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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

6:00 PM

**Broward Center for the Performing Arts - Mary N. Porter Riverview
Ballroom - 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312**

City Commission Regular Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

STEVEN GLASSMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District II

JOHN C. HERBST Commissioner - District I

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Commissioner - District III

BEN SORENSEN Commissioner - District IV

SUSAN GRANT, Acting 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 6:17 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Skye Mallard

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

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

COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: Acting City Manager Susan Grant, City Clerk David R. Soloman, Interim City Attorney D'Wayne M. Spence, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following updates to the published Agenda:

REMOVED:

PRES-2 - Removed from Agenda - Recipient unable to attend.

REVISION:

CR-7 - Will be heard under the Public Hearing section.

ADDITION:

WALK-ON Resolution Rescinding 23-302, Regarding the City of Fort Lauderdale City Commission's Recommended Locally Preferred Alternative for the Commuter Rail Train Crossing the New River

A copy of the Walk-On Agenda item is attached to these Meeting Minutes.

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[24-1191](#)

Minutes for November 7, 2024, Commission Conference Meeting and November 7, 2024, Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes and Agenda as amended and was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman.

APPROVED AS AMENDED - Agenda Amended

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [24-1204](#)
1

Florida Department of Health (Broward County) to Recognize the City of Fort Lauderdale as a Water Smart Community

Mario Sosa, Florida Department of Health in Broward County Drowning Prevention Program Manager, recognized the City of Fort Lauderdale as a Water Smart Community for its dedication through its partnership with the Children's Services Council of Broward County and the Florida Department of Health to develop the water smart communities initiative and promote safe water practices.

PRESENTED

PRES- [24-1205](#)
2

Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department Employee Recognition

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Sorensen requested Consent Agenda item CR-1 be pulled for separate discussion.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

CONSENT MOTION

CM-1 [24-1163](#) Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Related Road Closures with 3-J Hospitality, LLC for the Great American Bash 2025 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-2 [24-1162](#) Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement with Monkey Dust Productions LLC for Flow Fest Ft. Lauderdale 2025 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-3 [24-1161](#) Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement with K.J Marketing Solutions LLC for Igloo Cooler Festival - (Commission District 3)

APPROVED

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

CM-4 [24-1160](#) Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement with Requests for Road Closure and Music Exemption with Downtown Himmarshee Village Association, Inc. for Downtown’s New Years Eve Bash - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-5 [24-0773](#) Motion Approving the Termination of the Agreement with Atlantic Beach Clubs-Two, Inc. for Motorized Watercraft Concession - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-6 [24-1062](#) Motion Approving Consent to Assignment and Assumption of Agreement from All Liquid Environmental Service LLC d/b/a Johnson

Environmental Services to Blerman LLC d/b/a Raider Rooter -
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-7 [24-1076](#)

Motion Accepting Donation of Equipment from the Coral Ridge Golf Course, Inc. d/b/a Coral Ridge Country Club for use at Jimmy Evert Tennis Center (JETC) - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-8 [24-1077](#)

Motion Accepting Donation of Dog Waste Station Equipment from the Rio Vista Civic Association - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-9 [24-1093](#)

Motion Approving a Retroactive Agreement for State Road A1A Street Lighting and Hardscape Improvements - Solid Consulting Engineers, Inc. - 274-Day Extension - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-10 [24-1124](#)

Motion Approving a Third Amendment to the Agreement with BDO USA, P.C., a Virginia Corporation Authorized to Conduct Business in the State of Florida as BDO USA, P.C., Corp to Add Taft Infrastructure Advisors, LLC as Subconsultant for Consulting Services for the New River Crossing Project - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-11 [24-1126](#)

Motion Rejecting Bid for Mobility Hub North Streetscape Improvements - Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 286 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-12 [24-1143](#)

Motion Approving Memorandum of Understanding with International Economic Development Council, Inc. for Economic Recovery Corps. Fellow Program - (Commission District 3)

APPROVED

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

CM-13 [24-1176](#)

Motion Authorizing Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims in Richard Thorpe v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Case Nos. 23-023746MJR and 24-019294MJR - \$300,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

CR-2 [24-1059](#)

Resolution Approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Pavement Rehabilitation Project at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Aviation Equipment Safety Building - \$493,000 - (Commission District 1)

ADOPTED

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

CR-3 [24-1060](#)

Resolution Approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Construction of Taxiway Echo Pavement Rehabilitation Project at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - \$2,048,000 - (Commission District 1)

ADOPTED

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

CR-4 [24-1085](#)

Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Construction of Runway 9-27 Pavement Rehabilitation Project at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - \$87,485 - (Commission District 1)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-5** [24-1086](#) Resolution Approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the John Fuhrer Downtown Helistop Painting and Fireproof Coating Project - \$134,023 - (Commission District 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-6** [24-1121](#) Resolution Imposing Special Assessment Liens for Lot Clearing - (Commission Districts 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-8** [24-1135](#) Resolution Approving a Grant Participation and Reimbursement Agreement for the Implementation of the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program Grant "Connect FTL" Planning Study within the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-9** [24-1145](#) Resolution Approving a Second Amendment to the Landscape Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement for State Road 811 (NE 4th Avenue) with the Florida Department of Transportation for Landscape Improvements within the Right-of-Way of State Road 811 - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-10** [24-1148](#) Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Approve a Grant Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families ("DCF") for a Mental Health and Substance Abuse Housing Program - \$250,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-11 [24-1168](#) Resolution Extending the Termination Date of the Fire-Rescue Advisory Committee to December 31, 2026 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-12 [24-1187](#) Resolution Increasing the Compensation to be Paid to Special Counsel, Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP, for Legal Services - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-13 [24-1209](#) Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Certain Instruments and Delegating Authority to Take Appropriate Actions Pertaining to the Sale of Property Located at 221 NW 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311 to The Pantry Lofts, Ltd.; and Ratifying and Approving an Environmental Indemnity Agreement - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

CR-14 [24-1185](#) Resolution Abolishing the City Attorney Search Committee of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida Created by Resolution No. 23-63 and Creating a City Attorney Search Committee to Assist with the Selection of Candidates for the City Attorney Position and Prepare a Short List of Candidates for Review by the City Commission - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CR-1 [24-1014](#) Resolution Approving a Tri-Party Agreement among the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Metropolitan Transportation Engineering & Construction

Cooperative for the 17th Street Mobility Hub Capital Project -
(Commission District 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Milos Majstorovic, Transportation and Mobility Department Acting Director. Mr. Majstorovic explained the background and Staff's recommendation related to this Agenda item.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Mr. Majstorovic confirmed that the boards of Croissant Park and Poinsettia Park neighborhood civic associations support this conceptual plan. Commissioner Sorensen commented on his understanding of this Agenda item, related meetings with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and plans going forward. Mr. Majstorovic confirmed and expounded on landscaping details.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ted Inserra, 912 SW 19th Street, River Oaks Civic Association President. Mr. Inserra discussed his viewpoint regarding this Agenda item, and noted concerns from residents in the SE 4th Avenue to SE 9th Avenue area. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Inserra expounded on those concerns. Mayor Trantalis commented on the goal of pedestrian safety provided by sidewalks. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Inserra noted the need for meandering sidewalks to accommodate existing trees.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Steve Cook, 708 SW 16th Court. Mr. Cook spoke in support of this Agenda item and expounded on his viewpoint.

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

ADOPTED

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

MOTIONS

- M-1** [24-1127](#) Motion Approving Agreements for the Purchase of Annual Stormwater Infrastructure Cleaning, Inspections, and Surveying Continuing Services - Flotech Environmental, LLC and National Water Main Cleaning Company - \$15,935,000 (5-year Initial Term Aggregate Contract Amount) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED

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

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [24-1189](#)

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 Commission Regular Meeting on January 7, 2025.

City Clerk Soloman read the names of the Board and Committee appointments and reappointments for Agenda item R-1 into the record. City Clerk Soloman read the following additions to this Resolution following Agenda publishing: Board of Adjustment Samir Yajnik (Commissioner Sorensen); Downtown Development Authority Charlie Ladd and Greg Brewton (Consensus Appointments - Mayor Trantalis); and Police and Firefighters Retirement System Board of Trustees Dennis Hole (Commissioner Sorensen).

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Chambers, 421 Florida Avenue. Mr. Chambers commented on his opposition to lobbyists serving on Boards and Committees.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Christopher Persaud, 550 E. Campus Circle. Mr. Persaud commented on his opposition to lobbyists serving on Boards and Committees.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Elijah Manley, 301 SW 1st Avenue. Mr. Manley spoke in opposition to this Agenda item, commented on his opposition to lobbyists serving on Boards and Committees, and remarked on his perspective.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Donna Guthrie, 401 SW 31st Avenue, Melrose Park Homeowners Association President. Ms. Guthrie spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and remarked on the need for District 3 residents to be included in appointments to Boards and Committees. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman commented on challenges related to obtaining volunteers from District 3 and expounded on her perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued. Ms. Guthrie submitted correspondence from Christine Jones regarding opposition to lobbyists being appointed to the Charter Revision Board.

A copy of the correspondence has been made part of the backup to

this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Yolanda Spence, 208 Utah Avenue. Ms. Spence concurred with Ms. Guthrie's comments.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Aulola Pachulin, 305 Charley Avenue. Ms. Pachulin discussed her recommendation of an individual for Boards and Committees.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Donna Edwards. Ms. Edwards spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Bevon Petit, 600 W. Melrose Circle. Ms. Petit spoke in opposition to this Agenda item, discussed her viewpoint that District 3 residents should be represented on Boards and Committees, and said that lobbyists should not serve of Boards and Committees.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's request, City Clerk Soloman explained the process and outreach to residents to serve on Boards and Committees. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman explained that her office has consistently reached out to District 3 residents to serve on Boards and Committees and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding lobbyists serving on Boards and Committees.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence explained the procedures for excluding a nomination from the exhibit attached to the Resolution and adopting the Resolution as amended. A second resolution can be introduced with the nomination excluded from the first Resolution and considered separately. Vice Mayor Glassman discussed his recommendation to include all the names read into record, excluding Judith Stern to the Charter Revision Board.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mayor Trantalis confirmed that an ordinance had not been passed to prohibit lobbyists from serving on Boards and Committees.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Interim City Attorney Spence explained that Staff is preparing a proposed resolution prohibiting lobbyists from serving on Boards and Committees for discussion at a future Conference Meeting. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding lobbyists serving on Boards and Committees. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman explained her viewpoint regarding prohibiting lobbyists from serving on Boards and Committees.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question regarding the number of lobbyists currently serving on boards and committees, Interim City Attorney Spence responded that their research had not yet been completed. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen requested that he be considered as the alternate Commission representative to the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization, replacing former Commissioner Warren Sturman. City Clerk Soloman explained the related process. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Vice Mayor Glassman introduced this Resolution as amended, excluding Judith Stern (Charter Revision Board) from the exhibit attached to this Resolution.

Commissioner Herbst stated that Commission Member nominees for Boards and Committees should be respected and discussed a related example. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman reiterated that Judith Stern, her nominee to the Charter Revision Board, should remain on this Resolution.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Clerk Soloman clarified information regarding Vice Mayor Glassman's introduction of this Resolution as amended, excluding Judith Stern (Charter Revision Board) from the exhibit attached to this Resolution and adding Samir Yajnik (Board Of Adjustment), Charlie Ladd and Greg Brewton (Downtown Development Authority), and Dennis Hole (Police and Firefighters Retirement System, Board of Trustees) to this Resolution. Interim City Attorney Spence clarified his understanding of Vice Mayor Glassman's introduction of the Resolution as amended.

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced this Agenda item as amended which was read by title only.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED - Excluding Judith Stern (Charter Revision Board) from the exhibit attached to the Resolution, and adding Samir Yajnik (Board Of Adjustment), Charlie Ladd and Greg Brewton (Downtown Development Authority), and Dennis Hole (Police and Firefighters Retirement System, Board of Trustees) to the Resolution

Yea: 3 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Herbst and Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

Interim City Attorney clarified the proper procedure for the second Resolution.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Donna Guthrie, 401 SW 31st Avenue, Melrose Park Homeowners Association President. Ms. Guthrie reiterated her previous comments in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Wayne Pittman. Mr. Pittman spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Marc Dickerman, 1417 SW 2nd Street. Mr. Dickerman spoke in support of Commissioner Herbst's viewpoint on Commission Member nominees to Boards and Committees and remarked on the need to follow the process.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Chambers, 421 Florida Avenue. Mr. Chambers commented on his opposition to this Agenda item and lobbyists serving on Boards and Committees.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Elijah Manley, 301 SW 1st Avenue. Mr. Manley spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and explained his viewpoint. In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Mr. Manley clarified his comment that no lobbyists should serve as a member of Boards and Committees. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Donna Edwards. Ms. Edwards spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and expounded on her viewpoint.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman introduced a Resolution nominating Judith Stern to the Charter Revision Board which was read by title only.

DEFEATED - Judith Stern nominated to Charter Revision Board

Yea: 2 - Commissioner Herbst and Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

Nay: 3 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

R-2 [24-1151](#)

Resolution Approving a Federally Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement for DR-4834 - Hurricane Milton, and Delegating to the City Manager the Authority to Execute the Agreement and Any Related Documents, and to Approve and Execute Any Modifications of the Agreement - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

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

R-3 [24-1102](#)

Quasi-Judicial Resolution - For a Site Plan Level II Development Permit and Alternative Design and Affordable Housing Density Incentive Requests - 650 North Andrews, LLC - 650 North Andrews Avenue - Case No. UDP-S23057 - (Commission District 2)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. The 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, Vice Mayor Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed AYES: Commissioner Herbst, Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, and Mayor Trantalis

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced this Resolution for approval which was read by title only.

ADOPTED - Approving

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

R-4 [24-1103](#)

Quasi-Judicial Resolution Vacating a 15-Foot-Wide, 3,563-Square-Foot, Utilities, Stormwater and Drainage Uses, Governmental and Emergency Vehicular and Pedestrian Access Easement - 650 North Andrews Avenue, LLC - 650 N. Andrews Avenue - Case No. UDP-EV23010 - (Commission District 2)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. The 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.

Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., 901 Ponce de Leon Drive, on behalf of the Applicant, explained she is available for any questions.

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

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

ADOPTED

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [24-1132](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving a Waiver of Limitations at 357 Idlewyld Drive for One (1) Concrete Floating Dock and One (1) Set of Triple Pile Clusters - (Commission District 2)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. The 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 Beasley-Pittman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman. Roll call showed AYES: Commissioner Herbst, Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, and Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution for approval which was read by title only.

ADOPTED - Approving

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

PH-2 [24-1134](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving a Waiver of Limitations at 1414 SE 12th Street #2C, Slip 11 for one (1) Floating

Vessel Platform - (Commission District 4)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. The 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.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Interim City Attorney Spence explained information associated with Commission Member disclosures.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Bob Dunckel, Assistant City Attorney III. Mr. Dunckel provided additional information and context for this waiver of limitations (waiver) and explained related information.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Dunckel explained the term wet-face in the Code refers to where the water meets the seawall that sometimes differs from the property line.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Mr. Dunckel summarized Code language, which states that a floating vessel platform or any other dock structure cannot exceed thirty percent (30%) of the waterway on either side of a navigational channel (30% Rule). Mayor Trantalis remarked on measurements from the property line versus the wet-face of the seawall. Further comment and discussion ensued related to the need for additional research to determine measurements from property line to property line. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the need to defer this Agenda item.

Mr. Dunckel proffered a modified version of this Resolution and an effective date that the Applicant, on or before February 15, 2025, provides satisfactory evidence from a licensed survey proving to the City Surveyor that the floating vessel platform does not exceed the 30% Rule. Mr. Dunckel expounded on related information and details.

Commissioner Sorensen noted the need to have accurate distance measurements from both the north and south side of the property lines. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Chris Cooper, Acting Assistant City Manager, confirmed that the City relies on survey information provided by an Applicant and remarked on related details.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed his opposition to considering this Agenda item until accurate surveys are provided.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Nicholas Dilorio, 1414 SE 12th Street, Applicant. Mr. Dilorio spoke in support of this Agenda item and gave a presentation illustrating aspects of the waiver.

A copy of the presentation has been made part of the backup to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his perspective and consequences related to points raised in Mr. Dilorio's presentation involving the Code, docks built from a property line versus the wet-face of the seawall to ensure an adjacent safe navigational waterway. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding reducing the length of the waiver to accommodate the situation, Mr. Dilorio remarked on his perspective and concerns. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis confirmed that the primary concern is ensuring safe navigational waterways.

Mr. Dilorio continued his presentation.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed concerns regarding vessels exceeding the 30% Rule. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Dilorio explained the use of Google Maps for measurements illustrated in the presentation. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Interim City Attorney Spence said the Planning and Zoning Board does not use Google Maps for measurement purposes. Commissioner Sorensen remarked on related concerns.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Mr. Dunkel discussed how Code Enforcement will address vessels that violate the 30% Rule. Commissioner Herbst remarked on related violations, remedies, and his perspective. Mr. Dunkel commented on upland homesteaded properties for lien purposes. Commissioner Herbst noted that waivers are optional. In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions, Mr. Dunkel discussed legal considerations, remarked on the need for proper measurement evidence, confirmed that a waiver cannot be granted if it violates the 30% Rule, defined extraordinary circumstances, and remarked on his perspective.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Dunkel explained the language of the Resolution follows the text of the related Ordinance, which allows extraordinary circumstances. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Dilorio confirmed that time and

costs were the only factors related to verifying measurements included in his presentation.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Cam Rogers, 614 SE 11th Avenue, on behalf of Hemingway Landings Condominium Association. Mr. Rogers spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and confirmed the goal is to bring the marina into compliance and expounded on related information.

Mayor Trantalis inquired about the Marine Advisory Board's approval. Further comment and discussion ensued. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Dunkel explained numerous applicable sections of the Code that define proper measurements from property line to property line in place prior to the enactment of the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR). Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst noted the need for an accurate survey, which the Marine Advisory Board (MAB) could review and reconsider. The MAB could return with its recommendation to the Commission. Further comment and discussion ensued.

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Sorensen reiterated the need for an accurate survey. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding a deferral date to allow a survey and reconsideration of the waiver by the MAB.

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to defer this Agenda item until February 18, 2025, and was seconded by Commissioner Herbst.

DEFERRED to February 18, 2025

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

PH-3 [24-1140](#)

Public Hearing - Resolution Finalizing the Designating of Real Property Located at 221 NW 6th Street and 610 NW 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311, as a Brownfield Area for Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Pursuant to Florida's Brownfields Redevelopment Act (Section 376.80, F.S.) - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carla Roundtree, 745 NW 4th Avenue. In response to Ms. Roundtree's question, Mayor Trantalis clarified information related to this Agenda item. Ms. Roundtree confirmed her support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Brett Brumund, 2100 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables, on behalf of the Applicant. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Brumund provided an update and clarified information associated with addressing remaining site contamination.

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

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

ADOPTED

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

PH-4 [24-1144](#)

Public Hearing Approving the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for CR LIFTS, LLC to Operate One Low Speed Vehicle within the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Trantalis commented on the ability for the City Manager to handle this Agenda item administratively. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Interim City Attorney Spence explained the genesis of Commission approval for this topic and confirmed Staff would address Mayor Trantalis' recommendation.

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

APPROVED

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

CR-7 [24-1133](#)

Resolution Approving the Transfer of City-Owned Property Located at 1200 NW 3 Street (Folio ID 504204200450) in the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Area and 1145 NW 5 Avenue (Folio ID 494234037570) in the Central City Community Redevelopment Area to the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency, Pursuant to Section 8.02 of the City Charter - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

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

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

ADOPTED

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

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

OFR-1 [24-1188](#)

First Reading - An Ordinance of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Enacting a New Subsection of the City's Code of Ordinances, 16-33: Public Camping or Sleeping; Notice, Establishing a Notice Procedure for Reporting Violations of Public Camping and Public Sleeping - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced this Ordinance on the First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

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

WALK-ON RESOLUTION & MOTION

[24-1211](#)

WALK-ON Resolution Rescinding 23-302, Regarding the City of Fort Lauderdale City Commission's Recommended Locally Preferred Alternative for the Commuter Rail Train Crossing the New River -

(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Herbst said that the first and second Commission Resolutions are the most viable options for the New River Crossing for commuter rail. He expounded on his viewpoint that the City should not restrict other viable options to address growing mobility needs of the community and other priorities in the South Florida Region.

Mayor Trantalis cited examples regarding the importance of commuter rail in the South Florida Region, emphasized his opposition to compromising the quality of life in redeveloped communities in the path of a commuter rail bridge for the New River Crossing, and expounded on his perspective. Mayor Trantalis discussed information related to the affordability of a tunnel for the New River Crossing and confirmed his full support of a tunnel as the City's Locally Preferred Alternative.

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

ADOPTED

Yea: 3 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Herbst and Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

[24-1186](#)

WALK-ON Motion Approving the Designation of a Commissioner Ben Sorensen to Serve on the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Board - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion designating himself as the second Commission appointee to serve as a representative on the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and was seconded by Commissioner Beasley-Pittman.

APPROVED

Yea: 4 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Herbst

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk