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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 20, 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

JOHN C. HERBST Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District 1

STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District 2

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Commissioner - District 3

BEN SORENSEN Commissioner - District 4

RICHELLE WILLIAMS, 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

Students from Pine Crest School

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In remembrance of Thomas Dowdy, Jr., World War II Veteran and James Notter, former School Board of Broward County Superintendent.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS

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

David Agler, Police Department Court Liaison Supervisor - 27.5 years of service; Maria Sulal-Hall Police Department Administrative Aide - 25 years of service; and Peggy Roddy, Police Department Public Safety Aide - 29.5 years of service.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Pam Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Ben Sorensen and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor John C. Herbst

COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTSS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following updates to the Agenda:

REMOVED:

OFR 2 Removed from the Agenda

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[25-0527](#)

Minutes for April 1, 2025, Commission Conference Meeting -
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED AS AMENDED - Agenda Amended

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

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [25-0557](#)
1

Mayor Trantalis to recognize Fort Lauderdale High School's Mock Trial Team as the winners of the Florida Mock Trial State Championship

Mayor Trantalis recognized Fort Lauderdale High School's Mock Trial Team (Team) for winning the Florida Mock Trial State Championship.

Susan Leon, Chief Education Officer, announced the names of the Team and their coaches and provided each winner with a certificate from the City.

Ms. Leon announced that Team member Marvin Exantis won the Outstanding Attorney Award at the Florida Mock Trial National Competition.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-0554](#)
2

Recognition of Participants in the City of Fort Lauderdale's StartUp FTL Entrepreneurial Program

Melissa Mata, Public Affairs Division Senior Management Fellow, recognized graduates of the Startup FTL Entrepreneurial Program (Program). Ms. Mata discussed aspects and details of the Program and announced the names of the graduates.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-0555](#)
3

Florida City and County Management Association (FCCMA)
Recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Commission-Manager Form of Government in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Sarah Spurlock, Florida City and County Management Association (FCCMA), presented a FCCMA Certificate in recognition of the City's

100th Anniversary of the Commission-Manager Form of Government.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-0556](#)
4

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman to present a Proclamation declaring May 28, 2025, as Menstrual Hygiene Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman commented on the lobbying efforts of female high school students at the State capital to require schools to provide hygiene supplies to female students. She discussed related information and noted similar initiatives by City Manager Williams to provide hygiene supplies at City locations.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman presented a Proclamation declaring May 28, 2025, as Menstrual Hygiene Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-0553](#)
5

Commissioner Sorensen to present a Proclamation declaring May 18-24, 2025, as National Public Works Week in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Sorensen presented a Proclamation declaring *May 18-24, 2025, as National Public Works Week in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Talal Abi-Karim, Public Works Department Acting Director accepted the Proclamation and read from a prepared statement acknowledging the efforts of all stakeholders who contribute to the mission of the Public Works Department. He thanked the Commission for this recognition.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

CONSENT MOTIONS

- CM-1** [25-0467](#) Motion Approving a License Application and an Agreement for the Sale, Service, and Consumption of Food and Alcoholic Beverages on the Public Beach - Jefast Pelican Grand I, LLC for The Pelican Grand Beach Resort located at 2000 North Ocean Boulevard - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

- CM-2** [25-0113](#) Motion Approving an Amended and Restated Agreement between Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale for SWIM Central Water Safety Instruction and Education at Bass Park Pool, Carter Park Pool, Croissant Park Pool, Lauderdale Manors Park Pool, and Riverland Park Pool - (Commission Districts 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

- CM-3** [25-0413](#) Motion Approving an Agreement for the Fort Lauderdale Beach Park Parking Lot Improvements - Sagaris Corp. - Additional 205 Days and \$69,101.50 - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

- CM-4** [25-0532](#) Motion Authorizing the City Attorney's Office to File a Small Claims Action for the City of Fort Lauderdale v. Luis Carlos Lopez in the amount of \$6,837.23 in the County Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

CONSENT PURCHASE

- CP-1** [25-0420](#) Motion Approving an Agreement for Marine Fuel - 90 Non-Ethanol and Diesel - Marine Fuel Service & Supply Company - \$116,537.76 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

MOTIONS

- M-1** [25-0427](#) Motion Approving a First Amendment and Five-Year Extension to the Agreement with TMF Holdco, LLC for the Annual Three-Day Tortuga Music Festival on Fort Lauderdale Beach - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

Commissioner Sorensen remarked on the success of the recent Tortuga Music Festival (Tortuga).

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, City Manager Rickelle Williams confirmed that Tortuga would be included in any special event rate structure changes. Carl Williams, Parks and Recreation Department Manager, provided an update on the timeline for the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board to present an event rate structure matrix to the Commission.

Commissioner Sorensen acknowledged the success of Tortuga and expounded on his perspective. Mayor Trantalis concurred noting Tortuga's advocacy for oceanography and protecting ocean resources.

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

APPROVED

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

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

RESOLUTIONS

- R-1** [25-0533](#) Appointment of Board and Committee Members - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Clerk David Soloman read the names of nominees for appointment and/or reappointment to Advisory Boards and Advisory Committees (Boards and Committees) at the June 3, 2025, Commission Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Glassman remarked on his desire to pull a nominee listed in the backup to this Agenda item.

Interim City Attorney Spence clarified that the nominee's name was not read into the record by City Clerk Soloman. Only nominees read into the record by the City Clerk apply to this Resolution. Further comment and discussion ensued.

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

ADOPTED

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

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

R-2 [25-0548](#)

Resolution Approving the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners to Extend the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Area for ten (10) years with City Only Tax Increment Funding - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Yea: 3 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Glassman

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

OFR-2 [25-0459](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Code of

Ordinances to Establish an Administrative Application Process, Associated Fees, and Define Vehicle for Hire Services and Operating Standards - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 [25-0545](#) Second Reading - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Public Purpose Use and Structure - 845 NW 3rd Avenue - City of Fort Lauderdale - Progresso Village Stormwater Pump Station - Case No. UDP-S24042 - (Commission District 2)

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 Beasley-Pittman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, and Mayor Trantalis. NOT PRESENT: Vice Mayor Herbst.

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

OSR-2 [25-0544](#) Second Reading - Ordinance Amending Maximum Daily Penalties for Code Violations to Align with Chapter 162 of the Florida State Statutes - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman introduced this Ordinance on the

Second Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

OSR-3 [25-0546](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-13.20, Section 47-13.50, and Section 47-28 to Permit Allocation of Residential Dwelling Units from a Sending Site to a Receiving Site Utilizing the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program - Case No. UDP-T25006 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Mayor Trantalis discussed a communication received from Federal Court Judge William P. Dimitrouleas regarding the General Services Administration's (GSA) sale of the current Federal Courthouse on January 1, 2027.

Mayor Trantalis requested the Commission reflect and consider the opportunity for the City to purchase the property. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the City assisting with the parking garage provision at the new Federal Courthouse.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on attending another municipality's Commission Meeting, in which audience members are requested not to express approval or disapproval vocally. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence explained an aspect of the Sunshine Law includes the responsibility of the Mayor or Chair of a meeting to maintain order and decorum and expounded on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis noted his ability to request that the Sergeant at Arms remove a disruptive individual.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk