motion to extend Regular Meeting to 10:30 p.m.

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to extend this meeting until 10:30 p.m. and was seconded by Vice Mayor Moraitis.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 -

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charlie Ladd, 442 NE Seventh Avenue, Chair of the Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Mr. Ladd commented on his perspective and acknowledged concerns to be addressed and the need to keep moving forward with segments of Plan. He supports maintaining travel lanes east of the Tunnel and parallel parking on both sides of Las Olas Boulevard along the Shops segment of the Plan.

Mr. Ladd commented on aspects of the Colee Hammock neighborhood and traffic improvements along *SE 15th Avenue* in the *Plan*. He recommended bifurcating segments of the *Plan* and working towards a consensus the *Las Olas Isles* segment, permitting other segments of the *Plan* to move forward.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Joel Lee, 1613 SE First Street. Mr. Lee noted his support of the *Plan* and commented on traffic speed issues related to the previous one-way pairings of *SE 16th Avenue* and *SE 17th Avenue*. He addressed the need for additional speed humps on *Colee Hammock* streets and other vehicle traffic concerns in need of Police Department monitoring.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Margaret McCormick, 111 SE 17th Avenue, speaking on behalf of her parents who reside at this address. Ms. McCormick supported the *Plan* and opposed one-way pairings of *SE 15th Avenue* and *SE 16th Avenue*.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

In response to Commissioner Glassman's request to clarify conflicting *Plan* language and ambiguity about *SE 16th Avenue* (comments on page 9 and the *Plan* subsequently recommending a Study), Mr. Rogers clarified the Staff recommendation will further analyze *SE 16th Avenue and Las Olas Boulevard* intersection to determine next steps. Staff has collected quotes for data collection, review and analysis (Study). Staff would finalize a Study for Commission presentation to obtain Commission direction.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's inquiry regarding a speed analysis referenced in the Plan (page 10), Mr. Rogers confirmed vehicle speeds are an issue only along *The Isles* segment of the Plan. He verified review of additional traffic calming measures along The Isles segment. This area of *Las Olas Boulevard* connects the downtown to the beach and explained efforts to alter driving habits.

Commissioner Glassman commented about other considerations and items listed in the Plan, including *Himmarshee Canal and Sospiro Canal Bridges* to be addressed by the City (page 30). He asked how quickly we could see these included in a Public Works *capital improvement/Community Investment Plan (CIP)* and moved forward. Mr. Rogers said the design phase of the Plan would address the timing and sequencing *Sospiro Canal Bridge (Sospiro Bridge)*. He noted discussions with Raj Verma, Public Works Director, who is analyzing *Sospiro Bridge* needs and historical elements. Mr. Rogers commented on estimated costs for rehabilitation and replacement of the *Sospiro Bridge*. Commissioner Glassman remarked that Plan recommendations would improve traffic flow and assist pedestrian and bicycle travel in this segment. He noted the crucial importance of promptly determining *Sospiro Bridge CIP* funding.

Commissioner Glassman noted recommendations within *The Isles* segment (page 82) regarding vehicular travel lanes and the need to address visibility issues on the north side of each *Las Olas Boulevard Bridge lane* with sight-triangle extensions with reconstruction of bridge walls and rails. Commissioner Glassman explained this needs to be addressed soon. It cannot wait until the Plan is implemented. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding approval of the current design of the *Las Olas Boulevard Bridge*. Mr. Rogers noted related discussions with Raj Verma, Public Works Director. Mr. Rogers commented on limited funding allocated for bridges and explained other bridges have extreme priority. Staff would provide additional information to Commissioner Glassman. Commissioner Glassman reiterated the importance of this item.

Commissioner Glassman commented on *The Isles* segment sidewalks and the recommendation (page 83, item 3B) for multiple new pedestrian crossings proposed at *S. Gordon Road, Hendrick Isles, Coral Way, Seven Isles Drive and the Intracoastal Waterway Bridge*.

He commented on discussions of this topic at recent meetings with *The Isles* residents and said this topic was new and not discussed during Working Group final meetings. This recommendation needs to be addressed as soon as possible, before design phases and construction.

Mr. Rogers clarified his understanding that proposed signalized crosswalks are pedestrian-activated, citing examples and explaining this would not contribute to traffic congestion. He is building the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and explained the reallocation of approximately \$200,000 for a signalized is proposed for consideration by City Manager Lagerbloom. Commissioner Glassman reiterated the need to move forward with this item.

Mayor Trantalis commented on addressing each *Plan* segment separately due to the numerous items to be addressed. He recommended holding Commission Workshops to address each *Plan* segment individually. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on his perspective, noting alignment on the *Andrews Avenue to Federal Highway Plan* segment and *Federal Highway to SE 12th Avenue Plan* segment, including the *Shops area*. He emphasized time is of the essence for the *Federal Highway to SE 12th Avenue* segment of the *Plan* to ensure coordination with the *Tunnel Top Park Project*.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed the need to improve *SE 15th Avenue* and concerns about property in that area to implement *Plan* recommendations. He confirmed agreement with a study of *SE 16th Avenue*. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Moraitis noted the consensus for a pedestrian crosswalk in *The Isles* segment of the *Plan*. She confirmed support of closing *SE 16th Avenue* and widening *SE 15th Street*, citing similar efforts in her neighborhood which proved beneficial. She confirmed support of prioritizing and moving forward with the *Shops* segment of the *Plan* for coordination with the *Tunnel Top Park Project*.

Mayor Trantalis recommended further discussion with stakeholders regarding the *Plan* in the segment from *SE 12th Avenue* south to the *Las Olas Boulevard Bridge*.

City Manager Lagerbloom reminded the Commission that CIP funding is balanced through the next five (5) years. New requests for funding could occur in year six (6) or 2028. Should items discussed tonight become priorities, a review of CIP funding with the Commission would become necessary. Mayor Trantalis commented on possible funding from the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed efforts to maximize grant funding opportunities for shovel-ready projects and the ability to accept parts of the Plan. City Attorney Boileau commented on related process details.

Commissioner Sorensen recommended Corradino provide an updated Plan for the Andrews Avenue to SE 12th Avenue segment at the next Commission Meeting. The Commission would discuss the segments of the *Plan* from *SE 12th Avenue* east to the beach at a *Workshop* prior to the *Commission Summer Break*. Further comment and discussion ensued.

There was a consensus to hold a *Commission Workshop* on segments of the *Plan* on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to defer this item until Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

DEFERRED to June 15, 2021, 6 p.m.

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

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WALK-ON - Motion to extend Regular Meeting to 11 p.m.

Vice Mayor Moraitis made a motion to extend this meeting until 10:30 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

APPROVED

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Lagerbloom announced *The Beach Boys* appearing during the *Fourth of July Spectacular 2021* special event on the beach.

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE CLOSED-DOOR SESSION

City Attorney Alain Boileau announced that pursuant to Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, he is requesting *an Executive Closed-Door Session* be held on June 15, 2021, to discuss the matter of:

James Smith vs. The City of Fort Lauderdale - Case No. 19-004547
(03)

City Attorney Boileau said he anticipates discussions on this matter would take approximately 20 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 10:48 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli
City Clerk