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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

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***

***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***

***D'WAYNE M. SPENCE, Interim City Attorney***

***PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor***

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

## COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

**Commission Members Present:** Commissioner John C. Herbst, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Vice Mayor Pamela Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Warren Sturman (arrived at 2:07 p.m.) and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

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

## COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COMMISSION

[23-0956](#)

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

***Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB)  
August 28, 2023***

### ***Communication to the City Commission***

***A copy of the SAB Communication to the City Commission is part of the backup to this Agenda item.***

SAB Member Whitney Dutton explained details of the communication. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Dutton said there is no natural predator to the termites.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Glen Hadwen, Public Works Department Sustainability Manager, noted there is no program to eradicate these termites, but pilot projects had been done with the previous Urban Forester. Mr. Hadwen said the termites also infest homes and agreed on the need for Staff to develop a program to eradicate the termites in public spaces that would lessen the impact on buildings.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on attending a neighborhood meeting where this concern was discussed. He requested City Manager Chavarria appropriate funding in the next budget cycle to address this issue. City Manager Chavarria confirmed.

***Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee (ITFAC)  
September 11, 2023***

***Communication to the City Commission***

***A copy of the ITFAC Communication to the City Commission is part of the backup to this Agenda item.***

Mayor Trantalis recognized Marilyn Mammano, 1819 SE 17th Street, and ITFAC Chair. Chair Mammano explained details of the communication and the ITFAC's reasoning regarding its recommendation not to accept any further proposals until public outreach on this topic is completed.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on concerns regarding the lengthy timeline for public outreach, which differed from initial discussions. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the importance of allowing the ITFAC adequate time for public outreach. Chair Mammano explained the ITFAC's plans to engage the public and the upcoming timeline. Public outreach will include extensive materials prepared by the consultant. Commissioner Glassman noted the importance of moving forward in a timely manner.

***Fire Rescue Advisory Committee (FRAC)  
September 18, 2023***

***Communication to the City Commission***

***A copy of the FRAC Communication to the City Commission is part of the backup to this Agenda item.***

Mayor Trantalis recognized William Brown, Fire Rescue Advisory Committee Chair. Chair Brown explained details of the communication.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his understanding of the current procedure for FRAC appointments. Chair Brown confirmed each Commission Member appoints one individual. He noted that FRAC's recommendation for two (2) additional appointees would include one (1) additional appointee from the Mayor and one (1) additional consensus appointee from the Commission.

In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's question, Chair Brown explained details regarding challenges related to the FRAC obtaining a

quorum.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Chair Brown confirmed Dennis Ulmer is on tonight's Resolution for appointment to the FRAC and would fill the fifth FRAC position. Chair Brown discussed FRAC's recommendation to add two (2) members including one (1) individual from the medical profession.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Chair Brown explained FRAC's recommendation to add two (2) members would increase membership to seven (7). Commissioner Sturman remarked on his viewpoint and concurred on the recommendation to add two (2) positions. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman confirmed his support of the FRAC recommendation and expounded on his perspective.

Commissioner Sturman recommended each Commission Member appoint a FRAC member. Should the Commission decide to appoint two (2) additional FRAC members, they should be Commission consensus appointments.

In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's question, Chair Brown said two (2) FRAC meetings were canceled due to the lack of a quorum. In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed the FRAC's enabling legislation would need to be amended to increase the number of FRAC member positions, which would require one (1) reading.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman said she did not support adding two (2) additional FRAC members at this time.

Commissioner Herbst concurred with Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman and expounded on his perspective. He agreed with Commissioner Sturman's suggestion regarding appointing an individual with medical expertise recommended by Broward Health and approved by the Commission. Commissioner Herbst explained that this was done in the past for other Commission appointees to boards and advisory committees. He suggested moving forward with a five (5) member FRAC and remarked on the opportunity to add two (2) positions at a later time.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding the typical number of members on boards and committees, City Clerk David Soloman confirmed he would research and advise.

***Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Board  
September 20, 2023***

***Communication to the City Commission***

***A copy of the P&Z Board Communication to the City Commission is part of the backup to this Agenda item.***

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Interim City Attorney Spence explained the current legislation in place for Board and Committee Meetings (Meetings) for members to participate remotely and noted it should be used sparingly and under extraordinary circumstances. Further comment and discussion ensued. Interim City Attorney Spence recommended following existing protocols.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, P&Z Board Member Marilyn Mammano explained her support of remote member participation during Meetings, commenting that it is the future of business technology. She cited examples, expounded on her perspective, and recommended updating the related legislation. Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed his office is reviewing this topic and remarked on related State legislative action.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on his review of the September 20, 2023, P&Z Board Meeting Minutes, expounded on concerns, concurred with the position of the P&Z Board Chair, and discussed his perspective. Mayor Trantalis commented on his viewpoint, remarked on challenges associated with obtaining Meeting quorums, and confirmed the Commission would await further information from Interim City Attorney Spence.

Commissioner Herbst concurred with Ms. Mammano's remarks, expounded on his viewpoint, cited examples, and recommended Interim City Attorney Spence pursue ways to facilitate moving forward with technology.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**BUS-1 [23-0779](#)**

Soundscape and Noise Ordinance Study Presentation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis provided background information on this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Porshia Garcia, Development Services Department Deputy Director. Ms. Garcia provided an overview of this Agenda item.

Eugenia Ellis, Noise Control Advisory Committee (NCAC) Chair provided opening remarks regarding NCAC membership, its goals, and efforts of the City's consultant, Siebein and Associates, an architectural and environmental acoustic design and noise control firm.

Gary Siebein and Keely Siebein, Siebein and Associates, narrated a presentation entitled *Fort Lauderdale Soundscape Study* (Study).

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

In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's questions, Ms. Garcia explained details of the Code process that requires a complainant to provide a location in order to perform a sound measurement. The consultant recommends allowing Code Inspectors to proactively measure noise levels without a complainant. Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed the need for clarity on this issue as it relates to State Statute and explained details. Commissioner Herbst remarked on the ability of Code Inspectors to observe certain Code violations, and cited examples of observable noise violations in District 1, including noise violations at vacation rentals. Interim City Attorney Spence remarked on his viewpoint.

Ms. Siebein continued narrating the presentation.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Siebein discussed cutting edge technology and pilot programs that have the ability to detect vehicle sound levels above the permitted levels, take a photo of the vehicle's license plate and generate a citation. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis noted this Study is comprehensive.

Ms. Garcia read the NCAC's eight (8) comments.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ted Inserra, 912 SW 19th Street. Mr. Inserra discussed noise concerns associated with pickleball courts in residential areas of the City.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on the lengthy three hundred (300) page consultant report (Report) attached as backup to this Agenda item. He noted the need for additional time to review the Report prior to providing recommendations. He requested City Manager Chavarria adopt a

different procedure allowing adequate time for Commission Members and the community to review this type of lengthy backup information and cited examples.

Commissioner Herbst discussed the need to address noise issues in residential areas, differentiating Entertainment Districts, Beach Entertainment Districts, and residential districts to ensure residential neighborhoods are not negatively impacted by any changes. He remarked on areas of residential areas in District 1 that back up to commercial areas.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman remarked on the thoroughness of the Study and her need to further review the Report.

Commissioner Glassman concurred on the thoroughness and level of detail included in the Study and expounded on his viewpoint. He commented on the importance of enforcement, which will be a concerted effort by Code Enforcement and the Police Department, and remarked on specific concerns in District 2.

Commissioner Sturman discussed the importance of addressing the negative impact of noise on individuals' health and quality of life, and confirmed the need for the Commission to delve further into this subject.

Mayor Trantalis recommended continued collaboration to develop ordinances addressing noise. He suggested a ninety (90) day time frame for Staff to present ordinance recommendations at a Conference Meeting. City Manager Chavarria said there would be outreach meetings with the community. Commissioner Herbst recommended the Commission receive feedback from community outreach within sixty (60) days followed by Commission direction to Staff. Further comment and discussion ensued.

**BUS-2** [23-1028](#)

Presentation - Public-Private Partnerships Draft Ordinance -  
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis excused himself and passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman.

Interim City Attorney Spence provided an overview of this Agenda item and narrated a presentation entitled, *Public-Private Partnership Florida Statute § 255.065* (Statute).

Commissioner Glassman requested a matrix illustrating the City's current process and Staff's proposal for a Public-Private Ordinance (Ordinance).

Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed a Commission Memorandum would be provided. Commissioner Sturman remarked on the amount of information involved with this Agenda item, the need for community outreach, and feedback from District 4 residents.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Interim City Attorney Spence explained the Statute allows between twenty (21) and one hundred twenty (120) day timeline for submission of other competing proposals and noted ninety (90) is days is an option. Commissioner Sturman confirmed the importance of allowing adequate time for competing proposals and transparency, ensuring clear-cut and established criteria for what is and is not a public purpose. He remarked on the worthiness of having a discussion at a Conference Meeting prior to a Commission decision. He recommended any Comprehensive Agreement that the City is a party to, regardless if it is a P3, require two (2) readings at a Commission Regular Meeting and explained his reasoning.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on his longtime request for this type of Ordinance and recommended this be scheduled for future discussion to allow the community to review and provide feedback. He will provide input towards making the Ordinance more robust and structured at that time.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman concurred with Commissioner Sturman and Commissioner Herbst's remarks.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman recognized Marilyn Mammano, 1819 SE 17th Street, on behalf of Mary Peloquin, *Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations (CFLCA)* President. Ms. Mammano commented on the CFLCA's work with Interim City Attorney Spence to develop a P3 Ordinance, and explained related plans to present to the CFLCA Membership. She confirmed an abundance of questions received from the community and said that this effort is a start towards making the process more transparent, competitive, and participatory.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman recognized Paula Yukna, 2701 N. Atlantic Boulevard, on behalf of *Lauderdale Tomorrow*. Ms. Yukna read from a prepared statement outlining the history of community efforts on this topic, expounded on specific items that should be included in an ordinance, and requested a presentation to the CFCA membership.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman recognized Leann Barber, 500 NE 1st Avenue, and Flagler Village Civic Association President. Ms. Barber



remarked on flaws in the Statute, her viewpoint regarding unsolicited proposals that do not address a public need, and explained her reasoning. Ms. Barber remarked on allowing competitive proposals to propose other uses for the public land.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question regarding the ability to pivot to another option, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed the City could reject the unsolicited proposal.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions, Interim City Attorney Spence explained details related to the manner in which the State defines a qualified project. Additional unsolicited proposals for a qualified project must be the same concept. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding other types of traditional procurement processes, including Request for Proposals (RFP). Linda Short, Finance Department Director, explained a Request for Information (RFI) issued by the City would be the appropriate procedure to request input for other options for use of public land. Interim City Attorney Spence explained the language in the Statute states that unsolicited proposals submitted need to be for the same type of project. The entity submitting the unsolicited proposal defines what it is submitting as a qualified project.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on a prior unsolicited proposal for the Las Olas Marina which was rejected by the City. The City followed up with a RFP that included specific criteria by the City that included the same general concept, additional items, and minimum revenue expectations. Interim City Spence confirmed that is a good example of where a RFI could possibly work and expounded on related details. Commissioner Herbst remarked that the RFI approach should be incorporated into the ordinance.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed the City could reject the comprehensive agreement. A competing P3 unsolicited proposal with a different concept could be accepted. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on his concern regarding the previous path being operated under where the City was obligated to enter into an agreement following the identified timeframe for similar proposals and expounded on his viewpoint. Commissioner Herbst noted the need for more guidelines to ensure unsolicited P3s are in the best interests of the City.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding the type of

latitude the City has versus the Statute, Interim City Attorney Spence said the Statute provides general parameters for how the P3 process needs to be conducted. The City can define the local requirements regarding the entity reviewing, accepting, or rejecting an unsolicited proposal. Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed the confidentiality aspect of the Statute was removed. Commissioner Glassman noted previous unsolicited P3 proposals approved by the Commission were under different Statute guidelines and expounded on his perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Manager Chavarria requested Commission guidance regarding administrative processes to be followed. In response to City Manager Chavarria's question, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed as the City's representative, City Manager Chavarria, could reject an unsolicited P3 proposal.

Commissioner Herbst said he would provide a list of recommendations to the proposed ordinance to Staff and suggested each Commission Member also submit their recommendations and comments.

Commissioner Sturman concurred and noted that recommendations from the CFLCA also be submitted to Staff. Commissioner Sturman reiterated the need for further discussion of all proposed ordinance recommendations at a future Conference Meeting prior to a Commission vote.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman commented on the urgency and recommended a thirty (30) day timeline for the Commission to discuss Staff recommendations. Interim City Attorney Spence suggested a thirty (30) day timeline for compilation of feedback from all stakeholders, which would be incorporated into a Commission Memorandum, followed by additional Commission direction. Further comment and discussion ensued.

**BUS-3** [23-0775](#)

Development Services Department - Community Enhancement and Compliance Fiscal Year Presentation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Katrina Jordan, Development Services Department Code Compliance Manager, provided an overview of this Agenda item and narrated a presentation entitled *Community Enhancement and Compliance Division*.

***A copy of the presentation is attached as backup to this Agenda item.***

Commissioner Sturman commented on the overlap of the Nighttime Enforcement Team and the Vacation Rental Enforcement Team. Ms. Jordan explained Vacation Rental Enforcement staffing, which includes two (2) Code Enforcement inspectors and two (2) administrators. There are three (3) Nighttime Enforcement Officers and a Senior Code Enforcement Officer.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on feedback from District 4 residents regarding Code Enforcement when reporting concerns to the Customer Service Center (CSC) and cited examples. Ms. Jordan confirmed prior concerns that did not reach Code Enforcement, explained efforts to remedy, and expounded on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Ms. Jordan explained Code Enforcement procedures when the Police Department is called to a residence. The Police Department will provide an email the following day to Code Enforcement and would include the Police Report (Report) and any video footage. Code Enforcement will issue a citation if a violation is included in the Report or is visible in a video. Commissioner Sturman remarked on related feedback received from District 4 residents. Chris Cooper, Development Services Department Director, confirmed Staff reached out to residents to address concerns.

Mayor Trantalis returned to the meeting at 4:22 p.m. and Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman passed the gavel to Mayor Trantalis.

Commissioner Glassman commented on positive feedback from District 2 residents regarding Code Enforcement.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman remarked on an incident in District 3 that she reported to City Manager Chavarria. She commented on feedback received from the CSC when reporting violations and the need to address Code Enforcement issues in real time. Further comment and discussion ensued. In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Cooper confirmed the opportunity to fine tune that process and explained related information.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman discussed the need to improve the Ordinance associated with addressing eighteen (18) wheeler trailers parking in areas of District 3 and remarked on related concerns.

## **CONFERENCE REPORTS**

- CF-1    [23-1000](#)    Emergency Purchases - Modernization of the Circa 1948 Fiveash Water Treatment Plant Freight Elevator - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis announced this Agenda item. There were no questions from the Commission.

**EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION - 4:30 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE**

- [23-1031](#)    The City Commission shall meet privately to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, concerning the following matter(s):

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

Mayor Trantalis announced commencement of the Executive Closed-Door Session. The City Commission will meet privately to discuss the following matter(s):

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

Present at the attorney-client session will be:

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis  
Vice Mayor Pamela Beasley-Pittman  
Commissioner John C. Herbst  
Commissioner Steven Glassman  
Commissioner Warren Sturman  
City Manager Greg Chavarria  
Interim City Attorney D'Wayne M. Spence  
Assistant City Attorney Shari C. Wallen  
Outside Counsel Edward A. Dion, Esq., Nabors, Giblin, et al., and  
Certified Court Reporter from Bailey-Entin Court Reporting

Mayor Trantalis announced the end of the Executive Closed-Door Session at 5:20 p.m.

Mayor Trantalis announced discussion of the remaining Conference Meeting Agenda items would take place following tonight's Regular Commission Meeting.

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

## **RECESS**

Mayor Trantalis recessed the Conference Meeting at 5:20 p.m.

## **RECONVENE**

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

### **Motion to Extend the Meeting until 10:30 p.m.**

Commissioner Sturman made a motion to extend the meeting until 10:30 p.m. to complete the Conference Meeting and was seconded by Vice Mayor-Beasley Pittman.

**APPROVED - Motion to Extend the Meeting Until 10:30 p.m.**

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

## **CITY COMMISSION REPORTS**

### ***Members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events.***

Commissioner Herbst remarked on concerns related a letter signed by Mayor Trantalis and City Manager Chavarria to Broward County (County) Administrator Monica Cepero regarding plans for commuter rail crossing the New River (New River Crossing). Commissioner Herbst noted the correspondence was not sent at the direction of the Commission, it did not reflect his position, and remarked on negative feedback he received from members of the County Commission.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Herbst cited pejorative language, remarked on the prior Commission's Resolution on this topic and the position of his predecessor. Commissioner Herbst explained his viewpoint that a tunnel is the preferred option, but not the only option for the New River Crossing and confirmed the priority is to move forward with an affordable solution.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the need to take timely action on this topic. He expounded on the negative impact of a two-and-one-half (2 1/2) mile bridge through the City, explained efforts to achieve a compromise, and cited examples of the feedback from all stakeholders. Mayor Trantalis remarked on feedback from his conversation with the United States

Department of Transportation (USDOT) Secretary regarding a willingness to discuss federal funding assistance for a New River Crossing tunnel (Tunnel). He noted County Administrator Cepero's request for an additional conversation. Mayor Trantalis pointed out the position of the Commission is a Tunnel as the locally preferred option. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question regarding a meeting on this topic previously scheduled on his calendar for October 31, 2023, City Manager Chavarria explained organizing efforts and related details. City Manager Chavarria noted the County Workshop on this topic should have included the City. Commissioner Glassman commented on the need for Staff to monitor County items involving the City. City Manager Chavarria confirmed and noted an agenda item on this topic would be included in the Commission Conference Meeting on November 7, 2023. Commissioner Herbst requested that Staff follow up and notify his office when meetings initiated by Staff are canceled. City Manager Chavarria confirmed. In response to Commissioner Herbst's request, City Manager Chavarria confirmed Staff would share a related Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) report with Commission Members.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on obtaining grant funding for a report related to the Tunnel to assist with the City's application to the USDOT for funding under the Act. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst requested Commission Members be allowed to vote on its position represented in correspondence reflecting the position of the Commission. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman remarked on discussions with the Parks and Recreation Department regarding Carter Park Improvements and community input to move forward with the original design improvements. In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, City Manager Chavarria explained that increased construction costs caused the project to be scaled back. Staff is working towards identifying additional funding to allow the original design to move forward. Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman concurred.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman remarked on attending an event at the West Pine Middle School that included the new Broward County School Board (School Board) Superintendent, Dr. Peter B. Licata. The event allowed parents to provide input regarding the School Board, including what is working well and items needing improvement.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman remarked on the need to address broadband service needs in various areas of the City and requested a City-wide assessment. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Chavarria explained a request to extend the timeframe for a \$700,000 grant from the State of Florida (State) for a pilot program installing broadband service in the Northwest area. Chris Cooper, Development Services Department Director, provided an update, explained there are ongoing environmental reviews, and noted additional grant funding opportunities from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman remarked that she is a proponent of becoming a Smart City and inquired about federal funding opportunities. City Manager Chavarria confirmed a discussion of a related strategy could be scheduled at an upcoming Conference Meeting.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the Mayor's State of the City address. He noted efforts with the County to move the Breakers Avenue project forward. Commissioner Glassman discussed attending the October 10, 2023, Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority Meeting. He commented on upcoming events associated with the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show.

Commissioner Glassman and Commissioner Sturman acknowledged the retirement of Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation Department Director, and thanked him for his years of service and contributions to the City. Mr. Thornburg thanked the Staff and the Commission for their support.

Commissioner Sturman discussed the need for the Commission to adopt *Roberts Rules of Order* procedures for Commission Meetings. Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed he would provide a Commission Memorandum to include a draft Resolution.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on upcoming community meetings in District 4 to discuss a recent water main break and to discuss traffic-related infrastructure.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Interim City Attorney Spence provided an update on the proposed Tree Ordinance that had recently returned to the Office of the City Attorney for review and explained related information. Commissioner Sturman requested that Staff move this item forward.

Commissioner Sturman recommended the City appoint a Chief

Waterway Officer, explained his viewpoint, and requested that City Manager Chavarria pursue this opportunity.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, City Manager Chavarria provided an update on the sale of the *Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club* and plans to build an adjacent Community Center, that would be scheduled for discussion at an upcoming Commission Conference Meeting.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, City Manager Chavarria explained what occurred concerning meetings with Broward County and the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) related to the New Tunnel Crossing and remarked on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Sturman discussed his concern regarding communications sent on behalf of the City and explained the need for all Commission Members to be involved.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the numerous upcoming *Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show* events. He remarked on his forthcoming attendance at a White House Conference entitled *Building a Better Florida*, which will include efforts to pursue community infrastructure initiatives, including a Tunnel for the New River Crossing and related federal funding requests to address the additional infrastructure needs. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis thanked Interim City Attorney Spence for his service as the Interim City Attorney. Interim City Attorney Spence thanked the Commission and said he looks forward to working with the new City Attorney Thomas J. Ansbro. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed that Mr. Ansbro will start his position as City Attorney on October 30, 2023.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

City Manager Chavarria announced the *Prospect Lake Clean Water Project* is a nominee for the *Best Utility Project*.

City Manager Chavarria noted recovering a portion of the funding that was fraudulently taken from the City.

City Manager Chavarria announced details of the new Customer Service Center Line beginning on October 29, 2023. It will have live operators from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00



a.m., callers will be greeted with a menu of options to route them to the appropriate Department.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.