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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 23, 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 6:12 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lindsay Juarez, Croissant Park Elementary

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

Mayor Trantalis announced the retirement of Gabriella Aguilar, Police Department Senior Administrative Assistant and thanked Ms. Aguilar for her 19 years of service.

Moment of Silence**ROLL CALL**

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

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following updates to the Agenda:

AGENDA ITEM REMOVED:

M-6 - Removed from Agenda (duplication).

WALK-ON AGENDA ITEM:

WALK-ON Ordinance Amending Chapter 25 of the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances, Sections 25-129.4, 25-129.17 and 25-130 - Streets and Sidewalks, Undergrounding of Utility Facilities

A copy of the Walk-On Agenda item is attached to these Meeting Minutes.

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[25-1033](#)

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

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

APPROVED AS AMENDED - Agenda Amended

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [25-1058](#)
1

Mayor Trantalis Welcomes Mayor Angie Bell from Fort Lauderdale's Sister City, Cap-Haïtien, Haiti

Mayor Trantalis welcomed Angie Bell from Fort Lauderdale's Sister City, Cap-Haïtien, Haiti, and acknowledged Mayor Bell's previous service as the Co-Chair of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International Cap-Haïtien. Mayor Trantalis congratulated Ms. Bell on her recent appointment to Mayor of Cap-Haïtien, Haiti's second-largest city, and thanked Mayor Bell for her continued efforts to strengthen the partnership between their two cities.

Mayor Bell thanked Mayor Trantalis and discussed her goals for a prosperous city and confirmed efforts towards moving forward and coordinating development between Cap-Haïtien and Fort Lauderdale.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-1050](#)
2

Commissioner Glassman to present a Proclamation in Recognition of Princess Cruises' Star Princess Cruise Day - October 23, 2025

Commissioner Glassman presented a proclamation recognizing *October 23, 2025 as Princess Cruises' Star Princess Cruise Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Marie Lee, Princess Cruises Chief Marketing Officer, accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission for this recognition.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-1051](#)
3

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman to present a Proclamation declaring October 20-26, 2025, as Florida City Week in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman presented a Proclamation declaring *October 20-26, 2025, as Florida City Week in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Denise Horland, Broward League of Cities President and City of Plantation Council Member, accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission for this recognition.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-1048](#)
4

Commissioner Sorensen to present a Proclamation declaring October 23, 2025, as James Lichtenstein Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Sorensen presented a Proclamation declaring *October 23, 2025, as James Lichtenstein Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

James Lichtenstein, 2025 High Diving World Champion and Gold Medalist in the Men's 27-Meter Platform Diving Competition, and his coach, Steven LoBue, accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission for this recognition.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commission Members requested that the following Consent Agenda items be pulled for separate discussion:

Mayor Trantalis: CR-4

Commissioner Glassman: CP-2, CP-3

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

CONSENT MOTIONS

CM-1 [25-0882](#)

Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Related Road Closure with Trustbridge Foundation, Inc. for the 2025 Uptown 5K on the Runway on November 15, 2025, at the Fort Lauderdale

Executive Airport - (Commission District 1)

APPROVED

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

CM-2 [25-0949](#)

Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Amplified Music Exemption with Performing Arts Center Authority d/b/a Broward Center for the Performing Arts for the International Superyacht Society Award Gala on October 29, 2025 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-3 [25-0951](#)

Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road Closure, beyond 10:00 a.m. on the Barrier Island, with NBV Property Management LLC for the North Beach Village Relay Race on November 8, 2025, on Breakers Avenue - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-4 [25-0952](#)

Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road Closure with Twinsplace LLC for Friday Dining in the Streets on the south side of NE 33 Street from State Road A1A to NE 33 Avenue every Friday from November 7, 2025, through and including January 30, 2026 - (Commission District 1)

APPROVED

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

CM-5 [25-0839](#)

Motion Approving an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wilton Manors for Fire Rescue Services - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-6 [25-0918](#)

Motion Authorizing Execution of a Dock Lease Agreement with Rubber Duck Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Yachtsalesinternational.com, Retroactive to October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026 - \$114,261.60 - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-7 [25-0934](#)

Motion Approving a First Amendment to a Non-Exclusive Facility Use Agreement with Gold Coast Ski Club, Inc. for Use of the Lake at Mills Pond Park - (Commission District 3)

APPROVED

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

CM-8 [25-0954](#)

Motion Rejecting the Sole Proposal for Fort Lauderdale Beach Wave Wall Light Replacement - Request for Proposals (RFP) Event No. 482-2 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**CR-1** [25-0886](#)

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Drainage Easement with SHM LMC, LLC - River Oaks Neighborhood Stormwater Improvements - (Commission District 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-2 [25-0961](#)

Resolution Endorsing the Broward Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Priority Corridor Projects within the City of Fort Lauderdale to be amended into the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's Route to 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-3 [25-1010](#)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Consent to Sublease Between FXE Parcel 15, LLC and Signature Flight Support, LLC at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - (Commission District 1)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 [25-0826](#) Motion Approving an Agreement for Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 495-1, NE 15 Avenue at NE 13 Street Intersection Improvement - M & M Asphalt Maintenance Inc. d/b/a All County Paving - \$113,260.77 - (Commission Districts 1 and 2)

APPROVED

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

CP-4 [25-0940](#) Motion Approving Invitation to Bid No. 519-2, Purchase of Sodium Hypochlorite for Water Treatment Services - Allied Universal Corporation and Odyssey Manufacturing Company - \$564,402 (Two-Year Aggregate) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CP-5 [25-0953](#) Motion Approving an Increase in Contract Cost Capacity to the Consultant Services Agreement for Melrose Manors Neighborhood Stormwater Improvements as a Part of the Fortify Lauderdale Initiative - HDR Engineering, Inc. - \$346,157 - (Commission District 3)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CP-2 [25-0899](#) Motion Approving the Award for Invitation to Bid No. 517 for the Purchase of a Mobile Emergency Response Support (MERS) Portable Tower Trailer - Technology International, Inc. - \$105,510 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman reaffirmed his support for public safety and expressed ongoing concerns regarding requirements for Bi-Directional Amplifiers (BDAs) in buildings, which are essential to facilitate communications between police, fire personnel, and other first responders (First Responders). He noted continued feedback from condominium buildings in District 2 and discussed a recent email from a property in Hendricks Isles that he shared with Fire-Rescue

Department Chief Stephen Gollan and City Manager Rickelle Williams.

Commissioner Glassman requested that staff provide an explanation of how they plan to address this issue. He discussed the financial burden that installing BDAs would impose on condominium owners, who are already facing multiple financial challenges and cited examples. Commissioner Glassman explained his viewpoint that the responsibility for ensuring effective First Responder communication systems and related technology should lie with the City. He noted discussions with Chip LaMarca, Florida House of Representatives Member, who indicated that other coastal cities experiencing similar growth and development are not encountering the same two-way radio signal problems. Commissioner Glassman reiterated the need for further clarification from staff, and expounded on related information.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on earlier discussions on this topic and related responsibilities. Commissioner Glassman remarked on various related scenarios brought to his attention, cited examples, and expounded on his perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Cooper, Assistant City Manager. Mr. Cooper said that the State, through the Florida Fire Prevention Code, places this financial burden on the property owners of certain properties and explained related information. Commissioner Glassman discussed additional information and details provided by condominium residents and remarked on possible less expensive alternatives. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding radio signal evaluation.

City Manager Williams expounded on staff efforts to address this issue from numerous perspectives, cited examples, and confirmed that the Commission would be kept updated.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding increasing the number of portable radio tower trailers, Ron McKenzie, Information Technology Services Department Director, explained portable radio towers would not penetrate through buildings and are used only in cases of emergency.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Mr. McKenzie said that the Request for Proposal for a new public safety communications radio tower is anticipated to be opened by the beginning of 2026.

Vice Mayor Herbst said this issue relates to enforcement of the State's Building Code. In response to Vice Mayor Herbst's question regarding whether excess funds in the Building Permit Fund could be utilized to offset costs to buildings experiencing this issue, City Manager Williams confirmed this option is being reviewed by Development Services Department staff. Vice Mayor Herbst noted that buildings in District 1 also experience similar two-way radio communication issues and suggested staff take a proactive approach and research his recommendation and expounded on his viewpoint. Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed his office would research and update the Commission. Commissioner Glassman confirmed his support of Vice Mayor Herbst's recommendation.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed the need to analyze all buildings city-wide to determine two-way radio communication deficiencies.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Fire-Rescue Chief Gollan. Chief Gollan explained annual inspections for commercial buildings are done to make related determinations in addition to real-time reports of two-way radio communication issues during any type of First Responder call and explained related information.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' remarks regarding The Adderley, Chief Gollan confirmed that BDAs were installed in that building during construction and were activated prior to receiving its Certificate of Occupancy (CO).

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman requested a report regarding buildings in District 3 with two-way radio communication deficiencies. Chief Gollan confirmed, explained that deficiencies are determined during annual testing for two-way radio deficiencies, and said that approximately nineteen percent (19%) of buildings in the City have been cited.

Commissioner Sorensen reiterated similar concerns discussed at today's Conference Meeting related to this issue in schools and efforts to address this need with the School Board of Broward County (School Board). He expounded on his viewpoint and requested that staff include schools in their report of buildings with radio deficiencies.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, City Manager Williams confirmed a list of buildings with two-way radio deficiencies exists and continues to be updated.

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

APPROVED

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

CP-3 [25-0926](#)

Motion Approving an Agreement for the Proprietary Purchase of Annual Maintenance and Support for the Motorola 800 MHz P25 Trunked Radio System Equipment, Systems Upgrade Agreement, P1-CAD Interface, Components - Motorola Solutions, Inc. - \$587,948.64 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman noted that his previous comments regarding Agenda item CP-2 also apply to CP-3.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question about whether the purchase of the equipment included in this Agenda item will alleviate communication concerns, Ron McKenzie, Information Technology Service Department Director, clarified that this item pertains to the core of the communication system, and funds the computer-aided dispatch system and central operating components enabling communication through existing radios but does not affect or improve radio signal strength.

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

APPROVED

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

CR-4 [25-1045](#)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement and Subsequent Renewals with Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) for Light-Emitting Diode (LED) Street Lighting in the Melrose Park Neighborhood - \$865,887.87 for construction and \$35,939.43 in monthly costs - (Commission District 3)

Mayor Trantalis provided an overview of this Agenda item, remarked on previous discussions at the October 7, 2025, Commission Meeting regarding this topic, and discussed resident communications to Commission Members indicating overwhelming neighborhood support for streetlights in Melrose Park.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Williams explained backup information includes an update and details of the October 14, 2025, meeting with Melrose Park residents, which staff and Commissioner Beasley-Pittman attended. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the recommended number of streetlights discussed at the Melrose Park HOA Meeting on October 14, 2025, Commissioner Glassman quoted an email from the Melrose Park HOA President suggesting an alternative proposal for one hundred fifty (150) streetlights at intersections and bus stops and remarked on additional language in that email. City Manager Williams commented that number could have been an arbitrary number versus staff's recommended proposal for five hundred fifty-five (555) streetlights.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman commented on her viewpoint regarding the alternative recommendation for the reduced number of streetlights, which was not defined. She discussed the initiative taken by Melrose Park residents to pursue streetlights in their neighborhood, which resulted in four hundred (400) signatures that were gathered in seven (7) days and in support of streetlights. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis commented on concerns regarding the monthly cost for streetlights that seems excessive and recommended staff renegotiate with Florida Power and Light (FPL). Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis inquired about individuals who had signed up to speak and had previously provided their comments. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Interim City Attorney Spence noted that speakers who had not previously shared their perspectives would still be given the opportunity to speak.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question about the costs for five hundred fifty-five (555) Melrose Park streetlight units, Gladys Reyes, FPL, explained the expenses are related to an agreement with the City (Agreement). The Agreement is part of FPL's lighting tariff for new outdoor streetlight installations, specifically for streets and parking lots applicable to new installations that utilize LED fixtures for both public and private customers.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Reyes explained details of upfront costs and the monthly charges. Mayor Trantalis noted his understanding that the monthly cost amortizes the capital expenses, maintenance, and energy costs for the streetlights. In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Ms. Reyes explained the Agreement is for ten (10) years and auto renews after five (5) years, and is approved by the Florida Public Service Commission. The energy cost per month is approximately seven hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$788) for five hundred fifty-five (555) streetlight units.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on additional aspects included in an email from the Melrose Park HOA President regarding post lights on individual properties and remarked on his understanding regarding additional lights on private property. In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Ms. Reyes explained residents requesting additional lights on their property would be in their monthly bill. Any lighting requests on City rights-of-way need to be requested by the City.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Duke Davis, 363 E. Dayton Circle. Mr. Davis spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Christopher Persaud, 550 E. Campus Circle. Mr. Persaud spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Panarothy Guerrier, 540 E. Campus Circle. Mr. Guerrier spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Claudette Grant, 430 Arizona Avenue. Ms. Grant spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dmitri Kryjanovski, 3781 Jackson Boulevard. Mr. Kryjanovski spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Andre P. Andre, 368 E. Dayton Circle. Mr. Andre spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Reginald Youngblood, 3841 Jackson Boulevard. Mr. Youngblood spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Novelette Porter, 485 W. Evanston Circle. Ms. Porter spoke in opposition to this Agenda item commenting on an opportunity for a lower cost. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the procurement aspect of this Agenda item. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Christopher Paul, 545 E. Campus Circle, New Hope Seventh Day Adventist Church and School Pastor. Pastor Paul commented on the possible impact of streetlights on Melrose Park properties and the neighborhood, including gentrification. Mayor Trantalis commented on the consistent millage rate and the impact on homesteaded properties in Melrose Park. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on her perspective and discussed meeting with Pastor Paul.

Commissioner Glassman noted that significant progress had been made with the Melrose Park HOA, expressed concern regarding FPL's monthly cost, and said that he would have liked to hear from the individual who had proposed a solar-powered alternative.

Commissioner Glassman confirmed support of starting with one hundred fifty (150) streetlights, which is a reasonable incremental approach, rather than immediately installing all five hundred fifty-five (555) streetlights originally proposed and would allow the Melrose Park neighborhood to evaluate the results and decide whether additional lighting should be added. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman emphasized that, as the District 3 Commissioner, she had thoroughly vetted the initial five hundred fifty-five (555) streetlight unit proposal with residents during multiple community meetings. Melrose Park residents clearly expressed their preference for the original plan. She opposed reducing the scope, noting that there were no measurable criteria to support the lower number. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman confirmed her full support for moving forward with the project as initially proposed.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Mayor Trantalis explained his understanding of the monthly costs that included energy and the lease payment for the streetlights and streetlight poles.

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

ADOPTED

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Glassman

MOTIONS

M-1 [25-0920](#)

Motion Selecting a City Attorney Finalist and Naming a City Official or Staff Member to Conduct Discussions with the Selected Finalist for the Purpose of Presenting Terms for a Proposed Employment Contract to the City Commission for Consideration - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Herbst.

Mayor Trantalis made a motion to select Shari L. McCartney as the City Attorney finalist and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED - Motion selecting Shari L. McCartney as the City Attorney

finalist

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

Vice Mayor Herbst passed the gavel back to Mayor Trantalis. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Shari L. McCartney. Ms. McCartney thanked the Commission for this opportunity and expounded on her perspective.

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to select Mayor Dean J. Trantalis to conduct discussions with Shari L. McCartney, for the purpose of presenting terms of a proposed City Attorney employment contract to the City Commission for consideration, and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED - Motion selecting Mayor Dean J. Trantalis to conduct discussions with the selected finalist, Shari L. McCartney, for the purpose of presenting terms of a proposed employment contract to the City Commission for consideration

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

M-2 [25-0925](#)

Motion Approving an Agreement for Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 461-6 - Victoria Park Stormwater Improvements as a part of the Fortify Lauderdale Initiative - David Mancini & Sons, Inc. - \$32,172,852.34 - (Commission District 2)

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

APPROVED

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

M-3 [25-0943](#)

Motion Approving a Service Agreement and Business Associate Agreement with CommuniCare Technology, Inc., d/b/a Pulsara, for Patient Tracking Software Services - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED

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

M-4 [25-0959](#)

Motion Approving Change Order No. 30 for Construction

Management at Risk Services for the New Police Headquarters - Moss & Associates, LLC - \$1,160,598.81 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, City Manager Williams said that this Change Order relates to the structural deflection issues and other matters. Anthony Fajardo, Development Services Department Director, confirmed and said that any costs associated with the deflection issue and any other items included in the errors and omissions claim against AECOM will ultimately be deducted from the amount the City is responsible for paying. Mr. Fajardo confirmed these costs are being tracked and itemized.

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

APPROVED

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

Nay: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

M-5 [25-1011](#)

Motion Authorizing the Acceptance of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Funds for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$1,360,720 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED

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

M-6 [25-1033](#)

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

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [25-1042](#)

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 Committees at the November 4, 2025, Commission Regular Meeting.

City Clerk Soloman read the names of Board and Committee

appointments and/or reappointments for Agenda item R-1 into the record. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the carve-out allowing lobbyists to sit on non-City Advisory Boards and Committees.

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

ADOPTED

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

R-2 [25-0927](#)

Quasi-Judicial - Resolution Amending a Site Plan Level II Development with an Alternative Design - MV 407 N Andrews, LLC.
- ArtsPark Lofts - 407 N. Andrews Avenue - Case No. UDP-A25032
- (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 Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Beasley-Pittman. Roll call showed AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, and Mayor Trantalis.

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

ADOPTED - Approving

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

R-3 [25-0436](#)

Resolution Levying the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Millage Rate of 0.6111 and Debt Service Millage Rate of 0.3568 for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) of the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

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

ADOPTED

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

R-4 [25-0983](#)

Resolution Approving the 2026 State Legislative Program for the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Daphnee Sainvil, Government Affairs Division Manager, explained revisions included in the City's redlined 2026 State Legislative Program (Program) attached to this Agenda item.

City Manager Williams noted prior Commission discussion on the Program and confirmed this is the first Commission vote to adopt the Program.

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

ADOPTED

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

Nay: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

R-5 [25-1026](#)

Resolution Delegating the Authority to Receive, Review and Process, and Approve Plats and Replats on behalf of the City Commission to the City of Fort Lauderdale's Development Review Committee (DRC) and the Director of the Development Services Department (DSD) in Compliance with Florida Statute § 177.071 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED

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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 [25-0875](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-24.1, Generally, Section 47-24.12, Variances, Special Exceptions and Interpretation of Unified Land Development Regulations, Section 47-26B.1, Procedure, Section 47-29.3, Zoning Administrator, and Section 47-33, Board of Adjustment, to Update Board of Adjustment Procedures and Allow for Administrative Review of De Minimis Variances - Case No. UDP-T25008 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3

and 4)

Two or more members of the Board of Adjustment may be present and participate in the discussion of this item at this meeting.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Howard Elfman, Board of Adjustment (BOA) Chair. Chair Elfman provided information regarding this Ordinance Amendment and reiterated the BOA's concerns discussed during today's Conference Meeting.

Vice Mayor Herbst agreed with Chair Elfman's position and concerns and expounded on his perspective.

Mayor Trantalis said that this amendment alleviates the financial burden on homeowners who wish to appeal a Planning and Zoning Board (P&Z Board) decision. He noted the ability to amend this Ordinance should P&Z Board appeals before the Commission become too burdensome.

Vice Mayor Herbst recalled past appeals heard by the Commission and burdensome aspects that were subsequently changed to allow Code Enforcement appeals to be heard by a Special Magistrate. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen commented that this Agenda item also enhances staff's administrative review and approval process, and remarked on related information.

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

Nay: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

OSR-2 [25-0941](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-24.1, Section 47-24.12 and Section 47-33.7 to Revise the Board of Adjustment Voting Requirements - Case No. UDP-T25008 - (Commission Districts 1, 2,3 and 4)

Two or more members of the Board of Adjustment may be present and participate in the discussion of this item at this meeting.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, BOA Chair Howard Elfman confirmed the BOA has a full membership roster.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Chair Elfman confirmed the BOA has no objection to this Agenda item.

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

OSR-3 [25-0938](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-27.7 to Update Notice Requirements for Historic Designation Applications Submitted by an Eligible Non-Profit Corporation - Case No. UDP-T25007 - (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: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

WALK-ON ORDINANCE

WALK-ON Ordinance Amending Chapter 25 of the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances, Sections 25-129.4, 25-129.17 and 25-130 - Streets and Sidewalks, Undergrounding of Utility Facilities

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

ADOPTED

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

EXECUTIVE CLOSED-DOOR SESSION

Mayor Trantalis announced the commencement of an Executive Closed-Door Session at 8:25 p.m. Pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, the Commission will meet in a private attorney-client session to discuss pending litigation in the following matter:

City of Fort Lauderdale v. Pierce, Goodwin, Alexander & Lynville, Inc., et al.

Those attending the closed session will include:

Mayor Dean Trantalis
Vice Mayor John C. Herbst
Commissioner Steven Glassman
Commissioner Pamela Beasley-Pittman
Commissioner Ben Sorensen
City Manager Rickelle Williams
Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence
Senior Assistant City Attorney Rhonda Montoya-Hassan
Outside counsel Christian Palacio of Kim Vaughan Lerner LLP, and
a certified court reporter from MDS Court Reporting.

The estimated duration of the session is anticipated to be
approximately fifteen (15) minutes.

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the Executive Closed-Door Session at 9:06
p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk