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COMMISSION ON ETHICS

BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re KEITH JAMES,

Respondent.

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Complaint No. 19-180

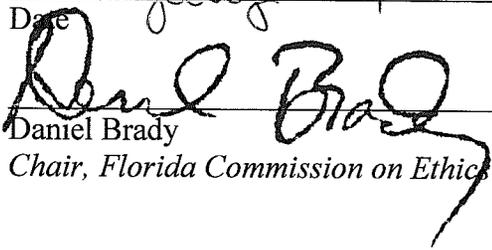
ORDER FINDING PROBABLE CAUSE

Based on the preliminary investigation of the complaint, the Commission on Ethics departs from the recommendation of the Commission's Advocate and finds that there is probable cause to believe the Respondent, as Mayor of the City of West Palm Beach, violated Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by urging the award of a no-bid security contract to a company operated by one of his friends.

Therefore, the Commission on Ethics orders a public hearing as to whether the Respondent violated Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, as set forth in the paragraph above. A formal notice of hearing of the matters on which probable cause has been found will be prepared and sent to the Respondent and to the Advocate.

Under Commission Rule 34-5.020, F.A.C., the Commission may resolve a complaint proceeding through a stipulation, settlement, or consent order entered into by the Respondent and the Commission's Advocate and approved by the Commission. If the Respondent wishes to pursue a settlement of this case, he should contact the Commission's Advocate at (850) 414-3300 to discuss the terms of a possible settlement.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in executive session
on Friday, July 24, 2019.

July 29, 2020
Date

Daniel Brady
Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

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cc: Mr. Keith James, Respondent
Ms. Melody A. Hadley, Commission Advocate
Mr. Adam Giddens, Complainant