

City of Fort Lauderdale
Infrastructure Task Force Committee
January 7, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
8th Floor City Commission Room – City Hall
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

1. Call to Order at 2:02 P.M.:

• **Roll Call**

MEMBERS		PRESENT	ABSENT
Marilyn Mammano	P	20	1
Ed Kwoka	P	17	4
Ralph Zeltman	P	20	1
Peter Partington	P	1	0
Roosevelt Walters	P	19	2
Fred Stresau	P	17	4
Norm Ostrau	P	18	1
David Orshefsky	P	18	0
Jacquelyn Scott	P	6	0

Staff Present

Ben Sorensen, Vice Mayor
Laura Reece, Budget Director
Joe Kenney, Assistant Public Works Director
Meredith Shuster, Senior Administrative Assistant
Raj Verma, Staff Liaison

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the January 7, 2019 Agenda made by Mr. Walters and seconded by Mr. Orshefsky

Motion approved unanimously by voice vote

3. Approval of December 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes (2:09 p.m.)

- A. Motion to approve the minute for the December 3, 2018 meeting by Mr. Kwoka and seconded by Mr. Walters**

Discussion centered on how to handle stated comments in the minutes that may be in error.

City Staff was asked to get direction on how to handle facts stated in the minutes that are in error.

- B. Motion to defer the minutes for December 3, 2018 meeting by Mr. Kwoka and seconded by Mr. Ostrau (indeterminate)**

Roll call vote: Mr. Kwoka, yes; Mr. Zeltman, no; Mr. Partington, yes; Mr. Walters, no; Mr. Orshefsky, yes; Mr. Stresau, no; Mr. Ostrau, yes; Ms. Scott, no; Ms. Mammano, no;

Motion fails.

Roll call vote on Motion to Approve the Minutes: Mr. Kwoka, yes; Mr. Zeltman, yes; Mr. Partington, no; Mr. Walters, yes; Mr. Orshefsky, no; Mr. Stresau, yes; Mr. Ostrau, yes; Ms. Scott, yes; Ms. Mammano, yes;

Motion passes.

4. General Discussion and Comments by Committee Members (2:17 p.m.)

Ms. Shuster informed the Committee that due to a scheduling conflict, it has been requested that the ITF address moving its March 4th meeting to March 7, 2019.

Motion to reschedule the March 4th meeting to Thursday, March 7th made by Ms. Scott and seconded by Mr. Walters.

Motion approved unanimously by voice vote (2:19 p.m.)

Chair Mammano reminded board members to be cognizant of the Sunshine Law requirements.

Vice Mayor Ben Sorenson was introduced and welcomed. Peter Partington was introduced as the Mayor's appointment to the ITF replacing Keith Cobb.

Upon review of *Resolution 17-46 Section 3 Membership*, it was determined that Mr. Partington met the criteria for serving on this advisory board. In addition to being the Mayor's appointment, Mr. Partington has practical experience and extensive knowledge of infrastructure engineering and public finance.

Members asked how the application of Ordinance C-18-36 outlining the term limits and appointment of advisory board members applies to this Committee. The sentiment was this task force differs from other boards because it was given a specific task to accomplish within a given timeframe. Members discussed with the Vice Mayor the reasoning to maintain as much consistency in the membership of this advisory board as possible. The amount of time studying the infrastructure master plans, meeting the public and listening to the presentations by staff creates a "knowledge base" that gets "fractured" when a member is replaced.

The Vice Mayor responded that he appreciated the efforts of this Committee and considers it a valuable "brain trust" for moving forward. He would like to leverage it more as the next budget gets created and the bonds are put in place. The Vice Mayor stated that this Committee does fall under the ordinance [C-18-36] but agreed the Commission could be more mindful of its communication regarding the transitioning of advisory board appointees. The Vice Mayor expressed his understanding of the Committee's request for continuity in membership and will take that under consideration if determining a replacement for the ITF. When asked if there was a vetting process, the Vice Mayor was not aware of any vetting process with the exception of it being incumbent on the individual commissioner making the appointment and the prospective member's application and credentials.

It was suggested that since this Committee was nearing the completion of its objectives, the City Commission may want to evaluate the continued role of the ITF. It was expressed that this topic should be brought up at the Joint Workshop.

Conversation included whether the ITF in its current form should continue “as is” or if a new ongoing committee should be created to be both advocates for infrastructure, especially when vying for budget dollars and as a “watchdog” for the many infrastructure issues funded by bonds. Suggestions given for consideration were:

- “Sun setting” the current ITF which is close to fulfilling its initial objectives
- Change the current ITF to an ongoing committee with or without the current membership
- Create a new infrastructure committee for the purpose of being the public’s conscience to monitor the usage of the bond funds for the purpose so designated
- Make an ITF subcommittee under the Budget Advisory Board
- Obtain Commission directives for the current board to continue until its term as outlined in Resolution 17-281 comes to an end in March, 2020

It was stated that as the elected representative, the Commission should make the changes it deems needed but to also take into consideration the time, value, historical knowledge and efforts the board members make to serve the City. Additionally, it was suggested for task force style committees, a term be set and members removed due to cause only. The Vice Mayor replied that a commitment from both the board members and Commission makes sense for the duration of the given term.

[Note: the Vice Mayor departed the meeting at the conclusion of this portion of the Agenda.]

Ms. Scott requested an article be sent to the board members.

5. Old Business (2:58 p.m.) *[The recommendations in the Communication to the City Commission presented at the July 2, 2018 City Commission Conference Meeting are inserted for clarity of the discussion]*

A. Topics for Joint City Commission Workshop – January 22, 2019

It was asked: *“What is the Commission’s commitment to the recommendations that have been made?”*

In the discussion about the recommendation made by the ITF to the Commission to eliminate the ROI, it was clarified that it included the verbiage to phase out the ROI over a four year period. The difficulty to cut the estimated \$5 Million of ROI from the budget in the upcoming fiscal year and the subsequent approval of \$5 Million, over five years, as a subsidy to the promoter of the Air and Sea Show was also agreed to be counter intuitive.

It was the consensus that the recommendation concerning the ROI remain as it was presented to the Commission.

Reference to the recommendation made to the City Commission regarding impact fees was discussed. The members wanted to clarify that the recommendation was meant to include “all” impact fees.

At the last report from the previous city manager, a rate study was being conducted on the water and sewer rates.

In response to the inquiry on the status of the report, Laura Reece, Budget Director informed the Committee that the water/sewer rate study was shown to the Large Users (other municipalities that purchase Fort Lauderdale water) and is almost ready to be presented to the City Commission. She stated that the external customers and Large Users are currently not contributing any of their impact fees and that is being addressed. Ms. Reece mentioned she had not heard of any study on impact fees for parks.

The Committee agreed to readdress its recommendation regarding a set percentage be allocated to infrastructure not supported by user fees.

City staff was asked to break down the status report into two parts. First the recommendation as presented to the Commission and then what actions the Commission has taken. It was also asked to be more specific in the wording and to use the recommendations as presented to the Commission on July 2, 2018.

In the 2nd question for the Commission on the draft Status Report:
Does the CC have a need for the ITF to continue?

It was considered suggesting that either the current ITF or a newly restructured committee remain as a constituency for infrastructure on an ongoing basis and to suggest issues it could address. It was expressed that especially during budget time, there is a need for infrastructure's voice to be heard" at the highest level. The ITF could continue to fill a valuable role as an advocate.

A suggestion for an ongoing function was to be able to advise the Commission where the source of funding is coming from and the progress on how it is being spent to avoid discovering "down the road" that little bond money has been spent and progress has not been made.

Instead of a question, a statement to the effect that the ITF recommends that some form of an ongoing infrastructure board be set up and then let the discussion ensue and take shape from there as to whether the current resolution should be reviewed and amended or otherwise. The Committee agreed that the ITF, in whatever form, is the "bridge" between the constituency and the Commission.

6. New Business (3:45 p.m.)

A. Presentation: Pedestrian Mobility Proposal

Mr. Jay Shechtman stated he is a member of the Planning and Zoning Board and the chairperson for LauderTrail Working Group. He explained the LauderTrail Working Group was established by a City resolution to create a seven mile trail for pedestrian and cycling connectivity. He is presenting this proposal as a private citizen.

He began his presentation by stating that it is very dangerous to ride a bicycle or walk in the urban core of Fort Lauderdale. Safety is a major factor in the need for this proposal. Lack of land for housing has caused vertical growth primarily in the urban areas. With the 8,000 residences already approved for downtown Fort Lauderdale, mobility is a major quality of life issue. Dockless mobility examples showing elevated bridges with connecting ramps leading to the major commercial areas of downtown were shown and explained.

He stated 30% of the downtown population is between 18-34 years of age, the age bracket that this concept has the highest appeal. He reminded the Committee of the fifteen years spent working on the WAVE and using the knowledge gained when addressing the right-of-way issues and timeframes involved in implementation.

Members of the ITF suggested that Mr. Shechtman get his proposal on the City's Comprehensive Plan and also see how privatization could be utilized. One suggestion was to present his proposal to the City's Department of Sustainability, Transportation and Mobility and Public Works. Additionally, it was suggested that this presentation be given to the Counsel of Civic Associations, and the Broward MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization). Members offered their assistance. [Note: Mr. Shechtman presented his proposal to the City Commission at its meeting on January 8, 2019]

Ms. Scott moved that the ITF endorse this concept [elevated solution separating dockless mobility and cyclists from vehicular traffic in the urban core] seconded by Mr. Kwoka. In discussion, it was suggested that the motion be amended to supporting alternative mobility; but, not specifically the concept of the elevated alternative. *Ms. Scott withdrew her motion.*

Motion by Mr. Kwoka and seconded by Mr. Orshefsky: To support alternative mobility initiatives within the urban core of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

In discussion, it was asked if the motion included scooters and other forms of mobility. The answer was affirmative. *David Orshefsky withdrew his second.*

Motion reiterated by Mr. Kwoka and seconded by Ms. Scott: To support alternative mobility initiatives within the urban core of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Roll call vote: Mr. Kwoka, yes; Mr. Zeltman, yes; Mr. Partington, yes; Mr. Walters, yes; Mr. Orshefsky, yes; Mr. Stresau, yes; Mr. Ostrau, no; Ms. Scott, yes; Ms. Mammano, no;

Staff was asked to revisit the presentation of the Comprehensive Plan Presentation that was previously deferred and to place it on an upcoming agenda.

7. Informational Items (1 hour 13 minutes) - None

8. Public Comments

Paul Chettle, Citizen of Fort Lauderdale (3:34 p.m.)

Mr. Chettle complimented City staff on the CIP Status Presentation given to the ITF at the November meeting. He sent a copy of it to the Commissioners requesting that they review it. He agreed that the ITF is the "conscience" of the Commission. Mr. Chettle

expressed a need for a group to monitor the progress of the major infrastructure projects. Using the stormwater rate study as an example, he pointed out the amount of time it takes to go from the rate study to securing and spending the bond money. Without the ITF, who will monitor that the money is being spent as proposed. In addition to advocacy, he sees overseeing as an important factor.

9. Adjournment – Next Regular Meeting February 4, 2019 (4:20 PM)

- **Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Ostrau and seconded by Ms. Scott approved by consensus.**

POTENTIAL DISCUSSION POINTS FOR FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE ENTITY

- POTENTIAL AREAS OF SUBSTANTIVE EFFORT
 1. City Hall/Governmental Campus once scope and budget are established
 2. Future potable water infrastructure elements – Five Ash; wellfields/CUP/sea level rise
 3. Other major infrastructure efforts – bridges; roads, sidewalks
 4. CIP Budget structure and implementation – especially as related to longer term infrastructure elements (beyond 5 year horizons?)
 5. More?

- POTENTIAL AREAS FOR MONITORING EFFORTS
 1. Annual or semi-annual reports to CC re GO Bonds – police, parks, fire, other?
 2. Annual or semi-annual reports to CC re Rate-based Bonds – water/sewer, storm-water, fire, other?
 3. Other?

- POTENTIAL MEMBERSHIP
 1. 10 Members – 2 / Commissioner
 2. Required substantive eligibility requirements (1/more member of each type?)
 - Urban planning/landscaping/urban designer
 - Civil engineering
 - Governmental finance
 - Utility director/governmental utility experience (not current City employee)
 - Municipal management (former elected/CM)
 - Private lawyer with governmental/municipal practice
 - Government (former elected or lawyer)
 - Developer
 - Civic association executive(s)(current or former?)
 - Non-profit executive

- TERMs

4 year term; maximum of 2 consecutive

The purpose of the Infrastructure Committee is:

- To continue the review of the existing City infrastructure, condition and plans for future needs including, but not limited to: roads, sidewalks, airports, seawalls, water and wastewater distribution and collection systems, treatment plants, wellfields, parks and all City facilities and structures; and
- To review and identify funding sources and financing alternatives for infrastructure renewal and improvements; and
- To monitor and report progress to the Commission on current and future infrastructure programs; and
- To receive input from members of the public interested in infrastructure improvements within the City.

Areas of Substantive Effort shall include:

DMO document etc.

UPDATE ON CIP PROJECTS



Public Works –
Engineering
February 4, 2019

CIP Implementation Update

Construction progress-

- **Croissant Park small watermain** (\$3.0 million, 495)
 - ✓ 15,000 feet of new watermain construction started on January 2, 2019
 - ✓ Over 5,500 feet of new main installed using trenchless technologies
- **Inflow & Infiltration or I/I** (\$33.3 million, 454 & 495)
 - ✓ 41 miles of mainline including 4,300 laterals to be rehabbed by September 2020
 - ✓ Since November 2018: analysis underway including 240,000 linear feet of smoke testing
- **Lauderworks:** <http://gis.fortlauderdale.gov/lauderworks>
 - ✓ City-wide project updates

Pending project awards-

- February 5, 2019:
 - ✓ **Victoria Park small watermain** (\$10.4 million, 495)
 - ✓ **Fiveash Water Treatment Plant (WTP) treatment pilot project and plant analysis** (\$650K, operating)
 - ✓ **Coconut Isle Bridge replacement** (\$1.4 million, 331)
- March 5, 2019: **Port Condo large watermain replacement** (\$395K, 495)

Key- PW-related CIP Funds:

- 108 Comm. Dev. Block Grant
- 331 General Capital Projects
- 336 Fire Bond
- 451 Central Region/Wastewater
- 454 Water/Sewer Master Plan
- 470 Stormwater
- 471 Proposed Stormwater Bond
- 495 Water/Sewer Master Plan Bond
- 496 Water/Sewer Regional Master Plan Bond

(Total \$ budget, Fund)



CIP Implementation Update

In bidding (next up):

- **Bermuda Riviera small watermain** (\$4.8 million, 495)
- **South Middle River Force Main Crossing** (\$1.9 million, 454 & 495)
- **Las Olas force main replacement** (\$2.5 million, 495)
- Public seawall replacements:
 - ✓ **Isle of Palm** (\$3.5 million, 331 & 470) – May 2019
 - ✓ **Cordova Road** (\$8.4 million, 331 & 470) – July 2019
- **Fiveash WTP Reliability Project** (\$33.5 million, 495)

Other updates:

- **Stormwater Master Plan Phase II projects** (\$200 million, 471)
 - ✓ Seven high-priority neighborhoods to be completed over five years, upon final approval of funding
 - ✓ Broward County master permit issued on December 4, 2018

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