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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 23, 2023

6:00 PM

City Hall - City Commission Chambers
100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

City Commission Regular Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

WARREN STURMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District IV

JOHN C. HERBST Commissioner - District I

STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Commissioner - District III

GREG CHAVARRIA, 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 6:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Jackson Smith, 3rd Grader at St. Anthony's Catholic School

MOMENT OF SILENCE

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following updates to the published Agenda:

Revisions:

R-2: Exhibit 8 (approval resolution) and Exhibit 9 (denial resolution) were revised in 3 places on each resolution from "542 multifamily residential units" to "542 residential flex units"

WALK-ON Resolutions:

WALK-ON: Resolution Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Submit a Grant Application for \$1,500,000 to the Florida District of Navigation - Waterway Assistance Program to Renovate the Cooley's Landing Marina

WALK-ON: Resolution regarding Advanced Placement African American Studies

A copy of the revision and Walk-On Agenda items are attached to

these Meeting Minutes.

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[23-0312](#)

Minutes for January 26, 2023, Commission Prioritization Workshop, February 7, 2023, Commission Conference Meeting, February 7, 2023, Commission Regular Meeting, February 21, 2023, Commission Conference Meeting and February 21, 2023 Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman remarked on a scrivener's errors in the title of PRES-1 and on page 19 of the Conference Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2023.

Commissioner Herbst made a motion to approve the Agenda and Meeting Minutes as amended and was seconded by Vice Mayor Sturman.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [23-0329](#)
1

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman to present a Proclamation declaring March 2023 as Woman's History Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman presented a Proclamation declaring *March 2023 as Women's History Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety. Sheryl Lopez, Rolly Marine General Manager, accepted the Proclamation and acknowledged the importance of the marine industry to her family since her father started Rolly Marine in 1966. Ms. Lopez thanked Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Mayor Trantalis and Commission Members for this recognition.

PRESENTED

PRES- [23-0330](#)
2

Commissioner Glassman to present District II Community Appearance Board "WOW" Award

Commissioner Glassman and Community Appearance Board Member Miguel Wright presented the *District II Community Appearance Board "WOW" Award (Award)* to homeowners Charlie Baity and Alfonso Vargas, recognizing improvements to their residence. Commissioner Glassman described the renovation of the residence. Mr. Baity accepted the Award on behalf of Alfonso Vargas and thanked

Commissioner Glassman, Mayor Trantalis, and the Commission Members.

PRESENTED

PRES- 23-0337
3

2023 Neighbor Support Night Sponsors Recognition - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Junia Robinson, Assistant Neighbor Support Division Manager, thanked and recognized the sponsors who contributed to the *2023 Neighbor Support Night* event

Ms. Robinson congratulated the Police Department for winning the *Neighbor Choice Award*.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Trantalis explained procedures and details regarding how members of the public could speak on Consent Agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Trantalis announced that the following Consent Agenda item was pulled by for separate discussion.

CM-2: Commissioner Glassman

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Vice Mayor Sturman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Herbst.

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

CONSENT MOTION

CM-1 23-0301

Motion Approving Event Agreements for Igloo Cooler Festival and FLL Fashion Week - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

APPROVED

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

CM-2 23-0278

Motion Approving an Event Agreement and Related Road Closures for the Fort Lauderdale Air Show - (Commission District 2)

Commissioner Glassman reiterated concerns regarding the need for Staff to improve traffic management efforts on the barrier island during and after special events. He noted the need to better inform people coming east on Las Olas Boulevard about how to reach the Las Olas Garage and recommended signage west of the Las Olas Bridge.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the need for better coordination of events that require closing a lane on Seabreeze Boulevard and expounded on traffic issues during the St. Patrick's Day Parade. City Manager Chavarria said Staff would meet with Commissioner Glassman to share its action plan to address traffic concerns.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, City Manager Chavarria confirmed the April 4, 2023, Conference Meeting Agenda item contains a discussion of barrier island events. Commissioner Glassman requested that the discussion be as thorough as possible and cited items that need to be discussed.

Vice Mayor Sturman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED

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

CM-3 [23-0310](#)

Motion Declaring the Lauderdale Air Show on Fort Lauderdale Beach, Scheduled for April 29, 2023 - April 30 2023, as a Public Purpose Special Event and Creating a Temporary Exemption Relating to the Sale, Possession and Consumption of Alcohol at the Event - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-4 [23-0323](#)

Motion Approving a First Amendment to an Outdoor Event Agreement for Pixar Putt Putt - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-5 [23-0107](#)

Motion Approving a License Application and an Agreement for the Sale, Service, and Consumption of Food and Alcoholic Beverages on the Public Beach - CWI-GG RCFL Property Owner, LLC for The Ritz Carlton Hotel Company, LLC - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

- CM-6** [23-0272](#) Motion Approving an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County to Conduct a Study on a Regional Biosolids Solutions - \$37,645.60 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

- CR-1** [23-0232](#) Resolution (a) Approving an Application for a Dock Permit for Usage of Public Property by 817 RIO LLC, a Florida limited liability company for a proposed 47'+/- long X 8'+/- wide marginal dock and appurtenant steps and (b) Authorizing Execution of a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants - (Commission District 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-2** [23-0254](#) Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Florida to Access Driver and Vehicle Information Database - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-3** [23-0281](#) Resolution Creating a City Attorney Search Committee to Assist with the Selection of Candidates for the City Attorney Position and Prepare a Short List of Candidates for Review by the City Commission - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-4** [23-0327](#) Resolution Amending Resolution 14-62 by Delegating to the City Manager the Authority to Execute Interlocal Agreements, and Approve and Execute Amendments, Modifications, Reinstatements, Addenda, Extensions of Time, and Other Documents, Related to Broward County Transportation System Surtax-Funded Projects -

(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-5 [23-0325](#)

City Clerk Annual Merit Adjustment - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 [23-0184](#)

Motion Approving a Service Agreement for Sound, Stage & Lighting Services - BFAV, LLC d/b/a All On Stage Productions - (Commission District 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CP-2 [23-0321](#)

Motion Approving the Purchase of Night Vision Goggles - TNVC - \$612,484 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

MOTIONS

M-1 [23-0302](#)

Motion Approving an Event Agreement for Rhythm Fest 23' - (Commission District 2)

Commissioner Glassman remarked on District 2 Pre-Agenda Meeting discussions regarding this Agenda item and noted two (2) outstanding Code violations.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., on behalf of the applicant, Rhythm and Vine. Ms. Toothaker introduced Sion Soudai, General Manager of Rhythm and Vine. She explained that fencing separates the 513 NE 4th Street parcel from the 515 NE 4th Street parcel where the event will be located. The applicant has filed permit applications with the Building Department to correct the Code violations.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Ms. Toothaker

noted that the Rhythm and Vine event would take place on the 515 NE 4th Street parcel. A fence separates the parcel located at 513 NE 4th Street, which was sold and is the parcel with the Code violations and part of a Commission approved development project. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Vice Mayor Sturman.

APPROVED

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

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [23-0324](#)

Appointment of Board and Committee Members - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Clerk David Soloman read the names of Board and Committee nominees for appointment and/or reappointment at the April 4, 2023, Commission Regular Meeting.

City Clerk Soloman read into the record the names of the Board and Committee appointments and reappointments for Agenda item R-1.

City Clerk David Soloman requested Commission Members provide the names of individuals to be appointed to the City Attorney Search Committee. The following individuals were appointed: Richard Weiss - Commissioner Herbst (District 1); Troy Liggett - Commissioner Glassman (District 2); Roosevelt Walters - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman (District 3); Romney Rogers - Vice Mayor Sturman (District 4); and McKillop Erlandson - Mayor Trantalis.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence explained the Charter prevents individuals from serving on two boards, but the Charter does not prevent individuals from serving on multiple committees.

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

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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

R-2 [23-0221](#)

Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving a Design Deviation Request for a Site Plan Level II Development Permit - Ben Ft Laud, LLC and

Ben Ft Laud DRC, LLC - The Benjamin - Case No. UDP-S22035 - (Commission District 4)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. 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 Herbst made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, and Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner Herbst introduced this Resolution approving this Agenda item which was read by title only.

ADOPTED - Approving

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

R-3 [23-0222](#)

Quasi-Judicial Resolution Vacating a Ten-Foot Utility Easement Located at 520 West Broward Boulevard - 520 Broward (Fort Lauderdale) Owner, LLC - Case No. UDP-EV22003 - (Commission District 2)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. 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 Herbst made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, and Mayor Trantalis

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

ADOPTED

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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING**OSR-1** [23-0168](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance - Amending Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR), Sections 47-19.3 Boat slips, docks, boat davits, hoists and similar mooring structures and 47-39 Development Regulations for Annexed Areas and Adding Section 47-19.13 Resiliency Standards for Tidal Flood Protection - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Anthony Fajardo, Assistant City Manager, explained this Ordinance brings the City into compliance with Broward County's seawall height requirement. Dr. Nancy Gassman, Public Works Department Assistant Director - Sustainability Division, explained three (3) conditions that require the raising of a property owner's seawall: 1) a new seawall is being built or being replaced; 2) a seawall is more than fifty percent (50%) damaged; or 3) if the seawall owner is allowing tidal flows to come over the seawall and impact an adjacent property or a public right of way.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Dr. Gassman confirmed the fifty percent (50%) threshold requires complete replacement of a seawall to the new height standard versus repair of the existing seawall.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the Planning and Zoning Board's (P&Z Board) discussion on this topic described in the September 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes. In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mr. Fajardo explained his understanding of the P&Z Board's viewpoint of this Ordinance and Broward County's new seawall standard and its impact on costs and property rights. Dr. Gassman said when an Ordinance relating to the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDRs) is brought before the P&Z Board, they act as the local planning agency, and its primary function when reviewing the ordinance is to determine whether it is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. There is a specific objective within the Comprehensive Plan that says that the City will come into compliance with the Broward County Ordinance. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Glassman confirmed his support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Suzee Bailey, 105 Nurmi Drive. Ms. Bailey

spoke in support of this Agenda item, inquired about the ability to enhance seawalls and discussed related details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dane Hancock, P.E., 516 Bontona Avenue. Mr. Hancock spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and explained related details. Mayor Trantalis explained that this Agenda item is an administrative task implementing a Broward County mandate.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tricia Halliday, 60 Nurmi Drive. Ms. Halliday discussed her viewpoint regarding this Agenda item and the City obtaining funding to mitigate the costs associated with seawall replacement.

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

OSR-2 [23-0280](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the Non-Bargaining-Unit Classification Table of the Pay Plan of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, by Amending One Classification from Non-Classified to Classified - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman introduced this Ordinance for the Second Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

OSR-3 [23-0328](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) to Revise Section 47-13.20, Downtown RAC Review Process and Special Regulations, Section 47-18.21, Mixed Use Development, and Section 47-23.16., Affordable Housing Regulations. Case No. UDP-T22011 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Adam Schnell, Urban Planner III - Development Services Department. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Schnell explained this Ordinance adheres to Broward County's Geller Amendment and includes three (3) basic modifications.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his understanding that this Ordinance

enhances the City's ability to increase affordable housing options. Mr. Schnell said the County has modified payment in lieu of, modifying the formula to a \$10,000 flat fee to every unit within a development.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ted Inserra, 912 SW 19th Street. Mr. Inserra spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Vice Mayor Sturman introduced this Ordinance for the Second Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

OSR-4 [23-0331](#)

Second Reading - Quasi-Judicial - Ordinance - Rezoning from Industrial (I) District to Northwest Regional Activity Center - Mixed Use West (NWRAC-MUw) District - SJC Sistrunk, LLC - Case No. UDP-Z22019- (Commission District 2)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. 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 Herbst made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, and Mayor Trantalis

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

[23-0350](#)

WALK-ON - Resolution Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Submit a Grant Application for \$1,500,000 to the Florida District of Navigation Waterway Assistance Program to Renovate the Cooley's Landing Marina- (Commission District 2)

Commissioner Glassman discussed his support of this Agenda item

moving forward in the Sailboat Bend neighborhood.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question about applying fines for the funding of the seawalls in the Riverwalk area, City Manager Chavarria remarked on the need for Public Works Staff to determine which seawalls qualify to maximize the ability to seek funding. Staff will provide an update to the Commission regarding the ability to qualify for funding, timing and plans to meet with Riverwalk representatives. Laura Reece, Office of Management and Budget Director, will be involved in coordinating the Riverwalk meetings.

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

ADOPTED

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

[23-0375](#)

WALK-ON Resolution urging the Florida Department of Education to rescind its disapproval of the College Board's Advanced Placement African American Studies Course, and to include the College Board's revised Advanced Placement African American Studies Course in the Florida Department of Education's Course Code Directory and Instructional Personnel Assignments, opposing all Legislative and Executive Measures that would erode or diminish the integrity and standards of Florida Educational Programs and Institutions - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Vice Mayor Sturman's question, Mayor Trantalis confirmed the update to this Resolution relates to whom the Resolution is directed.

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

ADOPTED

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Herbst

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk