



The Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations, Inc
General Membership Meeting Minutes – May 14th, 2024

The meeting was called to order at Fire Station two, 528 NW 2nd Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at 6:34 P.M. by Council President, Mary Peloquin. This meeting was a hybrid meeting taking place in person and on Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

1. SPEAKERS

- a. Thank you to City Manager Greg Chavarria** Mr. Chavarria could not attend in person, but participated via Zoom from his car. President Peloquin thanked Mr. Chavarria for his service to our city as City Manager and presented Mr. Chavarria with an equestrian ribbon. Mr. Chavarria said he would attend the June 11 Council Meeting in person to shake hands with everyone.
- b. Welcome to Interim City Manager Susan Grant.** Mrs. Grant stated under our City Charter, her title is Acting City Manager. Mrs. Grant gave her educational background, she was previously employed by the City of Coral Springs for 27 years in various roles, and was employed by the City of Fort Lauderdale since 2019 as Director of Finance In July 2022, Mrs. Grant was promoted to Assistant City Manager, and was now named the Acting City Manager by the City Commission.

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b Mrs. Grant announced that Assistant City Manager Anthony Fajardo, would be joined by Acting Assistant City Manager, Laura Reece, who was promoted from Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Acting Assistant City Manager, Ben Rogers, who was promoted from Director of the Transportation and Mobility Department. Mrs. Grant stated she is looking forward to her service as Acting City Manager and working with all of us in the neighborhoods and Council. Mrs. Grant announced the city commission would form an advisory committee to assist in the search for a permanent city manager. President Peloquin stated the Council would like to have a representative on the committee. Mrs. Grant was also presented an equestrian ribbon by President Peloquin.

c. Added to the Agenda, Fort Lauderdale Police Officers Report Sgt. Reich gave a report and mentioned the recent non- profit benefit fund raising effort at community restaurants had raised the 4th largest amount of any law enforcement agency in the state. Sgt Reich stated he would give email addresses for the other city PD Support Teams to President Peloquin to distribute to the Council members and that the PD was open to any events etc. that associations wanted to do with the PD to engage with the neighborhood associations. Mr. Ulmer mentioned that it was National Police Week. That we thank our law enforcement and remember those who gave their all in service to our city.

d. City Hall Re-Imagined Laura Reese, Fort Lauderdale Budget Director and Sheryl Dickey, CEO Dickey Consulting Services, Presented an overview of the five city workshops on Re-Imagining City Hall along with a report from Marilyn Mammano, Chair of the Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee. There was then a questions and answer session This subject will be discussed at the June 4th City Commission Conference Meeting.

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- e. **Charter Revision Board-** Anthony Fajardo Assistant City Manager, Harrison Grandwilliams-Chief of Staff Mayor Nan Rich Mayor of Broward County and a member of the Charter Revision Board. Mr. Grandwilliams distributed and gave a presentation on proposed changes to the Fort Lauderdale City Charter. There was then a question and answer session. This item will be discussed at a May 21st Joint Workshop with the Charter Revision Board and the City Commission.

2. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. **Recording Secretary** No nominations prior to the meeting. Mr. LaBrie was suggested as a candidate, but respectfully declined. Marilyn Mammano suggested a taping system that provides a meeting summary called PLAUD. We will try it out at the next Council Meeting to record our meeting minutes..

- b. **Sponsorship Program-** The sponsorship program is ready and President Peloquin will be a sponsor and the “Guinea pig” to try out how it will work

CFLCA Instagram Page: thanks again to Board Member, District 1 Representative, Suzi Burstein for her work on the Instagram Page. It can be accessed at:https://www.Instagram.com/cflca_ftl/

- c. **Membership Update** A membership update was given on paid members since our April Council Meeting..

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- d. **Audit Committee** James LaBrie and Jim Concannon Mr. LaBrie presented the Audit Committee Report. A motion was made by Marilyn Mammano to accept the Audit Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Betty Shelly. The motion was unanimously approved
- e. **Candidate Forum-** August 14th and September 10th at the L.A. Lee YMCA

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES General Membership Meeting April 9th, 2024 Minutes to be submitted for approval at our June Council Meeting..

TREASURER’S REPORT Amount to be provided. Recording Secretary does not have the amount in the minutes.

Old Business None

. **FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY** . a member distributed state amendments that will appear on the November election ballot and Jim Concannon will post the website of the League of Women Voters on the Council Website for future reference. A Council member spoke of a book about homelessness. The recording secretary could not hear the book title on the video of the meeting. This information will be provided at a later time.

.**ADJOURN** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

NOTE. City Commissioner Dr.Warren Sturman was not on the agenda but asked to attend the Council Meeting to provide comments about the upcoming state law on homeless camping. He spoke about the work he was doing with Broward Heath and the County and other governmental and business partners to find an in- take facility location for homeless such as the Broward County Stockade. He wondered if the Council wanted to take any position on this subject. President Peloquin stated that we did not at this time, and we would discuss this at a future Council meeting.

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Next Boad Meeting May 28, 2024

Next General Membership Meeting June 11, 2024.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Dennis Ulmer, Council Historian, as our recording secretary has resigned..

Purpose Focus on the issues relating to preservation of the present and future welfare of the City of Fort Lauderdale and its neighborhoods and citizens, be proactive and reactive to those issues, communicate any recommendations to the proper authorities, strive to improve communication and create a stronger partnership between City Government and the neighborhoods. **For More Information:** <https://cflca.org>