



City of Hallandale Beach
City Commission
400 S. Federal Highway
Hallandale Beach, FL 33009

Mayor Joy F. Cooper
Vice Mayor Keith S. London
Commissioner Michele Lazarow
Commissioner Anthony A. Sanders
Commissioner Anabelle Taub

City Manager Roger M. Carlton
City Attorney Jennifer Merino
City Clerk Mario Bataille, CMC

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2017

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Workshop Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Cooper, Commissioner Lazarow, Vice Mayor London, Commissioner Sanders and Commissioner Taub

City Manager Carlton and City Attorney Merino were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ORDER OF BUSINESS

City Clerk Bataille noted the Supplemental Agenda item would need to be accepted by the City Commission and further requested the City Commission recess the City Commission Workshop to commence discussion on the HBCRA forensic audit.

Consensus:

-To approve the order of business as amended.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Speakers must sign-in with the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting)

Judith Selz spoke about her inability to obtain information on the Future Foundation from staff and further advocated for more transparency in city government.

Robert Selz, as secretary to the Public Transportation Flood Mitigation Advisory Board, relayed the board's recommendation with respect to the prospective additional community bus route, which will be discussed by the City Commission on March 15. He also spoke in opposition to the removal of the bus benches in front of Publix and further urged the City Commission to take action.

Barbara Southwick spoke about the limited number of volunteers who are interested in serving on the City advisory boards and committees and hopes the discussion item on the boards and committees will clarify the intent of the City Commission and the new administration on the matter.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF THE FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016. (STAFF: FINANCE DIRECTOR)

City Clerk Bataille introduced the item.

Budget Manager Marie (Maggie) Gouin delivered a presentation and answered questions posed by the City Commission.

City Manager Carlton shared his budgetary vision with respect to creating a monthly report that encompasses the year-to-date revenues and expenses as well as the end of year projections.

Responding to Commissioner Lazarow's inquiry, Budget Manager Gouin clarified the City balanced the fiscal year (FY) 2015-2016 General Fund budget without using reserves. Nevertheless, for FY 2016-2017, the City Commission did adopt a budget using reserves due to various desired projects and programs.

Chief Financial Officer Lucia stated the Finance Department projects the City will be using General Fund Balance to fund some of the other funds as well.

Vice Mayor London requested staff to provide the percentage of reserve funds towards other funds.

Responding to Mayor Cooper's inquiry with respect to the City's policy on the percentage of reserve funds, City Manager Carlton stated 17-20 percent is good, but the trends and committed expenditures are also a determining factor.

Mayor Cooper recessed the Workshop at 7:30 PM.

Mayor Cooper reconvened the Workshop at 7:57 PM.

B. PRESENTATION OF RECENTLY PROMOTED FIRE RESCUE STAFF: (STAFF: FIRE CHIEF)

City Clerk Bataille introduced the item.

Fire Chief Ellis recognized the following recently promoted Fire Rescue staff: Chief Marc Vermont, Captain George Leon, and Captain Kristian Schafer.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS - Items not on the Agenda**A. COMMISSIONER LAZAROW**

No Communications.

B. COMMISSIONER SANDERS

No Communications

C. COMMISSIONER TAUB

No Communications

D. VICE MAYOR LONDON

No Communications

E. MAYOR COOPER

No Communications

8. CITY BUSINESS**A. DISCUSSION ON THE CITY'S ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.
(STAFF: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE)**

Mayor Cooper thanked all of the board members for their patience and selfless commitment to making the City a better place.

Howard Garson inquired into the purpose of the City Advisory Boards and Committees Discussion Item and further requested more Commission involvement at the City's board/committee meetings.

Susan Lewis welcomed the newly hired City Manager and City Attorney, expressed discontent with the time the item was heard, and spoke about the decorum on the dais.

Wolfgang Tweraser spoke about the Ad Hoc Parking Committee and the selection process for the RFP Parking Management of North and South Beach Parks.

There were no more public speakers.

City Clerk Bataille provided a brief overview on the Ad Hoc Parking Committee.

Deputy City Manager Rafols clarified the parking management contract for North and South Beach Parks was awarded, and once negotiated, the item will be brought forth for City Commission consideration.

Commissioner Taub spoke about the challenges she finds with the City's advisory boards and committees.

Vice Mayor London recommended the Public Transportation Flood Mitigation Advisory Board be separated into two distinct boards, whereby the Ad Hoc Parking Committee will be a subcommittee of the Public Transportation Board and the flood mitigation component will fall under a prospective Resiliency Board.

Mayor Cooper suggested the prospective Resiliency Board be named the Resiliency and Sustainability Board.

Consensus:

-Public Transportation Flood Mitigation Advisory Board be separated into two distinct boards, whereby the Ad Hoc Parking Committee will be a subcommittee of the Public Transportation Board and the flood mitigation component will fall under a prospective Resiliency and Sustainability Board.

Vice Mayor London recommended every member of the City Commission have one appointment for each board and committee.

Vice Mayor London recommended separating the Planning and Zoning Advisory boards into two distinct boards and providing for special consideration to those applicants that have demonstrated experience and/or interest in the subject matter.

Commissioner Taub echoed Vice Mayor London's remarks with respect to providing for a qualification requirement for some boards.

Commissioner Taub also inquired into the board member removal process, specifically in the case of abuse of power.

Commissioner Lazarow advised she will be sending letters to her board/committee appointments asking them to please reapply.

City Clerk Bataille provided a brief overview on the Beautification Board.

Vice Mayor London recommended merging the Beautification Advisory Board along with the Parks and Recreation Board.

Responding to Vice Mayor London's suggestion, Mayor Cooper spoke in favor of expanding the mission of the Beautification Board to include emphasis on landscaping design, litter control, and the overall sanitation of the City, as opposed to combining it with the Parks and Recreation Board.

Beautification Board Chair Phyllis Braccone clarified the board's attendance record,

spoke in favor of expanding the Beautification Board's mission and opposed the notion of merging the Beautification Board with the Parks & Recreation Board.

Commissioner Lazarow spoke in favor of reducing the Beautification Board's composition to five (5) members and further advocated for the expansion of the board's mission.

Consensus:

- Staff to look into expanding the mission of the Beautification Board to possibly include emphasis on landscaping design, litter control, and the overall sanitation of the City.*

City Clerk Bataille provided a brief overview on the Cemetery Committee.

Cemetery Board Staff Liaison Gary Gibson elaborated on the original comprehensive cemetery plan.

City Manager Carlton requested staff be given the opportunity to examine the comprehensive cemetery plan and bring forth recommendations at a future date.

Mayor Cooper reminded staff and the Cemetery Committee of the Prisoner of War and Vietnam Veteran remembrance site that is still pending.

Consensus:

- Staff to examine the comprehensive cemetery plan, the feasibility of a Prisoner of War and Vietnam Veteran remembrance site, and to bring forth recommendations at a future date.*

City Clerk Bataille provided a brief overview on the Charter Review Committee.

Responding to Vice Mayor London's recommendation to review the Charter in 2018, City Attorney Merino informed the City Commission the Charter Review Committee can be reinstituted prior to November 2019.

City Clerk Bataille mentioned he would have to research a timeline for a 2018 Charter Review ballot language based on the Broward Supervisor of Elections feedback.

Consensus:

- Staff to reach out to the Broward Supervisor of Election's Office and provide a timeline for ballot language concerning a 2018 Charter Review.*

City Clerk Bataille provided a brief overview on the Civil Service Board.

Vice Mayor London spoke in opposition to the continuance of the Civil Service Board due to some duplication of effort.

City Manager Carlton requested staff be given the opportunity to research the various employee protections provided for in Collective Bargaining Agreements, State and Federal Laws, and to bring forth recommendations to the City Commission at a future date.

