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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 17, 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

RICKELLE 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 6:07 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In remembrance of R. Emmet McTigue

Pledge of Allegiance

Kindergartners Brielle Brown and Siwel Hodge

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS

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

John Heiser, Fire-Rescue Department Captain - 25 years of service; Eric Stern, Fire-Rescue Department Firefighter - 20 years of service; Kathleen Thorpe, Human Resources Department Claims Analyst - 29 years of service; Vanessa Wright, Parks and Recreation Department Senior Recreation Program Coordinator - 37.5 years of service; Lino Alayo, Parks and Recreation Department Plumber - 28 years of service; and Walter Dietz, Fire-Rescue Department Battalion Chief - 30 years of service.

ROLL CALL

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

COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: City Manager Rickelle Williams, City Clerk David R. Soloman, Senior City Attorney III Paul Bangel, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following update to the Agenda:

WALK ON - RESOLUTION Amending Resolution No. 25-25 to Include Policies for Absent City Commission and Board and Committee Members to Participate in Meetings Through Communications

Technology, to amend the City's remote participation policy by deleting a provision that excludes member participation through the use of communication technology in quasi-judicial proceedings or matters requiring a public hearing by law or ordinance - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[25-0673](#)

Minutes for April 15, 2025, Commission Regular Meeting, May 6, 2025, Commission Conference Meeting and May 6, 2025, Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED AS AMENDED

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [25-0660](#)
1

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman to present a Proclamation recognizing June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charlia Gully. Ms. Gully commented on the relevance of recognizing Juneteenth and introduced Jana Harden and John Harden, who performed the song *Lift Every Voice*.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman presented a Proclamation recognizing *June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Nerissa Street, founder of *Juneteenth for Joy*, accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission for this recognition.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-0662](#)
2

Broward County FIND Commissioner Richard Waltzer to make Check Presentation to District 4 in Support of the Shoreline Stabilization Project at Bill Keith Preserve

Richard Waltzer, Broward County FIND Commissioner, presented a check to the City in support of the Shoreline Stabilization Project at Bill Keith Preserve.

Mayor Trantalis accepted the check and thanked Commissioner Waltzer.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-0659](#)
3

Commissioner Glassman to present a Proclamation declaring July 11-13, 2025, as Flockfest Weekend in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Glassman presented a Proclamation declaring *July 11-13, 2025, as Flockfest Weekend in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Representatives of Flockfest accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission for this recognition.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-0661](#)
4

Mayor Trantalis to present a Proclamation declaring June 2025, as Caribbean American Heritage Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Mayor Trantalis presented a Proclamation declaring *June 2025, as Caribbean American Heritage Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Glassman requested Consent Agenda item CM-5 be pulled for separate discussion.

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

CONSENT MOTIONS

CM-1 [25-0509](#)

Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement with Las Olas Capital Arts, Inc. for Las Olas Capital Arts - Tunnel Vision Pop-Up on June

21, 2025, at Tunnel Top Plaza - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-2 [25-0466](#)

Motion Approving a First Amendment and Extension to a Service Agreement for Professional Tennis Instructor and Facility Management of the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center (JETC) located at Holiday Park - Scott Pukys - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-3 [25-0496](#)

Motion Approving the First Amendment and Change Order No. 1 to Construction Agreement for Cooley's Landing Marina Park Administration Building Improvements to Correct Substantial Completion and Final Completion Date and Increase Contract Amount - ENCOPI, Inc. - \$158,694 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-4 [25-0643](#)

Motion Accepting the National League of Cities Advancing Economic Mobility Grant - \$20,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

CR-1 [25-0650](#)

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the City of Iloilo, Philippines to Establish a Sister City Relationship - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CM-5 [25-0653](#)

Motion Amending a Lease Agreement Between MI-3 Property, LLC and the City of Fort Lauderdale for the Community Court Program

located at 18 NW 1st Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Phillip Dunlap, Flagler Village Civic Association (Association) President. Mr. Dunlap acknowledged the importance of services provided by Community Court, remarked on the Association's support for this Agenda item as a temporary location for Community Court and the need for continued staff efforts to identify a permanent, alternate location for Community Court within two (2) years.

Commissioner Glassman commented on the five (5) year lease for the building located at 18 NW 1st Avenue (property) that will continue to house Community Court. He remarked on the option to opt out of the lease after two (2) years to facilitate the relocation of Community Court. Commissioner Glassman emphasized the need for ongoing maintenance of the property and the adjacent area.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed his support of this Agenda item as a temporary solution for Community Court. Mayor Trantalis noted that this area has become the entranceway to the heart of the City and discussed his perspective and options for reenvisioning the area.

Mayor Trantalis requested that City Manager Williams engage with the owner of the property to discuss its purchase for redevelopment to create a positive urban experience. Commissioner Glassman discussed his recollection of previous Commission discussions of this topic. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the opportunity to purchase the property.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Cooper, Acting Assistant City Manager. Mr. Cooper explained the previous property appraisals. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Herbst concurred with the need to reenvision this area, said that the appraisals were too high, and expounded on his viewpoint regarding locations for homelessness services. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the fair market value of the property. Vice Mayor Herbst discussed the history of efforts to address the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness, related court decisions, and his perspective regarding the difficulty of relocating Community Court. Vice Mayor Herbst requested that staff begin efforts to determine an alternate location.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on opportunities associated with locating homeless services near the Homeless Assistance Center, reiterated the need to move towards purchasing the property, or pursuing eminent

domain proceedings. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen noted his efforts and discussions with homelessness service providers regarding determining a new location for Community Court. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed her work with the Broward County Continuum of Care to end homelessness and requested Mr. Cooper meet with her for an in-depth, detailed review of staff efforts. Further comment and discussion ensued.

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

APPROVED

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

MOTIONS

M-1 [25-0589](#)

Motion Approving an Increase in Contract Capacity to the Annual Sewer Repairs and Replacement Agreements - Southern Underground Industries, Inc. and David Mancini & Sons, Inc. - \$1,000,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED

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

WALK-ON RESOLUTION

[25-0690](#)

WALK ON - Resolution Amending Resolution No. 25-25 to Include Policies for Absent City Commission and Board and Committee Members to Participate in Meetings Through Communications Technology, By Adding Military Service as an Exception for Remote Participation, Reducing the Minimum Time to Provide Notice of Absence - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS**PH-1** [25-0498](#)

Public Hearing - Resolution to Approve Termination of Existing Lease and Authorization of a New Lease Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Young Men's Christian Association of South Florida, Inc. (YMCA) for a Portion of Holiday Park Along North Federal Highway, Pursuant to Section 8.13 of the City Charter; Delegate Authority to the Proper City Officials to Execute the Lease; Delegate Authority to the City Manager to Execute Certain Instruments - (Commission District 2)

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 Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis.

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

ADOPTED

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

PH-2 [25-0448](#)

Public Hearing - Resolution Approving the Transfer of Funds Programmed for Parks Land Acquisition in the Amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) from Commission District 1 and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) from Commission District 2, for a Combined Total Funds Transfer Amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) from the Parks and Recreation General Obligation Bonds Pursuant to City of Fort Lauderdale Resolution No. 18-261 and Resolution No. 20-08, to Assist with the Construction Costs of a Public Pool at the Young Men's Christian Association of South Florida, Inc. (YMCA) Facility Located at Holiday Park - (Commission Districts 1 and 2)

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 Glassman. Roll call showed AYES: Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis.

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

ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [25-0645](#)

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 June 30, 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.

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

ADOPTED

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

R-2 [25-0402](#)

Quasi-Judicial Resolution - Approving the Vacation of a Utility Easement - Located at 1512 NW 19th Street - Dajani Family Holding, LLC. - Case No. UDP-EV24006 - (Commission District 3)

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 Glassman. Roll call showed AYES: Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman introduced this Resolution which was

read by title only.

ADOPTED

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

R-3 [25-0500](#)

Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Non-Exclusive Easement with the Young Men's Christian Association of South Florida, Inc. (YMCA) at Holiday Park for a Portion of 610 NE 9 Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304 - (Commission District 2)

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

ADOPTED

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

R-4 [25-0499](#)

Resolution Approving a Sublease Agreement Between the Young Men's Christian Association of South Florida, Inc. (YMCA) and the North Broward Hospital District (Broward Health); a Recognition Agreement Between Broward Health, the YMCA, and the City of Fort Lauderdale (City); an Environmental Indemnity Agreement Between Broward Health and the City; and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Agreements - (Commission District 2)

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

ADOPTED

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

R-5 [25-0501](#)

Resolution Approving a Grant Agreement Between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Young Men's Christian Association of South Florida, Inc. (YMCA) in the Amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000), Using Land Acquisition Funds Allocated as One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) from Commission District 1 and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) from Commission District 2, to Assist with the Construction Costs of a Public Pool Complex at the YMCA Facility Located at Holiday Park - (Commission District 2)

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

ADOPTED

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS CONTINUED**PH-3** [25-0502](#)

Public Hearing - Ordinance Approving Public Purpose Use and Structure for a 49,548 Square-Foot Community Recreation Facility and 12,842 Square-Foot Broward Health Hospital Emergency Department with Associated Parking Reduction - Case No. UDP-S24057 - (Commission District 2)

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 Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis.

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

PH-4 [25-0587](#)

Public Hearing Quasi-Judicial - Ordinance Approving a Medical Office Building with Request for a Design Deviation and Application of Prior Zoning Regulation - Broward Health Medical Center Medical Office Building and Parking Garage - North Broward Hospital District - Case No. UDP-24072 - (Commission District 4)

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, Vice Mayor Herbst made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed AYES: Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Interim City Attorney

D'Wayne Spence confirmed that a Walk-On Resolution adopted earlier allows Commission Members to participate in Commission Meetings remotely and vote on quasi-judicial items.

Vice Mayor Herbst introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

OFR-1 [25-0514](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Creating a new City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances Section 8-35 to Address Timelines Associated with Dock Waiver Public Notice Procedures - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

OFR-2 [25-0632](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale's Code of Ordinances, specifically creating Section 2-265 entitled "Restrictions on Lobbying by Appointed Board and Committee Members" and amending Section 2-266 entitled "Penalties" of the Code of Ordinances, all relating to Regulating Lobbyist Appointments to Boards and Committees - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Marc Dickerman, 1417 SW 2nd Street. Mr. Dickerman confirmed his support of this Agenda item. Mr. Dickerman read a statement on behalf of Barbra Stern in opposition to this Agenda item.

Vice Mayor Herbst confirmed his opposition to this Agenda item and questioned why all lobbyists are not banned.

Commissioner Glassman recommended including the Walk of Fame Induction Committee in this Ordinance. Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed the Walk of Fame Induction Committee could be added to the Ordinance on the Second Reading.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed the ability for an individual to speak on behalf of

another individual regarding an Agenda item when recognized by Mayor Trantalis, except for sworn testimony on quasi-judicial Agenda items.

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

PASSED FIRST READING

Yea: 3 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman and Vice Mayor Herbst

OFR-3 [25-0663](#)

First Reading - An Ordinance of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Amending Chapter 17, Noise Control of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Specifically Section 17-7 entitled "Specific Restrictions" Related to the Public Waterways - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 [25-0654](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR); Section 47-22.8, "Special Sign Districts", Adding Section 47-22.8.2 Entitled "Broward County Convention Center Special Sign District", Creating Regulations for the Broward County Convention Center Special Sign District - Case No. UDP-T24011 - (Commission District 4)

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk