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**Meeting Minutes** 

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

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 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 6:59 p.m.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: 5 - Commissioner John C. Herbst, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Vice Mayor Pam Beasley-Pittman (participated via communications technology), Commissioner Warren Sturman 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

**23-1177** Motion Approving Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman to Participate through Communications Technology

> Commissioner Sturman made a motion approving Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman to participate through communications technology and was seconded by Commissioner Herbst.

#### APPROVED

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman

## AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following updates to the published Agenda:

## **REMOVED:**

CM-2 - Agenda item removed at the request of the Applicant.

Commissioner Sturman requested Agenda items related to the New River Crossing be heard in the following order, M-9 followed by R-8.

Mayor Trantalis concurred.

## Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

<u>23-1175</u> Minutes for November 21, 2023 Special Meeting - Charter Officer Annual Evaluation Process - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

#### APPROVED AS AMENDED - Agenda Amended

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

CR-2 - Commissioner Sturman CM-9 - Commissioner Glassman

## Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

#### Approve the Consent Agenda

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

## **CONSENT MOTION**

**CM-1** <u>23-1211</u> Motion Approving a Temporary Beach License and Outdoor Event Agreement for Seaglass: A Fort Lauderdale Rose Experience -(Commission District 2)

#### APPROVED

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

CM-2	<u>23-0964</u>	Motion Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Revocable License with FORTUNE RELATED CONSTRUCTION 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) <b>REMOVED FROM AGENDA</b>
CM-3	<u>23-1125</u>	Motion Approving the Co-Sponsorship of the NSU Art Museum of Fort Lauderdale - Color Field Exhibit and the Display of Event Banner Signs for a Period Longer than 30 Days - Nova Southeastern University - Case No. PLN-BAN-23100003 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)
		APPROVED
		Yea: 5 - Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis
CM-4	<u>23-1138</u>	Motion Approving Second Amendment(s) to the Consolidated Regional E-911 Communications System and the Regional Interlocal Agreement Between Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale for Cooperative Participation in a Regional Public Safety Intranet - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)
		APPROVED
		Yea: 5 - Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis
CM-5	<u>23-1144</u>	Motion Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Revocable License with PAWACQCO HOLDINGS 5 LLC for Temporary Right-of-Way Closure on SE 2nd Court in Association with the Park Plaza Development Located at 600 SE 2nd Court - (Commission District 4)
		APPROVED
		Yea: 5 - Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis
CM-6	<u>23-1146</u>	Motion Approving a Three-Year Agreement with the School Board of Broward County, Florida for the School Resource Officer Program - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)
		APPROVED
		Yea: 5 - Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis
CM-7	<u>23-1167</u>	Motion Approving Change Order No. 3 for the Las Olas

Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities - Ferreira Construction Southern Division Co. Inc.- \$591,306.49 and 90 Additional Calendar Days - (Commission District 2)

## APPROVED

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

CM-8 23-1199 Motion Approving a Triparty Lien Settlement Agreement between Commercial Blvd Realty LLC, Broward County, and the City of Fort Lauderdale for 2000 West Commercial Boulevard - (Commission District 1)

## APPROVED

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

## **CONSENT RESOLUTION**

CR-1	<u>23-1026</u>	Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2024 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Inc \$127,842 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)
		ADOPTED
		Yea: 5 - Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis
CR-3	<u>23-1109</u>	Resolution (a) Approving an Application for a Dock Permit for Usage of Public Property, by John R and Staci L Swadener, Adjacent to 1415 SE 11th Court for a Proposed Marginal Dock with Finger Pier and (b) Authorizing Execution of a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants - (Commission District 4)
		ADOPTED
		Yea: 5 - Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis
CR-4	<u>23-1111</u>	Resolution Imposing Special Assessment Liens for Lot Clearing - (Commission Districts 2, 3 and 4)
		ADOPTED
		Yea: 5 - Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis
CR-5	<u>23-1151</u>	Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan for the City's Community Shuttle Program, and

		Authorizing the City Manager or the City Manager's Designee to Provide and Execute Annual Updates and Project Certifications to the Safety Plan - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)		
		ADOPTED		
		Yea: 5 - Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis		
CR-6	<u>23-1163</u>	Resolution Accepting a Grant from Florida Department of Environmental Protection - Florida Recreation Development Assistance Grant - \$200,000 - (Commission District 3)		
		ADOPTED		
		Yea: 5 - Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis		
CR-7	<u>23-1200</u>	Resolution Appointing the Law Firm of Roberts, Reynolds, Bedard & Tuzzio, PLLC, to Represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in Connection with General Liability Claims and Related Litigation and Appeals and Prescribing Hourly Rates - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)		
		ADOPTED		
		Yea: 5 - Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis		
CR-8	<u>23-1024</u>	Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2024 Not-For-Profit Grant Participation Agreement with First Call for Help of Broward, Inc \$25,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)		
		ADOPTED		
		Yea: 5 - Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis		
CR-9	<u>23-1205</u>	Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2024 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)		
		ADOPTED		
		Yea: 5 - Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis		
CONSENT PURCHASE				

**CP-1** <u>23-0691</u> Motion Approving a Service Agreement with an effective date retroactive to October 1, 2023, for a Proprietary Purchase of Annual Maintenance and Support for Fire Station Alerting with Keylite Power

and Lighting Corp. and Honeywell International, Inc. - \$152,754.71 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

#### APPROVED

- Yea: 5 Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis
- CP-2 <u>23-1060</u> Motion Approving a Construction Agreement for Cooley's Landing Marina Park Administration Building Improvements - ENCOP, Inc. -\$376,341 - (Commission District 2)

## APPROVED

- Yea: 5 Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis
- CP-3 23-1149 Motion Approving First Amendment to Agreement for Pole Setting and Removal Services Annual Contract for Retroactive Compensation Increase - Imperial Electrical Incorporated - \$75,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

#### APPROVED

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

## CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CM-9 23-1203 Motion Authorizing Payment of Attorney Fees and Non-Taxable Costs in Fort Lauderdale Food Not Bombs, et al., v. City of Fort Lauderdale, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida Case No. 15-60185-civ-AMC; United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit No. 23-10173 - \$638,196 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

> In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Laura Reece, Office of Management and Budget Director, explained details of the City's \$14,000,000 in homeless related spending that includes approximately \$12,200,000 in grant funding. Commissioner Glassman remarked on the lack of related financial support from other Broward County municipalities for homelessness and his disappointment with the settlement of legal fees associated with this Agenda item. He noted this amount could have been better utilized to address homelessness. Further comment and discussion ensued.

> Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman remarked on her service as a member of the Broward County Continuum of Care Board, noted the need for accuracy, and acknowledged the efforts of the Cities of Pompano Beach,

Hollywood, and Oakland Park.

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

#### APPROVED

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

**CR-2** <u>23-1079</u> Resolution Adopting the Strategic Historic Preservation Plan - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the thoroughness of the Strategic Historic Preservation Plan (Plan) and expounded on his perspective, including the need to further incentivize ownership of historically designated properties, and discussed Sailboat Bend residents' sea level rise concerns.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Maggie Hunt, 1307 SW 4th Court. Ms. Hunt discussed her viewpoint in support of the Plan and made related recommendations.

Commissioner Glassman remarked that Sailboat Bend is the only historically designated neighborhood in District 2 and emphasized the need for its historic preservation. Ms. Hunt discussed efforts of Staff and Sailboat Bend residents in support of the Plan.

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

## **ADOPTED - Approving**

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

## MOTIONS

M-1 <u>23-1210</u> Motion Approving an Event Agreement and Related Road Closures for the 2024 King Holiday Parade & Multicultural Festival -(Commission Districts 2 and 3)

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

#### APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis M-2 23-1112 Motion Rejecting All Proposals for Design Build Services for the Effluent Pumps Standy Generators and Administration Building Improvements, Request for Proposals (RFP) Event No. 104 -(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

#### APPROVED

- Yea: 5 Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis
- M-3 23-1123 Motion Approving Negotiated Fee Schedule and Agreement for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) Services for the NE 25th Avenue 24-Inch Force Main Replacement and the NE 38th Street 42-Inch Force Main/NE 19th Avenue 24-Inch Force Main Replacement projects - WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. - \$1,821,093 - (Commission District 1)

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

## APPROVED

## M-4 23-1135 Motion Approving Agreement for Streetlight Fixtures, Annual Contract - Electric Supply of Tampa, LLC - \$718,300 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman discussed the need to ensure all street lights are operational and cited examples of those that are not working.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on similar discussions at the District 1 Pre-Agenda Meeting. City Manager Chavarria discussed a planned pilot program beginning in January 2024, to utilize light sensor technology that would notify Staff of street light outages.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question regarding street light responsibility of the City versus Florida Power and Light (FPL), Carl Williams, Parks and Recreation Department Director, explained that the City is responsible for approximately 4,000 street lights, and FPL is responsible for the balance. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst discussed feedback received by constituents when reporting street light outages to both FPL and the City. He requested Staff develop a Street Light Policy paper for residents to

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

include a list of street lights that are the responsibility of the City and those that are the responsibility of FPL.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on numerous street light outages in the vicinity of the Las Olas Grand and the New River House. Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman commented on her understanding of street light outages when entire blocks of street lights are not functioning.

City Manager Chavarria requested residents report street light outages to the City's Customer Service Line. Staff will determine the responsible party and report issues accordingly. Further comment and discussion ensued.

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

#### APPROVED

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

M-5 23-1139 Motion Approving Negotiated Fee Schedule and Agreement for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) Services related to the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant (GTL) Redundant Effluent Force Main Project - Michael Baker International, Inc. - \$1,749,400 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

## APPROVED

- Yea: 5 Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis
- M-6 23-1147 Motion Approving Change Order No. 3 for the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center - Prospect Lake Water L.P. - \$4,062,755 -(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

## APPROVED

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

M-7 <u>23-1178</u> Motion Approving the Lease Agreement between Oakland Park Bays LLC and the City of Fort Lauderdale, in Substantially the Form Provided - \$1,815,656 (61-Month Rent) - (Commission Districts 1, 2,

## 3 and 4)

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

## APPROVED

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

M-8 23-1202 Motion Approving a Consent to Assignment of Capital Funds Payments Pursuant to Interlocal Agreement - Allowing the DDA to Utilize the Huizenga Park Interlocal Grant Agreement with the City as Collateral for a Loan - (Commission District 4)

> Mayor Trantalis recognized Laura Reece, Office of Management and Budget Director. Ms. Reece explained information associated with this Agenda item. The City entered into agreement with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) contributing up to \$5,000,000 but no more than one-third (1/3) of the cost of the project known as *Reimagining Huizenga Park* (Project). The City's \$5,000,000 contribution is being made in annual payments that would total approximately \$718,000. The DDA is requesting use of the City's annual payment to leverage Project's construction loan debt (Loan), which requires the City's consent for assignment of the City's contributions, and this Agenda item provides the City's consent to pay its contributions directly to the bank.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Ms. Reece explained the bank is requesting this to ensure the Loan is secured.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Milledge, Esq., John Milledge, P.A., 200 East Las Olas Boulevard, on behalf of the Downtown Development Authority. Mr. Milledge explained aspects of the construction funding from both public and private pledges, which is similar to the funding for the Broward Center for the Performing Arts and The Parker. The Loan lender is requesting the City consent to pay the bank in the case of a default.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Gary Johnson, Esq., bond counsel on behalf of the DDA. In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Mr. Johnson explained the Project land is not security for the Loan. The Loan is secured only by pledged revenues, donations, the leases and government support. The DDA's agreement with the City is not changing. The DDA is leveraging the City's contributions for Project improvements by assigning the City's annual payments to the lender. He expounded on related information.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Mr. Milledge

confirmed the Loan is for capital improvements to Huizenga Park. The City's annual contributions will not fund the planned restaurant. The restaurant will pay lease payments and will be funded separately by pledges.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Jenni Morejon, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (DDA), provided an update on the restaurant planned for this Project. The design concept plans have been submitted and are going through the Design Review Committee (DRC) process.

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

#### APPROVED

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

## RESOLUTIONS

**R-1** <u>23-1196</u> 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 January 9, 2024.

City Clerk Soloman read the names of the Board and Committee appointments and reappointments for Agenda item R-1 into the record. He announced two (2) additional appointees to be added to tonight's Resolution, Commissioner Herbst's appointment of Stephen Emery to the Audit Advisory Board and Commissioner Sturman's reappointment of Lynn Marks to the Public Art and Placement Advisory Board.

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

## ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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

# **R-2** <u>23-1186</u> City Auditor Annual Performance Review - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Auditor Patrick Reilly remarked on a memorandum to Commission Members, one-on-one meetings with each Commission Member, and finalizing a City Auditor performance evaluation document. Commissioner Herbst remarked on discussions with City Auditor Reilly regarding his above average performance. Commissioner Herbst commented on conversations regarding recommendations for additional audit tracking going forward.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman concurred that City Auditor Reilly's performance is above average and her anticipation that it will continue.

