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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

6:00 PM

**Broward Center for the Performing Arts - Abdo New River Room
201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312**

City Commission Regular Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District III

JOHN C. HERBST Commissioner - District I

STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II

WARREN STURMAN Commissioner - District IV

GREG CHAVARRIA, City Manager

DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk

THOMAS J. ANSBRO, City Attorney

PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Legacy Jenkins - William Dandy Middle School

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice Mayor Pam Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Warren Sturman (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Commissioner John C. Herbst, Commissioner Steven Glassman and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: City Manager Greg Chavarria, City Clerk David R. Soloman, City Attorney Thomas J. Ansbro, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In remembrance of Sandra Post, Edward Murphy, and Patrick Hoffman

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following two (2) Walk-On items were added to the Agenda:

Ordinance Amending Section 8-55.5 to Implement Mitigation Measures Related to High Impact Events on Beach Property (Commission Districts 1, 2 and 4)

Ordinance Amending Section 26-91(a) Schedule of Fines to create a High Impact Event on Beach Property Parking Violation (Commission Districts 1, 2 and 4)

A copy of the Walk-On Agenda items are attached to these Meeting Minutes.

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[24-0223](#)

Minutes for January 9, 2024, Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman noted corrections to the Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Herbst made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes and Agenda as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Sturman.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [24-0257](#)
1

Mayor Trantalis to present a Proclamation declaring February 16, 2024 and March 11, 2024, as Lithuania Independence Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Mayor Trantalis presented a Proclamation declaring *February 16, 2024 and March 11, 2024, as Lithuania Independence Days in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

The Honorable Consul of Lithuania John Prunskis accepted the Proclamation, thanked the Commission for this recognition, and remarked on future plans to celebrate Lithuanian culture.

PRESENTED

PRES- [24-0248](#)
2

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman to present a Proclamation declaring February 2024, as Black History Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman presented a Proclamation declaring *February 2024, as Black History Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety and acknowledging the significant contributions and dedication of Art Kennedy to Broward County public education and public service and championing of social justice.

Art Kennedy accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Trantalis explained procedures for members of the public who wish to speak on Consent Agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commission Members requested the following Consent Agenda items be pulled for separate discussion:

- CP-2 Commissioner Sturman
- CP-3 Commissioner Sturman
- CP-5 Commissioner Glassman

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Sturman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman.

Approve the Consent Agenda

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CONSENT MOTION

CM-1 [24-0235](#) Motion Approving an Event Agreement for The G Classic - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CM-2 [24-0148](#) Motion Approving a License Application and Agreement for the Sale, Service, and Consumption of Food and Alcoholic Beverages on the Public Beach for Rahn Bahia Mar, LLC d/b/a Bahia Mar Beach Resort - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CM-3 [24-0154](#) Motion Approving a Sponsorship Agreement with Lauderdale Air Show, LLC for the 2024 Fort Lauderdale Air Show - \$200,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CM-4 [24-0184](#) Motion Approving an Agreement with the City of Coral Springs, Florida Regional Institute of Public Safety, to Allow Student Ride Alongs with the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CM-5 [24-0203](#)

Motion Approving a License Application and an Agreement for the Sale, Service, and Consumption of Food and Alcoholic Beverages on the Public Beach - CWI-GG RCFL Property Owner, LLC for The Ritz Carlton Hotel Company, LLC - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CONSENT RESOLUTION

CR-1 [24-0040](#)

Resolution Imposing Special Assessment Liens for Lot Clearing - (Commission Districts 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CR-2 [24-0041](#)

Resolution Imposing Special Assessment Liens for Bee Removal - (Commission District 3)

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CR-3 [24-0174](#)

Resolution of Support Endorsing New Municipal Capital Projects as Part of the 2024 Mobility Advancement Program Projects for Broward County Surtax Funding - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CR-4 [24-0176](#)

Resolution Approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Design of Aviation Equipment Safety Building Pavement Rehabilitation Project at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - \$87,000 - (Commission District 1)

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CR-5 [24-0178](#)

Resolution Approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with

the Florida Department of Transportation for the Design of Taxiway Echo Pavement Rehabilitation Project at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - \$204,800 - (Commission District 1)

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CR-6 [24-0229](#)

Resolution Approving Utility Work by Highway Contractor Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Adjustments on City Owned Utility Infrastructure on State Road-870/Commercial Boulevard from State Road-845/Powerline Road to East of A1A/North Ocean Drive - \$121,464 - (Commission District 1)

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CR-7 [24-0241](#)

Resolution Approving the Appointment of Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel for the Issuance of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2024A, for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project, (the "Series 2024A Bonds"), and Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2024B, (the "Series 2024B Bonds") - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 [24-0047](#)

Motion Approving an Agreement for Elevator Repair and Maintenance - Eastern Elevator Service Inc. - \$500,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CP-4 [24-0091](#)

Motion Approving Agreement for the Purchase of Fuel Station & Equipment - Maintenance, Repairs, Inspection - Florida Metro Construction Company, Inc. - \$470,084 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CP-2 [24-0064](#)

Motion Approving Awards for Talent Booking Agent Pre-Qualified Pool - AEG Presents SE, LLC, Omega14 Incorporated, and Next Weekend Productions, Inc. - \$210,000 - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Carl Williams, Parks and Recreation Department Director, explained information related to payments associated with this Agenda item. Glenn Marcos, Finance Department Assistant Director - Procurement, explained details of disbursement. The City will make separate payments to the talent and the talent booking agent. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Williams clarified that these amounts remain within budgeted amounts. City Manager Chavarria explained this method ensures the process is more transparent and expounded on related information.

Commissioner Glassman concurred and said this is a more transparent method and explained related information. Mr. Marcos said this is a competitive process to secure talent for City events.

Commissioner Sturman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CP-3 [24-0065](#)

Motion Approving Revenue-Based Piggyback Agreement with Westway Towing, Inc., for Citywide Towing Services, based on the County Towing Fee Adjustment Schedule for Future Years - \$365,322 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Sturman commented that the Commission should be involved in this Agenda item's renewal process. In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Glenn Marcos, Finance Department Assistant Director - Procurement, explained that the contract renewal would not need Commission approval. Mr. Marcos explained that this is a revenue-based contract and explained the renewal process for this contract, which is piggybacked with the City of Tamarac.

Darren Wells, Vice President of Westway Towing, Inc., explained details of the contract and related savings benefits to the City.

Commissioner Sturman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CP-5 [24-0240](#)

Motion Approving the Award for One-Way Pairs Study for Andrews Avenue and SE 3rd Avenue between SE 17th Street and Sunrise Boulevard - Kimley-Horn and Associates \$319,760 - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman inquired about the relevancy of this Agenda item. In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department Director, said Staff feels it is prudent to move forward with the one-way pairing study (Study) to determine the best options. Mayor Trantalis reviewed the underlying reason and the 2018 Commission decision regarding consideration of these one-way pairings.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the need to address pedestrian streetscape safety concerns (safety concerns) in the Flagler Village area. In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mr. Rogers remarked on discussions with Broward County (County) Staff regarding plans for Andrews Avenue and SE 3rd Avenue. Mr. Rogers remarked on future reallocation of funding to develop a Downtown Master Plan that would address safety concerns and recommended moving forward with this Agenda item. Any expansion to the scope of work associated with this Agenda item would delay Study results and additional expenses to the City.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on his viewpoint and reiterated the need to address safety concerns of Flagler Village residents.

In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's questions, Mayor Trantalis discussed the history related to the Study. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Herbst noted the significant changes to the downtown area since 2018 and remarked on his opposition to funding this Study. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis discussed his viewpoint in favor of the one-way pairings.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions regarding the need for one-way pairings to allow dedicated travel lanes, Mayor Trantalis confirmed and explained his viewpoint. Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman remarked that Circuit Microtransit did not exist in 2018. Mr. Rogers

noted two (2) valuable benefits of the one-way pairings relate to movement of mass transit and optimizing vehicle circulation. Commissioner Herbst remarked on his experience with one-way pairings in other cities, cited examples, and explained related concerns. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the need for this Study to determine the best alternative to alleviate traffic congestion.

Commissioner Glassman commented on the history of funding for this Study. Mr. Rogers confirmed funding details and discussed the timeline going forward. Commissioner Glassman expounded on his support and said it is premature to stop efforts to move forward. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Rogers confirmed related efforts moving forward and noted aspects of the Study.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Sturman.

APPROVED

Yea: 3 - Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Nay: 2 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman and Commissioner Herbst

MOTIONS

M-1 [24-0151](#) Motion Approving an Event Agreement and Request for Extended Road Closures Beyond 10:00am on the Barrier Island for the Las Olas Triathlon - (Commission Districts 1 and 2)

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Sturman.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

M-2 [24-0152](#) Motion Approving an Event Agreement with Requests for Music Exemption and Related Road Closure for Fort Lauderdale Film Oscar Party - (Commission District 4)

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Sturman.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

M-3 [24-0120](#) Motion Rejecting All Proposals for Temporary Modular Fire Station, Request for Proposals (RFP) Event No. 172 - (Commission District 4)

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, City Manager Chavarria said this Fire Station is not temporary. Fire-Rescue Department Chief Stephen Gollan confirmed initial plans for the fire station were for a permanent modular building marketed as "temporary", which was rescinded due to its high cost. The fire station at this location will now be a traditional concrete fire station.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Sturman.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

M-4 [24-0132](#) Motion Approving a Funding Agreement for Broward County Habitat, Community Housing Development Corporation in Partnership with Habitat for Humanity Broward, Inc Construction of Residential Properties for Homeownership for Low to Moderate Income Families - (Commission District 3)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Nancy Robin, 888 NW 62nd Street, on behalf of Habitat for Humanity - Broward County. Ms. Robin acknowledged the efforts of the Commission in pursuit of affordable workforce homeownership.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Sturman.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

M-5 [24-0133](#) Motion Approving the Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement between 1 East Broward Owner LLC and the City of Fort Lauderdale, in Substantially the Form Provided - \$2,598,458 (54-Month Rent) - (Commission District 2)

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

M-6 [24-0186](#) Motion Approving an Agreement for Purchase of Trees, Palms and

Plants - Gardening Angel Nursery, Inc. - \$6,000,000 (estimated three-year total) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

M-7 [24-0226](#)

Motion Approving the Fiscal Year 2025 City Commission Priorities - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Herbst made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Sturman.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [24-0230](#)

Appointment of Board and Committee Members - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Clerk David Soloman read the names of Commission Member Board and Committee nominees for appointment and/or reappointment at the Commission Regular Meeting on March 5, 2024.

City Clerk Soloman read the names of the Board and Committee appointments and reappointments for Agenda item R-1 into the record. He noted additional nominations for appointment and/or reappointment received after Agenda publishing, which included:

Beach Business Improvement District Advisory Committee:

Ryan Frederick (Consensus - Primary Member) - Representing Sonesta Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, HPT IHG-2 Properties TR - New Appointment

Jeffrey Peterson (Consensus - Alternate Member) - Representing Sonesta Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, HPT IHG-2 Properties TR - New Appointment (Moving from the Primary to the Alternate)

Insurance Advisory Board:

Joseph Piechura, Sr. (Consensus - Commissioner Sturman) - Reappointment - Current term ended on February 18, 2024.

Mark Schwartz (Consensus - Commissioner Sturman) - Reappointment - Current term ended on February 18, 2024.

Ted Hess, Sr. (Consensus - Commissioner Sturman) - Reappointment - Current term ended on February 18, 2024.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Resolution as amended which was read by title only.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

R-2 [24-0228](#)

Resolution Supporting the Submission of a Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for the New River Crossing - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Department Director, explained details of this grant application funding. The grant will be for \$2,500,000, including a \$500,000 match from the City for a total project cost of \$3,000,000.

Commissioner Sturman suggested introducing the Resolution with an amendment that Broward County share the City's \$500,000 match. Mr. Rogers said that Staff could make this request.

In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's questions, Mr. Rogers explained the planned use of the \$3,000,000 grant and would provide a timeline and other details.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Melinda Bowker, 511 SE 5th Avenue, Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association (DFLCA) President and Fort Lauderdale Historical Society (FLHS) Board of Trustees Member. Ms. Bowker commented on the DFLCA and FLHS's support for a tunnel for the New River Crossing as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and remarked on the need for additional community outreach.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions, Mr. Rogers explained that the City's efforts are focused on a tunnel as the LPA, and Broward County is focused on bridge options. Commissioner Herbst remarked on his understanding. Mr. Rogers explained related information, stating that the City's deliverables for this grant would be focused on the system and alternatives. The grant application is due on February 28, 2024. Commissioner Herbst remarked that he had requested a copy of the

grant application for review.

Mayor Trantalis expounded on his viewpoint in support of this grant application to investigate the viability of a tunnel and commented on Broward County's investigation about the viability of a bridge. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on his opposition to the City spending additional funds for a tunnel study because the Broward County Board of County Commissioners (County Commission) is pursuing bridge options.

Commissioner Glassman discussed the February 28, 2024, grant submission deadline for submitting, said it was worthwhile, and remarked on the timeline for subsequent Commission decisions moving forward.

Commissioner Sturman commented on the amount of funding spent to this point and his understanding that the County Commission's recently approved funding for research on bridge options. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sturman reiterated the importance of including the County Commission in this effort. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis discussed cost concerns associated with a bridge and expounded on his viewpoint. Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman remarked on her concerns regarding spending additional funds. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Glassman explained his perspective in support of this Agenda item.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on options going forward based on timelines and studies being conducted and restated the importance of working with the County Commission.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Deputy City Attorney D'Wayne Spence. Mr. Spence explained the requirements associated with the County participating with the City in a joint grant application and expounded on related information.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Mr. Rogers explained information associated with the City and the County's joint funding of the previous Whitehouse Study. He commented on related information and the process moving forward. Mr. Rogers noted that should the City's grant application be approved and the City not move forward, it would not be well received. Further comment and discussion

ensued regarding additional ways to fund the City's match funding needed for the grant application.

Commissioner Sturman restated his introduction of this Resolution that includes an amendment that Broward County share the \$500,000 required grant match and partner with the City. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Daphnee Sainvil, Public Affairs Manager, explained related discussions and actions at a recent Broward County Commission Meeting on this topic and expounded on specific details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his understanding of County Commission Members' positions and commented on his perspective regarding the importance of continuing to study and determine the viability of a tunnel as the LPA.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on moving forward with the tunnel option if proven financially feasible. In response to Commissioner Herbst's question regarding the work associated with the grant application, Mr. Rogers explained that it builds on efforts to date and will further clarify estimated costs of a tunnel.

Commissioner Sturman clarified his viewpoint regarding this subject. Ms. Sainvil stated the position of individual members of the County Commission. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Sturman remarked on the opportunity for the County Commission to pivot when presented with all considerations and costs associated with bridge options. He reiterated the importance of maintaining the opportunity to work with the County. Further comment and discussion ensued. City Manager Chavarria explained details regarding the use of this grant funding.

Mr. Rogers commented on BDO information to be presented to the Commission at the March 5, 2024, Commission Conference Meeting and expounded on related information.

Commissioner Glassman reiterated his support for proceeding with this grant application and noted that not doing so would be shortsighted. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mr. Rogers said that the City will notify Broward County of its intention to apply for the grant application and its desire to seek future partnership opportunities with the County.

Commissioner Sturman commented on current railway traffic, anticipated increases, and the impact on the marine industry. Mayor Trantalis reiterated his support for pursuing this grant funding opportunity. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mr. Rogers confirmed the language for an amended Resolution. He clarified the purpose of this Resolution, which is to allow the City Manager to execute the grant funding application. He commented on the scope and planning efforts to determine the impact of a tunnel, which would complement County planning efforts.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman confirmed her opposition to this Agenda item due to the \$500,000 cost to the City.

Commissioner Sturman reiterated the need to clearly state the City's desire to work with the County to determine the LPA.

Commissioner Sturman introduced the Resolution as amended which was read by title only.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Yea: 3 - Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Nay: 2 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman and Commissioner Herbst

R-3 [24-0011](#)

Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving Vacation of Utility Easement Located at 201 SW 14th Street - USD Tarpon River LLC - Tarpon River Storage - Case No. UDP-EV23009 - (Commission District 4)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

Each Commission Member disclosed verbal communications, written communications, site visits and expert opinions received.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Rolf Taunton-Rigby, 300 SW 13th Street. Mr. Taunton-Rigby spoke in opposition to this Agenda item due to the impact of the related development on his adjacent property and remarked on neighborhood compatibility concerns.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Chris Cooper, Development Services Department Director, explained the area is zoned B-3.

Commissioner Sturman discussed area zoning.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Robert Lochrie, Esq., Lochrie and Chakas, P.A., on behalf of the applicant, confirmed the B-3 zoning in this area. Mr. Lochrie explained the applicant's request to vacate the existing utility easement is to place a landscaped buffered area with trees between Mr. Taunton-Rigby's property and the development. Mr. Cooper discussed the boundaries of the Southwest Regional Activity Center. Mr. Lochrie explained the applicant's plans for a stormwater management system to address area flooding and the history of City actions regarding rights-of-way and the utility easement.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Lochrie said the distance between the development's property line and Mr. Taunton-Rigby's property line is eighty-three feet (83').

Mayor Trantalis recognized Arden Hefren, 312 SW 12th Court. Mr. Hefren spoke in opposition to this Agenda item, citing concerns regarding crime if the existing fence is removed. Mr. Lochrie said the existing fence would be replaced with a new fence and a six foot (6') wall.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Juana Lira, 301 SW 13th Street. Ms. Lira concurred with Mr. Taunton-Rigby's concerns. Mr. Lochrie reiterated the applicant's plans.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Sturman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, and Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner Sturman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [24-0014](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning from Broward County General Commercial Business District (B-2), Broward County Planned Business Center (B-2A) District, and Broward County Office Park (OP) District to City Commerce Center (CC) District - Case No. UDP-Z23005 - 600, 800, and 1000

Corporate Drive - (Commission District 1)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

Each Commission Member disclosed verbal communications, written communications, site visits and expert opinions received.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Herbst made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, and Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner Herbst introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

OFR-1 [24-0137](#)

First Reading - Ordinance of the City of Fort Lauderdale Florida, Amending Ordinance Number C-69-76, as Amended, to Change the Minimum Number of Meetings Required for the Community Services Board from Ten (10) to Eight (8) Meetings Per Year - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Sturman introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

OFR-2 [24-0156](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending the Classification Table of the Pay Plan of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, by Changing the Pay Grades of Three Classifications and Adding Two New Job Classifications, and Amending Schedule VI of the Pay Plan by Modifying the Pay Grade for Two Classifications - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading

which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

OFR-3 [24-0224](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending Section 25-24 Entitled "Temporary Signs" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to Amend Regulations Pertaining to Display and Removal of Election-Related Signs - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Deputy City Attorney D'Wayne Spence. In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Deputy City Attorney Spence explained court rulings pertaining to the display and removal of election-related signage.

Commissioner Sturman introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

Yea: 4 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst and Commissioner Glassman

Not Present: 1 - Mayor Trantalis

[24-0173](#)

WALK-ON Ordinance Amending Section 8-55.5 to Implement Additional Mitigation Measures Related to High Impact Events on Beach Property - (Commission Districts 1, 2 and 4)

City Manager Chavarria explained the purpose of this Ordinance Amendment and the involvement of stakeholders to address any negative impact of high impact events such as Spring Break.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Department Director. In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Mr. Rogers explained details included in tonight's two (2) Walk-On Agenda items that allow the City Manager to reduce negative activities associated with high-impact events. Mr. Rogers remarked on existing regulations, including prohibiting tents, tables, and alcohol consumption on the beach. He confirmed the ability to regulate sidewalk cafes to address nuisance concerns should they arise. Mr. Rogers discussed the process used by the City Manager to declare a high-impact event and apply related regulations.

In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's questions, Mr. Rogers noted residential parking permits are necessary to avoid increased

parking citation fees during high-impact events.

Mayor Trantalis acknowledged the efforts of Staff to proactively address high-impact events and expounded on his perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mr. Rogers confirmed Agenda item 24-0173 deals with setting the increased parking and citation fees, and Agenda item 24-0265 deals with enforcement of those increased parking and citation fees.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

[24-0265](#)

WALK-ON Ordinance Amending Section 26-91(a) Schedule of Fines to create a High Impact Event on Beach Property Parking Violation - Commission Districts 1, 2 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk