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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

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

STEVEN GLASSMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District II

JOHN C. HERBST Commissioner - District I

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Commissioner - District III

BEN SORENSEN Commissioner - District IV

SUSAN GRANT, Acting 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 1:41 p.m.

COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 [24-0808](#)

Las Olas Intracoastal Bridge Rehabilitation Project Update -
(Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Milos Majstorovic, Transportation and Mobility Department Acting Director. Mr. Majstorovic provided an overview of this Agenda item and noted members of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) who were present and involved with the Las Olas Intracoastal Bridge Rehabilitation Project (Project). Project construction is scheduled to start in spring 2026. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Majstorovic said work on the Project would not occur during Spring Break or scheduled Special Events.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Thuc H. Le, P.E., FDOT Project Manager - FDOT District Four. Mr. Le introduced other members of the Project Team in attendance and provided an overview of the Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Josh Baimel, P.E., Project Manager - Engineer-of-Record JMT, Inc. Mr. Baimel narrated the FDOT presentation entitled *East Las Olas Boulevard over the Intracoastal Waterway Bridge Rehabilitation Project* (Project).

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Baimel provided information regarding materials that will be used for the Project.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Baimel explained details regarding geographic outreach efforts to residents illustrated in the presentation and expounded on related information. Commissioner Sorensen commented on his understanding and recommended that Staff broaden the geographic resident outreach area. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Baimel said that during the Project Phase, which involves replacing the existing navigation/marine fenders in the waterway, including timber piles and support beams under the bridge (marine fenders), the bridge would be closed from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and remarked on related information.

Mayor Trantalis discussed traffic rerouting and concerns regarding the Project timeline extending beyond the current estimate. He suggested adjusting the 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. bridge closure to 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed his understanding of the Project timeline. Mr. Baimel remarked on the Project phases and explained related details, including the ability to rearrange the timeline sequence. He discussed examples of ways to minimize the impact on the public during holidays and Special Events. Mr. Baimel continued narrating the presentation.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Mr. Baimel explained Project construction equipment that will impede a portion of the waterway when the bridge is raised for vessel traffic. John Danielsen, P.E., Senior Structural Engineer and Engineer-of-Record, HDR, Inc., explained the need to notify and coordinate with the Coast Guard when large vessel traffic needs to transit the waterway. Mayor Trantalis noted the recent opening of the Las Olas Marina and large vessels that will require access under the Las Olas Bridge. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Baimel continued narrating the presentation.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question regarding how long the Project would be extended should the bridge closure be adjusted to 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., Mr. Baimel estimated it would lengthen the Project by several weeks. Mr. Danielsen explained requirements associated with the contractor's work to replace the marine fenders.

Mayor Trantalis noted challenges to an 8:00 p.m. bridge closure and the need for work to continue uninterrupted to ensure the Project remains on

schedule. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Danielsen noted a \$300,000 contractor incentive for timely completion of the Project.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Baimel explained the Las Olas Bridge is a single bridge that requires a phased timeline with partial bridge closures to complete renovations.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed his viewpoint, recommended modeling the Las Olas Marina Development Team's construction template model for community engagement and expounded on related information. Feedback from Las Olas Isles residents requested similar information provided to the Central Beach Alliance, including measures for vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic. Vice Mayor Glassman noted the need for synergy between the Special Events Committee and the Project Team and the need to ensure the Project does not negatively impact Emergency Services response times. Further comment and discussion ensued.

BUS-2 [24-1119](#)

City Attorney Recruitment - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jerome Post, Human Resources Department Director. Mr. Post provided an overview of this Agenda item and narrated a presentation entitled *City Commission Discussion - City Attorney Search*.

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

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Post said the costs associated with using an executive search firm in conjunction with a City Attorney Search Committee (CASC) would be the same because CASC members serve voluntarily.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Herbst commented on prior recruitment for the position of City Attorney, including the use of search firms and a CASC, and expounded on his perspective in support of input from a CASC. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recommended using option number four (4) in the presentation, a HR-managed search for a new City Attorney with the assistance of a CASC. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Post confirmed the ability of Human Resources Staff to move forward with that option. Mr. Post discussed previous, similar recruitment efforts using an executive search firm.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman recommended appointing a qualified candidate currently employed by the City. Mayor Trantalis recommended researching all available qualified candidates.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Mr. Post discussed the role of a search committee for the City Attorney and City Manager positions, explained related information, and cited examples. Commissioner Sorensen clarified his understanding. Mr. Post confirmed.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Mr. Post confirmed the ability of Staff to identify and evaluate potential candidates for the City Attorney position, explained related information and resources, including materials from the previous City Attorney search done eighteen (18) months ago. Mr. Post explained the role of the Commission and remarked on the likelihood of a three (3) to four (4) candidate pool that would be presented to the Commission.

Commissioner Sorensen concurred with both Mayor Trantalis' recommendation to proceed without an executive search firm and with Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's suggestion to promote from within the City and expounded on his perspective regarding the benefits of casting a wide net for qualified candidates. He remarked on feedback from residents regarding City Attorney qualifications and the benefits of using a CASC. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Post confirmed HR Staff would look both internally and externally for qualified candidates. Commissioner Sorensen recommended option three (3), moving forward using the HR Department without a CASC, and explained his viewpoint.

Mayor Trantalis cited the benefits of using a CASC. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Mr. Post confirmed the benefits of using a CASC, explained its function and related information. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Sorensen stated his support for using a CASC.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Post confirmed that HR Staff and the previous CASC had developed related evaluation questions.

Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed his support of option four (4), a HR managed search with the assistance of a CASC.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman reiterated her support of direct placement with the promotion of Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence and commented on the benefits of continuity and stability.

Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed his comfort level with existing interim Staff, citing the Interim City Attorney and Acting City Manager.

Commissioner Herbst commented on his support of Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's recommendation and discussed the benefits of using an executive search firm. He has no objection to option four (4), a HR managed search with the assistance of a CASC. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Interim City Attorney Spence explained the role of Interim City Attorney and how the Charter addresses the position of Acting City Manager. Any changes to the Charter would require voter approval.

Acting City Manager Susan Grant confirmed that Staff would bring forth a resolution at the next Commission meeting establishing a five (5) member CASC. She noted that Commission Members should be prepared to submit their nominations at that time.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Interim City Attorney Spence explained that residents are barred from sitting on more than one (1) Advisory Board but can serve on more than one (1) Committee. Commissioner Herbst confirmed his intention to nominate Richard Weiss to the CASC.

BUS-3 [24-0791](#)

Parks Bond Update - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Acting Assistant City Manager. Mr. Rogers provided an overview of this Agenda item and narrated a presentation entitled *PARKS BOND UPDATE*.

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

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Rogers explained grant funding awarded for Carter Park that has yet to be received.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Rogers explained that LauderTrail received grant funding from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Recreational Trails Program

for the segment from Holiday Park to George English Park.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Mr. Rogers explained details associated with the Parks Bond District 2 Land Acquisition fund.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Rogers remarked on District 3 Land Acquisition funding from the Parks Bond. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman pointed out she requested Staff use District 3 Land Acquisition funds for Carter Park improvements. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Rogers gave an update on planned improvements for Carter Park, funding strategies, and the next steps. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question regarding equitable funding for all signature parks, Mr. Rogers said that Staff identified initial funding for Carter Park in 2016 with the development of the Parks Master Plan. Enrique Sanchez, Parks and Recreation Department Deputy Director, explained details regarding Carter Park funding.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Sanchez explained that Carter Park funding rose due to the increased scope of work, inflation, and other factors.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Sanchez explained Carter Park funding before developing the 2016 Master Plan, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funding, and grant funding from the Orange Bowl. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman noted funding for other signature parks compared to Carter Park. Mr. Sanchez commented on the initial funding for Carter Park that is no longer adequate for the planned improvements.

Vice Mayor Glassman noted significant cost increases for all four (4) District signature parks. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on the need for equitable funding for all signature parks and expounded on her perspective.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on total costs for each signature park and said that Carter Park has the most significant funding needs, estimated at \$33,000,000. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding funding, changes in the scope of work for signature parks, and increased costs since approval of the 2019 Parks Bond.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman expounded on her viewpoint and noted that residents throughout the City utilize Carter Park. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Rogers said he would research Carter Park's original scope of work and meet privately with Commissioner Beasley-Pittman to review and discuss.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Mr. Rogers explained the source of funding for Tunnel Top Park and commented on additional future amenities. Commissioner Sorensen said he would obtain related feedback for future amenities from District 4 residents.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions regarding Lockhart Park funding gaps that do not include funding from Inter Miami, Mr. Rogers explained that Staff did not include funding contributions from Inter Miami because that information was not available as it was part of mediation efforts. Mr. Rogers requested Commission direction.

Mr. Rogers provided an update on Lockhart Park and confirmed that AECOM had reached the one hundred percent (100%) design phase. He explained information related to moving forward with Lockhart Park and reviewed the cost breakdown illustrated in the presentation.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on Project cost escalations resulting from delays, expounded on his viewpoint, and confirmed the need to move forward with all Projects with a degree of haste. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question regarding Inter Miami's funding contribution for Lockhart Park that was included in the Comprehensive Agreement with Inter Miami, Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence explained his legal viewpoint, noting that Inter Miami's four-year timeline expired. Interim City Attorney Spence said that the City has the right to self-help at the cost and expense of Inter Miami. Interim City Attorney Spence expounded on the process and next steps.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Rogers and Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed that the Inter Miami Comprehensive Agreement includes language related to Inter Miami's right to approve the Lockhart Park Site Plan (Site Plan). Mr. Rogers said to his knowledge, Inter Miami has not reviewed or approved the Site Plan.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective regarding the status of mediation efforts with Inter Miami and remarked on the need for Inter Miami to review and approve the Site Plan. He commented on his

involvement with mediation efforts related to Inter Miami paying building permit fees and related demolition costs, which resulted in an impasse.

Commissioner Herbst clarified his recollection of mediation efforts related to the payment of building fees. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis expounded on his perspective, noted that the Site Plan had undergone multiple revisions, which resulted in delays, and cited examples.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Interim City Attorney Spence discussed his legal perspective, remarked on the convoluted process, explained his recollection of events, and discussed related information. Mayor Trantalis discussed his viewpoint and noted the goal of completing Lockhart Park. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis requested that he represent the City in mediation negotiations with Inter Miami and commented on his understanding of previous mediation efforts. Commissioner Herbst took exception to Mayor Trantalis' characterization of what transpired and cited examples. Commissioner Herbst said the Site Plan was shown to Inter Miami during the three (3) year design process. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Herbst said he strongly objects to Mayor Trantalis replacing him as mediator.

Vice Mayor Glassman concurred that Mayor Trantalis should be the point person on behalf of the City in mediation efforts and expounded on his viewpoint.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Interim City Attorney Spence quoted sections of the Comprehensive Agreement associated with the responsibilities of the parties, explained the pursuit of self-help, and expounded on related information. Interim City Attorney Spence suggested a second amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement to clean up outstanding issues (Second Amendment).

Commissioner Herbst discussed the four (4) year timeframe allotted for Inter Miami to complete Lockhart Park, which included a one (1) year extension, and discussed related information.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman said she does not support removing Commissioner Herbst from mediation. In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question regarding the ability of both Mayor Trantalis and Commissioner Herbst to participate in the mediation, Interim City Attorney Spence noted that it would violate the Sunshine Law and

explained that the required notice process would not serve mediation goals. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Acting City Manager Grant said the design for Lockhart Park would go out to bid in January 2025 and firm costs would be available for mediation efforts.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Interim City Attorney Spence explained options for providing mediation updates to Commission Members. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis remarked that a mediation offer would be presented to the Commission for consideration and expounded on his viewpoint. Interim City Attorney Spence discussed options moving forward and remarked that the individual negotiating on behalf of the City during mediation should have the authority to make decisions. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst discussed his participation in the mediation on behalf of the City. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the impasse reached. Commissioner Herbst requested clarification regarding moving forward with mediation or negotiation. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis said mediation should resume and expounded on his perspective that the Commission should make mediation decisions. Commissioner Herbst clarified that the mediator had declared an impasse. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis reiterated his request to represent the City in mediation.

Commissioner Sorensen remarked on his support for moving forward with a Second Amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Interim City Attorney Spence explained that continued mediation could best address the allegations regarding financial responsibility for demolition costs, and that a Second Amendment could address building Lockhart Park.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed his support of Mayor Trantalis leading mediation efforts on behalf of the City and remarked that Commissioner Herbst could return to the mediation at a later point. Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed this could occur and reiterated information regarding the authority of the person representing the City in mediation. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed a consensus that Mayor Trantalis would replace

Commissioner Herbst in mediation and remarked on keeping the Commission informed.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman reiterated her support of Commissioner Herbst continuing mediation efforts on behalf of the City and noted that Lockhart Park is located in District 1. Commissioner Herbst commented on his perspective.

Mr. Rogers continued narrating the slide presentation.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions, Mr. Rogers explained details regarding the dates and availability of sections of Lockhart Park during the administrative, initial work, and construction phases of development, and expounded on related information. Acting City Manager Grant noted the dates listed in the presentation are estimates.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question regarding how Inter Miami parking and development plans would be addressed, Acting City Manager Grant confirmed Staff discussions with Inter Miami, which indicated Inter Miami has alternate parking plans and commented on related information. Acting City Manager Grant reiterated concerns related to development delays and increased Project costs. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Mr. Rogers confirmed his understanding that 2025 would be the last year parking would be required for Inter Miami games. Vice Mayor Glassman commented on related concerns and noted the need for a Commission discussion on this topic before the expiration of the current parking agreement with Inter Miami.

Vice Mayor Glassman and Mayor Trantalis concurred that it is premature to move forward with the development of Lockhart Park.

Acting City Manager Grant commented on Staff efforts to obtain firm development costs, which would be beneficial during mediation and negotiating a Second Amendment. Mr. Rogers remarked on Staff efforts related to next year's parking agreement with Inter Miami. Mr. Rogers said the City Manager can execute parking agreements with durations of less than two (2) years.

Mayor Trantalis commented on the possibility that the owners of Inter Miami, who are in the construction business, could agree to develop

Lockhart Park at a lower cost. In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mayor Trantalis confirmed that this option would include building Lockhart Park's current one hundred percent (100%) Site Plan design. Commissioner Sorensen recommended that option be part of mediation discussions and that efforts to resume mediation move quickly as further delays increase costs.

Mr. Rogers continued narrating the presentation.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Rogers confirmed a \$3,000,000 deficit for the phase three (3) redevelopment of Holiday Park. Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on improvements that need to be completed to avoid negative community feedback, cited examples, and remarked on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding plans for pickleball courts at Holiday Park.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions, Mr. Sanchez explained information regarding the location of the pickleball courts and the demolition of the existing Holiday Park Community Center. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Sanchez said Holiday Park Community Center activities would be relocated to the new YMCA facility at Holiday Park and expounded on related information. Vice Mayor Glassman said he would meet with Staff to discuss the location of the pickleball courts.

Mr. Rogers requested Commission direction regarding addressing funding gaps listed in the presentation and discussed details.

Mayor Trantalis recommended that each Commission Member meet with Mr. Rogers individually to discuss their respective Projects and provide feedback to Staff. He commented on the previous Commission's consensus to share Park Impact Fees (PIF) among the Districts. Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on his recollection regarding the distribution of PIF.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman suggested moving forward and completing one (1) of the signature parks and requested PIF be allocated to Carter Park before other signature parks. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding reallocating funds listed in the presentation and creating a small contingency fund to complete small Projects.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Yvette Matthews, Office of Management and Budget Acting Director, discussed Exhibit 2 - *Projects Reconciliation (as of October 1, 2024)* and explained financial

information and details related to Lockhart Park.

Commissioner Sorensen remarked on his understanding of the Parks Bond allocation, the amended budget, and the total financial obligation for Lockhart Park. Ms. Matthews clarified related details and said anticipated cost overruns are not included in any of the Projects reconciliation.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Rogers said that Staff needs to determine current-day projected costs for each Project, remarked on anticipated inflation factors, and expounded on related details.

Commissioner Sorensen noted that funding signature parks will require difficult decisions, including not funding all Projects. Mr. Rogers discussed alternatives and options, such as reduced scopes of work on smaller Projects. Further comment and discussion ensued. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Mr. Rogers confirmed that reallocating Project funds would impact downstream Projects and explained related information. He expounded on balancing funding options in the presentation, cited examples, and reiterated the need for Commission feedback. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding options to address cost overruns.

Mayor Trantalis remarked that the Parks Bond had been approved five (5) years ago and emphasized the need to move forward and complete the Projects. Mr. Rogers confirmed and explained related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Commissioner Herbst remarked on his viewpoint regarding Lockhart Park costs and the remedy of Inter Miami following through with its commitment to build Lockhart Park. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the surplus of Parks Bond funds that would be realized should that occur.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed support for allocating PIF equally among the four (4) district signature parks. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his viewpoint regarding funding Projects. Further comment and discussion ensued. Interim City Attorney Spence explained the allocation of PIF and expounded on related information.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Rogers

explained the Commission's action related to PIF that occurred on October 1, 2024. Interim City Attorney Spence cited language in Commission Resolution 24-0199. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst noted a mechanism to alter that current policy and cited an example.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions, Commissioner Sorensen clarified his recommendation regarding allocating PIF and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Sorensen recommended feedback from each Commission Member at the next meeting regarding their recommendations for their portion of PIF. He suggested Commissioner Herbst and Vice Mayor Glassman provide their recommendations for using their respective District Parks Bond land acquisition funds. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on land acquisition challenges and expounded on his viewpoint. Mayor Trantalis confirmed the ability to use unspent land acquisition funds.

Commissioner Sorensen recommended reallocating current dog park funds in their respective districts. Acting City Manager Grant confirmed the ability to reallocate those funds to any Project on the Project reconciliation list, explained related information, and remarked on options. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen recommended each District Commissioner provide their recommendation for their twenty-five percent (25%) portion of the \$3,800,000 funds for signature or local parks.

Mayor Trantalis recognized James LaBrie, 154 NE 20th Street, on behalf of the Poinsettia Heights Civic Association. Mr. LaBrie discussed his viewpoint and concerns regarding not addressing needs of the Joint Use Parks Program, which was part of the Parks Bond.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the creation of a Park at Bennett Elementary School. Mr. LaBrie explained that this was not part of Joint Use Parks Projects. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. LaBrie explained that Dillard High School's Tennis Courts resurfacing was the only Joint Use Parks Project completed. Mr. LaBrie cited incomplete Joint Use Parks Projects in all four (4) Districts.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed negative feedback from the Flagler Village Civic Association and real estate professionals related to purchasing 18 NW 1st Avenue for Community Court.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on the need for improved coordination for construction projects on the barrier island to lessen the impact on residents. He cited examples and expounded on his viewpoint.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on feedback from District 2 residents regarding the need to relocate and find dock space for the barge anchored in the Intracoastal Waterway.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed resident complaints about numerous streetlight outages. He requested Staff address those that are the City's responsibility, and to communicate with Florida Power and Light (FPL) about light outages that are their responsibility.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed concerns related to Charter Revision Board (CRB) meetings, cited examples, and remarked on related information. In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions, Interim City Attorney Spence explained quorum requirements are based upon the number of individuals appointed to a Board and confirmed that currently two (2) CRB members meet the quorum requirement. Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on his viewpoint and concern. Mayor Trantalis concurred and expounded on his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Interim City Attorney Spence remarked on the Commission's quorum requirements and discussed limits for residents serving on Advisory Boards and Committees. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions, Anthony Fajardo, Assistant City Manager, explained the intent of the noticed CRB meeting was to enumerate the number of items to be addressed by the CRB in 2025. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, City Clerk David Soloman said there were no Commission CRB nominees received to

date. Commissioner Sorensen said he would provide Advisory Board and Committee nominations prior to the meeting. Vice Mayor Glassman expounded on his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed any Advisory Board or Committee can hold a meeting if there is a quorum.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed his support of the tunnel option for the New River Crossing, requested further discussion and a high-level update from Staff, and continued efforts with Broward County. Mayor Trantalis recommended scheduling this at the next Conference meeting. Acting City Manager Grant confirmed. Ben Rogers, Acting Assistant City Manager, discussed what would be included in the Staff update.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Interim City Attorney Spence explained a resident can serve on more than one (1) Committee or Task Force but can only serve on one (1) Advisory Board. Interim City Attorney Spence explained information associated with Advisory Boards, Task Forces, and Committees defined in the Code and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen requested Commission feedback regarding how Code addresses Boards, Committees, or Task Forces. Vice Mayor Glassman discussed his viewpoint that a member of the Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) should not be allowed to serve on any other Boards, Committees, or Task Forces.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman confirmed her comfort level with the status quo regarding residents serving on multiple Boards, Committees, and Task Forces and remarked on her perspective. Mayor Trantalis explained his viewpoint, the need to consider resident participation that has been robust, remarked on the need for limiting individuals serving on multiple Advisory Boards, Task Forces, and Committees, and commented on related details.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Interim City Attorney Spence explained the ability to provide an exemption to a resident serving on more than one (1) Board, Committee, or Task Force. Commissioner Sorensen discussed his recommendation to move forward with limiting the number of individuals serving on Boards, Committees, or Task Forces and the need to provide exemptions at the request of a Commission Member. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed feedback from residents regarding conflicts of interest associated with lobbyists serving on Boards, Committees, or Task Forces. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Interim City Attorney Spence explained that the City follows Broward County's definition of a lobbyist and confirmed that addressing conflicts of interest could be accomplished via a resolution or an amendment to the existing Ordinance. Commissioner Sorensen recommended pursuing. In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Interim City Attorney Spence discussed how a lobbyist is defined and cited examples of conflicts of interest. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst discussed his viewpoint, remarked on the need to also prohibit individuals who hire a lobbyist from sitting on Boards, Committees, or Task Forces, and cited an example. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman recommended researching how other municipalities address this topic, noted the need for a carve-out in certain situations, and cited examples. Mayor Trantalis directed Staff to pursue addressing a Revision to current policy. In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Mayor Trantalis noted that any related lobbyist restriction would only apply to those currently serving as lobbyists or those who have hired a lobbyist.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Acting City Manager Grant provided an update on Staff developing a policy for two (2) weeks of paid family leave.

Mayor Trantalis acknowledged Staff efforts to produce the numerous light-up holiday events in the City and remarked on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

MGR-1 [24-1082](#)

City Commission Follow up Action Items - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Acting City Manager Susan Grant noted that the 2025 Broward Days in Tallahassee will conflict with the March 18, 2025 Commission Meetings. Ms. Grant recommended rescheduling the March 18, 2025, Commission Meetings to March 20, 2025. Following brief comment and discussion, there was consensus to reschedule the Commission Meetings to March 20, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.