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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 1, 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 6:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Michael Cunningham

MOMENT OF SILENCE

CITY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS

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

Joe Georgianna, Parks and Recreation Department, HVAC Technician
- 20 years of service; and

Donna Varisco, Office of the City Manager, Executive Assistant to the
City Manager - 29 years of service.

ROLL CALL

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

COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following updates to the Meeting
Agenda:

ADDITIONS:

WALK-ON Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to execute a
Grant
Application to the Florida Inland Navigation District - Waterway
Assistance Program for the Riverwalk North Seawall Replacement
from

Andrews Avenue to Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) Train Tracks - \$4,000,000

WALK-ON Resolution reaffirming Resolution No. 24-280 and the Construction of a Tunnel as the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Commuter Rail Train Crossing the New River and Acknowledging City efforts to advance the tunnel concept

REVISIONS -

R-2 - Exhibit 2 - Resolution was revised to include additional language at the request of the Florida Inland Navigation District

R-3 - Exhibit 2 - Resolution was revised to include additional language at the request of the Florida Inland Navigation District

PH-2 - Commission Agenda Memo (CAM) revised updating page one background information

Commissioner Sorensen requested the Neighbor Presentation be heard following approval of Consent Agenda items. Mayor Trantalis concurred.

A copy of the Walk-On Agenda items and Revisions are attached to these Meeting Minutes.

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[25-0386](#)

Minutes for January 21, 2025, Commission Prioritization Workshop, February 18, 2025, Commission Joint Workshop with Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and February 18, 2025, Commission Conference Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED AS AMENDED - Agenda Amended

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [25-0391](#)
1

Bloomberg Philanthropies' Silver What Works Cities Certification Announcement

Mayor Trantalis announced the City being awarded the Bloomberg

Philanthropies' *Silver What Works Cities Certification* (Certification) and remarked on related information. Mayor Trantalis presented the Certification to Laura Reece, Acting Assistant City Manager, Yvette Matthews, Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Aricka Johnson, Office of Management and Budget Structural Innovation Manager.

Ms. Johnson accepted the Certification on behalf of the City and expounded on City initiatives that contributed to the Certification. Ms. Reece discussed data initiatives that contributed to the Certification.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-0393](#)
2

Vice Mayor Glassman to present a Proclamation declaring April 13, 2025, as *Heal the Planet Day* in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Vice Mayor Glassman presented a Proclamation declaring April 13, 2025, as *Heal the Planet Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

The Proclamation was accepted by Vanessa Seltzer, Heal the Planet Chief Executive Officer, who thanked the Commission for their support and recognition.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-0390](#)
3

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman to present a Proclamation declaring April 2025, as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman presented a Proclamation declaring *April 2025, as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

The Proclamation was accepted by Nicholas Hessing, Children's Services Council of Broward County Government Affairs Manager. Mr. Hessing thanked Commissioner Beasley-Pittman and the Commission for their support and recognition of this important issue.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-0392](#)
4

Commissioner Sorensen to present a Proclamation declaring April 2025, as Water Conservation Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Sorensen presented a Proclamation declaring *April 2025, as Water Conservation Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

The Proclamation was accepted by Steve Hillberg, Public Works

Department Senior Project Manager, who thanked the Commission for their support and recognition of this important issue. Mr. Hillberg remarked on landscaping water conservation initiatives.

PRESENTED

25-0437

WALK-ON PRESENTATION - Mayor Trantalis to present Susan Grant with a thank you gift for her time serving as Acting City Manager

Mayor Trantalis presented a thank you gift to Acting City Manager Susan Grant as a token of the Commission's appreciation for her term of service as Acting City Manager. Acting City Manager Grant thanked Mayor Trantalis and the Commission for this recognition and the opportunity to serve in the role of Acting City Manager.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Marc Dickerman, 1417 SW 2nd Street. Mr. Dickerman thanked Acting City Manager Grant for her service to the City and presented her with a small token of appreciation.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

CM-1:

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carla Roundtree, 745 NW 4th Avenue. Ms. Roundtree discussed her support for the *2025 Oceans of Soul Jazz Festival* on Fort Lauderdale Beach (Event) and inquired about related details. Mayor Trantalis said that the Event is approved. Vice Mayor Glassman explained that this Agenda item changes the Event date from September 2025 to December 2025.

CM-10:

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carla Roundtree, 745 NW 4th Avenue. Ms. Roundtree discussed her support of Agenda Item CM-10 and discussed the importance of providing meals to children. Vice Mayor Glassman noted that this Program provides dinners to children.

CR-4:

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carla Roundtree, 745 NW 4th Avenue. Ms. Roundtree requested information regarding this Agenda item and her eligibility for 2023-2024 State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program funding. Vice Mayor Glassman requested Staff coordinate a meeting with Ms. Roundtree to address her eligibility.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Herbst requested Consent Agenda item CM-11 be pulled for separate discussion.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

CONSENT MOTION

CM-1 [25-0136](#) Motion Approving a First Amendment to Temporary Beach License and Outdoor Event Agreement with Royal Recordings, LLC for the 2025 Oceans of Soul Jazz Festival on Fort Lauderdale Beach - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-2 [25-0296](#) Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement with Broward County Roadrunners Track Club Incorporated for the Rogers, Morris & Ziegler Annual Youth Track Invitational - (Commission District 3)

APPROVED

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

CM-3 [25-0307](#) Motion Approving TJX Law Enforcement Grant Award - \$4,222 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-4 [25-0355](#) Motion Approving the Fourth Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement Between the Pantry Lofts Ltd. as Successor to Green Mills Holdings, LLC and the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-5 [25-0364](#) Motion Approving a First Amendment to the Revocable License with CG Riverwalk LP until July 31, 2025, and Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Provide up to Four Additional Extension Periods for

Temporary Right-of-Way Closures on North New River Drive East in Association with the Riverwalk Residences Development Located at 333 North New River Drive East - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-6 [25-0368](#)

Motion Approving a First Amendment to the Lease Agreement Between North Broward Hospital District and the City of Fort Lauderdale for Broward Health Park at Imperial Point Honoring Dottie Mancini, in Substantially the Form Provided - (Commission District 1)

APPROVED

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

CM-7 [25-0372](#)

Motion Authorizing Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims in Richard Fortunato v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Case Nos. 21-015978IF and 22-020917IF - \$250,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-8 [25-0373](#)

Motion Authorizing Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims in Franklin Foulks v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Case No. 14-024689IF - \$150,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-9 [25-0374](#)

Motion Authorizing Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims in Victor Pires v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Case No. 23-003615DAL - \$375,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-10 [25-0301](#)

Motion Approving First Amendment to Service Agreement for After-School Snack Provider to Increase the Initial Contract Term Compensation Amount by an Additional \$324,000 for Additional Meal Service for Program Participants - All Kids Catering, Inc. - \$324,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-12 [25-0358](#)

Motion Rejecting All Proposals for the Fort Lauderdale Beach Wave Wall Light Replacement - Request for Proposals (RFP) Event No. 248-1 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION**CR-1** [25-0042](#)

Resolution Approving a Tri-Party Grant Agreement, Supplemental Grant Agreement and Escrow Agreement between the Performing Arts Center Authority, the City of Fort Lauderdale, and Broward County - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

CR-2 [25-0194](#)

Resolution for Imposition of Special Assessment Liens for Costs Associated with Board ups - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-3 [25-0218](#)

Resolution Approving a First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement Between Broward County and City of Fort Lauderdale for Surtax-Funded Municipal Transportation Project: NW 15th Ave Complete Streets Roadway Improvements (FORT-122/162) - (Commission District 3)

ADOPTED

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

CR-4 [25-0298](#)

Resolution Accepting Additional 2023-2024 State Housing initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Funds in the Amount of \$43,338 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-5** [25-0312](#) Resolution Approving a Second Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between Broward County and City of Fort Lauderdale for Surtax-Funded Municipal Transportation Project: Demolition and Reconstruction of South Ocean Drive Bridge (P12087)
BC-FTLAUD-FY2020-00002 - (Commission District 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-6** [25-0093](#) Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2025 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-7** [25-0370](#) Resolution Approving and Ratifying a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 31, Extending the Captains Promotional Process - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-8** [25-0383](#) Resolution Approving and Ratifying a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 31, Resolving a Pay Grievance - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT PURCHASE

- CP-1** [25-0171](#) Motion Approving an Agreement for Calibration Services - Florida Mobile Speed Testing LLC - \$165,810 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CM-11 [25-0340](#)

Motion Approving Change Order No. 9 to Task Order No. 4 for Additional Services for Construction Documents for New Police Headquarters - AECOM Technical Services, Inc. - \$132,506 - (Commission District 2)

Commissioner Herbst discussed his viewpoint regarding this Agenda item and confirmed he would not support any change orders for the Police Department Headquarters Project (Project) until outstanding issues are resolved.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carla Roundtree, 745 NW 4th Avenue. Ms. Roundtree made numerous inquiries regarding the Project. Mayor Trantalis confirmed Vice Mayor Glassman is her District Commissioner and could address her questions. Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed. Further comment and discussion ensued.

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

APPROVED

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Herbst

NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS**NP-1** [25-0343](#)

Sabrina Sauerwald - Food Dyes

Mayor Trantalis recognized Sabrina Sauerwald - Third Grade Student at Virginia Shuman Young Elementary School. Ms. Sauerwald was joined by fellow students Louise Sorensen and Conrad Becker. Ms. Sauerwald gave a Neighbor Presentation entitled *Food Dyes*, discussing the health dangers of artificial dyes in food.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Giana Maria Sarald - First Grade Student at Virginia Shuman Young Elementary School. Ms. Sarald commented on improvements needed in Holiday Park due to ongoing, lengthy construction projects and cited examples. Vice Mayor Glassman concurred, noted related outreach to project contractors, and requested the Parks and Recreation Department Director provide Ms. Sarald with the upcoming schedule.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding addressing foods containing artificial dyes sold in City vending machines, Acting City Manager Grant said Staff would review and discuss ways to have a positive impact on that concern.

Mayor Trantalis noted that related regulatory powers reside at the State and Federal levels and remarked on the ability to reach out to representatives at the State Legislature and Federal levels for effective change. Further comment and discussion ensued.

RECEIVED

MOTIONS

- M-1** [25-0082](#) Motion Approving Agreement for Design-Build Services for the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant Odor Control Improvements - AECOM Technical Services, Inc. - \$20,675,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on the numerous change orders received from AECOM for other City projects and inquired how this would be addressed. Acting City Manager Grant confirmed related Staff discussions with the representatives of AECOM.
- Mayor Trantalis recognized Matthew Sacco, Esq., on behalf of AECOM. Mr. Sacco remarked on his conversation with Acting City Manager Grant and confirmed AECOM's commitment to not submit any further AECOM initiated change orders for the Police Headquarters project. Mayor Trantalis confirmed his understanding.
- Commissioner Herbst noted his discussion with Mr. Sacco on this Agenda item. Commissioner Herbst remarked on his concerns related to these types of one (1) bid contracts. He noted the four (4) contract amendments that would typically produce a contract rebid, which did not occur at the urging of prior Public Works Department Staff. Commissioner Herbst commented on his perspective and the need for clarity in the solicitation to encourage a robust bidder response.
- Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman.

APPROVED

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

- M-2** [25-0379](#) Appeal of Decision of the Chief Procurement Officer's Denial of Protest Submitted By Blue Line Solutions, LLC on the Recommendation to Award Request for Proposals No. 332-5, Automated School Zone Speed Detection Camera Program - RedSpeed Florida LLC - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- Mayor Trantalis recognized Glenn Marcos, Finance Department Chief

Procurement Officer/Assistant Director. Mr. Marcos provided an overview and timeline associated with this Agenda item.

Mr. Marcos narrated a presentation entitled *Chief Procurement Officer Denial of Blue Line Solutions, LLC Protest - RFP#332-5, Automated School Zone Speed Detection Camera Program (Program) Item M-2, CAM#25-0373 - Facts And Timeline*.

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Marcos explained that Section 2.45, Service Organization Controls (SOC2) Report, ensures that proposed software protects personal data and ensures security controls.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Marcos confirmed that the only impediment to Blue Line Solutions (Blue Line) being the successful bidder was submitting their SOC2 Report on November 13, 2024, rather than November 5, 2024, as required in the RFP. Mr. Marcos confirmed that the Evaluation Committee determined Blue Line was the superior vendor.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding which vendor would best serve the community's needs, Mr. Marcos noted that the Evaluation Committee makes the decision. Acting City Manager Grant noted that the Evaluation Committee's Ranking (Ranking) information is attached as Exhibit 3 to the CAM. Police Chief William Schultz said he was not part of the Evaluation Committee and remarked on his viewpoint.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the purpose of this Program is to ensure school safety and expounded on his viewpoint regarding attaining Vision Zero goals. He remarked on the need to address the technicality included in this bid protest to ensure that the best Program is in place. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis reviewed the Rankings listed in Exhibit 3 and noted the significant difference between the Rankings for Blue Line and RedSpeed. Mr. Marcos confirmed.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on his unhappiness with the process. He recommended that this Program be rebid, explained his perspective, cited examples of concern, and said that other municipalities should be queried on their experiences with similar Program vendors. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Matthew Sacco, Esq., on behalf of Blue Line. Mr. Sacco spoke in support of granting Blue Line's bid protest as it was ranked best by the Evaluation Committee and is forty percent (40%) less expensive than RedSpeed.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question regarding Blue Line being forty percent (40%) less expensive, Mr. Sacco explained related financial calculations that led to the Evaluation Committee's Ranking of Blue Line pricing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mark Hutchinson, Blue Line. Mr. Hutchinson discussed his support of Blue Line and the Commission granting the bid protest.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Joe Goldstein, Esq. with Shutts and Bowen on behalf of Blue Line. Mr. Goldstein spoke in support of granting Blue Line's bid protest. He remarked on the ambiguous wording in the RFP related to the sixty (60) day calculation for response and expounded on his perspective. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Goldstein confirmed there was no certain date. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ellyn Bogdanoff, Esq., One East Broward Boulevard, on behalf of RedSpeed. Ms. Bogdanoff discussed her opposition to granting Blue Line's bid protest and cited examples of their flaws in its bid response.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mark Stempler, Esq., on behalf of RedSpeed. Mr. Stempler discussed his opposition to granting Blue Line's bid protest, cited examples of flaws in their bid response, and expounded on his viewpoint.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on Mr. Marcos' input regarding the process. Further comment and discussion ensued. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Marcos confirmed that an inappropriate extension was given by a member of Procurement and explained related details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Greg Parks on behalf of RedSpeed. Mr. Parks discussed his opposition to granting this bid protest and commented on the importance of a SOC2 Report.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions, Mr. Parks noted the acronym UTC represents a Uniform Traffic Citation. Mr. Parks explained details of RedSpeed's one (1) year Program in Miami-Dade County covering forty (40) schools. Mr. Parks discussed

their Program in Broward County municipalities and explained related information.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Mr. Parks said that implementing RedSpeed's Program in City schools would be phased in at the City's discretion. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding related timelines and permitting.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Mr. Marcos explained why the Evaluation Committee moved forward with vendor evaluations without required submittals during the evaluation process, noting there are no procurement best practices when evaluating this type of Program, and expounded on related information. Commissioner Herbst remarked on the history of SOC2 Reports previously reviewed by the Finance Department. Mr. Marcos confirmed that Information Technology Services and Cyber Security are now reviewing software SOC2 Reports and commented on related information.

Commissioner Herbst emphasized that any entity handling City financial and personal data should be required to submit a SOC2 Report and expounded on his viewpoint.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Marcos confirmed Blue Line's SOC2 Report met all qualifications.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Mr. Hutchinson explained Blue Line's deployment of its Program in the State and commented on the results, including its public information program.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Jason Friedberg, on behalf of Blue Line provided the total number of public schools to be included in the Program, noting it does not include private schools. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding why private schools were not included in the RFP, Acting City Manager Grant confirmed that the RFP could be expanded to include private schools.

Commissioner Herbst discussed his recollection of discussions with Staff that the RFP would also include private schools and requested clarification. Acting City Manager Grant confirmed.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding the timeline for installing cameras and implementing the Program, Mr. Hutchinson explained that once permits are issued, the Program can

begin within fourteen (14) days. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst discussed his concerns related to rebidding the Program, which would result in significant delays. Commissioner Herbst commented on input from the Office of the City Attorney related to data necessary to draft an Ordinance.

Commissioner Herbst inquired about the ability to have parallel paths to expedite the Program with the City applying for permits during a rebid. Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence confirmed his Staff is drafting an ordinance and remarked on related information.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Chris Cooper, Acting Assistant City Manager, explained the timeline and process permitting and remarked on examples. Mr. Cooper confirmed that Broward County (County) would need to issue permits along County roadways. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Interim City Attorney Spence discussed the timeline for the related ordinance. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on the required study data that would impact the timelines for adoption of an ordinance and Program implementation. Commissioner Herbst remarked on his understanding of the related RFP process. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Parks confirmed that RedSpeed provided the data study completed last week.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question regarding RedSpeed's data study and compliance with State Statute, Interim City Attorney Spence explained that the selected vendor would be qualified to complete the data study needed to author the enabling legislation. Interim City Attorney Spence noted that a vendor had not yet been selected and discussed related details. Commissioner Herbst discussed his concerns with the process. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Vice Mayor Glassman reiterated that this agenda item should be deferred. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the correct process to address Agenda items M-2 and M-3.

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

TABLED

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

M-3 [25-0319](#)

Motion Approving an Agreement for an Automated School Zone Speed Detection Camera Program - RedSpeed Florida LLC - \$600,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED - Motion to Deny

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Herbst

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Mr. Marcos estimated a twenty-one day turnaround time for rebidding the RFP. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst reiterated the goal is for the Program to be in place and include private schools at the beginning of the school year in August, 2025.

Mr. Marcos confirmed several private schools were included in the RFP. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Sorensen noted the need to include a comprehensive list of all public and private schools in the RFP. Further comment and discussion ensued.

M-4 [25-0320](#)

Motion Approving a Piggyback Agreement with Rep Services, Inc. Utilizing the Clay County Agreement for Various Equipment and Amenities for Parks and Recreation - \$6,000,000 - (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 - Commissioner Herbst, Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

RESOLUTIONS**R-1** [25-0387](#)

Appointment of Board and Committee Members - (Commission

Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Clerk Soloman read the names of Board and Committee nominees for appointment and/or reappointment at the Commission Regular Meeting on April 15, 2025.

City Clerk Soloman read the names of the Board and Committee appointments and/or reappointments for Agenda item R-1 into the record.

City Clerk Soloman announced the names of individuals nominated for appointment and/or reappointment for Agenda item R-1 received after Agenda publishing.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Interim City Attorney Spence explained that a filed candidate for mayor cannot serve on an Advisory Board, Advisory Committee or Taskforce (Board or Committee).

Interim City Attorney Spence commented on mayoral candidate, Barbra Stern, submitted a conditional letter of withdrawal as a mayoral candidate in the 2028 election. Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on his understanding and perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued.

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

DEFEATED

Yea: 2 - Commissioner Herbst and Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

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

Vice Mayor Glassman said he would introduce this Resolution removing the nomination of Barbra Stern as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board and discussed his reasoning.

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced the Resolution as amended removing the nomination of Barbra Stern as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, which was read by title only.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED - Minus Barbra Stern Nomination to Planning and Zoning Board

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized Barbra Stern, Esq., 1929 NE 1st Avenue. Ms. Stern discussed her support for her nomination and expounded

on her perspective regarding Commission member comments. In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Ms. Stern confirmed that she is not a lobbyist and remarked on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question regarding concerns associated with a resident's right to free speech under the First Amendment prohibiting them from serving on a Board or Committee, Interim City Attorney Spence explained that Board and Committee Members serve at the discretion of the Commission. Commissioner Herbst remarked on his viewpoint regarding perceived discrimination. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed the Commission's adoption of a Code of Conduct for Board and Committee Members (Code of Conduct), explained related details, and cited examples listed in Code Section 2-220.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed the need to evaluate Board and Committee nominees based on that Code of Conduct. Ms. Stern remarked that the Code of Conduct was not applicable prior to its adoption or to individuals who had not yet been nominated to serve on a Board or Committee. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed the Code of Conduct was codified in September 2024. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst introduced a Resolution appointing Barbra Stern to the Planning and Zoning Board.

DEFEATED - Nomination of Barbra Stern to Planning and Zoning Board

Yea: 2 - Commissioner Herbst and Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

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

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Herbst discussed his concerns regarding respecting Commission Member nominees to Boards and Committees and cited a similar example of Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's nominee to the Charter Revision Board. Commissioner Herbst also remarked on Commissioner Sorensen's Call-Up of a project located in District 1. Further comment and discussion ensued.

R-2 [25-0396](#)

Resolution Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Submit a

Grant Application to the Florida Inland Navigation District - Waterway Assistance Program for the International Swimming Hall of Fame Peninsula Seawall Replacement - \$8,041,538, Subject to Conditions - (Commission District 2)

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question regarding what entity would fund the seawall if the City is not awarded the Florida Inland Navigation District grant, Acting City Manager Grant said that the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) would be responsible for funding the seawall and explained related information.

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

ADOPTED

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

R-3 [25-0409](#)

Resolution Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Submit a Grant Application to the Florida Inland Navigation District - Waterway Assistance Program for the International Swimming Hall of Fame Peninsula Public Dock and Promenade Design - \$500,000 - (Commission District 2)

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

ADOPTED

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [25-0289](#)

Public Hearing - Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Two City-Owned Properties Located at 9 SW 6th Avenue (Folio ID 504210210550) and 15 SW 6th Avenue (Folio ID 504210210560), Along with the City's Interests in a Vacated Alley, to the Performing Arts Center Authority, Pursuant to Section 8.02 of the City Charter; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Conveyance Instruments - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

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

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

ADOPTED

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

PH-2 [25-0268](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving the Designation as a Historic Landmark of the Property Commonly Known as the "Frank Croissant House," Located at 1313 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as specifically described in the Legal Description - Historic Preservation Board Case No. UDP-HPD24003 - (Commission District 4) - Deferred from February 18, 2025

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

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

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis provided an overview of this Agenda item and the discussion at the previous Commission Meeting. He inquired whether anything had changed since then.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Michaela Conca, 625 SW 5th Place, Broward Trust for Historic Preservation (Applicant) President, explained that the Applicant now understands the property's ownership and homeowners association's guidelines. Ms. Conca said most condominium association owners have not agreed to designate the Frank Croissant house structure (structure) as historical. Further comment and discussion ensued. Ms. Conca cited a similar situation with the "castle" and remarked on related information. Mayor Trantalis noted that the owner of that structure referenced by Ms. Conca agreed to the historical designation. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on similar historic properties in District 3.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Ms. Conca confirmed that the revised application only requests that the structure be designated historical.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Ira Marcus, on behalf of 1313 S. Andrews Corporation (Corporation), explained the position of the Corporation's three (3) members regarding the historical designation. One (1) member supports historical designation, one (1) member opposes historical designation, and one (1) member abstains. No corporate minutes indicate that a corporate majority approves the building's historical designation.

Mr. Marcus commented on his perspective regarding the Broward Trust for Historic Preservation application. Mayor Trantalis clarified the need to determine owner's consent. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Marcus discussed his viewpoint in support of the historic designation and related criteria. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions, Mr. Marcus explained the educational component of historical designation, cited examples, and confirmed the building would be open to the public.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on his viewpoint regarding historical designation when owners disagree. He discussed the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR), the need to update the related Ordinance, and the process as it relates to the City's designation as a Certified Local Government under the Florida Division of Historical Resources (CLG), and expounded on related information.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed that Broward Trust for Historic Preservation is one (1) of the entities that can apply for historical property designation in the City. Vice Mayor Glassman concurred, cited similar entities, and expounded on his support of the historical designation. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis clarified that the building's historical status is undisputed, noted that it is a property rights issue, and remarked on related viewpoints. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Interim City Attorney Spence noted this is a quasi-judicial hearing, explained related details and information, and noted those opposed to historical designation could appeal the Commission's decision. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Interim City Attorney Spence clarified that the ULDR does not consider property owner interests as

a criterion for historic designation.

Vice Mayor Glassman concurred with Interim City Attorney Spence, noted that the Broward Trust for Historic Preservation determined this building's historical status, and remarked on his perspective of the Commission's responsibility. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Brennan, 530 SW 7th Avenue, Broward Trust for Historic Preservation Treasurer. Mr. Brennan discussed his support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Alberto Casavetto, 1600 SE 8th Street, on behalf of ALIRE, Ltd. Mr. Casavetto spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and explained his reasoning.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Donald Benson, 1301 S. Andrews Avenue. Mr. Benson spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and cited his concerns.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding designating only the structure and not the land beneath it, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed that the related Ordinance contains language that allows carving out historical designation of the land under the building. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis confirmed that the best option is to designate only the structure, not the land underneath the building.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Casavetto discussed his viewpoint opposing the historical designation due to impact on the condominium's property value and the development potential in this area of South Andrews Avenue. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman clarified the protections under historical designation, explained related information, and expounded on his support of this historical designation.

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

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution as amended, approving the historic designation of only the structure, not the land, which was read by title only.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED - Approving Historic Designation of the Structure only, not the land

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

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Herbst and Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed the need to revise the ULDR to allow property owners to be more involved in the historical designation process. She noted her viewpoint that input from the Broward Trust for Historic Preservation, the Historic Preservation Board and other similar entities is overreach in relation to property owner rights.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding updating the ULDR to require a property owner's consent to historical designation of their property, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed and remarked on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on the consequences of requiring the consent of property owners for historical designation. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman confirmed the need for a balanced approach to historical designation. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis remarked on historical designation and the related value of Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) and remarked on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Glassman recommended Staff pursue additional historical designation incentives.

PH-3 [25-0344](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving a Waiver of Limitations at 1414 SE 12th Street #1A Slip 21 for One (1) Boat Lift - (Commission District 4)

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized Robert Dunckel, Assistant City Attorney III. Mr. Dunckel explained details associated with deferral of this Agenda item

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to defer this Agenda item to May 6, 2025, and was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman.

DEFERRED to May 6, 2025

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

PH-4 [25-0365](#)

Public Hearing - Second Reading - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning from General Business (B-2) District to Uptown Urban Village Southeast (UUV-SE) District - City of Fort Lauderdale - 6000 N. Andrews - Florida Department of Transportation and Leaseholder of the Property, Cypress Creek Leaseholder, LLC., - Case No. UDP-Z23006 - (Commission District 1)

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

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

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

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

Commissioner Herbst introduced this Ordinance on the Second Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

OFR-1 [25-0247](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances Section 8-146.1, to Address Water Taxi Stops on Right-of-Ways and Other City Property Fronting a Waterway, Along with Delegation of Staff Authority to Declare Water Taxi Stops - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman recommended that the City Manager or a City Manager designee have the authority to declare Water Taxi Stops. Acting City Manager Grant remarked on designees and confirmed Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's recommendation would provide the necessary flexibility for individuals to have the authority to designate Water Taxi Stops. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman noted this Ordinance could be amended prior to the second reading.

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

OFR-2 [25-0279](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending the City's Unified Land Development Regulations, Section 47-24, Table 1. Development Permits and Procedures; Section 47-37B, Uptown Urban Village Zoning Districts; and Section 47-20.3, Parking Reductions and Exemptions - Case No. UDP-T25001 - (Commission District 1)

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

OFR-3 [25-0302](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations Section 47-39, Development Regulations for Annexed Areas to Update Height, Measurement and Definition Requirements - Case No. UDP-T24002 - (Commission Districts 3 and 4)

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 [25-0366](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending City of Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map, Beach Community Center Parcel from Commercial to Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Designation - UDP-L24004 - (Commission District 1)

Commissioner Herbst introduced this Ordinance on the Second Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

OSR-2 [25-0369](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending Section 26, Article VII - Valet Parking on Rights-of-Way and Public Parking Facilities of the Code of Ordinances to Establish an Administrative Temporary Valet Permit for Non-Residential Use and to Provide an Appellate Process for the Suspension of Valet Permits - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Milos Majstorovic, Transportation and Mobility Department Acting Director, confirmed the revision to this Ordinance between the First and Second readings narrows the geographic area that restricts temporary permits along Las Olas Boulevard from SE 6th Avenue and SE 12th Avenue and remarked on related information. Commissioner Sorensen confirmed this revision is supported by neighborhood residents.

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

WALK-ON RESOLUTIONS

[25-0438](#)

WALK-ON Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Grant Application to the Florida Inland Navigation District - Waterway Assistance Program for the Riverwalk North Seawall Replacement from Andrews Avenue to Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) Train Tracks - \$4,000,000 - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis provided an overview of this Walk-On Agenda item. Acting City Manager Grant explained this Agenda item was brought back to the Commission to include additional items for the Florida Inland Navigation District - Waterway Assistance Program grant application.

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

ADOPTED

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

[25-0439](#)

WALK-ON Resolution reaffirming Resolution No. 24-280 and the Construction of a Tunnel as the Locally Preferred Alternative for the

Commuter Rail Train Crossing the New River and Acknowledging City efforts to advance the tunnel concept - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis provided an overview of this Walk-On Resolution. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Sorensen remarked on Broward County (County) staff feedback regarding this Walk-On Resolution and expounded on related information.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Sorensen explained County staff's suggestions, including an acknowledgment that if the City is not successful in its pursuit of a tunnel as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the New River Crossing, the County may move towards a bridge. Mayor Trantalis confirmed he could not support that acknowledgment. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman suggested adding language that the City recognizes that the County may move in the direction of a bridge for the New River Crossing without the support of the City. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's request, Commissioner Sorensen read the following proposed language to be included in Section 6 of the Resolution: *The City acknowledges that the County may elect to include a bridge as the Locally Preferred Alternative for the New River Crossing for Broward County Commuter Rail, but the City does not support the County's election of a bridge.* Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen reviewed additional feedback from County staff regarding the City's requirement to provide tunnel funding information. Mayor Trantalis requested that the County adhere to a similar requirement for a bridge. Commissioner Sorensen remarked on his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen recommended including the language in Section 5 of the Resolution similar to: *The City Commission directs the City Manager to develop a proposed financial plan for a tunnel.*

In response to Mayor Trantalis' request to review the additional language in the Resolution, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed that Staff would prepare a draft resolution that will include the recommendations discussed. Staff will present the draft resolution to the Commission at the Commission Regular Meeting on April 15, 2025. Mayor Trantalis confirmed a consensus.

DISCUSSED - No Action Taken

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED**R-4 [25-0163](#)** Resolution Designating Vice-Mayor - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions regarding the role of the Vice Mayor, Mayor Trantalis remarked on his understanding and cited examples. Interim City Attorney Spence echoed Mayor Trantalis' remarks and discussed the role of Vice Mayor as outlined in the City Charter. Further comment and discussion ensued. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Interim City Attorney Spence explained that should the Mayor no longer be able to serve, the Vice Mayor would take the role of Mayor until the next regular election if it is within eighteen (18) months. A special election would be called if a regular election is not scheduled within eighteen (18) months of a mayoral vacancy.

Mayor Trantalis remarked that Commissioner Herbst would be the next Vice Mayor, according to the Commission's appointment rotation. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the availability of Commissioner Herbst to serve as Vice Mayor and remarked on related information.

Commissioner Herbst clarified the Charter's information regarding the Vice Mayor's duties and explained that it does not speak to attending events and activities outside Commission Meetings. Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed no language in the Charter expressly provides for the Vice Mayor to represent the City on behalf of the Mayor at other functions. Commissioner Herbst said that he has never viewed those activities as an obligation of the Vice Mayor.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his perspective and the tradition of the Vice Mayor stepping in to attend events outside of Commission Meetings when the Mayor cannot participate and cited examples. Commissioner Herbst said he would attend essential functions sponsored by the City as Vice Mayor. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Interim City Attorney Spence reviewed the language in Sections 3.05 (b) and 4.04 of the City Charter. Mayor Trantalis expounded on his viewpoint. Commissioner Herbst noted his extensive participation at City events over the past twenty (20) years. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on the intent of this conversation and requested that her comments as a Commission Member be included verbatim in the Meeting Minutes:

[Commissioner Beasley-Pittman] *I really do not know what's going on this dais, but I will say it is disturbing, and it is disappointing. Whatever this mess is, we need to change it because we are representing a City, not individuals. What I am hearing all over the City is there is a Holy Trinity. We need to fix this mess, and we need to fix it tonight. We need to stay with what is well established Commission custom. The intent of this conversation is because there is definitely something going on with the tradition and the method and the way this Commission is operating, and I want it in the minutes because this doesn't make any sense.*

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman introduced this Resolution designating John C. Herbst as Vice-Mayor which was read by title only.

ADOPTED - Designating John C. Herbst as Vice-Mayor

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

Nay: 1 - Vice Mayor Glassman

ADJOURN

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

MEETING REOPENED

Mayor Trantalis reopened the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE CLOSED-DOOR SESSION

Pursuant to Florida Statute Section 286.011(8), Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence requested scheduling an Executive Closed-Door Session during the April 15, 2025, City Commission Meeting at approximately 4:30 p.m. or soon thereafter. The City Commission will meet privately to discuss the following matter(s):

Tramon Landers v. City of Fort Lauderdale Case No.:CACE
23-005565 (09)

City of Fort Lauderdale, et al. v. Terminal Ventures, LLC, et al. Case
No.:22-011787(05)

Present at the attorney-client session will be:

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis
Vice Mayor John C. Herbst

Commissioner Steven Glassman
Commissioner Pamela Beasley-Pittman
Commissioner Ben Sorensen
City Manager Rickelle Williams
Interim City Attorney D'Wayne M. Spence
Assistant City Attorney Robert M. Oldershaw
Outside Counsel Tamatha Alvarez, Lister & Alvarez, and
Certified Court Reporter from Bailey-Entin Court Reporting

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

ADJOURN

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk