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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

1:30 PM

The Parker

707 Northeast 8th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

City Commission Conference Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District III

JOHN C. HERBST Commissioner - District I

STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II

WARREN STURMAN Commissioner - District IV

GREG CHAVARRIA, City Manager

DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk

THOMAS J. ANSBRO, City Attorney

PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

Also Present: City Manager Greg Chavarria, City Clerk David R. Soloman, City Attorney Thomas J. Ansbro, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 [23-1120](#)

New River Crossing Update Part II - (Commission District 4)

City Manager Chavarria provided an overview of this Agenda item. Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Department Director, explained the format of discussions and reviewed the qualifications and experience of each panel member. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provided updated information included in Exhibit 2.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Mr. Rogers said that no representatives from the Whitehouse Group or Brightline were present. Further comment and discussion ensued. Bryan Caletka, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Representative, and Kevin Kelleher, Broward County Assistant County Administrator, were in the audience.

Commissioner Glassman commented on receipt of the Whitehouse Group's November 13, 2023, letter, which included a thumb drive containing information regarding this Agenda item. Mr. Rogers noted that scheduling conflicts were the reason the Whitehouse Group could not attend. Commissioner Herbst remarked on his perspective.

Commissioner Sturman inquired about whether the Whitehouse Group would be available for a City Commission and Broward County (County) Commission Joint Meeting. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Phil Schwab, P.E., Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Project Manager. Mr. Schwab explained his background and involvement with feasibility studies for New River Crossing Project (Project) alternatives, including three (3) types of bridge

options and a tunnel. The feasibility study included cost estimates, federal grant funding opportunities, and required environmental studies for the Project alternatives. Mr. Schwab narrated a presentation entitled *Florida Department of Transportation Commission Conference Meeting, November 21, 2023*.

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Schwab explained that HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) prepared estimates included in the January 2020 Corradino Report that are in the backup information. Mr. Schwab expounded on details necessary to move the Project forward, including environmental studies, federal funding opportunities, and related timelines.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Schwab explained the timeline and information regarding the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which could range between two (2) to seven (7) years. The FDOT Risk Workshop evaluates the PD&E Study. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Schwab expounded on FDOT's efforts to determine cost estimates for Project alternatives and related information.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mr. Schwab explained FDOT's target estimate of the local share of capital costs of federal funding, expounded on related information, and cited examples. Capital cost estimates include Project development, design, engineering, construction, and vehicle costs. Operations and maintenance are not included. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Schwab said the County and the State of Florida (State) would share the balance of Project funding. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Don Skelton, PE. Vice President, Southeast Regional Manager, HW Lochner (Lochner). Mr. Skelton reviewed Lochner's scope of work for the Project in partnership with London Bridge Associates Ltd. (LBA).

Martin Knights, Chair of LBA, discussed his experience and background for pursuing the Project's tunnel option and expounded on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued. He narrated a

presentation entitled *New River Rail Crossing Fort Lauderdale, November 21, 2023*.

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Knights confirmed that construction inflation estimates are twenty percent (20%) across the board for any Project.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mr. Knights explained the tunnel construction term *Open-Cut* and described related construction details, which mitigate visual and noise aspects. Mr. Knights explained related factors to be considered and details for using this approach.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mike Mooney, Ph.D. PE, Consultant to the City of Fort Lauderdale. Dr. Mooney discussed his independent assessment of the existing feasibility findings associated with tunnel options. He narrated a presentation entitled *New River Crossing Feasibility Review*.

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

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman inquired about the life spans of a tunnel versus a bridge, and the panel members commented on related information and cited examples.

Susan Lent, Esq., Akin Gump Partner, Government Contracts and Grants, Transportation, Infrastructure, Regulatory and Compliance. Ms. Lent discussed federal grant opportunities and narrated a presentation entitled *New River Crossing Federal Funding Opportunities*.

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

Commissioner Herbst remarked on his perspective and the need to understand the owner of the Project, which would be the entity applying for grant funding.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Schwab confirmed this is a Broward County (County) project. Florida East Coast Railway (FECR) owns the right-of-way and would own any platforms for stations or a tunnel

within the railway. The County is working on agreements with FECR and Brightline related to the Project. Mayor Trantalis commented on his understanding that the City could apply for grant funding. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on his perspective and the possibility of the City entering into interlocal agreements with the County for this Project. He noted the inability of the City to issue bonds because it is not the owner of the Project. Mayor Trantalis said the City would only be applying for grant funding. Commissioner Herbst expounded on previous City efforts to obtain federal funding.

Ms. Lent explained what is necessary for stakeholders to apply for construction grant funding. The stakeholders must make grant representations that they will maintain the asset. Further comment and discussion ensued. She explained differences in funding for the City's Federal Courthouse, which required Congressional action. Federal grant funding opportunities for this Project will be available over the next three (3) years. In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Ms. Lent confirmed that grant funding for this Project is agency-dependent and does not require Congressional action.

Commissioner Herbst expounded on his viewpoint regarding Project costs. In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Ms. Lent discussed the two (2) federal grant programs with the best opportunities for capital investment, the *Capital Investment Grants Program - New Starts and Small Starts (New Starts Program)*, which is funding other segments of this commuter rail project, and the *Federal-State Partnership for Inter-City Passenger Rail Grant Program (Inter-City Passenger Rail)*. Ms. Lent explained funding details for the *Inter-City Passenger Rail*. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on Project costs and the large amount of federal grant funding available, which he discussed with U.S. Department of Transportation officials. Ms. Lent commented on the allocation of grant funds to federal agencies and remarked on related information.

Commissioner Herbst discussed eminent domain and related timeline concerns impacting grant funding requests. In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions regarding the effect of elections or a change in administrations and policy, Ms. Lent remarked on her viewpoint regarding the availability of grants should those changes occur. She noted the need to illustrate that a grant-funded project requiring a multi-step process would move forward. Mr. Schwab cited related

examples, explained eminent domain would be considered a risk item under FDOT Risk Workshop criteria when evaluating the PD&E Study, and expounded on related information.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions regarding continued grant funding for ongoing projects, Ms. Lent said that would depend on the grant program. The *New Starts Program* grants provide a complete funding agreement, subject to appropriations, which have been reliable. Ms. Lent commented on related information. Project funding depends on the grant program. She cited examples of other multi-year grant funding programs.

Mayor Trantalis remarked that a lot of the federal funding has already been transferred to the States for disbursement.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tom John, BDO, New York City. Mr. John discussed the need to synthesize the multifaceted aspects of a project with this complexity and magnitude, including various options, approaches, and stakeholder concerns. He remarked on educational opportunities related to public-private partnerships to assist individuals with the process. He commented on the scope of BDO and its role in assisting the City with developing an actionable Project plan.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Umer Yaqub, BDO New York City. Mr. Yaqub provided an overview of the Biden Administration's funding for railway infrastructure and discussed related information. Mr. Yaqub cited examples of funding opportunities for the Project, expounded on details, and remarked on his experience regarding eminent domain.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Mr. Yaqub said an initial draft BDO Report would be available in December 2023, and a detailed BDO Report would be available in February - March 2024.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on the Joint Workshop with the County scheduled for December 5, 2023, and questioned whether it would be prudent without the final BDO Report.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Kevin Kelleher, Broward County Assistant County Administrator, noted the purpose of the December 5, 2023, Joint Workshop is to review the findings of the Whitehouse Group. Mr. Kelleher confirmed the County owns the Project, will maintain control of the Project, and will continue negotiations with Brightline for an access agreement. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions regarding deadlines, Mayor Trantalis recapped efforts to date regarding grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation for completion of a study.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on the need for the final BDO Report to be completed in January 2024 to meet grant application deadlines and commented on related concerns. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mr. Rogers explained that BDO will provide the City with a preliminary deliverable in December 2023 that will be presented to the Commission for feedback to prepare a work order for an additional BDO scope of work. He remarked on related information and timeline challenges. Commissioner Herbst discussed his experience and perspective regarding future meetings with the County and meeting Project grant application deadlines. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the need for input from all consultants to decide the best path forward. Commissioner Herbst commented on his viewpoint regarding moving the process forward and negotiating with the County to reach a decision regarding the Project. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Mr. Kelleher noted that the information included in the backup to this Agenda item had yet to be distributed to the County Commission. Commissioner Glassman recommended sharing this backup information with the County Commission to facilitate an informed dialogue at the December 5, 2023, Workshop. Commissioner Glassman expounded on his perspective.

Commissioner Sturman concurred with Commissioner Glassman and recommended that a representative from the MPO participate in the Workshop with the County. Brian Caletka, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), confirmed he would attend the Commission's Joint Meeting with the County on December 5, 2023. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Nasri Munfah, Partner - Principal - Gall Zeidler Consultants. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the Whitehouse Report's beginning and ending points of the tunnel, Mr. Munfah said the length of a tunnel could be approximately one (1) mile. Mayor Trantalis recommended using one (1) mile in the scope for tunnel development. Mr. Munfah confirmed and expounded on related

information. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the Whitehouse Group's recommendations regarding complements to the tunnel that include vehicle underpasses at major east-west corridor railway intersections.

Mr. Munfah remarked on the need to understand ridership volume. Mayor Trantalis said Brightline has that information. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Munfah reviewed the details of tunnel construction included in the backup information and discussed other items to be considered.

Mayor Trantalis commented on the need for a cost-effective tunnel approach, noted the reduced cost associated with a one (1) mile tunnel versus a three and one-half (3 ½) mile tunnel, remarked on the importance of additional considerations, and cited examples.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed a Commission consensus to waive the Procurement Code in the best interest of the City for contracting with BDO for additional work to meet grant application deadlines.

Commissioner Glassman recommended City Manager Chavarria share this meeting video, all agenda backup information, and any other Project information with the County Commission to ensure a productive meeting on December 5, 2023. City Manager Chavarria confirmed.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on eminent domain concerns. In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions regarding the locations of the tunnel and the railway, Mr. Caletka noted input from Jacobs Engineering that indicated a tunnel could not be under existing railway tracks. A tunnel needs to be located adjacent to the existing railway. Mr. Caletka expounded on related information, including eminent domain issues. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Munfah remarked on his viewpoint and discussed the ability to place a tunnel under the existing railway easement. He cited an example and noted the need for an underground easement from FECR. Mr. Knights concurred with Mr. Munfah's remarks and cited examples.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on possible concerns from the marine industry regarding a cut-and-cover approach to tunnel construction. Mr. Munfah confirmed the best tunnel construction technique for that concern would be underground boring. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Milledge, Esq., John Milledge, P.A., 200 East Las Olas Boulevard. Mr. Milledge spoke in support of a tunnel option and expounded on related information.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jenni Morejon, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Ms. Morejon spoke in support of a tunnel option. She narrated a presentation entitled *Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority Independent Tunnel Analysis, September 2023, DOCTOR MOLE INCORPORATED, Dr. Gary Brierley, PH.D., P.E.*

A copy of the presentation has been made part of the backup to this Agenda item.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Munfah confirmed Dr. Brierley's qualifications and requested a complete copy of Dr. Brierley's report.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Ms. Morejon explained Dr. Brierley's background, qualifications, and information related to his report. He requested Dr. Brierley be included in the December 5, 2023, Workshop with the County. Ms. Morejon confirmed she would extend the invitation.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Philip Purcell, 221 SW Third Avenue, on behalf of the Marine Industries Association of South Florida. Mr. Purcell spoke in support of a tunnel for the New River Crossing and expounded on his viewpoint.

Mayor Trantalis recognized James LaBrie, 1514 NE 20th Street, Poinsettia Heights Civic Association Board Member. Mr. LaBrie discussed his viewpoint and support of a tunnel as the best alternative.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Patricia Zeiler, Fort Lauderdale Historical Society Executive Director. Ms. Zeiler discussed her perspective and related historical information related to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Nelson, 520 SE 5th Avenue. Mr. Nelson discussed his viewpoint regarding this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Alan Hooper, 2719 NE 37th Drive. Mr. Hooper spoke in support of a tunnel, the DDA's recommendation for a shorter, cost-effective tunnel, and commented on his opposition to a bridge.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Melinda Bowker, 511 SE 5th Street,

Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association President. Ms. Bowker spoke in support of a tunnel.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jacquelyn Scott, 1626 SE 1st Street, on behalf of the Colee Hammock Homeowner's Association. Ms. Scott spoke in support of a tunnel.

Mayor Trantalis recognized George Platt, 27 S.E. 10th Avenue. Mr. Platt spoke in support of a tunnel if it is affordable and expounded on his viewpoint.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charlie Ladd, 442 NE 7th Avenue. Mr. Ladd spoke in support of a tunnel and the DDA's recommendation.

BUS-2 [23-1119](#)

Las Olas Parking Garage Facade Lighting Update - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis provided an overview of this Agenda item.

Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Department Director, reviewed the history and status of lighting issues on the facade of the Las Olas Garage (Garage). He narrated a presentation entitled *Las Olas Garage Facade Lighting*.

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

Mayor Trantalis commented on engaging outside legal counsel to pursue a claim against the lighting manufacturer. City Attorney Thomas Ansbro confirmed and provided an update on efforts to rectify lighting issues on the Garage, including recommending outside counsel who could address concerns.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on feedback from District 2 residents that the lighting issues have been a concern since installation. He discussed the need to rectify the lighting and screening as originally intended versus a piecemeal approach and expounded on his perspective.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Rogers confirmed the skeleton framing of the Garage would remain, and its lighting and screening need replacement. City Attorney Ansbro said related legal remedies would be pursued.

In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's questions, Mayor Trantalis

commented on the building structure located adjacent to the Garage on the north side. Mr. Rogers confirmed a two (2) lane road between both structures. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis confirmed intermittent lighting issues on all sides of the Garage. Mr. Rogers explained efforts to address both lighting and screening needs. Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman commented on concerns about pursuing efforts that would produce the same results. Mayor Trantalis agreed. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mr. Rogers confirmed that Staff is working with the original vendor and its next generation of lighting and requested Commission direction. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst discussed his recollection of initial discussions regarding lighting on the Garage and costs. In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions, Mr. Rogers confirmed the distance on the north side of the Garage between the adjacent building is about thirty-two feet (32'). The \$2,100,000 cost listed for Option A would be funded from the Parking Fund with the anticipation of reimbursement from the manufacturer. Commissioner Herbst confirmed his opposition to Option A and his support of Option E. He expounded on his perspective that there are better uses of City funds.

Commissioner Sturman discussed his viewpoint. He recommended Option E, suggested pursuing legal action against the manufacturer and said that funding for infrastructure needs in District 4 take precedence. Mayor Trantalis reiterated that funds to remedy the lighting would come from the Parking Fund.

Commissioner Herbst commented on other Parking Fund obligations, including a parking garage for The Parker included in their lease. Commissioner Glassman discussed his support for fixing the lighting and expounded on his viewpoint.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Elisabeth George, 77 South Birch Road, Central Beach Alliance (CBA) Vice President. Ms. George discussed feedback from CBA members regarding this Agenda item.

Commissioner Glassman likened the Garage lighting to public art, cited examples, explained his perspective, and remarked on input from CBA members. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding input from CBA members.

Mayor Trantalis recommended Mr. Rogers pursue information and costs

for replacing the lighting that is weather resistant.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question about having adequate funding to complete The Parker Garage, City Manager Chavarria confirmed a funding gap and noted potential partnership proposals.

Commissioner Herbst said he would be amenable to waiting until the City receives restitution from the lighting manufacturer before moving forward with replacement of the lighting. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis reiterated his request for Staff to perform additional research on other opportunities within sixty (60) days.

RECESS

Mayor Trantalis recessed the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

PRESENTATION - 5:30 PM

PRES- [23-1141](#) 1

Special Recognition Honoring Former Mayor Robert A. Dressler, as the Citizens' Committee of Recognition 2022 Honored Founder

Mayor Trantalis presented a Special Recognition to former Mayor Robert A. Dressler as the 2022 Citizens' Committee of Recognition Honored Founder. Former Mayor James Naugle and former Mayor John "Jack" P. Seiler each spoke about the contributions of former Mayor Dressler.

Mayor Dressler participated via communication technology, accepted the Special Recognition and commented on his tenure as Mayor and his efforts to lay the foundation for what exists in the City today. Mayor Dressler thanked the City for this honor.

BUS-3 [23-1134](#)

Update on City Hall Relocation Solutions - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)

City Manager Chavarria provided an overview of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ken Krasnow, Colliers International. Mr. Krasnow provided an update on alternative relocation solutions for City

Hall Staff, narrating a presentation entitled *UPDATE: CITY HALL RELOCATION SOLUTIONS*.

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Krasnow confirmed there is Staff currently located at the 101 Building. Mr. Krasnow explained information related to the lengthy lease at the 101 Building. Further comment and discussion ensued. City Manager Chavarria confirmed the space leased at 1901 W. Cypress Creek Road accommodates the needs of Information Technology Services Department Staff. The 101 Building would accommodate the space needs of the Public Works Department. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on the high cost of downtown rental space and the timeline for a Commission decision. Mayor Trantalis commented on the anticipated reimbursement of rental expenses from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, City Manager Chavarria confirmed the need for Staff to be located downtown and expounded on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the timeline for this Agenda item.

In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's question, City Manager Chavarria noted minimal costs associated with Commission Meeting space at the Nova Southeastern Art Museum Auditorium. Angela Salmon, Assistant to the City Manager, confirmed there is no fee for Committee and Advisory Board meeting space at the Marine Industries Association. Mayor Trantalis noted the lack of adequate parking at the Marine Industries Association.

RECESS

Mayor Trantalis recessed the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman discussed attending the National League of Cities City Summit in Atlanta, Georgia. The Summit had a heavy focus on housing, education, and homelessness. The City was recognized for its resilience and innovation. Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman suggested the City host a Housing and Homeless Summit to determine solutions to those concerns.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on an open house in an effort to revitalize the Himmarshee District. He noted its importance to the downtown area and Arts and Entertainment.

Commissioner Glassman thanked Dr. Nancy Gassman, Public Works Department Assistant Director - Sustainability Division, for a tour regarding King Tides and improvements to tidal valves, seawalls, and related infrastructure.

Commissioner Glassman congratulated City Manager Chavarria for receiving the *South Florida Business and Wealth Magazine Apogee Award for Excellence in Leadership* in the government category.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on resident feedback regarding the impact of the recent storm and requested increased cleanup efforts along State Road A1A and other areas of District 2. He commented on community input regarding dates for *Reimagining City Hall Workshops* that need to be revisited.

Commissioner Sturman acknowledged and thanked residents, City Staff, and City Manager Chavarria for coordinated efforts addressing District 4 needs during the recent storm and remarked on related information.

Commissioner Sturman discussed an upcoming meeting to discuss the City's southern portion of the regional commuter rail project.

Commissioner Sturman noted an upcoming District 4 Town Hall Meeting to obtain community feedback about 2024 Commission priorities, and noted a date has yet to be determined.

Mayor Trantalis discussed attending the new Federal Courthouse groundbreaking ceremony and remarked on previous efforts to obtain construction funding. Commissioner Herbst commented on the related efforts of former Downtown Development Agency Executive Director Chris Wren.

Mayor Trantalis commented on the groundbreaking at Riverside Park for improvements funded by the Parks Bond.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the success of the City hosting the *Summit Against Antisemitism*, sponsored and underwritten by the *Hard Rock Hotel and Casino*. He remarked on the productive exchange of ideas regarding best practices and opportunities.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the success of the *Annual Turkey Giveaway* and the generosity and contributions from the community.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the Bal Harbor neighborhood's request to acquire a small parcel of property for a pocket park that would be funded from the Parks Bond. Commissioner Herbst confirmed and commented on related community outreach. City Manager Chavarria provided an update. Staff has yet to succeed in contacting the owner and noted plans for the development of the parcel.

Mayor Trantalis discussed stormwater improvements in the Chula Vista neighborhood and the need for access to residential properties. He requested the assistance of Commissioner Sturman.

Mayor Trantalis said the General Services Administration (GSA) has contacted the City regarding the old Federal Courthouse. He commented on the need for neighborhood meetings to receive community feedback regarding the City taking possession and the opportunity to use it for other opportunities.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Chavarria discussed the upcoming December 5, 2023, Joint Workshop with the County Commission. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

City Manager Chavarria confirmed the temporary Police Department Headquarters located at 1515 W. Cypress Creek Road is fully operational.

City Manager Chavarria confirmed that going forward, the Commission will receive status updates of Commission Member requests made on the dais at each Commission Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.