



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Via Zoom 8/11/2020 6:30 PM

Welcome, Call to Order 630PM by Lockwood

ROLL CALL Board Members: Mary electronically confirmed all were present no verbal Board attendance taken. Attempt by recording secretary to raise @ start to be in line w/ procedures fails.

Colleen gives overview reminder on census, elections, makes announcement of a racial equity statement being attributed to the CFLCA provides accolades to Sorensen/Lagerbloom. (See screen text @ end of these minutes)

Introduction of Congressman Ted Deutch by Lockwood

COVID- highest deaths, local warnings, economic goals, CARES act, Exec. Orders are not substitute for action needed for continue needs to sustain communities, need leg. Action for real relief, airport noise study aiming to be done early 2021. Commission remarks to FAA b/c planes @ low altitude over residential areas. Feedback on FAA/transparency being collected. Goetz q: state/federal investment in adequate contact tracing/status vaccine phase 3. A: States had to do detailed test/trace plan and FL's is heavy on testing not tracing. Focus needs to be stop spread bring rate down and then isolate positives and then we can get to an adequate tracing plan. And don't rush reopen, especially bars.

Ben Sorensen, D4 Commissioner

COVID- increased enforcement (condos/business) urge calling customer service 8288000 to file complaints or reach out to Ben. Kids/school is dangerous. Having issues w/ response times Lagerbloom will cover. Ben wants more aggressive but only 1 on enforcement. Wants vacation rentals closing.

Homelessness- increasing here and around nation, ultimate solution is more home (affordable/workforce) wants to use city land for it ex. Wave and will continue to push for this. 2 opportunities: want to see 1 is: Broad View 750-1000 unit possible. Short term limited housing and shelters are filling. E/O week Ben leading calls on solutions with other City leaders to find a solution. Issue is many are declining services/support & there is challenge in handling the refusals. Never give \$ or food b/c ineffective b/c incentivize continuation of staying on street consider supporting a provider instead. Sex. Offender geographic restrictions for housing were loosened but still difficult to house. No camping schools/etc. that was voted against should we bring back up now- thinks no look to support before adding restrictions.

FLPD- Police Chaplain 6 yrs, FTL Chaplain before elected 3 yrs. Host of things that can be done to improve as w/ all departments. Compliment to Interim Chief (reference to female fire/police chief). Examples: PD living in city to improve relations, improve BWC policy key activation/reviewed, implicit bias training increase and include stakeholders. De-escalation training needs to be improved. Nationwide search for new Chief. Compliments to PD overall and continue to drive for improvements. Budget & funding for community policing- disagrees with defund police. Homeless outreach coordinators are doing great job- why not consider mh pros/case workers to provide solutions they are trained to provide partnering w/ LEOs. FLPD needs to have armor to handle difficult situations and still needs to be allocated for.

Fire: Substation purchase look for Sept. on commission agenda

Dr. JJ Rajter, Pulmonologist admission #s came down, tailed of spike from "protests/7/4", median age now 39, positives 7-10% in tricity which were previously around 20%. Children 15% tested positive so 1800 in FL of those 45% were in S. Fl.. Q: Phase 3 clinical trials referenced by Lockwood and end of year estimate JJ not impressed normally 5-6 years to develop other vaccines and major % of side effects and those around globe. Issue of definition of successful is not the 95% success rate, Fauci announced @ 50% FDA will approve and will not get us to herd immunity which is 80% rate. San Quentin prison in CA tried herd immunity approach w/

inmates 2200/3200 positive and 25 deaths → extrapolate to population to 2.5 million dead in US. What to do if positive and stay @ home? Goes over his patients which is not the same things we'd have @ home and not all agree w/his protocol but he is getting solicitations from all over. Antibody Q: if people get infected and confirmed they have for sure 3 mo immunity but not sure past 6 months. Similar to flu mutates over time and then affects future immunity. This is area of concern even after vaccine or positive test. Self obtained swabs if not done by a person w/fortitude to ignore discomfort you may not end up w/ proper result. Flu shots won't help covid-19 severity issue is now getting into double whammy and if both then worse. Get flu shot if you can. Ivermectin and JJ's past recommendations despite not being recommended by prof. entities and reference to editorials. JJ's response covers financial connections/pharmaceuticals but other places where pharma has less power it's being used. Feels still needs further investigation as has had pos. results as others have as well. But w/o \$ limits ability to have controlled trials.

Chris Lagerbloom on Budget & General Updates

Updates COVID- multiple active testing sites but note Lincoln site will be moving soon; FLPD will be recipient of antigen testing site later this week per state update w/ CL today location TBD tomorrow balance testing/keeping rec. open. City positioned will to get CARES \$ from county pending County reply.

FLPD published response to Bob Cat report anyone can have it "fort lauderdale city manager 2nd result click here and at left tab of managers memos see bob cat there" Meeting w/ Ratclife & Mayor (struck by rubber bullet during protest) shared ideas/support change. Positive 1st step. Racial equity/social justice importance to organization and taking it a step further and as a City chairing subcommittee on racial equity and social justice on all matters police/community/training/etc. Encourage a longer term countywide perspective with great representation across county on that committee. Marine Patrol handles COVID water issues 9547644357 their nonemergency #

Util/infrastructure needs moving forward, water plant work moving, sewer pipes moving forward (VP/Bev Hts). W/in next month or so environmental reports will be available and exploring himmarshee

Hurricane tested virtual emerg. Center

Census take the census

Budget start working Feb, Budget advis. Bd has reviewed and they 100% supported 8/10/20 auditor will way in this week/next. Then joint mtg next week Sept public hearings. But when brought it is BALANCED so changing will require moving in other ways. Agree w/ defund discussion to use as opportunity for finding better way to reallocate funds and analyze how past/future spent. Grants applied and surtax is helping (ex bridge replacement) of top 10 surtax awarded FTL got 7 of the 10. 2021 will be a harder year b/c of seeing how COVID & property tax affects \$ captured. What services may we lose in conservative budget? Have vs. want to have so aiming not to dilute to the point where losing stuff. Look @ creative approach 1st before having an area this is designated as 1st to go.

Q- Floyd forward & impact on budget- recommendations for different style of budget will come forward and budget fluid enough to highlight specific funding opportunities **Homelessness allocation in budget-** this commission has committed more than any other city in the county cost annually to functional 0 12million 4 years ago now that # is 20million (countywide) Looking @ City owned properties in/out of FTL and see where can get housing on this properties **New Asst. City Mgr Hire:** Greg Chavarria great background locally and good energy 9/2 join to have leadership to take city into future

Jessica Wilkus, Neighborhood Support, Sr. Mgr. Fellow gives personal introduction and excited to work towards solutions to complex solutions.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES 6/9/20 posted here <https://cflca.org/category/general-meeting-minutes/> motion by bowker to approve 2nd by Concannon no oppose.

TREASURER'S REPORT provided by Melinda Bowker **Treasurer Report posted here:** <https://cflca.org/category/general-meeting-minutes/> approx \$11k total funds this update is since June b/c no July meeting 7 renewals since then, gave PO box for mailing checks and remind of paypal available online. No q's.

@ **Next BOD meeting** will cover virtual set up of next GM feedback against not allowing BOD audio/video @ start of this meeting noted and was fixed.

ADJOURN @ 805 PM SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA CURRIE

TEXT OF SCREEN SHARE FROM START OF MEETING:
AGENDA

Welcome and Call to Order, Roll Call via Zoom Chat

General Membership Reminders: 1. Census 2020, 2. Elections, 3. Racial Equity

Introduction of Guests:

- **General Update: Congressman Ted Deutch**
- **COVID, Homelessness, FLPD Initiatives: Ben Sorenson, City Commissioner**
- **Health-related COVID Update: Dr. JJ Rajter**
- **City Budget/Updates from the City: Chris Lagerbloom, City Manager**

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General Membership Reminders:

1. Census 2020:

The 2020 Census official kicked off April 1 and it has been extremely challenging given the COVID-19 pandemic. Cities and other organizations have been unable to participate in the face-to-face outreach so critical to raising the count, which is impacting self-response rates nationwide.

The City's current response rate is **52.4%**, which is well behind Florida's rate of 59.7% % and the national rate of 62.6%. A complete and accurate census count guides the amount of federal funding the City can receive for needed programs and services, and that count carries over for the next 10 years. As the largest city in Broward County, Fort Lauderdale's response rate impacts the County's and the City's ability to get needed dollars.

Census Yard Sign Campaign

The U.S. Census Bureau will be sending in paid canvassers to assist our efforts in going door-to-door, but so far, they have been unable to do so due to COVID-19. As the deadline approaches, we cannot afford to wait for their reinforcements, which is why the City is launching a 2020 Census yard sign campaign to elevate visibility for the census and encourage all neighbors to respond to the census.

To participate, simply pick up yard signs from City Hall and place one on your property and distribute the remainder to neighbors in your neighborhoods to place on their properties, including back yards, especially those in waterfront areas with a lot of boat traffic. If interested, please contact Junia directly via email to schedule pick up and how many.

Contact Junia Robinson: Office: (954) 828-5289 Email: Juniar@fortlauderdale.gov

2. Elections:

For those who have not already voted via mail-in ballots, in-person *early voting is available until this Sunday August 16th*. Check the site below for locations and times. Otherwise you will need to vote at your voting site on Election Day August 18th.

<https://www.browardsoe.org/Voting-Methods/Early-Voting-Dates-Hours-and-Sites>

Congratulations to our City Commissioners who are re-elected without opposition!

City Commissioner District I

Heather Moraitis - Qualified - Unopposed

City Commissioner District III

Robert McKinzie - Qualified - Unopposed

City Commissioner District IV

Ben Sorensen - Qualified – Unopposed

3. Racial Equity:

CFLCA represents all of the neighborhoods across the City of Fort Lauderdale; we advocate on behalf of the residents of our community. CFLCA stands unequivocally in support of fighting against racial injustice and inequality.

We believe we have the responsibility to do more.

We are working on both broad and specific recommendations for the City and the Council.

Racial equity training is the starting point to resolving systemic racism. Understanding history, implicit bias and the embedded challenges across systems is a prerequisite to taking meaningful action.

We are pleased with the leadership the City has shown and the courageous conversations taking place on this issue.

Congressman Ted Deutch Bio:

Congressman Ted Deutch represents Florida's 22nd district, home to communities in northern Broward County and southeastern Palm Beach County in sunny South Florida. Now serving his sixth term in the 116th Congress, he is the Chairman of the House Ethics Committee and a senior member of the House Judiciary Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where he serves as the Chairman of the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism Subcommittee.

Ted has been described as a rising voice in the House Democratic Caucus by the Washington newspaper [Roll Call](#) and was previously named one of the [Forward](#) newspaper's top Jewish politicians to watch. Noted by the [South Florida Sun Sentinel](#) his accessible personality, sense of humor, and thoughtful approach to the

issues, Ted has proven himself to be an energetic advocate for the priorities of his constituents. Ted's priorities in the 116th Congress include promoting economic opportunity in South Florida, reducing the influence of big money in our elections, gun violence prevention, fighting for full equality for all, and advancing the security interests of the United States, Israel, and our allies. Learn more about his legislative priorities [here](#).

Ted and his wife of 28 years, Jill, have lived and worked in South Florida since 1997. They live in Boca Raton and are members of the B'nai Torah Congregation. Prior to holding public office, Ted enjoyed a successful career as a commercial real estate attorney, and today Jill continues her work as Director of Development at Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach. Born and raised in the working-class community of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Ted is the youngest son of the late Jean and Bernard Deutch, a World War II veteran who earned a Purple Heart at the Battle of the Bulge. A graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Michigan Law School, Ted earned the prestigious Harry S. Truman Scholarship. His passion for serving the community inspired him to run for the Florida State Senate in 2006.

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