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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

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 1:37 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

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 [25-0060](#)

City Manager Candidate Interviews - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis provided an overview of this Conference Meeting and information related to the interview process for the two (2) candidates for the City Manager position recommended by the City Manager Search Committee (CMSC).

Mayor Trantalis recognized Acting City Manager Susan Grant. Acting City Manager Grant announced the two (2) City Manager candidates and remarked on the interview process. While Commission Members are interviewing Candidate One (1), Candidate Two (2) will be sequestered separately.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Melinda Bowker, 511 SE 5th Avenue, Chair of the CMSC. Ms. Bowker commented on the CMSC's efforts, expounded on related information, and remarked on the two (2) candidates being interviewed today.

Commissioner Members interviewed Jason Davis, Deputy County Administrator, Saint Lucie County, Florida. Mr. Davis provided opening remarks, followed by Commission Members asking questions regarding Mr. Davis' experience and qualifications for the City Manager position.

Commissioner Members interviewed Rickelle Williams, Assistant City Manager, Miami Beach, Florida. Ms. Williams provided opening remarks, which were followed by Commission Members asking questions regarding Ms. Williams' experience and qualifications for the

position of City Manager.

Following the interviews, each member of the Commission provided comments and perspectives regarding the City Manager position and related information.

Each Commissioner Member submitted their ranking of candidates to City Clerk David Soloman. City Clerk Soloman announced that Rickelle Williams was the highest-ranked candidate with five (5) first-place votes for the City Manager position.

Mayor Trantalis announced that Commission Member Reports would be an Agenda item at tonight's Regular Commission Meeting.

ADJOURN

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.