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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

6:00 PM

Broward Center for the Performing Arts - Abdo New River Room -
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 6:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

First Grader Charm Brooks

MOMENT OF SILENCE**ROLL CALL**

Present: 5 - Vice Mayor Steven Glassman, Commissioner Pam Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Ben Sorensen, Commissioner John C. Herbst 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 Agenda:

REVISION:

CAM #25-0116 - Minutes for December 17, 2024, Commission Conference Meeting Minutes revision on Page 17, third (3rd) paragraph from the bottom.

A copy of the revision is attached to these Meeting Minutes.

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda[25-0116](#)

Minutes for December 17, 2024, Commission Conference Meeting and December 17, 2024 Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED AS AMENDED - December 17, 2024 Commission Conference Meeting Minutes Amended

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [25-0004](#)
1

Vice Mayor Glassman to Present a Proclamation declaring January 27, 2025, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Vice Mayor Glassman presented a Proclamation declaring *January 27, 2025, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

The Proclamation was accepted by Evan Goldman, Public Affairs Director for the Jewish Federation of Broward County, and Matt Goldman. Evan Goldman thanked the Commission for this recognition.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-0002](#)
2

Fire-Rescue will present a Good Samaritan Award - Lauderdale Marina Fire

Fire-Rescue Department Chief Stephen Gollan presented a *Good Samaritan Award* to Moses Lopez, Scott Stempkowski, and Tamer Dimiati for their heroic, life-saving rescue efforts when responding to a boat explosion at the Lauderdale Marina on December 23, 2024.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-0001](#)
3

Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue Employee Recognition

Fire-Rescue Department Chief Stephen Gollan recognized Ocean Rescue Employee LucasdeAlmeidaNeves Aguiar for his heroic, life-saving ocean rescue efforts. Further comment and discussion ensued.

A tape of the 911 Emergency Call reporting this incident was played. Mayor Trantalis commented on concerns regarding having a Regional 911 Emergency System versus the City having its own 911 Emergency System.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman requested Agenda item CR-1 be pulled for separate discussion.

Commissioner Herbst requested Agenda item CM-8 be pulled for separate discussion.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

CONSENT MOTION

CM-1 [25-0050](#) Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road Closures with Sistrunk Historical Festival, Inc. for the Sistrunk Parade and Festival - (Commission District 3)

APPROVED

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

CM-2 [25-0051](#) Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road Closures with The All-Star Classic, Inc. for the All-Star Classic, Inc. / Sistrunk 5k - (Commission District 3)

APPROVED

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

CM-3 [25-0052](#) Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement with The Gyerard Reid Foundation Inc. for The G Classic - (Commission District 1)

APPROVED

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

CM-4 [25-0053](#) Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Extended Road Closures Beyond 10:00am on the Barrier Island with Exclusive Sports Marketing, Inc. of Florida for Fort Lauderdale Marathon / Half Marathon & Fort Lauderdale 5K - (Commission Districts 1, 2 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-5 [25-0054](#)

Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement with Requests for Road Closures and Music Exemption with Las Olas Association, Inc. for the American Lung Association's 28th Annual Las Olas Wine and Food Festival - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-6 [25-0117](#)

Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road Closures with The Humane Society of Broward County, Inc. for the VCA Walk for the Animals - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-7 [25-0110](#)

Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Extended Road Closures Beyond 10:00am on the Barrier Island with Helping Advance and Nurture the Development of Youth, Inc. for the Handy Moonrise Presented by Moss Foundation - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-9 [25-0057](#)

Motion Approving a Ten (10) Year Facility Use Agreement with United States Tennis Association (USTA) Incorporated for Use of the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center located at 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-10 [25-0079](#)

Motion Approving a Revised Memorandum of Understanding to Allow "Boulevard Tenants" Access to the Existing Trash Facility and the New Trash Facility Located at the Southeast Corner of SE 2nd Court and SE 8th Avenue - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-11 [25-0086](#)

Motion Granting a Temporary Access Agreement to Broward County for Access, Staging, and Storing to Conduct Beach Tilling and Escarpment Removal within the Shore Protection Project, Segment II - (Commission Districts 1 and 2)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

CR-2 [25-0098](#)

Resolution Waiving the Formal Bid Requirements of City Code Section 2-181, Waiving the Requirement to Restrict the use of SHIP Funds Under the Rental Development Strategy for “Gap” Financing, and Waiving the Requirement for a Minimum Contribution From the Participant Under the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP), and Approving an Award of \$278,600 to Fort Lauderdale Community Development Corporation Under State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program - (Commission District 3)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 [25-0019](#)

Motion Approving Agreement for the Purchase, Installation and Maintenance of EV Charging Stations - Rebid - G & H Electric, Inc. d/b/a Florida Supercharge - \$650,967.06 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CM-8 [25-0034](#)

Motion Approving the Third Amendment to the Lease Agreement between Property Geek Investors, LLC and the City of Fort Lauderdale for Riverwalk Center Shops No. 108 & 112 - (Commission District 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Marc Dickerman, 1417 SW 2nd Street. Mr. Dickerman discussed his support of this Agenda item.

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

APPROVED

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

CR-1 [25-0085](#)

Resolution Amending Resolution No. 17-46, as Amended, Providing for the Extension of the Term of the Infrastructure Task Force through February 18, 2026 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman requested that the terms of the District 3 Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee (ITFAC) appointees be extended and staggered.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence explained the one (1) year duration of the ITFAC, which has been annually extended by the Commission.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed ITFAC members having extended and staggered terms. Vice Mayor Glassman commented on related challenges and noted that ITFAC members are appointed at different points. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Interim City Attorney Spence's question, City Clerk David Soloman clarified Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's appointees to the ITFAC would term out in February 2026 if the Commission extends the ITFAC for an additional year and explained related details.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed that the ITFAC currently has two (2) year terms and are limited to three (3) consecutive terms. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed his support of the Commission allowing four (4) two (2) year terms for ITFAC appointees.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on his perspective and concerns. Mayor Trantalis discussed the benefits of continuity. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman concurred with Mayor Trantalis' remarks and expounded on her viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued.

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

ADOPTED

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

MOTIONS

M-1 [25-0084](#)

Motion Approving the Pay Range Reallocation of 8 Classifications Within the Teamsters Local Union No. 769 Collective Bargaining Unit - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED

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

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [25-0114](#)

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 February 4, 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 announced additional nominations for tonight's Resolution received after Agenda publishing.

Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence remarked on an email sent to Commission Members related to Commissioner Sorensen and this Agenda item. He explained that if Commission Members have not communicated with Commissioner Sorensen regarding that email, no further action is necessary.

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

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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

R-2 [25-0064](#) Resolution Approving and Adopting the 2025 State Legislative Program for the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commission Members indicated they had no modifications to the State Legislative Program.

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

ADOPTED

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [25-0016](#) Public Hearing - Ordinance Amending City of Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element; Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Designation to Allow Community Facilities and Utility Uses as a Permitted Use, with a Restriction on Maximum Acreage - Case No. UDP-L24001 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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 Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman. Roll call showed AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst, and Mayor Trantalis.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Ordinance on the First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

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

PH-2 [25-0009](#) Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving the Historic Designation of the Exterior of the Building Commonly Known as "War Memorial Auditorium," Located at 1000 E. Sunrise Boulevard (and Also Identified at the Following Location: 800 NE 8th Street), Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as a Historic Landmark - Historic Preservation

Board Case No. UDP-HPD24002 - (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.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Marc Dickerman, 1417 SW 2nd Street. Mr. Dickerman discussed his support for this agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Trisha Logan, Development Services Department Historic Preservation Planner and Principal Urban Planner. Ms. Logan explained a request by the Florida Panthers Organization to delay the historic designation of the War Memorial Auditorium exterior (Historic Designation) for approximately four (4) months and explained related details.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Milledge, Esq., John Milledge P.A., 200 East Las Olas Boulevard and on behalf of the Florida Panthers Organization. Mr. Milledge explained the Organization's request for the Historic Designation effective date and expounded on related details. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Milledge confirmed May 22, 2025, as the effective date. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michaela Conca, 625 SW 5th Place, and Broward Trust for Historic Preservation (Trust) President. Ms. Conca discussed the Trust's support of this Agenda item.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Milledge explained the sponsorship signage planned for the War Memorial Auditorium. In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions, Mr. Milledge clarified his request for May 22, 2025, as the effective date for the Historic Designation of the War Memorial Auditorium and remarked on related information.

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 Sorensen. Roll call showed AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst, and Mayor Trantalis.

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced this Resolution as amended, having an effective date of May 22, 2025, which was read by title only.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED - Approving

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

PH-3 [25-0011](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning from Intense Manufacturing and Industrial (M-3, Broward County) District to Uptown Urban Village Southeast (UUV-SE) District - City of Fort Lauderdale - 200 W Cypress Creek Road - 200 W Cypress Creek Holdings - Case No. UDP-Z24012 - (Commission District 1)

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 Herbst made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman. Roll call showed AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst, and Mayor Trantalis

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

OFR-1 [25-0065](#)

First Reading - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 28 - Water, Wastewater, And Stormwater, Sections 28-203, 28-223, 28-231; Creating a New Section 28-251 - Cease and Desist Order and Re-Codifying Sections 25-252 through 28-254 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Ordinance on the First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

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

OFR-2 [25-0083](#)

First Reading - An Ordinance Amending the Classification Table of the Pay Plan of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as Amended, by Changing the Pay Grade of One Classification and Creating One New Classification - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Ordinance on the First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING**OSR-1** [25-0107](#)

Second Reading - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Rezoning from Residential Multifamily Mid Rise Medium High Density (RMM-25) District to Northwest Regional Activity Center- Mixed Use West (NWRAC-MUw) District - 500 - 538 NW 9th Avenue and 537 NW 8th Avenue - Applicant: 6th on Powerline, LLC. - Case No. UDP-Z24010 - (Commission District 3)

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

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman introduced this Ordinance on the Second Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carla Roundtree, 745 NW 4th Avenue. Ms. Roundtree discussed allowing the public to comment when viewing YouTube broadcasts of Commission Meetings. Further comment and discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk