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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

1:30 PM

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

City Commission Conference Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District III

JOHN C. HERBST Commissioner - District I

STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II

WARREN STURMAN Commissioner - District IV

GREG CHAVARRIA, City Manager

DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk

D'WAYNE M. SPENCE, Interim City Attorney

PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m.

COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Commission Members Present: Commissioner John C. Herbst (arrived at 1:45 p.m.), Commissioner Steven Glassman, Vice Mayor Pamela Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Warren Sturman and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

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

NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS

NP-1 [23-0907](#)

William Schneider - Boat Ramp Access for Tours

William Schneider discussed details of his business operations and the inability to access the boat ramp at George English Park (Site) for launching jet skis. He said that the City would not renew his business license unless he found an alternate water access point to launch his business' jet skis.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Schneider remarked on the inability to launch from another area due to the location of his business and suggested his business should have been grandfathered into the current policy.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Mr. Schneider explained details of his business operations that includes scooter rentals and various types of tours that include jet ski tours launched from the Site. His place of business is not located at the Site, and is located on Sunrise Boulevard, east of the Intracoastal Bridge.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation Department Director. Mr. Thornburg explained the details and history of the park rule that prohibits business operations in a City Park.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Thornburg said one (1) vendor is conducting a recreational water activity business at the Site and includes jet skis. That vendor participated in the procurement

process, won the bid to operate at the Site, obtained a permit from the City, and shares revenue with the City. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Mr. Schneider explained the duration of his business operations and remarked on his viewpoint regarding the procurement process and the definition of doing business at the Site. Mr. Thornburg noted his recollection that the current permitted vendor at the Site has four (4) jet skis in the water. Mr. Thornburg confirmed that private individuals can launch their jet skis at the Site.

Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence explained that the congestion at the boat ramp led to the City enforcing the existing park rule, which prohibits the use by businesses unless authorized under a written agreement with the City. The City issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a business concession at the Site, which it awarded to a qualified vendor.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mr. Thornburg remarked on previous concerns from neighbors and the former District 1 Commissioner due to congestion and explained related information. Mr. Schneider confirmed, cited examples of the behaviors of other vendors at the time and said he does not operate his business in that manner.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on pursuing a solution to address this situation and he would defer to Commissioner Herbst due to the Site location in District 1.

Commissioner Herbst explained he is relying on the guidance of Staff and the need to adhere to the procurement process, cited examples, and expounded on his viewpoint.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' comments, Mr. Schneider confirmed that business aspects of jet ski rental operations are conducted at his office on Sunrise Boulevard, and he shuttles customers to the boat ramp. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sturman reiterated his willingness to work out an alternative. Commissioner Herbst reiterated his viewpoint, the need to adhere to Staff's recommendations, and explained his reasoning.

Mayor Trantalis discussed aspects of this topic related to conducting business and remarked on an alternative scenario. Mr. Schneider

explained that a jet ski's registration is the mechanism for enforcement. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective. Interim City Attorney Spence explained his position, efforts to mitigate concerns, and noted the City's previous successful legal challenges.

In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's question, City Manager Chavarria explained the RFP from 2022 was a five-year contract awarded to the current vendor, Blue Moon Outdoor Adventure, with two (2) one (1) year renewal options. The City receives twenty-five percent (25%) of the vendor's monthly gross receipts.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Mr. Thornburg confirmed a jet ski rental business located on the beach also participated in the RFP process and was issued a permit. Commissioner Herbst remarked on the implications of allowing multiple vendors to launch jet skis on the beach.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on establishing another category to address Mr. Schneider's situation. Mr. Schneider discussed his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued. Interim City Attorney Spence discussed what is being enforced does not involve categories. A business cannot operate at the Site without a written agreement with the City. Mayor Trantalis suggested Mr. Schneider work with Commissioner Herbst.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 [23-0965](#)

Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Lead Emissions Analysis -
(Commission District 1)

Rufus James, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) Director, provided an overview of this Agenda item.

Robert C. Mentzer, Harris, Miller, Miller, and Hansen (HMMS), Principal Consultant, narrated a presentation entitled *Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Lead Emissions Analysis*.

A copy of the presentation is part of the backup to this Agenda item.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Mentzer explained as an aircraft operates, particulate matter is mixed into the atmosphere and is dispersed based on the prevailing winds.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Mr. Mentzer confirmed this analysis measures fuel burned and extrapolates the amount of lead and expounded on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sturman discussed concerns regarding lead contamination in the soil and water. In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mr. James said lead levels are not measured at FXE and commented on an airport in California that measures lead levels due to community concerns.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Mr. James discussed the existence of lead in all soil due to past lead-fueled vehicle emissions. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Mentzer confirmed the State's viewpoint that there is no lead contamination issue at FXE because levels are considered acceptable under Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mr. Mentzer explained the difference in lead levels between North Perry Airport and FXE is due to the type of aviation gasoline (Avgas). Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst confirmed his support of soil testing in District 1 due to concerns of residents residing in the FXE area and explained his perspective. In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Mr. James confirmed efforts to perform soil testing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Ray, 6130 NW 33 Terrace. Mr. Ray discussed deficiencies in the presentation, cited examples, and recommended testing both soil and water. He recommended pursuing a grant to subsidize the cost difference between unleaded and lead-based Avgas.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tom Quinn, 6131 NW 34th Terrace. Mr. Quinn discussed his support of soil testing.

Commissioner Sturman discussed the implications of lead-contaminated soil on children.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Dr. Nancy Gassman, Public Works Department Assistant Director - Sustainability Division,

explained the standard for lead contamination in soil is based on ingestion versus touching, and noted that standards are higher in playgrounds versus other locations. She expounded on details related to the impact of lead on growing children. Dr. Gassman explained raw water lead testing at the Prospect Wellfield resulted in levels two (2) magnitudes lower than the standard and noted that the water flow is from the Prospect Wellfield to FXE.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Mr. James reconfirmed plans for soil testing at FXE. Commissioner Sturman confirmed the need to address this issue before any impact on groundwater. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. James explained the operational aspects of aircraft at FXE, confirmed an increase in jet fuel versus leaded Avgas, and expounded on related information. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) supports transitioning to one hundred (100) low lead fuel by 2030, and FXE plans to survey its Fixed Base Operators (FBOs) to determine initiatives towards pursuing use of unleaded fuel.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 [23-0886](#)

Presentation - Beach Business Improvement District (BBID) Expansion Feasibility Study - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized James Carras, Carras Community Investment, Inc. Mr. Carras narrated a slide presentation entitled *Fort Lauderdale Beach Business Improvement District (BBID) Expansion Feasibility Study*.

A copy of the slide presentation is part of the backup to this Agenda item.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Mr. Carras commented on his recollection of 2006 efforts to establish the BBID. In 2006, the City Manager followed Commission direction, wanting the majority of the major commercial properties to voluntarily agree to creating the BBID.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Carras confirmed that process was voluntary. Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence explained the related Ordinance that suggested that sixty-seven percent (67%) of property owners in that area petitioned for the BBID. Mayor Trantalis commented on his recollection that several current BBID member businesses were not yet constructed at that time, and reiterated that it was voluntary.

Commissioner Herbst commented on his support of property rights relative to the impact on existing businesses should the BBID expand its boundaries. He noted that someone moving into a specified district would need to understand related requirements. Commissioner Herbst remarked on the need to maintain the two-thirds approval threshold for business owners agreeing to BBID expansion and membership that would mandate BBID payments and pointed out that only a few BBID member representatives control all BBID funding.

In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's questions, Mr. Carras confirmed there are three (3) large hotels impacted by BBID boundary expansion to the south, noted any small boutique hotels would have a nominal BBID payment, and that small boutique hotels characterize areas in the western expansion area. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding voluntary versus mandatory BBID participation in expanded BBID boundaries. Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman confirmed BBID participation for businesses in the expanded boundary areas should be voluntary.

Commissioner Glassman remarked that the BBID currently only encompasses the District 2 barrier island. He discussed his perspective, including the significant economic contributions of the BBID. Commissioner Glassman remarked on outreach to businesses to the south and west that indicated they were not interested in participating in the BBID, explained related details, and said he does not support BBID expansion until businesses are willing to participate.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on the three (3) large hotel properties that would be included in BBID expansion to the south are in District 4. He spoke to representatives of the Harbor Beach Marriott, Lago Mar, and Pier 66 who wish to refrain from participating in the BBID due to catering to different demographics and seasonality. Commissioner Sturman agreed that BBID participation should be voluntary.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Fleming, 440 Seabreeze Boulevard, General Manager of the Courtyard of Marriott Fort Lauderdale Beach, on behalf of the BBID. Mr. Fleming spoke in support of BBID boundary expansion, explained that the BBID would be able to improve beach area events with additional funding and cited examples.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Courtney Crush, Esq., Crush Law, P.A., 888 East Las Olas Boulevard, on behalf of Don Capital. Ms. Crush noted that her client would prefer to refrain from participating in the BBID and explained related information. She remarked on the opportunity for future

conversations with Mr. Carras.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., 901 Ponce de Leon Drive, on behalf of Lago Mar, Marriott Harbor Beach, and Pier 66. Ms. Toothaker explained that these properties are self-contained and expounded on related details. She acknowledged the BBID's efforts to support barrier island events. Ms. Toothaker confirmed the position of these properties wish to refrain from participation in BBID expansion and support voluntary BBID participation.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his perspective and the opportunity for the BBID to address ongoing concerns related to homelessness, event parking and traffic congestion, and coastal conservation. He commented on the BBID's contribution to events such as the Air Show, which benefits all barrier island properties. Mayor Trantalis recommended continued conversations towards working together for the benefit of the entire community. He remarked on the need to maintain the reputation of the City through a focus on public safety and security and noted the competing issue of imposing fees to participate in the BBID. Mayor Trantalis confirmed support for expanding the BBID through voluntary participation and encouraging properties to participate in the ongoing efforts to create and improve the beach area. Further comment and discussion ensued. He urged Commissioner Sturman and Commissioner Glassman to continue conversations with businesses within their respective Districts towards expanding the BBID.

Interim City Attorney Spence clarified that the BBID is an assessment district. When BBID boundaries are expanded, businesses would have to be assessed. In response to Mayor Trantalis question, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed boundary expansion would require mandatory participation. Voluntary BBID participation associated with BBID expansion would require modifying the related Ordinance. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recommended tabling this Agenda item and requested Commissioner Sturman and Commissioner Glassman revisit this topic with businesses in their respective Districts. Further comment and discussion ensued.

BUS-2 [23-0925](#)

AECOM Presentation on the Development of Lockhart Park -
(Commission District 1)

City Manager Chavarria provided an overview of this Agenda item. AECOM will present the thirty percent (30%) Design Phase (Design Phase) for the Lockhart Community Park (Park).

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Joseph Webb, AECOM Director of Park Planning, confirmed the Design Phase is being shared with the commission prior to sharing it with Miami Beckham United (Inter Miami). Interim City Attorney Spence explained that per the Comprehensive Agreement (Agreement), mutual approval of Park improvements by the City and Inter Miami is needed. Interim City Attorney Spence expounded on related mediation and noted the position of Pablo A. Alvarez, Esq., General Counsel for Inter Miami, regarding the parties' default under the Agreement.

Commissioner Herbst remarked that default remains an outstanding issue. He discussed his viewpoint regarding Inter Miami being the party in default, and the City no longer needs Inter Miami's approval of the Design Plan. Commissioner Herbst remarked on mediation discussions related to the Agreement and permitting issues. Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed Inter Miami has not conceded they are in default, and this would be discussed in mediation.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Commissioner Herbst provided an update on mediation efforts and a conversation with the mediator, John P. "Jack" Seiler. Mr. Seiler felt that since Inter Miami parking issue had been resolved, the urgency to move forward with the mediation was removed and explained related details. Discussions are taking place regarding setting dates for continued mediation. Commissioner Glassman remarked on concerns and noted the importance of Inter Miami being part of the design process and ongoing conversations, including Inter Miami's attending related Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board Meetings. Commissioner Glassman expounded on his viewpoint.

Commissioner Herbst noted the Design Plan was produced and circulated in June 2021, and there have been no substantive changes, except for including pickleball courts. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Herbst acknowledged additions to the Park and those costs would be apportioned to the City. Commissioner Herbst confirmed Inter Miami has seen this Design Plan concept and explained the thirty percent (30%) Design Phase is a refinement of field conditions, soil testing, environmental items, costs, and timelines as the Design Phase moves forward to one hundred percent (100%).

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the pickleball court modification and costs he views as substantive. He noted representatives of Inter Miami in attendance and requested their input to ensure efforts moving

forward are cohesive. Commissioner Herbst clarified the pickleball courts have been part of the Design Plan for some time and would be at the expense of the City from Parks Bond funding identified for the Park. Commissioner Glassman remarked on his viewpoint regarding pickleball courts in the Park, the Park being a destination, and future costs for lighting and staffing. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis noted the need of Parks and Recreation Department Staff to determine costs associated with maintenance, lighting and staffing.

Mr. Webb narrated a presentation entitled *Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Bond Master Plan Design & Implementation Program - Lockhart Community Park*.

A copy of the presentation is part of the backup to this Agenda item.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Webb explained design details and aspects of the shade structures planned for the pickleball courts. Commissioner Glassman provided his viewpoint regarding the impact of shadows, and remarked on the opportunity to include some indoor pickleball courts in the planned Community Center building. Mr. Webb explained plans to alleviate shade shadowing in outdoor pickleball courts. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ellyn Bogdanoff, Esq., One East Broward Boulevard, on behalf of My Park Initiative, LLC (My Park Initiative). Ms. Bogdanoff provided an overview of My Park Initiative's efforts related to its pickleball court facility at Snyder Park and requested My Park Initiative's involvement in conversations associated with other pickleball facilities in the City. She explained the reasoning and expounded on details.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his viewpoint, including the Commission's support of My Park Initiative's project in Snyder Park. He noted the separate locations of both parks are in different areas of the City. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Bogdanoff confirmed the need to ensure all pickleball facilities are sustainable.

Mayor Trantalis requested Mr. Webb meet with Ms. Bogdanoff. Commissioner Sturman remarked on the importance of input from everyone. Mayor Trantalis commented on the impact of additional pickleball courts on public demand and the unique aspects of the facility at Snyder Park. Ms. Bogdanoff remarked on the mutual vested interests of her client and the City and the need to work together.

Commissioner Glassman reiterated his viewpoint regarding the importance of managing the pickleball courts at the Park and expounded on related information, including the importance of having input from a professional organization.

In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's question, Mayor Trantalis commented on the importance of maintaining public tennis and pickleball facilities, commented on related details, and cited examples of previous City facilities that had not been maintained. He confirmed support of input from My Parks Initiative.

Commissioner Herbst commented on his willingness to have a conversation, objected to the idea that the City would need permission from a vendor to build park amenities or a facility, and remarked on his recollection that this was not included in the Comprehensive Agreement between My Park Initiative and the City. He noted the need to bifurcate the Park construction from its staffing and maintenance, and confirmed it is the City's responsibility to fund operating budgets to ensure all City park amenities are staffed and maintained.

Commissioner Sturman discussed the need to prioritize City needs such as public safety and infrastructure, and cited examples. He commented on fee structures to fund tennis facility upgrades, staffing and maintenance, and the need for input regarding efficiency and cost savings for the planned pickleball courts.

Ms. Bogdanoff clarified the request to provide input was not intended to imply the City would need any type of permission and remarked on the possibility of My Park Initiative managing other City parks.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed the Park is funded from Parks Bond funding and is not taking funding away from infrastructure funding.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman noted the timeline for completion extends to 2025. In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's question, City Manager Chavarria explained the Commission agreement that Inter Miami can continue to park in the lot until the end of December 2023. Commissioner Herbst discussed his expectation in mediation discussions related to postponing the October, 2024 Park groundbreaking date to the end of the 2024 season to allow parking on the Park site. After that date, Inter Miami would need to determine a long-term parking solution. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's question regarding delaying the groundbreaking further to allow Inter Miami parking at the Park, Commissioner Herbst explained his reluctance to delay the Park any further due to the expectations of his constituents and the community. Commissioner Herbst discussed details of Inter Miami's parking studies, which were presented to the Commission when they requested a parking reduction. He cited examples and expounded on Inter Miami's options moving forward, including building a parking garage at DRV PNK Stadium. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his understanding of plans for the DRV PNK Stadium following Inter Miami moving to its permanent stadium in Miami-Dade County (Miami-Dade) and commented on the need for a permanent parking solution.

In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's question, Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., 901 Ponce de Leon Drive, on behalf of Inter Miami confirmed the importance of the yellow parking lot due to its location adjacent to the current stadium. Ms. Toothaker discussed initial parking negotiations with Inter Miami leasing a portion of Lockhart Park. She remarked on delays associated with Inter Miami Stadium in Miami-Dade, which is now anticipated in 2025.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Ms. Toothaker discussed details of parking agreements with surrounding business entities and explained related information.

In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's questions, Christopher L. Smith, Esq., Tripp Scott, 110 SE 6th Street, on behalf of Inter Miami, noted the timeline that Commissioner Herbst recommended for the Park groundbreaking would impede game parking for approximately one (1) year and remarked on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Webb said there are approximately ninety (90) parking spaces that are intended for community use when the Park is completed. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Ms. Toothaker commented on this Agenda item. Commissioner Herbst said this Agenda item's information was discussed in prior open meetings where it was made clear that the City was moving forward with the thirty percent (30%) Design Phase with a goal to refine costs, followed by the sixty percent (60%) and ninety percent (90%) design

phases. Commissioner Herbst reiterated that the current Design Plan is essentially the same as the Design Plan presented in June 2021. He noted there was never discussion regarding the Design Plan being part of mediation, and the Design Phase needs to move forward to facilitate discussion of costs to Inter Miami and the City.

Mayor Trantalis concurred and explained his perspective that Inter Miami can be part of the conversation regarding this portion of the Design Phase. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mr. Smith noted that the Comprehensive Agreement includes language stating Inter Miami would be part of discussions of the Park's design. Mayor Trantalis requested Mr. Webb to obtain Inter Miami contact information and include Inter Miami in Design Phase plans going forward so that all parties can contribute to the refining of details and costs going forward.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the need to understand timelines related to design phases, construction, and discussed his perspective regarding delaying construction another year to allow game parking. Commissioner Herbst objected to further delay and explained his viewpoint. Mayor Trantalis remarked on his perspective and noted the need to compromise. Further comment and discussion ensued.

BUS-3 [23-0941](#)

Update on Jimmy Evert Tennis Center - (Commission District 2)

City Manager Chavarria provided an overview of this Agenda item that is a result of a request from the community to consider enhancing the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center (JETC) at Holiday Park. Options include additional investment from the City or partnering with an outside organization for operations and maintenance.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carl Williams, Parks and Recreation Department Deputy Director. Mr. Williams narrated a presentation entitled *Jimmy Evert Tennis Center - Operation Alternatives*.

A copy of the presentation is attached as backup to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Eugene Cain, 1812 SW 14th Street. Mr. Cain remarked on flooding concerns in his Riverbend neighborhood and discussed his perspective regarding the history of the JETC, its operations and maintenance needs, and his support of it remaining the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Layne Hollander, 300 Bayberry Drive, Plantation. Mr. Hollander discussed his opposition to a partnership with an outside organization for the operation and management of JETC as it would become a profit center, and cited examples of concerns.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Costanzo, 615 NE 12th Avenue. Mr. Costanzo commented on his opposition to a partnership with an outside organization, impacting historical aspects of JETC and other items.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Swaney, 2716 NE 16th Street. Mr. Swaney commented on his viewpoint, including the need for improved maintenance and operations by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mayor Trantalis recognized David Disbrow, 2848 NE 24th Court. Mr. Disbrow concurred with previous speakers regarding Parks and Recreation Department maintaining and operating JETC, cited needed improvements, and remarked on Parks Bond funding to improve recreational facilities.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Krauss, 1906 NE 7th Place. Mr. Krauss concurred with the comments of the previous speaker on this topic. He recommended Commission Members visit the facility and have conversations with those who utilize JETC for an understanding of their viewpoint.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation Department Director, explained details associated with maintenance and operation challenges, including the insufficient level of compensation for a qualified Tennis Director, and the high turnover of maintenance personnel. Mr. Thornburg confirmed the Parks Bond contains funding for a new JETC subsurface irrigation system.

Commissioner Glassman discussed his outreach to Staff and the Tennis Advisory Committee on this topic, cited examples, and concurred that JETC is in poor condition and in need of improvements to maintenance and operations. He expounded on his perspective, including his openness to management alternatives. Commissioner Glassman noted the need for more information and a plan to address these concerns. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the need to receive a recommendation from Staff.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Thornburg explained the purpose of this Agenda item is to obtain Commission direction regarding Staff to pursue a solicitation for third party management and operations

of JETC or have Parks and Recreation Department Staff develop a plan and budget to improve JETC, which will require significant funding and staffing.

Mayor Trantalis requested City Manager Chavarria work with Mr. Thornburg to develop a plan for both options and return to the Commission with recommendations.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the ability to maintain low tennis fees, noted the need to view this situation holistically, and explained his viewpoint.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question regarding an analysis of JETC's profitability, Mr. Thornburg noted the ability to produce an accurate analysis using the recent implemented Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Thornburg remarked on keeping public facilities affordable and expounded on related details.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Mr. Thornburg commented on the approximate number of tennis courts throughout the City and noted that George English Park is under the JETC umbrella. Mr. Williams said the approximate annual JETC fee is \$240.

RECESSED

Mayor Trantalis recessed the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

RECONVENED

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events.

Commissioner Herbst congratulated the Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Company 29 for winning First Place in the National Chili Competition in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman remarked on the passing of Anne Naves, the niece of Rubin Stacy.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman commented on a forum with the Fort

Lauderdale Police Department and District 3 Community Pastors to discuss ways to combat gun violence in District 3.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman commented on the artwork of local artists that will be placed on empty storefronts at the Cone Plaza on Sistrunk Boulevard to address blight and improve aesthetics.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman discussed concerns of District 3 residents regarding semi-truck parking and related Code Enforcement efforts. She requested Commission discussion on updating two (2) Ordinances, the first to address semi-truck parking in areas of District 3 and the second to allow digital signage for smaller places of worship.

Commissioner Glassman commented on attending the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) Inductee Ceremony at The Parker and expounded on his perspective and related information. He discussed efforts to address the Breakers Avenue Project, which includes funding from Broward County.

Commissioner Glassman requested a discussion to revisit the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Board legislation and remarked on the need to require its members to resign from both City Boards and Committees. Interim City Attorney Spence explained the issue of a P&Z Board Member participating as a member of another Board or Committee would depend on how they weighed in on a topic and whether they demonstrated bias that would pose a problem during a P&Z Board quasi-judicial proceeding.

Commissioner Glassman commented on concerns detailed in a *Sun Sentinel* article related to privacy issues associated with the recording of individuals during City meeting breaks. Interim City Attorney Spence remarked on the need for more information to make a legal determination. Commissioner Glassman expounded on his perspective and questioned the duration of this practice. Mayor Trantalis discussed his viewpoint and recommended establishing a protocol similar to press conferences that allow the placement of microphones on a stand to capture comments. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on input from District 2 residents regarding registering when recording meetings and the expectation of privacy. Commissioner Herbst voiced his opposition to requiring registration and explained his viewpoint regarding constitutional rights of citizens. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sturman thanked Interim City Attorney Spence for stepping up and serving the Commission. Commissioner Sturman acknowledged and thanked Fire-Rescue Department Captain J. Scott Bayne for his efforts towards completion collective bargaining negotiations.

Commissioner Sturman acknowledged and thanked City Manager Chavarria and Staff their efforts to address District 4 needs associated with flooding and a recent water main break and repair that included delivery of drinking water to WaterGarden Condominium residents.

Commissioner Sturman commented on the his positive experience on the Brightline train to Orlando and remarked on its efficiency.

Mayor Trantalis attended a recent meeting of conference on efforts to address HIV-related issues and working towards instituting related best practices in the City going forward.

Mayor Trantalis concurred with Commissioner Glassman's remarks regarding the ISHOF Induction Ceremony at The Parker and expounded on related information.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Chavarria provided an update regarding the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's transition to its temporary headquarters at 1515 W. Cypress Creek Road. He explained the public would continue to have access to FLPD services at 1350 Broward Boulevard on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

City Manager Chavarria remarked on efforts to address upcoming King Tides and commented on a forthcoming Conference Meeting discussion on Public Works Department resiliency efforts. City Manager Chavarria provided an update on law enforcement efforts to pursue the return of City funding.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Interim City Attorney Spence explained details of the Resolution appointing him as Interim City Attorney that also provides for his appointment as Deputy City Attorney when his term as Interim City Attorney ends. He remarked on a wage adjustment for the intervening time and noted his anniversary date was July 2023. Interim City Attorney Spence requested the Deputy City Attorney receive a three percent (3%) merit increase. Mayor Trantalis explained that it should be retroactive,

and there was a Commission consensus.

ADJOURN

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.