Commissioner Glassman concurred with Commissioner Herbst and Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's comments about City Auditor Reilly's performance and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding a rate increase for City Auditor Reilly.

Commissioner Sturman commented on his meeting with City Auditor Reilly and confirmed City Auditor Reilly's above-average to excellent performance.

Mayor Trantalis echoed the comments of the Commissioners regarding City Auditor Reilly's above-average performance and recommended a three percent (3%) merit increase.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Resolution approving a three percent (3%) merit salary increase for City Auditor Reilly which was read by title only.

## ADOPTED - Three Percent Merit Increase

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

**R-3** <u>23-1136</u> Resolution Providing Notice of Decision to Proceed with and Acceptance of the Unsolicited Proposal Submitted by Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC. to Construct, Operate, and Maintain a Water Taxi Terminal and Lease City-Owned Property Located at 1001 Seabreeze Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Authorizing Negotiations of a Proposed Interim and/or Comprehensive Agreement, in Accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, and Authorizing the Preparation of Lease Terms- (Commission District 2)

> Mayor Trantalis recognized Matthew Sacco, 1219 Tequesta Street, on behalf of The Water Taxi. In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Mr. Sacco discussed his understanding of the architect's planned parking and the transportation services drop off area for the Water Taxi Terminal.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on the public purpose associated with the Water Taxi Terminal, eight (8) Water Taxi Stations, and his desire for a ninth (9th) Water Taxi Station . Mr. Sacco confirmed and commented on discussions with Bill Walker, CEO/President of Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale LLC regarding a willingness to work with Staff on adding additional Water Taxi Stations.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the benefits of this Agenda item to the barrier island area of District 2, including alleviating traffic concerns on State Road A1A. He noted that parking is not a concern due to his expectation that a large amount of passengers will arrive at the Water Taxi by transportation services such as Uber.

Mr. Walker remarked on available parking within the adjacent development. Commissioner Glassman commented on the large amount of parking spaces available in the South Beach Parking Lot. Further comment and discussion ensued.

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

#### ADOPTED

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

**R-4** <u>23-1194</u> Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 23-261 and Declaring Notice of Intent to Sublease City-Owned Property Located at 501 Seabreeze Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316, Pursuant to Section 8.13 of the City Charter, to ISHOF Peninsula LLC - (Commission District 2)

> Mayor Trantalis recognized Susan Grant, Assistant City Manager. In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Ms. Grant explained details related to previous Commission questions regarding this Agenda item, including a change to the registered entity from a non-profit to a for-profit entity, the entities registration with the State of Florida (State), and the duration of the agreement with the City.

> In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions regarding ownership of the LLC, Mario Caprini, CGHP Developments/International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) explained information related to the change of the registered entity. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Matt McKean, Treasurer of ISHOF explained the new entity is a 501a single member LLC and discussed related information. Mayor Trantalis noted that a donation to a 501a is not tax deductible.

Commissioner Glassman commented on related information and pointed out the distinction that the new LLC is responsible for all vertical improvements unrelated to the ISHOF Museum. He noted that another Agenda item relates to the ISHOF Museum, which is owned by a different non-profit entity.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question regarding an obligation to only lease areas to a civic or charitable organization, Ms. Grant explained the City's Charter does not impose restrictions on leasing to charitable organizations only.

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

#### ADOPTED

- Yea: 4 Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman and Mayor Trantalis
- Nay: 1 Commissioner Sturman
- **R-5** <u>23-1215</u> Resolution Approving an Affordable Housing Development Agreement and Assumption of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and Habitat for Humanity of Broward, Inc. and Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Execute Amendments to the Affordable Housing Development Agreement that Reflect Administrative Approval of Modifications or Amendments to the Site Plan - (Commission District 3)

Mayor Trantalis recognized former City Commissioner Romney Rogers, on behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Broward. Mr. Rogers spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Nancy Robin, 888 W. Cypress Creek Road, on behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Broward. Ms. Robin spoke in support of this Agenda item.

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

## **ADOPTED - Approving**

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

Mayor Trantalis left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

**R-6** <u>23-1086</u> Resolution Approving and Ratifying a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 31 - Police Lieutenants and Captains Effective October 1, 2023 Through September 30, 2026 and Authorizing Execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement -(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

## ADOPTED

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman and Commissioner Sturman

#### **Not Present:** 1 - Mayor Trantalis

**R-7** <u>23-1087</u> Resolution Approving and Ratifying a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 31 - Police Lieutenants and Captains Effective October 1, 2022 Through September 30, 2023 and Authorizing Execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement -(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

## ADOPTED

- Yea: 4 Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman and Commissioner Sturman
- Not Present: 1 Mayor Trantalis

Mayor Trantalis returned to the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

R-8 23-1214 Resolution Rescinding and Replacing Resolution No. 22-20, Regarding the City of Fort Lauderdale City Commission's Recommended Locally Preferred Alternative for the Commuter Rail Train Crossing the New River in the City of Fort Lauderdale -(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Sturman introduced the Exhibit 4 Resolution included with this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis discussed concerns related to Exhibit 4 and cited examples of concerns. He noted the need to focus on a tunnel as the

Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) rather than including a bridge as an alternative. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst commented on the City's obligation to share information with the Broward County Board of County Commissioners (Broward Commission), including discussions heard during today's Conference Meeting. He expounded on his viewpoint and said the issue associated with the County's concerns relate to the cost of a tunnel. Commissioner Herbst discussed the importance of commuter rail to ensure the economic viability of South Florida that includes solving concerns regarding workforce housing, roadway congestion, and the City's goal to become carbon neutral. He expounded on related details and cited examples.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the positive economic opportunity a tunnel would provide, allowing the City to flourish. He expounded on his opposition to Exhibit 4 Resolution indicating the Commission's position that a bridge could be an alternative for the New River Crossing. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on the limited time frame for applying for federal grant funding, his continued support of a tunnel if the costs are allowable, and recommended applying for federal grant funding soon. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding cost estimates. Commissioner Herbst discussed the need to illustrate to Broward Commissioners the lower costs estimates associated with the BDO tunnel report presentation are realistic. Mayor Trantalis remarked on previous tunnel cost estimates and discussed concerns related to the Commission's position regarding including a bridge alternative in Exhibit 4. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on his recollection of discussions by the previous Commission on this topic confirming that should a tunnel not be feasible, a bridge would be an alternative. Commissioner Glassman noted that was not included in the Commission's 2022 Resolution on this topic and recommended that the previous Resolution stand.

Commissioner Sturman emphasized the need for the City and the Broward Commission to work together and cited related details and information. The County will be the owner of the New River Crossing. Exhibit 4 is a middle ground, does not close the door on a tunnel for the New River Crossing, and states a tunnel is the City's LPA. Commissioner Sturman remarked on discussions with members of the Broward Commission, including the importance of moving forward with the federal grant application process. Commissioner Sturman remarked on Miami-Dade County's progress with commuter rail, the importance of commuter rail to Palm Beach County, and the Marine community who wish to have the New River Crossing completed as soon as possible. Commissioner Sturman expounded on his perspective, explained related information, and emphasized that including another alternative in this Resolution would cause further delays moving forward.

Mayor Trantalis reiterated his concerns and expounded on his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Sturman expounded on the need to work with the County, find common ground, the importance of moving forward together in the federal grant application process, and determining whether a tunnel is financially feasible. Commissioner Sturman confirmed a tunnel is the best alternative if it proves to be financially viable. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding entities and sources of funding.

Commissioner Herbst noted the input of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) favoring a tunnel and remarked on the opportunity for the DDA to contribute funding for a tunnel. He commented on an option for this being added as a referendum at the 2024 election for residents to fund a percentage of a tunnel.

Mayor Trantalis explained details of the funding package, fifty percent (50%) federal grant funding, twenty-five percent (25%) from the State, and twenty-five percent (25%) from the County. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding holding a referendum.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on BDO's scope of work related to eminent domain should a bridge be selected as the New River Crossing. Mayor Trantalis discussed Broward County's lack of response to his question regarding eminent domain costs associated with a bridge and remarked that their focus is only on capital expenditures. He noted the BDO study indicated tunnel construction would use existing Florida East Coast Railway (FECR) rights-of-way versus the need to pursue eminent domain needed for a bridge. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Umer Yaqub, BDO Managing Director Infrastructure Advisory, New York City. Mr. Yaqub commented on his understanding that the County is still assessing a bridge for the New River Crossing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tom John, BDO USA, P.C. Mr. John confirmed the ability of BDO to engage property owners and other stakeholders, including the County, to determine costs associated with eminent domain. Commissioner Herbst discussed language in the scope of work indicating BDO would consider the long-term viability of costs over the benefits of each New River Crossing alternative. Mr. John confirmed that would be included in an additional BDO scope of work contract, not the existing scope of work. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the scope of work. Mr. Yaqub explained that the BDO report would analyze and demonstrate to the County all cost differences between a bridge and a tunnel. Commissioner Herbst concurred that a comparative cost analysis needs to include eminent domain. Mr. Yaqub discussed details associated with BDO's current analysis of the cost estimate for a tunnel and remarked on related details.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's comments regarding unknown factors associated with underground construction, Mr. Yaqub explained proactive tunnel technology measures used and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman noted the January 18, 2022, Commission Meeting Minutes reflected a tunnel would not be the only alternative for the New River Crossing. Mayor Trantalis noted that the corresponding Resolution stated a tunnel was the only LPA for the New River Crossing. He confirmed the need to maintain that solid position and allow BDO to move forward and verify information related to bridge and tunnel alternatives. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's questions regarding grant funding concerns for a tunnel and the suggestion of a voter referendum for tunnel costs, Commissioner Herbst discussed a rough estimate of \$100,000,000 along with associated debt service costs. Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman discussed her concern with imposing an additional cost burden on residents. Mayor Trantalis reiterated discussions with the U.S. Department of Transportation regarding the viability of grant funding for commuter rail that includes the New River Crossing, discussed related details, cited examples, and expounded on his support of a tunnel that would negate the undesirable impact of a bridge. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst discussed the negative impact of increased commuter rail on all Districts in the City and commented on the ability to demonstrate to the County the viability of a tunnel as the LPA for the New River Crossing. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis reiterated his position that a Resolution on this topic only include a tunnel as the LPA for the New River Crossing.

Commissioner Sturman confirmed the importance of commuter rail for the City and the entire South Florida region and cited examples. He remarked on discussions with the County Mayor and other County Commissioners regarding the need for Commission cooperation to determine a viable solution and to move the grant application process forward. Commissioner Sturman expounded on his viewpoint and the need for the Commission to adopt Exhibit 4 to reflect a spirit of cooperation, the need to take advantage of the window of opportunity for grant funding, and said that as more data is received, a final determination would be reached.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the negative impact of a bridge on investment by the development community, cited examples, and expounded on his viewpoint.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on stakeholder and residents' support for a tunnel for the New River Crossing. He explained there is no need to adopt a new Resolution on this topic, and that the 2022 Resolution should stand. In lieu of Exhibit 4, Commissioner Glassman recommended adopting Exhibit 3 if necessary, which accurately reflects what the Commission has heard from residents and stakeholders. He expounded on his perspective, including his opposition to a referendum due to the lengthy timeline needed to educate residents and noted that the path forward is to ensure the County understands the Commission wants to collaborate, which includes finalizing the BDO report and Staff sharing all information on this topic, including input from the DDA, with the County.

Commissioner Glassman requested City Manager Chavarria organize meetings on this subject with the County and BDO. He remarked that this is a legacy project that should consider all factors and discussed the ability of the County to fund a tunnel from the County Transportation Surtax (Transportation Surtax).

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Milledge, Esq., 200 East Las Olas Boulevard. Mr. Milledge commented on the impact of Tax Incremental Financing or a referendum would have on the County and the City. He remarked on the County's viewpoint regarding Transportation Surtax funds.

Commissioner Herbst noted that commuter rail drives development investment and commented on the premium value associated with properties located along commuter rail, the importance of transit oriented development, and expounded on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis noted that tunnel technology is used everywhere. He

remarked that a bridge would create urban blight and cited details of development in other area municipalities.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jenni Morejon, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Ms. Morejon confirmed the DDA is looking at other potential tunnel funding sources, remarked on obtaining additional experts, different tunnel design concepts, and cited the DDA's previous presentation to the Commission.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mayor Trantalis explained feedback related to his recent trip to Washington, DC, that included a meeting with Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick who indicated her full support of the tunnel option. Mayor Trantalis discussed other conversations with U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) officials related to grant funding for the New River Crossing Study that will contribute to successful federal grant application funding for tunnel construction capital costs. Mayor Trantalis remarked on similar efforts of Greg Stuart, Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Executive Director. Mayor Trantalis expounded on related information.

Commissioner Glassman reiterated the need for cooperative efforts with the County, the need to share all pertinent information regarding a tunnel option for the New River Crossing, including a clear understanding of the impact of a bridge on the City, and remarked on related consequences. Mayor Trantalis concurred with Commissioner Glassman's recommendation to defer this Agenda item and rely on the Commission's 2022 Resolution.

Commissioner Sturman introduced a Resolution adopting Exhibit 4 for the New River Crossing which was read by title only.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on his opposition to the Exhibit 4 Resolution, stating it is not timely and not in the best interests of the City and expounded on his reasoning.

Commissioner Herbst reiterated the need and his willingness to meet with the County Commission to support and advocate for a tunnel if it can be determined that the vetted costs of a tunnel are demonstratively less expensive than previous studies. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the importance of considering other intangible factors and cited examples. Commissioner Herbst recommended hiring an expert to evaluate the cost impact of eminent domain takings that will be required to construct a bridge for presentation to the County, which will be an additional cost and a critical part of this decision.

Commissioner Sturman discussed his viewpoint that this Resolution he introduced is the best indicator to the County that the Commission wishes to work together and expounded on his viewpoint.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Sturman acknowledged there are intangible costs associated with a tunnel, confirmed that a tunnel is his preferred LPA, reiterated the need to illustrate the City is willing to work with the County, and expounded on his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued.

## ADOPTED - Exhibit 4 - Alternative Resolution

- Yea: 3 Commissioner Herbst, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman and Commissioner Sturman
- Nay: 2 Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis
- M-9 23-1160 Motion Approving an Agreement with BDO USA, P.C., a Virginia Corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida as, BDO USA, P.C., Corp. for Consulting Services to Develop the Project Scope for the New River Crossing Project - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Sturman recommended this motion include BDO providing its findings to the County Commission. Mayor Trantalis concurred and recommended BDO also include a cost analysis of costs associated with a bridge alternative. City Manager Chavarria emphasized that BDO has two (2) months to complete the scope of work.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions, Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Department Director, provided context to this Agenda item and explained the need to amend portions of BDO's scope of work to include an analysis of costs associated with a bridge alternative. Mr. Rogers explained related information and necessary scope of work language modifications. Commissioner Herbst remarked on his understanding. Mayor Trantalis commented on the restrictive timeline due to federal grant application deadlines.

In response to City Attorney Thomas Ansbro's question, Mayor Trantalis confirmed that an estimate of eminent domain costs associated with the construction of a bridge would be added to BDO's scope of work. Commissioner Herbst noted this is a critical component of the BDO analysis and remarked on his viewpoint. Mr. Rogers remarked on details related to BDO's scope of work. Mayor Trantalis recognized Tom John, BDO USA, P.C.. Mr. John confirmed the ability of BDO to perform a thorough analysis based upon Commission direction. He remarked on the need for Commission reconsideration of the current allocated funding and the need to increase funding as additional scope of work menu items are added.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Yaqub confirmed operational costs were included in the original scope of work.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Chavarria confirmed the County will be presented all BDO reports as well as included in all discussions going forward. Commissioner Sturman remarked on the importance of including the County in all discussions and reports going forward.

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

## APPROVED AS AMENDED

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

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

PH-1 23-1191 Public Hearing - Resolution Approving Lease Agreement for City-Owned Property Located at 601 Seabreeze Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316, Pursuant to Section 8.13 of the City Charter, to Marine Industries Association of South Florida, Inc. -(Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

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

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

## ADOPTED

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

PH-2 23-1197 Public Hearing - Resolution Approving Sublease Agreement for

City-Owned Property Located at 501 Seabreeze Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316, Pursuant to Section 8.13 of the City Charter, to International Swimming Hall of Fame, Inc. - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

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

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

## ADOPTED

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

## ORDINANCE FIRST READING

**OFR-1** <u>23-1115</u> First Reading - Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of Chapter 20, Article IV, Division 3 of the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Herbst introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

## PASSED FIRST READING

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

## **ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

## OSR-1 23-1150 Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Article IX, Administration and Boards, to Revise the Terms of Appointment on the Planning and Zoning Board and Historic Preservation Board -Case No. UDP-T23008 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Herbst explained his viewpoint regarding this Agenda item. The intent is to change the terms of incumbent members on the Planning and Zoning Board (P&Z Board) and the Historic Preservation Board (HBP Board) to coincide with Commission Member terms, would include the Chairperson, and cited examples. Mayor Trantalis recognized Deputy City Attorney D'Wayne Spence. Deputy City Attorney Spence explained details related to this Agenda item. This Agenda item increases the term allotted to members of these Boards from three (3) to four (4) years to ensure continuity and a quorum. The adoption of this Ordinance will be followed by Resolutions granting an additional year to members of the Boards to align with Commission Member terms. Members of the Boards with extended terms will be subject to removal within six (6) months of an election should the appointing Commission Member be replaced by a newly elected Commission Member.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on his opposition and expounded on details related to his concerns regarding extending the terms of members on these Boards following the election of a new Commission Member. Mayor Trantalis noted that a newly elected Commission Member has the option to replace the previous Commission Member's appointee to these Boards within six (6) months of being elected. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst explained his reasoning for this amendment, noting the quasi-judicial nature of the Boards and the need for members to have the required technical expertise. Commissioner Glassman reiterated his concerns, cited examples, and expounded on his viewpoint.

Mayor Trantalis remarked that this is an effort to synchronize the appointments of these Boards. City Attorney Ansbro remarked on similar efforts of other municipalities, noted that the extension of member terms on the Board is not extensive, and confirmed that this Ordinance serves to ensure Board quorums and stability.

Commissioner Glassman recommended this policy only apply to new members appointed to these Boards going forward. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Deputy City Attorney Spence clarified this is the Second Reading of this Ordinance. Upon adoption of this Ordinance, amended Resolutions modifying these Board members' terms of service would be brought before the Commission. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Ordinance for the Second Reading which was read by title only.

## ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

OSR-2 <u>23-1179</u>	Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale
	Code of Ordinances Chapter Fourteen Floodplain Management -
	(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Ordinance for the Second Reading which was read by title only.

#### ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

- Yea: 5 Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis
- <u>23-1224</u> WALK-ON Motion to Extend Commission Meeting until 10:15pm

Commissioner Herbst made a motion to extend the meeting until 10:15 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Sturman.

## APPROVED

- Yea: 5 Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Mayor Trantalis
- 23-1225 WALK-ON Motion Approving a Six-Month Parking Extension with Inter Miami with a Ninety Day Review

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the AECOM Lockhart Community Park (Park) design phase, City Manager Chavarria said AECOM's sixty percent (60%) design phase is anticipated in January 2024.

Mayor Trantalis recommended approving Miami Beckham United, LLC/Inter Miami CF Soccer Club (Inter Miami) parking privileges in Lockhart Park's yellow lot (Parking) for Inter Miami's upcoming season.

Commissioner Herbst made a motion to approve Parking for Inter Miami games on a month-to-month basis to ensure the mediation between the City and Inter Miami related to the Community Park (Mediation) will continue to move forward.

Mayor Trantalis recommended approving Parking quarterly or every six (6) months. Commissioner Glassman recommended approving Parking every year and explained his opposition to month-to-month Parking approval, expounded on details, and cited examples of concern. Commissioner Herbst reiterated that the City's parking leverage is the motivating factor for Inter Miami to participate in Mediation.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Commissioner Herbst commented on discussions with the mediator, former Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler, and said negotiations will resume after the holidays.

Commissioner Herbst recommended the Commission meet to discuss and develop Mediation parameters. He explained points of contention, including demolition costs and the party responsible for costs associated with Park development and construction.

Mayor Trantalis recommended approving a six (6) month extension with a ninety (90) day review to determine whether Parking privileges would be extended beyond six (6) months. The review and evaluation would be based upon the status of Mediation efforts to include the costs and the responsible party associated with AECOM's sixty percent (60%) Park design.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Mayor Trantalis explained that if Mediation is not progressing at ninety (90) days, there would be no Parking extension to the end of the year. Commissioner Herbst said that in the spirit of cooperation, he would agree to a six (6) month Parking extension.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on his recollection of previous Commission discussions and understanding that Parking would be extended through the end of 2024. Commissioner Herbst discussed his recollection of Commission discussions. Commissioner Herbst remarked on timelines associated with the Park's permitting and construction and his willingness to allow Parking beyond 2024 should Mediation efforts progress.

Commissioner Herbst confirmed his goal to wrap up design, permitting, putting a contract out to bid, and obtaining contractors to ensure that the Park project could begin immediately following the Inter Miami 2024 Season. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions regarding City Manager Chavarria renegotiating Parking rates, Mayor Trantalis recommended that it be at the discretion of the City Manager.

Commissioner Herbst made a motion approving a six (6) month Parking extension with a ninety (90) day review to decide whether Parking privileges would be extended beyond six (6) months and was seconded by Commissioner Sturman.

## APPROVED

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

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman City Clerk