Consensus:

- Staff to research the various Civil Service Board employee protections provided for in Collective Bargaining Agreements, State and Federal Laws, and to bring forth recommendations.*

City Clerk Bataille provided a brief overview on the Code and Permitting Advisory Committee.

Vice Mayor London recommended sunsetting the Code and Permitting Advisory Committee.

Consensus:

- Staff to prepare an agenda item for City Commission consideration to sunset the Code and Permitting Advisory Committee.*

City Clerk Bataille provided a brief overview on the Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC).

Commissioner Taub spoke in favor of including an anti-condo fraud goal to the CPAC's mission.

Vice Mayor London echoed Commissioner Taub's sentiment with respect to expanding the committee's mission.

Mayor Cooper spoke in favor of assigning the committee a homelessness goal.

Police Chief Flournoy concurred with Commissioner Taub's recommendation to expand the committee's mission. He also elaborated on the Police Department's effort in educating the public on condo law as well as the new initiatives with respect to the economic crimes unit.

Consensus:

- Staff to bring forth recommendations on the CPAC with respect to expanding its*

mission and possibly incorporating an anti-condo law/economic crimes element to the committee.

City Clerk Bataille provided a brief overview on the Education Advisory Board and further informed the board's membership criteria would have to be amended to account for the new K-8 Center whereby one member would represent grades K-5 and another member would represent grades 6-8.

Consensus:

-Staff to prepare an agenda item for City Commission consideration to amend the Education Advisory Board's governing document to reflect the K 8 Center membership criteria.

City Clerk Bataille provided a brief overview on the Golden Isles Safe Neighborhood District (GISND) Advisory Council.

Vice Mayor London recommended a reduction in the number of board members to five (5) and for the governing document to reflect term limits for the chair and vice chair.

Chair Cooper provided a historical reference on the composition of the GISND Advisory Council.

Fran Markowitz clarified the GISND is a special taxing district which is not governed by the City Commission.

Responding to Commissioner Lazarow's question, City Attorney Merino stated she would need to look into the governing documents for the GISND Board of Directors as it relates to the GISND Advisory Council.

Three Island Safe Neighborhood District (TISND) Advisory Council Chair Olesya Trayber suggested reducing the quorum requirement for the Council which would help improve the meeting frequency.

Vice Mayor London spoke in favor of Chair Trayvor's recommendation.

Responding to Commissioner Lazarow's question, Captain Thouez provided information with respect to TISND Advisory Council's attendance record.

Howard Garson spoke in opposition to reducing the number of TISND Advisory Council's board members and further echoed Chair Trayvor's quorum recommendation.

City Attorney Merino clarified the City Commission is able to discuss the two Safe Neighborhood Districts during the Workshop, as no action may be taken on any items.

City Clerk Bataille informed the City Commission consensus is needed to extend the Workshop past 11:00 PM.

Consensus:

- to extend the Workshop time past 11:00 PM.

City Clerk provided a brief overview on the Historic Preservation Board.

Vice Mayor London recommended sunseting the Historic Preservation Board.

Historic Preservation Board Chairperson Fran Markowitz spoke about the board's attendance record, minutes, and the board's various accomplishments.

Vice Mayor London recommended the Historic Preservation Board members start a 501c3 Non-Profit organization, and further spoke in opposition to expending \$700,000 to rebuild the Moffit House.

Chair Cooper spoke in opposition to sunseting the Historic Preservation Board and advocated for City parks.

City Clerk Bataille concluded the first part of the discussion on City Advisory Boards and Committees and informed the next review will take place at the March 13, 2017 City Commission Workshop.

9. CITY ATTORNEY COMMUNICATIONS - Items not on the Agenda

10. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS - Items not on the Agenda

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: (No Action Required)

A. FOLLOW UP MEMO - January 23, 2017

12. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting at 8:34PM.