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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

6:00 PM

Broward Center for the Performing Arts - Abdo New River Room
201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

City Commission Regular 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

THOMAS J. ANSBRO, City Attorney

PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rehmi Marsalas - Wilton Manors Elementary School Student

Jeremiah Jones Destin - Sunrise Middle School Student

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

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

COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: City Manager Greg Chavarria, City Clerk David R. Soloman, City Attorney Thomas J. Ansbro, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the retirement of the following Staff members:

Todd Nobles, Parks and Recreation Department Facility Supervisor - 33 years of service

Edward Reed, Parks and Recreation Department Park Supervisor - 34 years of service

Police Major Eric Brogna, Fort Lauderdale Police Department - 27 years of service

Austin Merchant, Parks and Recreation Department Senior Construction Worker - 15 years of service

Assistant Chief Jo-Ann Lorber, Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department - 28 years of service

Captain Martha Massarelli, Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department - 24 years of service

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following updates to the published Agenda:

CP-3 - Removed from Agenda

CP-4 - Exhibit 6 revised to add negotiated term sheets on pages one (1) and two (2)

Copies of the amended Agenda items are attached to these Meeting Minutes.

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[24-0165](#)

Minutes for December 19, 2023, Commission Regular Meeting and January 9, 2024, Commission Conference Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman noted corrections to both set of minutes.

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

APPROVED AS AMENDED

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [24-0212](#)
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Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman to present a Proclamation declaring February 6, 2024, as MacKinley Smith Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman presented a Proclamation declaring *February 6, 2024, as MacKinley Smith Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Mackinley Smith discussed the support of his family in addition to the support of Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) Staff during his tenure as a FLPD Officer. Mr. Smith thanked Commission Members for this recognition.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Trantalis explained procedures for members of the public wishing to speak on Consent Agenda items.

CP-4:

Mayor Trantalis recognized Doug Coolman, 1911 Bayview Drive. Mr. Coolman commented on his experience as a planner and landscape architect and spoke in support of this Agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Sturman requested the following Consent Agenda items be pulled for separate discussion:

CR-1 and CP-1

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Herbst.

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

CONSENT MOTION

CM-1 [24-0027](#)

Motion Authorizing Execution of a Special Construction Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Southeast for the New Fort Lauderdale Police Headquarters Building Project, Relocation of the Existing 5-G Communication Tower Located along West Broward Boulevard - \$150,087.03 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-2 [24-0032](#)

Motion Accepting FY2023 Department of Justice - Office of Community Oriented Policing Services - COPS Hiring Program Award - \$750,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

- CM-3** [24-0033](#) Motion Accepting FY2023 Department of Justice - Office of Community Oriented Policing Services - Community Policing Development Program Award - \$257,405.30 - (Commission Districts 1, 2 ,3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

- CM-4** [24-0078](#) Motion Approving and Authorizing the Execution of 1) A Revocable License Agreement Between Fairfield OFP LLC, Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale for the Installation and Maintenance of Improvements on SE 3rd Avenue in Association with the “One Financial Plaza Phase III Development” Project Located at 150 SE 3rd Avenue; and 2) An Agreement Ancillary to Revocable License Agreement, Between Fairfield OFP LLC and the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

- CM-5** [24-0129](#) Motion Approving Change Order No. 2 for Construction Services associated with the Merle Fogg Seawall Replacement - Ebsary Foundation, Co. - \$84,237.31 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

- CM-6** [24-0175](#) Motion Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Revocable License with RELATED FATVILLAGE, LLC, for Temporary Right-of-Way Closures on Sistrunk Boulevard and NW 1st Avenue Associated with the Gallery at Flagler Village Development Located at 600 N Andrews Avenue - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

- CM-7** [24-0194](#) Motion Approving Partial Release of Declaration of Unity of Title - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

- CM-8** [24-0075](#) Motion Approving a Municipal Elections Agreement with the Broward County Supervisor of Elections for the November 5, 2024, Regular Municipal Election - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

- CR-2** [24-0005](#) Resolution Approving a Landscape Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement for State Road 84 (SE 24th Street) with the Florida Department of Transportation for Landscape Improvements within the Right of Way of State Road 84 (SE 24th Street) and an Assumption of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement with FLL Hospitality LLLP - (Commission District 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-3** [24-0049](#) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Sovereignty Submerged Lands Easement with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida / BOT FILE NO. 060363966 -South New River Canal - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-4** [24-0096](#) Resolution Delegating to the City Manager the Authority to Execute a Project Agreement with Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for a Grant of up to \$1,500,000 for Cooley's Landing Marina Replacement - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-5** [24-0134](#) Resolution (a) Approving an Application for a Dock Permit for Usage of Public Property by Michael & Bethany Pitino adjacent to 607 Cordova Road for an existing marginal dock and (b) Authorizing Counter Execution of a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants - (Commission District 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-6 [24-0145](#) Resolution Approving the Submission of a Grant Application to the Florida Department of Transportation under the 2024 County Incentive Grant Program - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

CR-7 [24-0093](#) Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between Broward County and City of Fort Lauderdale for Surtax-Funded Municipal Transportation Project: Roadway Improvement (FORT 104) for the City's Sidewalk Connections Project - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-2 [24-0058](#) Motion Approving a Construction Agreement for Nautical Parking Lot Improvements (Rebid) - Sagaris Corp. - \$235,035 - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CP-3 [24-0059](#) Motion Approving the Award for One-Way Pairs Study for Andrews Avenue and SE 3rd Avenue between SE 17th Street and Sunrise Boulevard - Kimley-Horn and Associates \$319,760 - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

CP-4 [24-0090](#) Motion Approving a Service Agreement for an Urban Forestry Master Plan for the City of Fort Lauderdale with RES Florida Consulting, LLC d/b/a E Sciences - \$166,937 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CR-1 [24-0035](#) Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2024 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, City Manager Chavarria explained Staff efforts to proactively address possible mold concerns at City Fire Stations and explained related information. City Manager Chavarria confirmed Staff will provide an update to the Commission.

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

ADOPTED

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

CP-1 [24-0042](#) Motion Approving Second Municipal Amendment to Comcast Enterprise Services Master Services Agreement to include Business Internet and Ethernet Private Line Services - \$33,850.75 (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, City Manager Chavarria explained that the City needs to move forward with an agreement with Comcast to bring cable service to fourth floor City offices at One East Broward Boulevard and to the NSU Art Museum Auditorium to facilitate Commission Meetings

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

APPROVED

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

MOTIONS

M-1 [24-0150](#) Motion Approving an Event Agreement with Request for Music Exemption and Related Road Closures for St Patrick's Day (Downtown) - (Commission District 4)

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

APPROVED

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

M-2 [24-0149](#)

Motion Approving Event Agreements and Related Road Closures for 11th Annual Fort Lauderdale Shamrock Run, March for Cancer, 2024 Walk Like MADD & MADD Dash Fort Lauderdale 5K and MASS District Events Q1 - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

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

APPROVED

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

M-3 [24-0016](#)

Motion Rejecting All Bids for Roving Security Guard Services - Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 97 - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

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

APPROVED

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

M-4 [24-0046](#)

Motion Approving Increase to the Annual Asphalt, Sidewalk and ADA Improvements Continuing Contract Cost Capacity - FG Construction, LLC. - \$1,000,000 (two-year total) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED

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

M-5 [24-0052](#)

Motion Approving the Final Ranking of Firms, Negotiated Fee Schedule and Agreement for Consultant Services for City-Wide Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Program - Ardurra Group, Inc. - \$17,000,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Herbst made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED

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

- M-6** [24-0124](#) Motion Approving Agreement for Durrs Neighborhood Stormwater Improvements - Man-Con, Incorporated - \$30,640,737.10 - (Commission District 3)
- Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Sturman.
- APPROVED**
- Yea:** 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis
- M-7** [24-0164](#) Motion Approving an Agreement for the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant Deepwell Injection Well Cleaning Project - Layne Christensen Company - \$1,193,658.71 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- Commissioner Herbst made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.
- APPROVED**
- Yea:** 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis
- M-8** [24-0183](#) Motion Approving the Relocation of R&R Studio's #FTL Sculpture - (Commission District 2)
- In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions regarding including the hashtag "FTL" (#FTL) in a piece of public art, City Manager Chavarria explained that the Public Art and Placement Advisory Board (PAPAB) approved the design and remarked on related details. Daphnee Sainvil, Public Affairs Manager, explained why this sculpture was relocated from Tunnel Top Park to the Barrier Island.
- Mayor Trantalis noted the direction given to the artist before the City implemented its #FTL. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Sainvil said the artwork had already been fabricated, and the cost to update the design with the City's hashtag would be approximately \$350,000.
- Mayor Trantalis explained this Agenda item approves the relocation of the artwork. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis pointed out the ability to add to the artwork after its installation.
- In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Ms. Sainvil confirmed the sculpture would be a permanent installation. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the need to include the related PAPAB Meeting Minutes in the backup to this Agenda item and the need for nighttime lighting for the sculpture. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis suggested uplighting.

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

APPROVED

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

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [24-0190](#)

Appointment of Board and Committee Members - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Clerk David Soloman read the names of Commission Member Board and Committee nominees for appointment and/or reappointment at the Commission Regular Meeting on February 20, 2024.

City Clerk Soloman read the names of the Board and Committee appointments and reappointments for Agenda item R-1 into the record. He noted additional nominations for appointment and/or reappointment received after Agenda publishing, which included reappointing Romney Rogers and Betty Shelley to the Citizens' Committee of Recognition, Marilyn Mammano to the Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee, and Jonathan Perrillo to the Insurance Advisory Board.

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

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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

R-2 [24-0083](#)

Resolution Calling 2024 Regular Municipal Election on November 5, 2024 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED

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

- R-3** [24-0029](#) Resolution Approving a Settlement Agreement with Florida Power & Light Company to Receive a Refund in the Amount of \$202,289.91 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- Commissioner Herbst introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.
- ADOPTED**
- Yea:** 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis
- R-4** [24-0193](#) Resolution Approving a Settlement Agreement and Release with Florida Power & Light Company, et al., to Receive Settlement Payment in the Amount of \$400,000.00 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Linda Short, Finance Department Director, explained related costs associated with this Agenda item.
- Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.
- ADOPTED**
- Yea:** 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis
- R-5** [24-0172](#) Resolution Declaring Notice of Intent to Convey City-Owned Property Located at 800 NW 22 Road in the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Area to the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency and Setting a Public Hearing for March 19, 2024, Pursuant to Section 8.02 of the City Charter - (Commission District 3)
- Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.
- ADOPTED**
- Yea:** 5 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis
- R-6** [24-0028](#) Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of the State Courts Administrator and the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in an Amount not to Exceed \$100,000 for Community Court Expenses, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Memorandum of Understanding - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED

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

R-7 [24-0189](#)

City Clerk Annual Performance Review - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Each Commission Member discussed their positive view of City Clerk David Soloman's performance, cited examples, and recommended City Clerk Soloman receive a three percent (3%) merit increase.

Commissioner Herbst introduced this Resolution approving a three percent (3%) merit increase for City Clerk David Soloman which was read by title only.

ADOPTED - 3% Merit Increase

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

R-8 [24-0118](#)

Quasi-Judicial Resolution Vacating a Six-Foot Wide by 125-foot-long Drainage Easement - Case No. UDP-EV23005 - 600 Solar Isles Drive - (Commission District 2)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

Each Commission Member disclosed verbal communications, written communications, site visits and expert opinions received.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

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

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

ADOPTED

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

- R-9** [24-0136](#) Quasi-Judicial Resolution Vacating a 5-foot Portion of a Drainage Facilities Easement that is 120-Feet in Length and 15-Feet in Width Located at 2301 Delmar Place - Joanne Low - Case No. UDP-EV2200 - (Commission District 2)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

Each Commission Member disclosed verbal communications, written communications, site visits and expert opinions received.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

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

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

ADOPTED

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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

- OSR-1** [24-0072](#) Second Reading - Ordinance Amending Subsection 20-110(a.1)(5) and Repealing Subsection 20-110(a.1)(11) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION

City Attorney Thomas Ansbro requested that pursuant to Florida Statute Section 286.011(8), the City Commission will meet privately in an

Executive Closed-Door Session on February 20, 2023, on or after 4:30 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in connection with the following matter(s):

- JMS Construction Services, Inc. v. City of Fort Lauderdale
Case No.: CACE 16-020549 (04)

Present at the attorney-client session will be:

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis
Vice Mayor Pamela Beasley-Pittman
Commissioner John C. Herbst
Commissioner Steven Glassman
Commissioner Warren Sturman
City Manager Greg Chavarria
City Attorney Thomas J. Ansbro
Deputy City Attorney D'Wayne M. Spence
Outside Counsel Robert C.L. Vaughan, Esq., Kim Vaughan Lerner LLP
Certified Court Reporter from Bailey-Entin Court Reporting

The estimated length of this session will be approximately 15 minutes.

CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

City Attorney Thomas Ansbro noted that he sent each Commission Member the report regarding an investigation of a complaint of an incident at the January 9, 2024, Commission Meeting. The report concluded no bullying, harassment, or abuse of power occurred.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions, City Attorney Ansbro discussed the need to establish a repeated pattern of bullying and harassing behavior. City Attorney Ansbro said the outside investigation recommended the Commission establish a Code of Conduct similar to Commissioner Herbst's prior recommendation. Commissioner Herbst noted that the City's current Policy and Standards Manual (PSM) on this topic does apply to elected officials. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst discussed the importance of the Commission enacting an anti-bullying, anti-sexual harassment, and anti-violence regulations in its Code of Ordinance that apply to Commission Members, Charter Officers, and employees. Further comment and discussion ensued. City Attorney Ansbro confirmed a draft Ordinance would be presented to the Commission for consideration.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, City Attorney Ansbro said he is unaware of any State Statute or County Ordinance related to procedures that dictate code of conduct as suggested previously. Further comment and discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk