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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

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

STEVEN GLASSMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District II

JOHN C. HERBST Commissioner - District I

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Commissioner - District III

WARREN STURMAN Commissioner - District IV

SUSAN GRANT, Acting 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 1:38 p.m.

COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

Also Present: Acting City Manager Susan Grant, City Clerk David R. Soloman, City Attorney Thomas J. Ansbro, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COMMISSION

[24-0813](#)

Communications to the City Commission - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

***Budget Advisory Board (BAB)
August 14, 2024***

Communication to the City Commission

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

Mayor Trantalis confirmed that the Commission received the BAB's communication regarding the FY 2025 Proposed Budget and that an in-depth Commission discussion occurred during the Commission Workshop with the BAB on August 20, 2024, and noted the upcoming Special Commission Meeting - First Budget Hearing at 5:01 p.m. today.

NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS

NP-1 [24-0794](#)

Teresa Santos - Administrative Variance Process

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dr. Teresa Santos, 1636 S. Ocean Drive. Dr. Santos read from a prepared statement regarding her experience with the administrative variance process related to improvements at their medical practice facility, which was stressful and expensive and recommended improvements to the process.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Cooper, Acting Assistant City Manager. In response to Mayor Trantalis' request, Mr. Cooper

commented on his understanding of Dr. Santos' variance application. Mr. Cooper noted the need for Commission feedback regarding Staff discretion for changes to dimensional standards and other requirements of the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR).

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Mr. Cooper explained details of the variance request process, the appeal process available through the circuit court, and expounded on related information.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Dr. Santos explained details related to her variance request for sliding gates. Mayor Trantalis remarked on his understanding that the variance process is burdensome and costly to residents seeking minor deviations from the ULDR, and said there is a need for an alternative administrative review process for minor variance requests. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on similar onerous experiences of District 2 residents in Sailboat Bend, expounded on related details, and noted that Staff developed a Certificate of Appropriateness administrative review process to address issues that meet a certain threshold. He commented that a similar process could be replicated as a template to address minor ULDR variance requests and requested that Staff return to the Commission with a recommendation. Mr. Cooper remarked on the difference between a Certificate of Appropriateness and a Variance Request and discussed related Staff efforts. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Cooper said that several variance requests occur annually and remarked on the monthly Board of Adjustment Meetings. Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective regarding minor variance requests.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mayor Trantalis explained the history of this topic and requested that Staff develop a more streamlined and less expensive approach to minor variance requests.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 [24-0735](#)

Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending June 30, 2024 -
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Linda Short, Finance Department Director. Ms. Short provided an overview of the Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2024, and confirmed positive returns of

approximately \$24,000,000, including roughly \$3,600,000 in General Fund earnings.

At the request of both the General Employees Retirement System (GERS) and the Police and Fire Department Pension Fund, Ms. Short provided their respective investment updates. Mayor Trantalis commented on the need to understand related percentages. Ms. Short confirmed that she would research and provide that information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst remarked that approximately eighty-five percent (85%) of the total value of the pension funds is derived from investment earnings and discussed related information.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Short confirmed investment earnings have ensured pension obligations have met expectations.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Richard Pengelly, CFA, CIMA, CTP, Director of PFM Asset Management LLC. Mr. Pengelly discussed the anticipated future performance of the Operating Fund and other City portfolios, remarked on future investment strategy, and anticipated Federal Reserve actions regarding interest rates.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on his support of passive management versus active management of City portfolios and expounded on related information. He recommended that the Commission initiate a new policy regarding the Cemetery System Trust Fund that mirrors the passive management of the Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund. He expounded on related investment information and cited examples.

CF-2 [24-0822](#)

Emergency Purchase - Structural Repairs for the City Hall Parking Garage - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Acting City Manager Susan Grant who confirmed authorization of an emergency purchase for needed short-term repairs and noted that additional long-term repairs would go through the usual process.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Acting City Manager Grant explained that the engineer's report included recommendations that certain repairs needed to be made within a six-month period.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King discussed his viewpoint about using the City Hall Parking Garage (Garage) for the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness.

Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst explained that his previous remarks about using the Garage were intended as a possible option to meet the State Statute mandate related to public camping and expounded on his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued. Acting City Manager Grant confirmed that repairs to the Garage are only structural and do not include any type of facilities for the homeless.

Mayor Trantalis noted an email to Commission Members from City resident Avis McCoy pointing out the reasons City parking garages are not suitable for providing shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 [24-0826](#)

Lockhart Park Update - (Commission District 1)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carl Williams, Parks and Recreation Department Director. Mr. Williams narrated a presentation entitled *LOCKHART COMMUNITY PARK UPDATE - COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING*. Mr. Williams requested feedback from the Commission regarding the design plans.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions regarding the use of the multi-purpose field area for Inter Miami Stadium (IMS) parking, Commissioner Herbst pointed out two (2) issues of concern, including use of that area for drainage of the entire Park and the adjacent children's play area location. Commissioner Herbst discussed safety-related details associated with the location of the children's play area and cited examples.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding relocating the pickleball courts for IMS parking, Commissioner Herbst explained that area is also part of the Park's drainage, commented on related details, and noted that it is not large enough to accommodate IMS parking. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' comments regarding parking, Commissioner Herbst confirmed adequate parking on the site for Park activities. The only time there is a parking shortage is for IMS games.

Mayor Trantalis said that the site plan looked good.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions, Mr. Williams explained that Staff worked with the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society to incorporate related history into the project. Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on the history associated with the site and said that Broward County is a significant resource for historical information.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on the construction timeline and granting IMS access to parking through the end of 2024. He recommended extending IMS parking through Inter Miami's 2025 Season and expounded on his viewpoint. Commissioner Herbst remarked that related construction delays would result in increased costs. Commissioner Herbst questioned who would cover those costs, which are estimated to be ten (10%) to fifteen percent (15%) per year.

Mayor Trantalis noted the need to move forward with Park construction, find a solution for IMS parking, and expounded on his viewpoint.

Mr. Williams noted that the Park Design Package would be ready for bid in January 2025 and explained related information.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Acting Assistant City Manager. Mr. Rogers discussed the April 2025 through September 2025 anticipated construction commencement timeline window.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed his viewpoint, including the need to begin a conversation about timeline concerns related to the commencement of Park construction and the Inter Miami Season, and expounded on his perspective.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman recommended that the Commission discuss and consider a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) parking area on Commercial Boulevard for IMS game parking and shelter.

Mr. Rogers explained annual parking discussions with Inter Miami begin in January and discussed related information.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, City Attorney Thomas Ansbro confirmed the Lockhart Park mediation efforts with Inter Miami are at an impasse and discussed options moving forward, including litigation.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Attorney Ansbro said an Executive Closed-Door Session is only appropriate when court action

has commenced.

Commissioner Herbst confirmed previously recommended IMS parking options mentioned by Commissioner Beasley-Pittman. He expounded on related information and cited examples. Commissioner Herbst remarked on Inter Miami's ability to find alternative parking for games.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on discussions with Staff and AECOM regarding his expectation to adhere to the construction timeline of the Park and the ability to streamline the process. Commissioner Herbst expounded on his perspective, noting that the Park's construction should begin sooner rather than later to meet District 1 community obligations. Further comment and discussion ensued.

BUS-2 [24-0865](#)

Fort Lauderdale Police Headquarters Update - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Anthony Fajardo, Assistant City Manager. Mr. Fajardo provided an overview of this Agenda item and narrated a presentation updating the Commission on the status of the Police Headquarters Project (Project).

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, City Clerk David Soloman confirmed the Commission presentation is available to the public online and said a hard copy is available to residents in attendance.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Fajardo explained the phased timeline approach and discussed related details that includes a four (4) week timeline for Phase One, which addresses the deflection issue, and Phase Two, which addresses the remainder of the Project.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mr. Fajardo confirmed the peer review firm selected was Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE). They are expected to begin Phase One work next week.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Fajardo confirmed he would research and provide the depth of the additional micro pilings that addresses deflection issues.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding additional work needed for the deflection issues and the impact on the Project timeline, Mr. Fajardo said that should the work move forward as discussed, it is anticipated that the original timeline can be met and remarked on related

information.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Fajardo explained details illustrated in the presentation to address deflection issues. Further comment and discussion ensued.

BUS-3 [24-0863](#)

Presentation of a Draft Ordinance to Prohibit Camping on Public Property - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Cooper, Acting Assistant City Manager. Mr. Cooper provided an overview of this Agenda item and reviewed the draft ordinance. He noted that the draft ordinance addresses public properties and does not include Parks and beaches. Parks and beaches are covered under an existing Park rule and Code provisions, which prohibits sleeping on the beach and in Parks after closing time.

Mayor Trantalis passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Glassman at 2:49 p.m.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on his understanding of the efforts of Broward County (County) and City Staff regarding this topic. In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, City Attorney Ansbro explained that Broward County has a draft ordinance that includes a diversion program and is scheduled to go before the Broward County Board of County Commissioners (BCBCC) on September 17, 2024, and October 8, 2024. He expounded on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman passed the gavel back to Mayor Trantalis at 2:51 p.m.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on efforts to speak with Broward County Sheriff (BSO) Gregory Tony and anticipates speaking with him later today. City Attorney Ansbro discussed concerns related to BSO policy to not incarcerate municipal misdemeanor violations related to homelessness and expounded on related information. Mayor Trantalis said he would discuss this issue with BSO Sheriff Tony.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on the implications of BSO not accepting homeless individuals who have been issued a misdemeanor citation into the Broward County Jail. In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's concern, City Attorney Ansbro discussed the ability to include a State trespassing violation in the draft ordinance and expounded on his perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, City Attorney Ansbro explained how the State Statute is written, discussed related information, and cited examples.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his recent discussion with BCBCB Mayor Nan Rich and confirmed her agreement that the Broward County Stockade should be used for a pallet home program. He also remarked on related information, including the need to improve the condition of the Stockade. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the timeline for causes of action against the City. City Attorney Ansbro confirmed that the City's draft ordinance also addresses homelessness concerns on public property during daytime hours. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis summarized his understanding of the goals of the City's draft ordinance. City Attorney Ansbro expounded on the goals and cited related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his attendance at a recent Community Court session, expounded on his positive perspective regarding homeless individuals seeking social services, and cited examples. He confirmed the need for additional shelter beds and increased assistance from Broward County. He commented on the magnitude of the homelessness issue and discussed possible future actions by Governor DeSantis.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on the difficulties associated with unfunded State mandates and expounded on his viewpoint.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, City Attorney Ansbro remarked on his cursory review of the County's draft ordinance and the related diversion program for adults. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis remarked on his understanding of other adult diversion programs, explained related information, and noted differing needs of individuals experiencing homelessness.

Commissioner Sturman said he would provide his report on efforts to address homelessness during Commission Reports.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on his perspective regarding Governor DeSantis' actions. He discussed his opposition to utilizing the Stockade in District 1 as a homeless shelter. Commissioner Herbst noted the need for community feedback before discussions with other governmental agencies. Commissioner Herbst emphasized opposition from District 1

businesses regarding using the Stockade as a homeless shelter and expounded on his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis commented on efforts to find solutions to address the public camping mandate. He noted that numerous alternatives were discussed with Broward County Mayor Rich and that no one path forward has been determined. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis urged all Commission Members to work towards determining a solution.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed the need to include sustainable, affordable housing in conversations and expounded on her viewpoint. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman said she will discuss the topic of homelessness at an upcoming Broward County League of Cities Meeting, which has not been discussed previously. She said homelessness should be a County-wide issue.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jim Lewis, 100 N. Federal Highway. Mr. Lewis discussed his viewpoint regarding this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Nelson, 520 SE 5th Avenue. Mr. Nelson discussed his viewpoint regarding this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis acknowledged the progress of Staff's efforts to address the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness. He discussed his perspective, expounded on related details and information, and cited examples of efforts like those of Miami-Dade County. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King discussed his viewpoint regarding this Agenda item. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, City Attorney Ansbro said that Commission Members could speak with him directly about additional feedback regarding the draft ordinance. The First Reading will be on September 17, 2024, and the Second Reading will be on October 1, 2024. Further comment and discussion ensued. City Attorney Ansbro said he would inquire with the County regarding the adult and juvenile diversion programs. Acting City Manager Grant said that Staff would inquire whether the County would allow the City's participation in those programs. Further comment and discussion ensued.

3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Assistant City Manager Anthony Fajardo. Mr. Fajardo provided an overview of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jason Swift, Information Technology Services Division Manager. Mr. Swift narrated a presentation entitled *Radio Tower* (Tower) and noted that the Tower is located directly adjacent to the former Fort Lauderdale Police Department Headquarters.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Swift explained that the State of Florida (State) constructed and owns the current Tower on City property. The State and the City are joint tenants and operate radio systems on the Tower. The State will fund construction of the new Tower on State-owned property in another location.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mr. Swift explained the location of the new Tower that would be part of both a State-wide radio system and a City-wide radio system for the Police Department and Fire-Rescue Department. Mr. Swift clarified that the State would own the new Tower and will pay for its construction. The City will pay regulatory permitting fees for Tower construction and provide a generator and will receive free rent for use of the Tower.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Acting City Manager Grant explained that \$4,000,000 is needed to upgrade radio equipment and expounded on related information.

Mayor Trantalis discussed concerns related to Staff previously stating to the Commission that the City owned the Tower, which resulted in project delays and significant costs for the new Police Headquarters, to ensure that both the Tower and the new Police Headquarters would remain at the current location. Mayor Trantalis expounded on his perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Herbst discussed his concerns regarding the significant costs and delays associated with the Tower due to the Commission's understanding that the City owned the Tower. Commissioner Herbst discussed related information and cited examples.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Mr. Fajardo confirmed that at this point, the only entities using the Tower will be the City's Fire-Rescue Department and Police Department and the State. The \$4,000,000 is for radio equipment technical upgrades. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Swift confirmed a Memorandum of Understanding will be in place between the State and the City ensuring the City's use of the Tower will remain. Mr. Swift expounded on details associated with the upgraded radio equipment and related information. He commented on efforts to rectify coverage issues in the City's southern area due to increased density and expounded on related information. Mr. Swift said there would be a holistic review of all existing equipment sites in the City, which will be upgraded to ensure full coverage in all areas of the City and cited examples. In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mr. Swift remarked on related costs.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions, Mr. Swift explained the anticipated fifteen (15) year lifespan of the upgraded radio equipment and expounded on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the need for more adequate coverage than what currently exists. Mr. Swift explained plans to reevaluate the system coverage and proceed with a Request for Proposal (RFP) to determine solutions. Mayor Trantalis expounded on his viewpoint and concerns and reiterated the need for adequate coverage. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Swift remarked on Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license restrictions regarding communication coverage outside the City and explained related information.

Acting City Manager Grant clarified that the new radio system will cover the existing communication coverage gaps illustrated in the presentation. Mr. Swift discussed the Tower antenna redesign and explained related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions, Mr. Swift confirmed that there will be one hundred percent (100%) coverage throughout the City following Tower construction and upgrades to radio equipment. Mr. Fajardo explained the exact location of the new Tower.

Acting City Manager Grant explained the two-year (2) timeline for the new Tower and remarked on related details.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mr. Swift explained aspects of the Broward County Sheriff's Office's separate communications tower and discussed related information.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Fajardo confirmed that the BSO's communication tower would not interfere with the new Tower.

BUS-5 [24-0815](#)

Discussion - Rescheduling City Commission Meeting Dates for 2025
- (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman requested the Tuesday, January 22, 2024, Commission Meetings be rescheduled to Wednesday, January 23, 2024. Mayor Trantalis confirmed a Commission consensus.

RECESSED

Mayor Trantalis recessed the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

RECONVENED

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman commented on meetings with Fort Lauderdale Police Department personnel to address public safety and explained related information. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on her attending an Affordable Housing Conference with Staff and discussed related details.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman requested that future Proclamations reflect the Commission Member who initiated the Proclamation. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis confirmed this would be included in Proclamations going forward.

Vice Mayor Glassman acknowledged the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations (CFLCA) for hosting an upcoming District 2 Candidate and Mayor Debate on September 10, 2024. Vice Mayor Glassman commented on the public participation meeting to discuss one-way pairings on Andrews Avenue and SE 3rd Avenue. He noted that the Historic Fire and Safety Museum in Sailboat Bend will host a 9/11 Memorial Remembrance Ceremony on Wednesday, September 11, 2024.

Commissioner Sturman discussed his efforts with Broward County (County) partners to address homelessness and presented an Executive Summary of his comprehensive plan to address homelessness. Commissioner Sturman confirmed his work with Acting Assistant City

Manager Chris Cooper to develop related plans. City Clerk David Soloman provided copies of the Executive Summary and flow chart to Commission Members. Commissioner Sturman reviewed the documents and said the comprehensive plan would be completed in the next several days. Commissioner Sturman requested that this topic be scheduled for a Commission Workshop or a Conference Meeting Agenda item at the next Commission Meeting for discussion and consensus. Commissioner Sturman confirmed he shared this information with Broward County Board of County Commissioner Lamar Fisher and discussed related information.

A copy of the Executive Summary and flow chart have been made part of the backup to this Agenda item.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's request, Acting Assistant City Manager Cooper discussed efforts to address homelessness and requirements of *Florida House Bill 1365: Unauthorized Public Camping and Public Sleeping (Legislation)*. Commissioner Sturman discussed items included in his comprehensive plan, expounded on related information, and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to the Commissioner Sturman's request, Acting City Manager Grant discussed options and respite services that Ashbritt could provide. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Sturman commented on his viewpoint regarding recommendations in the flow chart and acknowledged that they are temporary solutions until individuals can participate in Community Court. Further comment and discussion ensued. Acting City Manager Grant confirmed that Staff would vet all recommendations.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his perspective and remarked on past efforts to address homelessness. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman noted the need for a starting point. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Sturman recommended that Commission Members review his research and recommendations. Mayor Trantalis confirmed and recommended that Commission Members digest and review this information with their constituents. Commissioner Sturman acknowledged the contributions of numerous stakeholders who worked to develop this information and recommendations. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding returning individuals discharged from the Broward County Jail to their point of origination.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on efforts in the past and cited concerns

about using the Stockade in District 1 to house individuals. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the need to manage that facility and provide social services. Mayor Trantalis said he envisioned transporting individuals leaving that facility to prevent loitering in the area. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Herbst concurred that a facility needs to be well structured, managed, and expounded on his viewpoint.

Commissioner Sturman discussed the three (3) phased approach and determining long-term solutions. Commissioner Herbst concurred.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Cooper confirmed details regarding an affordable housing project known as the Lofts on 6th and expounded on related information. Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on the success of the 7th on Seventh affordable housing project, commented on efforts from stakeholders and the community, and expounded on related information.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Commissioner Herbst explained his viewpoint regarding the use of the Stockade, reiterating that it needs to be a structured, well-managed environment. Commissioner Herbst discussed concerns related to an adjacent business that attract young people and noted related aspects of the Legislation.

Vice Mayor Glassman suggested including the Homeless Advisory Committee (HAC) in these discussions. Commissioner Sturman confirmed he communicates with HAC members regularly.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman recommended reconnecting with the stakeholders from Lofts on 6th and 7th on Seventh affordable housing projects. Mr. Cooper explained related efforts and expounded on details. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on the work of Catholic Charities in other cities, and Mr. Cooper confirmed his plans to visit Catholic Charities in Tampa to gather information and expounded on related information.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed information associated with the 7th on Seventh project and said it is a good model to replicate. Further comment and discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Glassman commented that surrounding municipalities must contribute and share the City's homelessness burden and expounded on his perspective. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman concurred.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman confirmed she would present to the

Broward League of Cities on this topic. In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mr. Cooper expounded on his viewpoint regarding work on this issue, ongoing efforts both near and long term, and cited examples.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Mayor Trantalis recognized Acting City Manager Susan Grant who provided an update on lease negotiations for Dottie Mancini Park and explained that there is one (1) point that requires additional negotiation and discussion.

MGR-1 [24-0823](#)

City Commission Follow-Up Action Items - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis noted that this year's Winterfest Boat Parade will focus on aquatic themes. Mayor Trantalis discussed attendance at a Public Arts Forum (Forum) at the YMCA organized by Staff. The Forum included a panel of local artists discussing reigniting art and art appreciation along Avenue of the Arts.

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 September 17, 2024, on or after 4:30 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in connection with the following matter(s):

Mark Messina, et al. v. City of Fort Lauderdale
Case No.: 0:21-cv-60168-RKA

Present at the attorney-client session will be:

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis
Vice Mayor/Commissioner Steven Glassman
Commissioner Pamela Beasley-Pittman
Commissioner John C. Herbst
Commissioner Warren Sturman
Acting City Manager Susan Grant
City Attorney Thomas J. Ansbro
Deputy City Attorney D'Wayne M. Spence
Outside Counsel Hudson C. Gill, Esq., Johnson, Anselmo, et al., and
Certified Court Reporter from Bailey-Entin Court Reporting

The estimated length of this session will be approximately 30 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.