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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

6:00 PM

City Hall - City Commission Chambers  
100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

### **City Commission Regular Meeting**

*FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION*

*DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor*

*WARREN STURMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District IV*

*JOHN C. HERBST Commissioner - District I*

*STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II*

*PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Commissioner - District III*

*GREG CHAVARRIA, City Manager*

*DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk*

*D'WAYNE M. SPENCE, Interim City Attorney*

*PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor*

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Commissioner Pam Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Warren Sturman, Commissioner John C. Herbst, Commissioner Steven Glassman and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

## QUORUM ESTABLISHED

**Also Present:** City Manager Greg Chavarria, City Clerk David R. Soloman, Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

## AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following updates to the published Agenda:

### **Revised:**

#### **CR-4:**

CAM and Exhibit 1 were revised to clarify some of the information given for Item K., pages 10 & 11.

#### **CR-5:**

Exhibit 3 & 4 were revised on pages 1, 7, 64, 65, and the Exhibit C title page of the Lease Agreement.

#### **CR-11:**

CAM and Exhibit 3 were revised to correct the address to 1028 SE 13th Terrace

#### **R-2:**

CAM was revised to clarify information given in the background details.

**Removed:****CP-2:**

City Manager has requested to remove from the agenda.

**WALK ON Motion:**

Approving an Agreement for Las Olas Isles Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities - Ferreira Construction Southern Division Co. Inc., -  
(Commission District 2)

***Copies of Revisions and the Walk-On Motion are attached to these Meeting Minutes.***

**Approval of MINUTES and Agenda**[23-0198](#)

Minutes for December 20, 2022, Commission Conference Meeting and December 20, 2022, Commission Regular Meeting -  
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Vice Mayor Sturman made a motion to approve the Minutes and Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

**APPROVED**

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

**PRESENTATIONS****PRES-** [23-0167](#)  
**1**

Vice Mayor Sturman to present a Proclamation to declare February 2023 as American Heart Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Vice Mayor Sturman presented a Proclamation declaring *February 2023 as American Heart Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale* to Heather Havericak, Broward Health CEO, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Ms. Havericak accepted the Proclamation and thanked Vice Mayor Sturman, Mayor Trantalis and Commission Members.

**PRESENTED****PRES-** [23-0142](#)  
**2**

Fire-Rescue Chief Stephen Gollan to recognize Fire-Rescue Personnel who have successfully completed the Florida Smoke Diver Course

Fire-Rescue Chief Stephen Gollan recognized Fire-Rescue Department Captain Robert Ricci and Firefighter Kristopher Suarez for successfully

completing the complex and difficult Florida Smoke Divers Course. Mayor Trantalis thanked Captain Ricci and Firefighter Suarez for their service to the community.

**PRESENTED**

## **CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Trantalis explained procedures and details regarding how members of the public could speak on Consent Agenda items.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Trantalis announced that the following Consent Agenda item was pulled by Commission Members for separate discussion.

CM-1 Commissioner Glassman and Vice Mayor Sturman

## **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

### **Approve the Consent Agenda**

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

## **CONSENT MOTION**

### **CM-1** [23-0180](#)

Motion Approving Event Agreements for 3rd Annual Fur the Love Pet Fest and Ruggerfest 2023 - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

Commissioner Glassman said he pulled this Agenda for a general discussion about notifying residents who have expressed concerns regarding inconsistencies for all events included on the City's Event Calendar (Calendar). Commissioner Glassman cited recent National Hockey League (NHL) events on the beach.

Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation Department Director, said the NHL events were posted on the Calendar. He explained that an event is placed on the Calendar following Commission approval. A *Special Events* tab is listed on the City's main webpage with a link that will take the viewer to the *Special Events Calendar*.

Vice Mayor Sturman remarked on resident concerns raised at the District 4 Pre-Agenda Meeting regarding traffic signage for special events. He cited an example related to beach events over the past

weekend and confirmed the need for improved signage along SE 17th Street and Las Olas Boulevard, to notify residents in advance of traffic congestion on the barrier island.

City Manager Chavarria said Staff would request each event coordinator to rent digital signage for traffic related needs that would be placed in the event location radius.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Thornburg confirmed efforts to ensure compliance. Mayor Trantalis remarked on electronic billboard signage. Commissioner Herbst explained details of resident input regarding digital signage at the District 1 Pre-Agenda Meeting. City Manager Chavarria reiterated events signage would be amplified.

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

**APPROVED**

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

**CM-2**    [23-0109](#)

Motion Approving a License Application and Agreement for the Sale, Service, and Consumption of Food and Alcoholic Beverages on the Public Beach for MHF Las Olas Operating VI LLC for the Hotel Maren Fort Lauderdale Beach - (Commission District 2)

**APPROVED**

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

**CM-3**    [23-0183](#)

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

**CM-4**    [23-0185](#)

Motion Approving a License Application and Agreement for the Sale, Service, and Consumption of Food and Alcoholic Beverages on the Public Beach for FLB Hotel, LLC d/b/a Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach - (Commission District 2)

**APPROVED**

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

**CM-5**    [23-0205](#)

Motion Approving the Fiscal Year 2024 City Commission Priorities - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**APPROVED**

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

**CONSENT RESOLUTION**

**CR-1**    [23-0074](#)

Resolution Approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Design and Construction of FXE Taxiway Bravo & Quebec Realignment Project at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - \$1,633,600 - (Commission District 1)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CR-2**    [23-0078](#)

Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for a Joint Study of Rail Infrastructure Alternatives at the New River - \$250,000 - (Commission District 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CR-3**    [23-0084](#)

Resolution Approving the 2023 State Legislative Program for the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CR-4**    [23-0085](#)

Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2023 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CR-5**    [23-0093](#)

Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute an Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with MNREH Florida, LLC for Parcel 2A at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - (Commission District 1)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CR-6**    [23-0096](#)

Resolution Approving a Lease Agreement with the United States of America for Parcel 17 at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Lease Agreement - (Commission District 1)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CR-7**    [23-0137](#)

Resolution Approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Environmental Assessment of Runway 9 Extension at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - \$400,000 - (District Commission 1)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CR-8**    [23-0138](#)

Resolution Approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Replacement of the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Vehicle at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - \$425,000 - (Commission District 1)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CR-9**    [23-0141](#)

Resolution Amending Section 2 of Personnel Rule XI to Add Presidents Day (Third Monday in February) as a Legal Holiday - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CR-10**    [23-0153](#)

Resolution Approving a City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2023 Not For Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc. - \$50,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CR-11** [23-0172](#)

Resolution (a) Approving an Application for a Dock Permit for Usage of Public Property by Max Showker adjacent to 1028 SE 13th Terrace for a (i) 55'+/- X 7'9"+/- floating dock, (ii) appurtenant 15' gangway and (iii) 5' X 12' 6" fixed platform and (b) Authorizing Execution of a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants - (Commission District 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CR-12** [23-0193](#)

Resolution Rescheduling March 21, 2023, City Commission Meetings - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CONSENT PURCHASE**

**CP-1** [23-0064](#)

Motion Approving a Construction Agreement for Cordova Road & SE 15th Street Intersection Improvements - Homestead Concrete & Drainage, Inc. - \$108,761.84 - (Commission District 4)

**APPROVED**

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

**CP-2** [23-0130](#)

Motion Approving the Purchase of Night Vision Goggles - TNVC - \$612,484 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

**MOTIONS**

**M-1** [23-0170](#)

Motion Approving an Event Agreement and Extended Road Closure Beyond 10:00am on the Barrier Island for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tim Petrillo, 500 East Las Olas Boulevard. Mr. Petrillo noted his support for the St. Patrick's Day Parade (Parade) and opposition to an event of this type on the beach during the height of the Spring Break Season. Mayor Trantalis remarked on details of the Parade's timeline and Spring Break students' activity on the beach.



Mayor Trantalis recognized Tony Spalding, 2554 Gulfstream Lane. Mr. Spalding remarked on traffic signage needed for road closures.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the need to carefully review and understand details related to signage and noted previous litigation associated with signage.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Glassman explained details of Parade organizers and stakeholders' discussions about the request to relocate the Parade to the beach along State Road A1A (A1A) with traffic flowing north and south in each direction on Birch Road.

Commissioner Glassman discussed a meeting with the Central Beach Alliance that included a presentation and thorough discussion, resident participation, and a question-and-answer session. Residents indicated a willingness for this year's Parade to take place on the barrier island. The Parade will return to downtown next year.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Department Director. Mr. Rogers provided an update on the status of the Tunnel Top Park Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Major William Schultz. Major Schultz explained preventative measures to be put in place to address the Parade route, which includes barriers that encourage the use of crosswalks and uniformed and non-uniformed response teams to address Spring Break related concerns. He expounded on additional efforts and noted the approximate duration of the Parade would be two and one half (2½) hours.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Schultz said the Parade stage is north of Bayshore Drive. Mr. Rogers provided an update regarding the use of the Vista Mar parking area for Parade staging and explained that it is not suitable in its present condition. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst commented on his perspective and noted the possible consideration of alternating the Parade location between the downtown and A1A due to future construction at Huizenga Park.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman confirmed she is comfortable with this discussion and the one-time relocation of the Parade from downtown to the beach.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his viewpoint regarding this Agenda item, commented on safety measures for this year's Parade relocation to the beach and the location of future Parades.

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

**APPROVED**

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

**M-2**     [23-0181](#)

Motion Approving an Event Agreement and Related Road Closure for Dining in the Streets - (Commission District 1)

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Herbst confirmed this Agenda item is an ongoing event and explained related details.

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

**APPROVED**

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

**M-3**     [23-0076](#)

Motion Approving Agreement for the Annual Asphalt, Sidewalk and ADA Improvements - FG Construction, LLC - \$1,000,000 (two-year total) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions regarding the opportunity to use grant funding for sidewalks, City Manager Chavarria said the bulk of funding would be used for asphalt repair work.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions regarding sidewalks, Alan Dodd, Public Works Department Director, explained there are two (2) contracts in place to address sidewalks. During roadway repairs, sidewalks are considered for repair. There is also a separate program for sidewalk repairs based on concerns expressed by residents. Staff maintains a spreadsheet of needed sidewalk repairs submitted from residents, which includes the date received and the anticipated repair date.

Mayor Trantalis noted sidewalk repairs needed along East Broward Boulevard in the area between City Hall and the Broward County Administration Building.

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

**APPROVED**

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

**M-4**     [23-0102](#)

Motion Approving an Agreement for Wastewater Conveyance System Long-Term Rehabilitation - Various Pre-qualified Pool of Contractors - \$19,500,000 (two-year total) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Vice Mayor Sturman's questions, Mr. Dodd explained details of this Agenda item. The initial term for the contract is two (2) years with three (3) one (1) year renewal options for a total cost of \$48,750,000 over five (5) years.

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

**APPROVED**

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

**M-5**     [23-0129](#)

Motion Approving the Purchase of Police Department Firearms - Lou's Police Distributors - \$620,036 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Patrick Lynn, Police Department Chief, explained details related to the Glock firearm chosen by training personnel, which meets a lengthy list of criteria and is approved by other agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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

**APPROVED**

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

## **NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS**

**NP-1**     [23-0100](#)

Roderick Newkirk - Customer Service with Entities

Roderick Newkirk gave a Neighbor Presentation regarding customer service in government entities. He thanked Staff for their efforts related to assisting him with housing and holding an event on the beach.

**RECEIVED****RESOLUTIONS**

- R-1**      [23-0203](#)      Appointment of Board and Committee Members - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- City Clerk David Soloman read the names of Board and Committee nominees for appointment and/or reappointment at the February 21, 2023, Commission Regular Meeting.
- City Clerk Soloman read into the record the names of the Board and Committee appointments and reappointments for Agenda item R-1.
- Vice Mayor Sturman commented on his nomination of Fred Stresau to the Board of Adjustment (BOA). City Clerk Soloman noted the only vacancies on the BOA are alternate positions. Further comment and discussion ensued.
- In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Clerk Soloman confirmed all appointments to the Board of Adjustment are consensus appointments. City Clerk Soloman said he had a conversation with Mr. Stresau regarding his appointment as an alternate BOA member.
- Commissioner Glassman introduced this Resolution as amended which was read by title only.
- ADOPTED AS AMENDED**
- Yea:** 5 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis
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- R-2**      [23-0009](#)      Resolution Declaring the City's Official Intent to Reimburse Itself from the Proceeds of the Special Obligation - Line of Credit Agreement (Police and Public Safety Project) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- Commissioner Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.
- ADOPTED**
- Yea:** 5 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis
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- R-3**      [23-0178](#)      Resolution Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Submit a Grant Application to the Florida Inland Navigation District - Waterway Assistance Program for \$1,000,000 to Renovate the Cooley's Landing Marina - (Commission District 2)

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

**ADOPTED**

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

**R-4**     [23-0196](#)

Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Appropriate City Officials to Execute a Comprehensive Agreement Among the City, Prospect Lake Water, L.P., Prospect Lake Holdings, L.P. and IDE PLCWC, INC., and a Labor Services Agreement Between the City and PLCWC O&M, LLC, for the Development, Construction and Operation of the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center (Water Treatment Plant) - \$1,444,273,410 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Marilyn Mammano, 1819 SE 17th Street, and Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee (ITFAC) Chair. Chair Mammano acknowledged those ITFAC members present and discussed details of its recent meeting that resulted in the following recommendation based on the eight (8) to one (1) vote in favor of proceeding with the current comprehensive agreement for a P3 to construct a new water treatment plant at the Prospect Lake site (Project). ITFAC Chair Mammano expounded on details and conditions considered by the ITFAC, which include the City keeping control of the water, water quality, and water rate.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, ITFAC Chair Mammano re-read the third condition. The total cost of providing the finished water to the City is set out in the comprehensive agreement and fixed for the thirty (30) year period. The City is in control of the impact the new water treatment plant will have on the rates. Other factors may impact the rates, but the impact of the new water treatment plant is fixed and accounted for in the rate structure.

Mayor Trantalis noted that this is addressed in the comprehensive agreement, and ITFAC Chair Mammano confirmed that is the ITFAC's understanding.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Edward Rebholz, 1625 SE 14th Street. Mr. Rebholz discussed his viewpoint on this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Wayne Albert, 6130 NW 34th Way. Mr. Albert spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dahlene Miller-Almodovar, 6190 NW 34th

Way. Ms. Miller-Almodovar discussed her viewpoint regarding this Agenda item. Mayor Trantalis noted this Agenda item relates to the water treatment plant and recommended she discuss her questions with Alan Dodd, Public Works Department Director, following this meeting.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tom Quinn, 6131 NW 34th Terrace. Mr. Quinn spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Ray, 6130 NW 33rd Terrace. Mr. Ray spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Emily Feldman, 6141 NW 33rd Terrace. Ms. Feldman spoke in opposition to this Agenda item. In response to Ms. Feldman's questions regarding pipes and landscaping, Mayor Trantalis said that the pipe distribution system would be rehabilitated within the Project's forty-two (42) month timeline. Mr. Dodd explained trees removed during construction would need to be replaced. There will be a landscape barrier between the new water treatment plant and the adjacent houses.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Elizabeth Ross, 6161 NW 33rd Way. Ms. Ross spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Monica Mitter, 6120 NW 33rd Way. Ms. Mitter spoke in opposition to this Agenda. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Mitter noted the distance from the Project to area homes is approximately seven hundred feet (700').

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mark Gelfand, 6150 NW 33rd Way. Mr. Gelfand spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and remarked on the \$175,000,000 cost to refurbish the current Fiveash Water Treatment Plant (Fiveash WTP). In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the source of that amount, Mr. Gelfand said it was from a recent *Sun-Sentinel* newspaper article. Commissioner Herbst noted it was included in a prior Reiss Engineering, Inc. (Reiss) Report, and in today's dollars, it would likely be closer to \$300,000,000.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on concerns regarding the communication gap for some District 1 residents who have not been aware of plans for the Project since the discussion began three (3) years ago.

Commissioner Herbst concurred with Commissioner Glassman's point and discussed the importance of all residents signing up for their District Commissioner's Newsletters and attending Pre-Agenda Meetings to stay

informed. Commissioner Herbst encouraged District 1 residents to go to the City's website and sign up. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman concurred on the need to improve City communications with neighbors and remarked that not all residents in District 3 have access to broadband internet services.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Neil D. Kolner, 6130 NW 33rd Terrace. Mr. Kolner spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Boyd Corbin, 12 NE 26th Street, Wilton Manors. Mr. Corbin spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Wendi Lederman, 1900 W. Oakland Park Boulevard, Oakland Park. Ms. Lederman spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

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

City Manager Chavarria introduced a short video illustrating the current condition of the Fiveash WTP. He summarized the efforts of Staff and the Commission, which included community outreach to determine the best solution for the City's future water needs.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on details related to the City exploring water desalination as a solution for the City's water needs. The City does not possess the capacity for two (2) needed components, an ocean waterfront site and a dedicated power plant. He commented on details related to discussions with representatives of the Broward County Commission regarding utilizing Port Everglades as a site.

Commissioner Herbst discussed his perspective regarding this Agenda item, commented on details related to available options and costs, and remarked that this is a difficult decision. He has yet to decide whether to support the Project moving forward.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions regarding security, Mr. Dodd explained aspects of the twenty-four (24) hour physical and internet-related security at the Fiveash WTP. He discussed enhanced security that would be part of the Project. He confirmed coordination with the Federal Aviation Agency and its requirements to

ensure the Project location is outside the immediate flight path of Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) air traffic and commented on related details.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions regarding existing infrastructure pipe concerns, Mr. Dodd explained that as part of the Project's design and permitting from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, a corrosion control plan study would be undertaken to determine what is needed to treat the water and protect the infrastructure pipes. He noted a separate plan to replace aging pipes that is part of the City's overall Community Investment Plan (CIP) and explained efforts over the past five (5) years to replace and upgrade infrastructure pipes and planned CIP funding for 2023 through 2027 for this purpose. Mayor Trantalis remarked that this CIP funding for replacing infrastructure pipes would coincide with Project completion.

Commissioner Glassman explained his involvement, research, and understanding of details related to the Project over the last three (3) years and confirmed his support of moving forward with this Agenda item.

In response to Vice Mayor Sturman's questions, Mr. Dodd confirmed Fiveash WTP processes approximately 35,000,000 gallons of water daily, and the Peele Dixie Water Treatment Plant (Peele Dixie WTP) processes approximately 6,000,000 gallons per day. George Brown, P.E., Hazen and Sawyer, explained the seventy-one (71) year old Peele Dixie WTP was designed to last approximately seventy-five (75) to eighty (80) years. It was at the end of its useful life and replaced in 2007-2008. Mr. Brown explained details related to the replacement of Peele Dixie and said that Fiveash WTP is approximately seventy (70) years old and is nearing the end of its lifespan. Peele Dixie WTP has limited capacity to take over water production during replacement of the Fiveash WTP. Mr. Dodd confirmed insufficient space is available at the Fiveash WTP site to build a replacement water treatment plant. Water from the new Project would be pumped to Fiveash for distribution.

Vice Mayor Sturman remarked on the increased funding for the maintenance of Fiveash. Mr. Dodd confirmed.

In response to Vice Mayor Sturman's question, City Manager Chavarria discussed the condition of Fiveash illustrated in the video shown earlier and its state during a recent tour with Vice Mayor Sturman. Further comment and discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Sturman remarked on the need to move forward due to the condition of Fiveash and explained his viewpoint in support of this Agenda item.



Mayor Trantalis acknowledged his appreciation of Staff for their efforts over the past several years, noted concerns about any further delay in making a decision.

Vice Mayor Sturman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

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

**Nay:** 2 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman and Commissioner Herbst

**ORDINANCE FIRST READING**

**OFR-1** [23-0065](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Ratifying and Approving the Transfer of the Lauderdale Isle Water Management District into the City of Fort Lauderdale and Providing for the Modification of the District's Charter and Boundary - (Commission District 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tony Spalding, 2554 Gulfstream Lane. Mr. Spalding discussed his viewpoint of this Agenda item. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Spalding said he would like additional time to find out the position of residents.

Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence clarified this Agenda item. When the Lauderdale Isle Water Management District was annexed to the City from unincorporated Broward County, they transferred the boundary that included the South Bank of the New River. This Ordinance corrects that boundary and will move the boundary to the center of the New River rather than the South Bank.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Interim City Attorney Spence explained it also updates the Lauderdale Isle Water Management District Charter, changing previous references to Broward County to the City of Fort Lauderdale. Further comment and discussion ensued.

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

**PASSED FIRST READING**

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

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

**OSR-1** [23-0187](#)

Second Reading - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning from Residential Multifamily Mid Rise - Medium High Density (RMM-25) District to Northwest Regional Activity Center-Mixed-Use East (NWRAC-MUe) District - 628 NW 3rd Avenue; East of NW 3rd Avenue, West of NW 2nd Avenue, South of NW 7th Street and North of 610 NW 3rd Avenue - Water Tower Apartments, LLC. - Case No. UDP-Z22016 - (Commission District 2)

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.

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

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

**ADOPTED ON SECOND READING**

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

**OSR-2** [23-0214](#)

Second Reading of Ordinance - Amending Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR), Sections 47-19.3 Boat slips, docks, boat davits, hoists and similar mooring structures and 47-39 Development Regulations for Annexed Areas and Adding Section 47-19.13 Resiliency Standards for Tidal Flood Protection (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4) - Requesting Deferment to March 23, 2023.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to defer this Agenda item to March 23, 2023, and was seconded by Vice Mayor Sturman.

**DEFERRED to March 23, 2023**

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

[23-0228](#)

WALK ON - Motion Approving an Agreement for Las Olas Isles

Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities - Ferreira Construction  
Southern Division Co. Inc., - (Commission District 2)

City Manager Chavarria explained this Walk-On Agenda item is to extend the terms of the expired contract for undergrounding overhead utilities in District 2.

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

**APPROVED**

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

**REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE CLOSED-DOOR SESSION**

Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence requested an Executive Closed-Door Session at the City Commission Meeting on February 21, 2023, at approximately 4:30 p.m. or soon thereafter. The City Commission will meet privately pursuant to Florida Statute, Section 286.011(8) concerning:

**Anthony Ewell v. City of Fort Lauderdale, et al.**  
**Case No.: 20-60826-CIV-RN**

Those present at the attorney-client session will include:

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis  
Vice Mayor Warren Sturman  
Commissioner John C. Herbst  
Commissioner Steven Glassman  
Commissioner Pam Beasley-Pittman  
City Manager Greg Chavarria  
Interim City Attorney D'Wayne M. Spence  
Outside Counsel Michael T. Burke, Esq., Johnson, Anselmo, *et al.*, and  
Certified Court Reporter from Bailey-Entin Court Reporting

The estimated length of this attorney-client session is approximately twenty (20) minutes.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

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Dean J. Trantalis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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David R. Soloman  
City Clerk