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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

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 6:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Marleigh Brown - Riverland Elementary School

Willie Brown - North Andrews Garden Elementary School

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In remembrance of Randal Perkins, Founder of AshBritt, Inc.

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

CITY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following employee retirements and thanked them for their service:

Thomas Donato, Public Works Department, Senior Utilities Mechanic - 26 years of service; Frank Santos, Public Works Department Utilities Crew Leader - 24.5 years of service; Kian Movafaghi, Public Works Department Administrative Assistant - 22.5 years of service; and Betty Crews, Public Works Department Senior Administrative Assistant - 25 years of service.

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following updates to the Agenda:

REMOVED:

CR-4 Removed from the Agenda to be heard at the Wednesday, January 22, 2025, Commission Regular Meeting

REVISIONS:

- CM-5 Exhibit 1, page 1, portion of the last sentence
stricken from the 5th whereas clause
- CR-5 Exhibit 2, Resolution was revised to correct
scrivener's errors.

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda[25-0044](#)

Minutes for November 19, 2024, Commission Conference Meeting, November 19, 2024, Commission Regular Meeting and December 3, 2024, Commission Swearing-In Ceremony/Organization Meeting, December 3, 2024, Commission Conference Meeting and December 3, 2024 Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

PRESENTATIONS**PRES-** [24-1130](#)

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Fort Lauderdale High Innovation Zone Student Recognition

Chief Education Officer Susan Leon provided an overview of the Fort Lauderdale High School Innovation Zone Student Recognition Program and explained it is based on eight (8) essential core character traits. Those character traits are cooperation, responsibility, citizenship, kindness, respect, honesty, self-control, and tolerance.

Ms. Leon announced the students in attendance being honored with this recognition:

Scarlett McKeown - Bayview Elementary;
Jeremih Cardona-Benetez - Bennett Elementary;
Michael Kocenski - Harbordale Elementary
Angelo Maison - North Side Elementary;
Shivensky Cherizol - Walker Elementary;
Sora Murrell - Sunrise Middle School;
Juan Rosero - Fort Lauderdale High School; and
Tamara Masse - Whiddon-Rogers Education Center

PRESENTED**CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT****CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman requested Agenda items CM-5, CR-1, and CR-8 be pulled for separate discussion.

Mayor Trantalis requested Agenda item CM-9 be pulled for separate discussion.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

CONSENT MOTION

CM-1 [25-0031](#) 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-2 [25-0033](#) Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road Closures with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee, Inc. for the 2025 King Holiday Parade & Multicultural Festival - (Commission District 3)

APPROVED

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

CM-3 [25-0037](#) Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road Closures with Cavallino Events, Inc. for the Cavallino Classic - Tour/Lunch - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

- CM-4** [25-0035](#) Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Music Exemption with St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Inc. for the Saint Demetrios Greek Festival - (Commission District 2)
- APPROVED**
- Yea:** 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis
- CM-6** [24-1164](#) Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Road Closure Request with Fishtales Bar & Grill, Inc. for NOBE Sunday Block Party - (Commission District 1)
- APPROVED**
- Yea:** 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis
- CM-7** [24-1021](#) Motion Approving a Non-Exclusive Facility Use Agreement with Gold Coast Ski Club, Inc. for Use of the Lake at Mills Pond Park with Two, One - Year Extension Options - (Commission District 3)
- APPROVED**
- Yea:** 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis
- CM-8** [24-1159](#) Motion Approving a License and an Agreement for the Sale, Service, and Consumption of Food and Alcoholic Beverages on the Public Beach for the Beach Blvd Owner LLC d/b/a W Fort Lauderdale - (Commission District 2)
- APPROVED**
- Yea:** 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis
- CM-10** [24-1208](#) Motion Approving FY2025 Beach Business Improvement District Funding of the Park Ranger Program - \$9,000 - (Commission District 2)
- APPROVED**
- Yea:** 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CONSENT RESOLUTION

- CR-2** [24-1007](#) Resolution Waiving the Formal Bid Requirements under Section 2-181 of the Code of Ordinances; Approving an Award of State

Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Funding in the amount of \$700,000 to Wright Dynasty LLC for a Mixed -Use, Mixed-Income Rental Development Project - (Commission District 3)

ADOPTED

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

CR-3 [24-1008](#)

Resolution Waiving the Formal Bid Requirements of the 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 \$175,622.76 to Broward County Minority Builders Coalition, Inc. Under State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) - (Commission District 3)

ADOPTED

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

CR-4 [24-1010](#)

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)

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

CR-5 [24-1165](#)

Resolution Establishing a Non-Voting Youth Chair Position with the Sustainability Advisory Board and Appointing Parker Jacobson-Bertanzetti to be the First Youth Chair - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-6 [24-1183](#)

Resolution Correcting a Scrivener’s Error in Section 3 of Resolution No. 23-179 and No. 24-121 Pertaining to the Lien Amnesty Program - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-7 [24-1149](#)

Resolution Approving the Secondary Street Name of NW 19th Avenue to also be known as "Raymond G Christie Avenue" between NW 3rd Court and NW 6th Street/Sistrunk Boulevard - (Commission District 3)

ADOPTED

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

CR-9 [24-1203](#)

Resolution Approving FY 2025 Not for Profit Contribution Agreement with MASS District Inc. - \$5,000 - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 [24-1158](#)

Motion Approving Agreement for Door Lock Monitoring Upgrade - Eastern Elevator Service Inc. - \$188,780 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CP-2 [24-1170](#)

Motion Approving an Agreement for the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant Pre-Treatment Building Improvements - AMAC Building Professionals, Inc. - \$209,000 - (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-9 [24-1194](#)

Motion Approving a Donation of Fire Safety Equipment to the City of Oakland Park - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City of Oakland Park Fire-Rescue Chief Stephen Krivjanik thanked the City for its donation of fire safety equipment to the City of Oakland Park Fire-Rescue Department and remarked on the seamless cooperation between both Fire-Rescue Departments ensuring public safety.

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

CM-5 [24-1115](#)

Motion Approving an Agreement and Request for Music Exemption with Royal Recordings, LLC for the 2025 Oceans of Soul Jazz Festival on Fort Lauderdale Beach - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed why she requested this Agenda item, 2025 Oceans of Soul Jazz Festival on Fort Lauderdale Beach (Event), be pulled for separate discussion.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Lockey Anderson, 1605 NW 8th Court. Ms. Anderson discussed her support for this Event and remarked on related information.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dominique Key, 1615 NW 5th Street. Ms. Key spoke in support of this Agenda item.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Gregory Scott, Event Organizer, explained that the date planned for this Event is September 2025. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized William Brown, 112 N. Birch Road and Central Beach Alliance (CBA) President. Mr. Brown spoke in support of this Event and commented on meetings with the Event organizer, Mr. Scott. Mr. Brown explained that the Event would involve a one (1) year pilot agreement versus a multi-year contract, remarked on possible concerns including artist selection and security, and expounded on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question regarding his comments, Mr. Brown explained information included in the Event agreement that allows the Police Department to vet entertainers in an effort to address safety concerns. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on vetting entertainers, noted the various types of rap genres, cited examples, and discussed her viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Acting City

Manager Susan Grant explained her understanding of other event agreements and remarked on related information.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question regarding vetting entertainers and its impact on free speech, Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence explained this Agenda item represents a contractual offer and acceptance agreement in which the City can set criteria and expounded on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst discussed his concerns related to this type of policy and expounded on his viewpoint.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Interim City Attorney Spence explained the City utilizes both one-year event agreements and multi-year event agreements and commented on related information.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Police Department (Department) Chief William Schultz. Chief Schultz commented on procedures utilized by the Department to research event entertainment and discussed related information. He noted that vetting is normally done when there is a threat against an artist, and not all artists are vetted. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed her understanding, and Chief Schultz said that FLPD personnel review the history of events.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Interim City Attorney Spence explained the differences between this Event and the Tortuga Music Festival (Tortuga), commented on related details, and noted that other event agreements do not include review and approval of artists.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Erick Haynes, 956 NW 16th Terrace. Mr. Haynes spoke in support of this Agenda item and expounded on his viewpoint.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Joshua Cosenza, 1811 Middle River Drive. Mr. Cosenza spoke in support of this Agenda item and expounded on his viewpoint.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carla Roundtree, 745 NW 4th Avenue. Ms. Roundtree discussed her viewpoint in support of this Agenda item and expounded on her perspective.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Gregory Scott, 300 SE 2nd Street

(Applicant). Mr. Scott spoke in support of this Agenda item. Mayor Trantalis remarked on his support of this Event and commented on his experience with similar genre events, citing the Newport Jazz Festival.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Scott confirmed the ability to amend the Event agreement, remarked on the Event's intent, and expounded on his perspective.

Interim City Attorney Spence clarified that the Event agreement does not identify a specific genre and read provision 5J, which is not included in other event agreements (Provision). Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Interim City Attorney Spence remarked on the purpose of the Provision. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman confirmed this is one of the reasons she requested this Agenda item be pulled for separate discussion and remarked on her interpretation of the Provision. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst discussed the importance of adhering to the process, including equal treatment and ensuring objective standards versus subjective standards. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mr. Scott discussed his comfort level with Event artists and recommended that the genres and artists not be limited. Mayor Trantalis noted that was not the intent of this discussion and remarked on his perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman confirmed her support of all event agreements mirroring each other and discussed her discomfort with this Agenda item as presented. Commissioner Herbst concurred.

Mayor Trantalis agreed event agreements should mirror each other and recommended that the Provision discussed be included in all event agreements. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed his support, remarked on the genesis of this neighbor concerns regarding the Event, and clarified the perspective of District 2 residents. He explained related information, including the numerous events on the barrier island that impacted residents' quality of life, and expounded on his viewpoint. Vice Mayor Glassman said that all event agreements should be consistent. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Staff

confirmed that the Riptide Event is not on this year's event calendar. Mr. Scott discussed scheduling efforts and remarked on related concerns.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ben Rogers, Acting Assistant City Manager, explained the scheduling process and commented on other pilot agreements for first-time events. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Mr. Rogers explained he would research discussions with Mr. Scott about scheduling the Event in December 2025 and provide an update. Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on his understanding. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Enrique Sanchez, Parks and Recreation Department Deputy Director, explained the status of the Riptide event and remarked on related information, including a placeholder for the Riptide event in December 2025. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his recommendation to include the Provision in all event agreements and said that December 2025 remains available.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Barbra Stern, Esq., 1929 NE 1st Avenue. Ms. Stern discussed her viewpoint regarding this Agenda item, her support for all events mirroring each other, and expounded on her perspective.

Mayor Trantalis reiterated the need to include the Provision in all event agreements for public safety purposes.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on his understanding of vetting events. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on concerns about vetting an entertainer's lyrics and discussed his perspective regarding establishing related standards, criteria, and the process. Interim City Attorney Spence noted the need to address those items in the Provision. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Scott discussed his viewpoints regarding the Provision and inquired how it will be implemented for the Tortuga Music Festival. Mayor Trantalis reiterated his viewpoint that the Provision should be included in all event

agreements going forward.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman reiterated that the policy for this Event should be the same as other events. Mr. Scott concurred and said that Commission approval of this Event should not be delayed.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on the need to follow the process and his viewpoint that all parties should be at the table should this Event agreement be changed.

Mr. Scott clarified Event information and the involvement of the CBA and expounded on related details.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions, Mr. Scott said this is the first time this Event has occurred, and the entertainment has not yet been booked.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding resuming discussions with neighborhood stakeholders to revisit the Event contract, Mr. Scott remarked on his viewpoint regarding Event entertainment, cited entertainers planned for the Tortuga Music Festival as an example, and noted the need for all event agreements to be consistent. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the availability of the initial December 2025 Event date.

Mayor Trantalis recommended approval of the Event agreement without the Provision, leaving the date open, and expounded on his perspective.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on his concerns regarding Event discussions not including the CBA and neighbor stakeholders and expounded on his perspective. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the entertainment genres planned for the Event. Mr. Brown discussed his comfort with the Event. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding approving this Event agreement with the current September 2025 date and potentially amending the date at a later time.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman made a motion to approve this Agenda item as amended, approving the contract with Provision 5J being stricken and was seconded by Commissioner Herbst.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

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

CR-1 [24-0950](#)

Resolution Approving FY 2025 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Nova Southeastern University, Inc. for the NSU Art

Museum - \$500,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dominique Key, 1615 NW 5th Street. Ms. Key spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Acting City Manager Susan Grant confirmed this funding is included in the current budget.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Bonnie Clearwater, NSU Art Museum (Museum) Director. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Clearwater said approximately 45,000 - 75,000 patrons visit the Museum annually. Ms. Clearwater expounded on the Museum's programs and contributions serving the community and expounded on related information. Mayor Trantalis acknowledged the Museum's contributions to the community and expounded on his perspective.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions, Ms. Clearwater explained the history of the City's \$500,000 annual funding to the Museum that began in 2019. Ms. Clearwater explained information related to the Museum's reduced admissions for students, seniors, and active military members in addition to free public admission on the first Thursday and the last Sunday of each month. Ms. Clearwater remarked on the program costs of student field trips to the Museum. Ms. Clearwater commented on the Museum's \$3,000,000 in annual funding contributions from other benefactors.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman requested a Commission discussion on Museum funding in Fiscal Year 2026.

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

ADOPTED

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

CR-8 [24-1167](#)

Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2025 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman 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** [24-1108](#) Motion Approving an Agreement for the Rehabilitation of Pump Stations B-4 and A-20 - Southern Underground Industries, Inc. - \$8,739,415 - (Commission Districts 1 and 2)
- 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
- M-2** [24-1166](#) Motion Approving Increase in Cost Capacity to the Piggyback Agreements for Traffic Signal Improvements & Repairs - AGC Electric, Inc., AUM Construction Inc., Horsepower Electric Inc., and R & D Electric, Inc. - \$1,150,000 - (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 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis
- M-3** [25-0013](#) Motion Authorizing Purchase of Property Insurance - Underwriters at Lloyd's of London, et al. - \$3,485,620 - (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 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis
- M-4** [25-0018](#) Motion Approving Agreement for the Purchase of Hauling and Disposal - Wastewater Treatment Sludge and Biosolids - Merrell Bros., Inc. - \$18,604,500 - (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 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

- M-5** [24-0861](#) Motion Approving an Agreement for Design Services for Pumping Station A-5 - Chen Moore and Associates, Inc. - \$1,212,515.78 - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)
- 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

RESOLUTIONS

- R-1** [25-0040](#) 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 22, 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.
- In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence provided an update on preparation of a comprehensive Commission Memorandum (Memorandum) regarding prohibiting lobbyists from serving on Boards and Committees. The Memorandum is anticipated to be presented to the Commission during the first Conference Meeting in February 2025.
- In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question regarding tonight's Board and Committee nominees being lobbyists, City Clerk Soloman said Staff would research and provide an update.
- Commissioner Beasley-Pittman questioned the appointment of lobbyists due to previous Commission discussions in support of prohibiting lobbyists from serving on Boards and Committees and expounded on her viewpoint.
- Mayor Trantalis commented on the need to fill Board and Committee positions in order to obtain quorums. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst noted the Board and Committee appointees who are lobbyists, cited examples, confirmed his support of lobbyists being appointed to Boards and Committees, and expounded on his perspective.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman expounded on her viewpoint on lobbyists serving on Boards and Committees.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed his support for moving forward with this Agenda item, commented on the need to fill vacant Board and Committee positions, and expounded on his perspective that concerns regarding an individual Board or Committee appointee could be separately addressed by the Commission. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the remaining terms of former Commissioner appointees and Commission consideration of barring lobbyists from serving on Boards and Committees.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman said she is not requesting nominees be removed from this Resolution. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman explained her desire for consistency based on Commission action regarding her nominee to the Charter Revision Board at the previous meeting and remarked on related information.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed his viewpoint that lobbyists should not be members of Boards and Committees and confirmed his support for further discussion on this topic.

Vice Mayor Glassman 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 [24-1181](#)

Resolution Amending a Site Plan Level IV Approval for an Increase in Height from 123 feet, 5 inches to 149 feet, 2 inches, Conditional Use Request for a Mixed-Use Development Over 10,000 Square Feet in the Community Business District Consisting of an 81-Room Hotel, 5,330 Square Feet of Retail Use, with Allocation of 17 Multifamily Residential Flexibility Units, and a Parking Reduction - 1007 E. Las Olas Boulevard - Las Olas Hospitality Group LLC - Case No. UDP-A24025 - (Commission District 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Kristin LaFleur, 110 SE 10th Avenue. Ms. LaFleur spoke in support of this Agenda item.

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

ADOPTED - Approving

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

R-3 [24-1193](#)

Quasi-Judicial Resolution - Approving the Vacation of a Utility Easement - Located at 901 E. Sunrise Boulevard - 901 EAST SUNRISE, LLC - Case No. UDP-EV24003 - (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: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst, and Mayor Trantalis

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 [24-1182](#)

Public Hearing - 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.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman said that Dorsey-Riverbend neighbors would like to be part of project discussions.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., 901 Ponce de Leon Drive, on behalf of the Applicant. Ms. Toothaker commented on her outreach to the President of the Dorsey-Riverbend Civic Association and confirmed Dorsey-Riverbend residents would be part of the process.

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: 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 SECOND READING

OSR-1 [25-0062](#)

Second 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)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk