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## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, December 2, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Broward Center for the Performing Arts - Mary N. Porter Riverview  
Ballroom - 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312**

## **City Commission Regular Meeting**

***FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION***

***DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor***

***JOHN C. HERBST Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District 1***

***STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District 2***

***PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Commissioner - District 3***

***BEN SORENSEN Commissioner - District 4***

***RICKELLE WILLIAMS, City Manager***

***DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk***

***D'WAYNE M. SPENCE, Interim City Attorney***

***PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor***

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Zuri Williams and Zoey Williams

**MOMENT OF SILENCE****ROLL CALL**

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

**COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED**

**Also Present:** City Manager Rickelle Williams, City Clerk David R. Soloman, Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

**AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS****Approval of MINUTES and Agenda**

[25-1171](#)

Minutes for September 16, 2025, Commission Conference Meeting, September 16, 2025, Commission Regular Meeting, October 7, 2025, Commission Conference Meeting and October 7, 2025, Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**APPROVED**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Glassman requested Consent Agenda item CP-3 be pulled for discussion.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

**Approve the Consent Agenda**

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

**CONSENT MOTIONS**

**CM-1**    [25-1076](#)    Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement with Monkey Dust Productions LLC for Flow Fest Ft Lauderdale on January 18, 2026, at Esplanade Park - (Commission District 2)

**APPROVED**

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

**CM-2**    [25-1095](#)    Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road Closure with Las Olas Association, Inc. for the 38th Annual Las Olas Art Fair (Part I) on Las Olas Boulevard from January 3 - 4, 2026 - (Commission District 4)

**APPROVED**

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

**CM-3**    [25-1105](#)    Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement with K.J Marketing Solutions LLC for Igloo Cooler Festival on January 18, 2026, at Mills Pond Park - (Commission District 3)

**APPROVED**

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

**CM-4**    [25-1119](#)    Motion Approving the First Amendment to the Sound, Stage and Lighting Service Agreement to Increase the Annual Amount for Each Remaining Renewal Option - BFAV LLC d/b/a All On Stage Productions - \$135,000 Annually - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**APPROVED**

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

**CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**

- CR-1**    [25-0898](#)    Resolution Appointing the Law Firm of Greenberg Traurig, P.A. as Special Counsel in connection with the Public Private Partnership for the Holiday Park Parking Garage - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

- CR-2**    [25-0933](#)    Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2026 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

- CR-3**    [25-0999](#)    Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2026 Not For Profit Grant Participation Agreement with First Call for Help of Broward, Inc., d/b/a 2-1-1 Broward - \$25,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

- CR-4**    [25-1001](#)    Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2026 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Inc. - \$127,842 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

- CR-5**    [25-1002](#)    Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2026 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement with JAFCO Children's Ability Center, Inc. - \$25,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

- CR-6**    [25-1003](#)    Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2026 Not For Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Junior Achievement of South Florida, Inc., - \$33,900 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CR-7     [25-1004](#)**

Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2026 Not For Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc. - \$100,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CR-8     [25-0900](#)**

Resolution Approving Amendment Number One to the Locally Funded Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Tunnel Top Park Pedestrian Plaza - (Commission District 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CONSENT PURCHASE****CP-1     [25-0984](#)**

Motion Rejecting All Proposals Pursuant to Request for Proposal Event No. 421-3 and Approving an Agreement for Wireless Broadband Pilot Project Pursuant to Request for Proposals (RFP) Event No. 500 - Slice Wireless Solutions, Inc. - \$713,761- (Commission District 3)

**APPROVED**

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

**CP-2     [25-1094](#)**

Motion Approving the Award for Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 505-1 for Purchase of Asphaltic Concrete for Citywide Repairs and Rehabilitations - Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc. - \$166,000 (annually) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**APPROVED**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION****CP-3     [25-1106](#)**

Motion Approving an Agreement for Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 509-1 - Annie Beck House Renovations - ENCOP, Inc. - \$146,132 -

(Commission District 2)

Commissioner Glassman provided background information regarding the Annie Beck House (House), which is owned by the Broward Trust for Historic Preservation (Trust). Commissioner Glassman explained that the City relocated the House to its current location in Middle River Terrace, which has led to improved neighborhood safety in recent years.

Interim City Attorney Spence provided additional background information regarding the lease mandating the House serves as a residence for law enforcement for the purpose of deterring crime.

Commissioner Glassman confirmed the City's significant investments in the House and suggested greater financial participation by the Trust for repairs and maintenance or reconsideration of ownership.

Mayor Trantalis noted that this Agenda item does not specifically address Commissioner Glassman's recommendations and suggested that Commissioner Glassman speak with City Manager Williams. Commissioner Glassman requested the Commission discuss this topic further.

City Manager Williams confirmed the ability to explore amending the lease to balance maintenance obligations. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding options, including transferring ownership of the House to the City.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Commissioner Glassman clarified the background information and confirmed a Police Officer has been living in the House for the past seven (7) years. Interim City Attorney Spence expounded on related information.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the City's financial contribution toward improvements and maintenance of the House.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

**APPROVED**

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

## RESOLUTIONS

**R-1**     [25-1114](#)     Appointment of Board and Committee Members - (Commission

Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Clerk Soloman read the names of nominees for appointment and/or reappointment to Advisory Boards and Committees at the December 16, 2025, Commission Regular Meeting.

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

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

**ADOPTED**

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

**R-2**     [25-1118](#)

Resolution Setting a Public Hearing on December 16, 2025, to Consider the Amended and Restated Ground Lease and the New Ground Lease for the Property Known as the New River Trading Post, Pursuant to Section 8.09 of the City Charter - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis raised cautionary concerns regarding this Agenda item and noted the need for heightened Commission scrutiny because the Live Local Act significantly limits the Commission's discretionary authority over what could be built once development rights are granted. He expressed concerns related to authorizing a lease extension without clarity on the proposed development and remarked on the site location within the Himmarshee District and along the Riverwalk.

Mayor Trantalis indicated his willingness to support the resolution, which only sets a public hearing and urged the Commission to carefully consider the long-term implications.

Commissioner Glassman concurred with Mayor Trantalis' comments and requested that staff provide notice earlier in the process when this type of Agenda item impacting District 2 is coming before the Commission. Commissioner Glassman remarked on related Commission action in 2024 and expounded on his perspective.

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

**ADOPTED**

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

**R-3**     [25-1172](#)

Resolution Appointing Christopher “Chris” Cooper as Deputy City Manager - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

**ADOPTED**

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

**R-4**     [25-1125](#)

Resolution Providing Notice of the Final Ranking of the Four (4) Shortlisted Unsolicited Proposals for the Design, Development, Financing, Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of a New City Hall Facility, Decision to Proceed with and the Acceptance of the Unsolicited Proposal from the Highest Ranked Proposer (\_\_\_\_\_), Authorizing Negotiations of a Proposed Interim and/or Comprehensive Agreement Starting with the Highest Ranked Proposer of the Final Ranking in Accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Interim City Attorney Spence explained pertinent information regarding this Agenda item.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding guidance on this Agenda item, Mayor Trantalis emphasized the importance of delivering a City Hall building that reflects Fort Lauderdale's identity, ambition, and long-term vision that is reflected in the FTL City Hall Partners proposal. Mayor Trantalis expounded on his perspective and confirmed his confidence that the FTL City Hall Partners premium cost could be addressed through reducing overall square footage, refining programming needs, and applying value engineering while maintaining the integrity of the design.

Mayor Trantalis said that his number one (1) ranked proposal is FTL City Hall Partners and his number two (2) ranked proposal is Balfour Beatty.

Commissioner Glassman commented on his viewpoint that all four (4) teams were highly qualified. He pointed out that the two (2) primary distinguishing factors are the Internal Rate of Return (IRR)/bid amount and indirect construction costs and noted that these are the two (2) metrics which teams can be held accountable. Commissioner Glassman said that the Commission's role at this stage is to select the right long-term partner, highlighted the importance of experience, and expounded on his perspective.



Vice Mayor Herbst explained that he could not support the current procurement strategy, recommended rejecting all proposals, and issuing a new solicitation. Vice Mayor Herbst noted his consistent advocacy for a bifurcated City Hall with a ceremonial City Hall in downtown and staff operations that do not interact with the public at an existing property on Cypress Creek Road.

Vice Mayor Herbst discussed his secondary preference to construct a new City Hall adjacent to the new Police Department Headquarters, which would create a consolidated government campus. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on past and future opportunities for public engagement on this topic and noted the Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee's recommendation for a P3 approach. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman confirmed the need for Strategic Communications to ensure the public is consistently informed and engaged in this process going forward.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution to proceed with the unsolicited proposal submitted by FTL City Hall Partners as the first ranked proposal, Balfour Beatty as the second ranked proposal, Fort Lauderdale Civic Partners as the third ranked proposal, and FTL Beacon collaborative as the fourth ranked proposal which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED - FTL City Hall Partners**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman and Mayor Trantalis

**Nay:** 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

[25-1212](#)

WALK-ON Motion to select FTL City Hall Partners as the highest ranked proposer and Balfour Beatty as the second highest ranked proposer

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to select FTL City Hall Partners as the highest ranked proposer and Balfour Beatty as the second highest ranked proposer and was seconded by Commissioner Beasley-Pittman.

**APPROVED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman and Mayor Trantalis

**Nay:** 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

25-1213

WALK-ON Motion to select Fort Lauderdale Civic Partners as the third ranked proposer and FTL Beacon Collaborative as the fourth ranked proposer

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to select Fort Lauderdale Civic Partners as the third ranked proposer and FTL Beacon Collaborative as the fourth ranked proposal and was seconded by Commissioner Beasley-Pittman.

**APPROVED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman and Mayor Trantalis

**Nay:** 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****PH-1** 25-1131

Public Hearing - Resolution Designating Real Property Located at 3100 NE 32 Avenue, as a Brownfield Area for Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Pursuant to the State of Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Act (Section 376.80, Florida Statutes), and Setting a Second Public Hearing for December 16, 2025, to Meet Florida Statue Requirements - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, and Mayor Trantalis.

Commissioner Glassman shared his perspective regarding the need to improve the public notice and engagement process for this type of Agenda item and noted that no one attended the required public meeting at the Beach Community Center. He noted that neither the Central Beach Alliance nor the surrounding buildings were aware of that public meeting, expounded on his concerns that nearby neighborhoods deserve clearer information and more direct notice regarding environmental contamination and remediation.

Mayor Trantalis noted that there would be an additional second public meeting regarding this Agenda item. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on the opportunity for Strategic Communications to assist with public notice efforts of this type.

Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed compliance with the related State Statute, cited examples, and noted related concerns are the responsibility of the applicant. Further comment and discussion ensued.

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

**ADOPTED**

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

**PH-2**    [25-1070](#)

Public Hearing Approving the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency Amended and Restated Community Redevelopment Plan - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, and Mayor Trantalis.

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

**ADOPTED**

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

**PH-3**    [25-0884](#)

Public Hearing Approving the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for IOV VENTURES LLC to Operate One Vehicle for Hire Service within the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, and Mayor Trantalis.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

**APPROVED**

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

## **ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

### **OSR-1 [25-0939](#)**

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-13.20 - Downtown RAC Review Process and Special Regulations, Section 47-13.30 - Table of Dimensional Requirements for the SRAC Districts, Article XII, Section 47-36.1 - Transfer of Development Rights (TDR), and Section 47-37B.5 - Table of Dimensional Requirements for the Uptown Urban Village Zoning Districts to Update the TDR Ordinance and Allow Additional Density for Receiving Sites Utilizing the TDR Program; Extending the Expiration Date for Certificates of Eligibility; Providing a Calculation for Available Dwelling Units at Sending Sites, and Incorporating Ability to Retransfer TDR Units or Floor Area - Case No. UDP-T24009 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

#### **ADOPTED ON SECOND READING**

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

### **OSR-2 [25-1123](#)**

Second Reading - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning from Residential Single Family and Duplex/Medium Density (RD-15) District to Residential Multifamily Low Rise/Medium Density (RM-15) District - Case No. UDP-Z25001 - 1000 SW 26 Street - (Commission District 4)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. The Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

Each Commission Member disclosed verbal communications, written communications, site visits and expert opinions received.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Beasley-Pittman. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman,

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, and Mayor Trantalis.

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

**ADOPTED ON SECOND READING**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

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Dean J. Trantalis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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David R. Soloman  
City Clerk