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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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*

*SHARI L. McCARTNEY, City Attorney*

*PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Omar Hunter - Rock Island Elementary 5th Grader

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

In remembrance of former Broward County Board of County Commissioner Sue Gunzberger

**EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS**

Mayor Trantalis announced the following employee retirements and thanked them for their service to the City:

James Hughes, Public Works Department Maintenance Supervisor - 28 years of service; Dave Heaney, Parks and Recreation Department Parks Supervisor - 24 years of service; Steven Bean, Fire-Rescue Department Ocean Rescue Lifeguard - 32 years of service; Milton Selimos, Fire-Rescue Department Driver-Engineer - 31 years of service; and, Mark Rossi, Fire-Rescue Department Captain - 20 years of service.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 4 - Commissioner Ben Sorensen, Vice Mayor John C. Herbst, Commissioner Steven Glassman and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Pam Beasley-Pittman

**COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED**

**Also Present:** City Manager Rickelle Williams, City Clerk David R. Soloman, City Attorney Shari L. McCartney, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

**AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Trantalis announced the following Agenda update:

**REVISION:**

OSR-1 - Exhibit-1 (Ordinance), Sections 27-27 and 27-66 revised.

***A copy of the revision is attached to these Meeting Minutes.***

## Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[26-0239](#)

Minutes for January 6, 2026, Commission Conference Meeting and January 6, 2026, Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes and the Agenda, as amended, and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

### **APPROVED AS AMENDED - Agenda Amended**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

## PRESENTATIONS

**PRES- [26-0261](#)**  
**1**

Coastal Conservation Association Chair Mike Lambrechts to make a Check Presentation in Support of a New Sewage Pump-Out Vessel in the amount of \$10,000

*Coastal Conservation Association* Chair Mike Lambrechts presented a \$10,000 check in support of the City's first sewage pump-out vessel.

Mayor Trantalis accepted the check and thanked Mr. Lambrechts for the *Coastal Conservation Association's* donation to the City.

### **PRESENTED**

**PRES- [26-0256](#)**  
**2**

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman to present a Proclamation declaring March 2026 as National Women's History Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Mayor Trantalis presented a Proclamation declaring *March 2026 as National Women's History Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Monica Newman McCluney, Head of U.S. Corporate Social Responsibility & The Embraer Foundation, accepted the Proclamation and thanked Mayor Trantalis and the Commission for this recognition.

### **PRESENTED**

**PRES- [26-0255](#)**  
**3**

Commissioner Sorensen to present a Proclamation declaring March 2026 as National Kidney Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Sorensen presented a Proclamation declaring *March*

*2026 as National Kidney Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.*

Barbara Chatman of the National Kidney Foundation accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission for this recognition.

**PRESENTED**

## **CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Sorensen requested Consent Agenda item CM-8 be pulled for discussion.

## **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

### **Approve the Consent Agenda**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

## **CONSENT MOTIONS**

**CM-1** [26-0170](#) Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement with Evan Berman Productions, LLC for the Fort Lauderdale Beer, Wine and Spirits Fest on March 28, 2026, at Esplanade Park - (Commission District 2)

### **APPROVED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

**CM-2** [26-0147](#) Motion Approving a Temporary Beach License, Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road Closures beyond 10:00 a.m. on the Barrier Island with AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Inc. for Florida AIDS Walk & Music Festival on March 21, 2026, at Fort Lauderdale Beach Park - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

### **APPROVED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

**CM-3** [26-0193](#) Motion Approving a Temporary Beach License and Outdoor Event Agreement with Rainbow Sidekick Inc. for the Lauderdale Tropical Bear Week Beach Party on April 5, 2026, on Fort Lauderdale Beach directly across from Birch State Park - (Commission District 2)

**APPROVED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

**CM-4** [26-0069](#) Motion Approving Change Order No. 33 for Construction Management at Risk Services Phase II for the New Police Headquarters - Moss & Associates, LLC - \$643,021.69 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**APPROVED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

**CM-5** [26-0180](#) Motion Approving TJX Law Enforcement Grant Award - \$5,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**APPROVED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

**CM-6** [26-0151](#) Motion Approving Grant Application to the FY 2026 Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program - \$460,770 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**APPROVED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

**CM-7** [26-0152](#) Motion Approving Grant Application to the FY 2026 Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program - \$97,700 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**APPROVED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

**CM-9** [26-0229](#) Motion Approving Fortify Lauderdale Phase II Project Prioritization - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**APPROVED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

**CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**

**CR-1** [26-0061](#) Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2026 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**ADOPTED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

**CR-2** [26-0046](#) Resolution Accepting Grant Funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, through the Florida Communities Trust, Florida Forever Parks and Open Space Grant Program in the amount of \$626,414 for Bal Harbour Park - (Commission District 1)

**ADOPTED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

**CR-3** [26-0135](#) Resolution Approving an Application for a Dock Permit for Usage of Public Property by Garrin and Ana Paula Rose, adjacent to 701 Cordova Road, for a Proposed Wood Marginal Dock and Authorizing Execution of a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants - (Commission District 2)

**ADOPTED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

- CR-4** [26-0230](#) Resolution Approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Construction of the Runway 27 Bypass Taxiway and Run-Up Area Relocation Project at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport and to Delegate Authority to the City Manager to Execute the Agreement - \$113,362 - (Commission District 1)

**ADOPTED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

- CR-5** [26-0232](#) Resolution Declaring the City's Official Intent to Reimburse Itself from the Proceeds of the Stormwater Utility System Special Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, for Stormwater Improvement Projects - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**ADOPTED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

## **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

- CM-8** [26-0195](#) Motion Approving a Third Amendment to the Brickell License Agreement with Las Olas Riverfront, LP - (Commission District 4)

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, City Attorney McCartney clarified the provisions of the proposed third amendment to the current lease agreement. This amendment provides a lease extension and compensates the tenant with an additional two (2) years due to prior loss of access as a result of seawall repairs.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's request for clarification regarding the specification of dockage space in the lease agreement and exhibit, City Manager Williams confirmed that the agreement and amendment explicitly designate one hundred sixty linear feet (160') of public day dockage. The broader dock configuration, including commercial dockage, will be determined collaboratively between the City and the lessee and finalized at a later stage, concurrent with ongoing seawall and dock improvements. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen emphasized the importance of clearly identifying the day dockage space in the lease and the exhibit. City

Attorney McCartney confirmed that the lease and exhibit would be amended to specifically identify the day dockage space as *Brickell dockage space*.

Commissioner Sorensen recommended that, in the future, the full contract history, original agreement, and all amendments be included in the Agenda item backup to enhance clarity, transparency, and decision-making. Mayor Trantalis further recommended that staff include a red-lined version of agreements and exhibits. City Attorney McCartney concurred. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to approve the Agenda item as amended, specifying the identification of the day dockage space as *Brickell dockage space* in the lease and the lease exhibit, and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

**APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

## NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS

**NP-1** [26-0228](#) Suzanne Jacob - FXE Noise and EA Study

Mayor Trantalis recognized Suzanne Jacob, The Lofts at Palm Aire Homeowners' Association (LPA HOA) Vice President. Ms. Jacob discussed ongoing noise concerns from Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) that negatively affect her neighborhood. She referenced her aviation expertise as a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) licensed commercial pilot and described sustained efforts to collaborate with staff on noise abatement. Ms. Jacob requested an updated aircraft noise study and proactive mitigation measures, noting that current data is outdated and that forthcoming airport changes could exacerbate noise impacts.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Rufus James, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Director. Mr. James responded to Ms. Jacob's concerns, stating that the last formal FAA Part 150 Noise Study at FXE (Noise Study) was conducted in 2002 and remarked on related information.

Vice Mayor Herbst stated that relying on a nearly twenty-five-year-old noise study is inadequate and emphasized the need for the City to conduct an updated analysis. City Manager Williams concurred, acknowledging that the 2002 Noise Study is outdated.

In response to Vice Mayor Herbst's questions, Ms. Jacob referenced her November 2024 comments to the Commission regarding proactive noise mitigation efforts at FXE, which were well-received. She explained that, under the Noise Study framework, modifications to airport layout and perimeter design could reduce noise impacts, and recommended considering alternatives such as berms and blast pads. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Herbst's inquiry regarding noise mitigation efforts the City could undertake without FAA involvement, Mr. James stated that measures affecting aircraft navigation and operations would require federal oversight and must be evaluated as part of a Noise Study.

Vice Mayor Herbst concluded that conducting an updated noise study should be the initial step, with mitigation measures to be implemented based on its findings. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Herbst requested that City Manager Williams provide a clear timeline for completing an updated Noise Study so that accurate expectations can be communicated to residents. He said that establishing a defined timeline would help manage expectations, giving the community a realistic understanding of the process while also creating internal accountability for staff to provide progress updates. City Manager Williams confirmed. Further comment and discussion ensued.

**RECEIVED**

## MOTIONS

**M-1**     [26-0012](#)     Motion Approving the Award for Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 540, Purchase of Prospect Lake Clean Water Center Chemicals - Chemrite Inc., Brenntag Mid-South LLC., Morton Salt Inc., and Hawkins Water Treatment Group d/b/a Hawkins Inc. - \$1,312,538 (One-Year Aggregate) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

**APPROVED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

**M-2**     [26-0200](#)     Motion Approving Agreements for Invitation to Bid (ITB) Nos. 383-6 and 385-6 for Turf Grass Maintenance NE and SE, respectively, to

the next Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder - VisualScape, Inc. - \$1,543,856.44 - (Commission Districts 1, 2 and 4)

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

**APPROVED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

**M-3**     [26-0173](#)

Motion Approving a Reinstatement and Amendment to an Agreement between Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale for Property Located at 1000 SW 2 Street (Folio #504-209-350-010), in Substantially the Form Provided - (Commission District 2)

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

**APPROVED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

## RESOLUTIONS

**R-1**     [26-0246](#)

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

City Clerk David Soloman said due to the absence of Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, we would defer discussion of Commission Member appointment to the Broward League of Cities, Florida League of Cities, and National League of Cities, until the March 19, 2026, Commission Meeting.

City Clerk Soloman read the names of nominees for appointment and/or reappointment to Advisory Boards and Committees at the March 19, 2026, 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.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mahalia Balford. Ms. Balford thanked Commissioner Sorensen for nominating her to the Community Services Board and emphasized her experience and commitment to

improving access to care for vulnerable populations, particularly those living with HIV/AIDS.

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

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

**R-2**     [26-0225](#)

Resolution Delegating the City Manager the Authority to Submit a Grant Application to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for a Grant of up to \$2,967,364 for the Replacement and Construction of the Riverwalk North Seawall - (Commission District 4)

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

**ADOPTED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

**R-3**     [26-0226](#)

Resolution Delegating the City Manager the Authority to Submit a Grant Application to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for a Grant of up to \$840,107 for the Construction of the Sebastian and Seville Seawall Replacement Projects - (Commission District 2)

Commissioner Glassman expressed support for living seawalls but raised concerns discussed at the District 2 Pre-Agenda Meeting regarding their installation along Seville Street and Sebastian Street in the Central Beach Area. He noted that frequent marine activity, including water taxis and riverfront cruise vessels, could damage living seawall features and recommended evaluating site-specific conditions before retrofitting. City Manager Williams acknowledged that concern and confirmed that operational factors would be considered during the decision-making process.

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

**ADOPTED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

- R-4**     [26-0227](#)     Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Construction of the Runway 9 Parallel Taxiways Extension at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport and to Delegate Authority to the City Manager to Execute the Agreement - \$3,000,000 - (Commission District 1)

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

**ADOPTED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

- R-5**     [26-0027](#)     Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving a Site Plan Level IV Central Beach Development Permit for a Six (6)-Story, 203,907 Square-Foot Multipurpose Building with 25,182 Square Feet of Event Space, 24,440 Square Feet of Museum, 17,052 Square Feet of Aquarium, and 7,027 Square Feet of Restaurant Use and Associated Parking Reduction - Case No. UDP-S25010 - 501 Seabreeze Blvd - (Commission District 2)

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.

Commissioner Glassman expressed support for the site plan and requested clarification on the project's overall status, specifically regarding outstanding lease agreements, financing, and parking. Commissioner Glassman noted concerns about current economic uncertainty and market conditions, and inquired about their potential impact on the project's financial viability.

Mayor Trantalis recognized William Brown, 112 N. Birch Road, Central Beach Alliance (CBA) President. Mr. Brown spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., 901 Ponce de Leon Drive, on behalf of Hall of Fame Partners, LLC (Applicant). Ms. Toothaker said she was available to answer questions about the site plan and parking, but deferred questions about the lease and financial

matters to Mario Caprini.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mario Caprini, ISHOF Manager, Capital Group P3 Developments of Florida. In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mr. Caprini stated that recent global events have increased financial market volatility and uncertainty, with rising interest rates creating urgency to secure financing. He discussed ongoing communications with City Manager Williams and staff, who indicated alignment on proceeding. Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Manager Williams clarified that Mr. Caprini has been advised that they may proceed with securing a rate lock, contingent upon Commission approval of the site plan under consideration.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Caprini confirmed that if the Commission approves the site plan, the developer intends to move forward immediately by locking in interest rates tomorrow.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding additional details to be addressed, Mr. Caprini remarked on additional outstanding items expected to be resolved next week.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question about media reports on parking, Ms. Toothaker explained that the project underwent significant design changes based on community feedback, particularly from the swimming community and neighboring condominiums. Removing two floors from the western building reduced the building's height and visual impact but also reduced the number of parking spaces.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions regarding project parking, Ms. Toothaker stated that the number of parking spaces is determined by the site's varied uses. The site requires a total of four hundred and five (405) parking spaces, as specified by the City's Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR). City-related functions, including the Aquatic Complex, pools, Ocean Rescue, and staff offices, require one hundred seventy-six (176) spaces. The west building requires two hundred twenty-nine (229) spaces, allocated as follows: sixty-one (61) for the museum, forty-three (43) for the aquarium, sixty-three (63) for events, and sixty-two (62) for the restaurant. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman suggested reinstating a shuttle service from the Las Olas Garage to the project to help manage peak parking demand and improve access. He noted that such a service would be

particularly valuable during high-demand periods. Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Manager Williams explained that funding previously allocated for the Las Olas Garage shuttle service was redirected to support the Circuit MicroTransit Program. Future consideration of reinstating the shuttle service would depend on operational needs, usage levels, and financial feasibility. Staff could also explore partnerships to offset potential costs. Commissioner Glassman agreed, noting that while the need is not immediate, it is important to keep this option in mind as the project progresses and shuttle demands evolve.

Commissioner Glassman raised concerns, based on constituent complaints, regarding the condition and maintenance of the Aquatic Complex pools and cited specific examples. He emphasized the need to verify these concerns and ensure proper facility upkeep, stressing that, given the City's investment, the pools must be maintained to a high standard.

City Manager Williams acknowledged receiving a related email and confirmed that staff would follow up to investigate and address those concerns.

Mayor Trantalis expressed concern about limited parking at the aquarium due to anticipated visitor volume and confirmed support for the proposed shuttle service. Ms. Toothaker agreed and stated that parking and access strategies would be adjusted based on actual usage once the facility is operational. The aquarium will implement a timed entry system to stagger arrivals and manage peak demand. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Herbst stated for the record that reducing building height at the expense of parking may be a mistake, citing past examples, despite community input that led to the reduction in building height.

Commissioner Glassman explained that the design changes were made in response to extensive community feedback to balance stakeholder input and reduce the project's visual and operational impact. He cited examples regarding scale, aesthetics, and compatibility with surrounding uses, and further elaborated on his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis stated that parking challenges could be addressed through off-site parking, improved traffic circulation, and enhanced transportation options such as shuttles and the Circuit Microtransit Service connecting the Las Olas garage with the Aquatic Center,

which could be considered a viable operational expense. He also encouraged the City to consider reinstating its broader beach shuttle service.

Vice Mayor Herbst warned that parking constraints could negatively affect project revenue and place the City at financial risk as the project guarantor. He urged prioritizing project viability over design preferences and further elaborated on his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman suggested partnering with nearby hotels to utilize their underused parking facilities, which could provide a practical solution to address parking shortages and offer additional revenue for the hotels.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed AYES: Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, and Mayor Trantalis. NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Pamela Beasley-Pittman.

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

**ADOPTED for Approval**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PH-1** [26-0053](#) Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance - Approving Vacation of Right-of-Way - Forty (40)-Foot-wide by 140-Foot-Long Portion of SE 2 Court - John Terrill, Agnes Howard, Luciano and Mayer Del Valle Bonaldo - Case No. UDP-V24002 - (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.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Nectaria Chakas, Lochrie and Chakas, on behalf of the applicant. Ms. Chakas noted a technical correction necessary regarding the conditions of approval. While the applicant accepts all conditions, a modification adopted by the Planning and Zoning Board (P&Z Board) was omitted from the Ordinance. The proposed amendment addresses infrastructure and utilities in the project area. Rather than mandating relocation in all cases, the applicant requests flexibility to either relocate utilities or grant a utility easement to the facility provider. Ms. Chakas stated that this approach was discussed with staff to address the discrepancy and requested a minor amendment to the Ordinance to allow both options, ensuring that the Ordinance is consistent with the P&Z Board's prior approval.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Anthony Fajardo, Development Services Department Director. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Fajardo confirmed staff is in agreement with the requested Ordinance amendment.

There being no one else 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, and Mayor Trantalis. NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Pamela Beasley-Pittman.

Vice Mayor Herbst introduced this Ordinance on First Reading as amended, granting flexibility to either relocate utilities or grant a utility easement, which was read by title only.

**PASSED FIRST READING AS AMENDED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

**PH-2** [26-0220](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi Judicial Resolution - After the Fact Certificate of Appropriateness for Major Alterations for the Installation of Artificial Turf within the Front Outdoor Seating Area of a Designated Historic Landmark Located at 101 S Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard - Case No. UDP-HP25021 - (Commission District 2)

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.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Count Chudzikiewicz Chodkiewicz, 1141 Bailey Avenue, Macon, GA. Count Chodkiewicz discussed his support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michaela Conca, 625 SW 15th Avenue, Broward Trust for Historic Preservation President. Ms. Conca spoke in support of this Agenda item, read from her correspondence submitted to City Clerk Soloman, and provided correspondence from David E. Ruggieri, a resident of the Las Olas Beach Club, also in support.

***A copy of both documents are attached to the Meeting Minutes.***

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the architectural features and spatial relationships potentially affected by the proposed artificial turf covering, Ms. Conca stated that numerous modifications over the years have altered the historic structure. She described the artificial turf as a distraction, elaborated on her perspective, and referenced examples of previous alterations. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding the Broward Trust for Historic Preservation's (Trust) involvement with the façade easement. Ms. Conca confirmed that the Trust approved the awnings.

Mayor Trantalis recognized William Brown, 112 N. Birch Road, Central Beach Alliance (CBA) President. Mr. Brown spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis noted his understanding that the Trust approved the façade easement.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Courtney Crush, Esq., Crush Law, P.A., 888 Las Olas Boulevard, representing the applicant. Ms. Crush addressed historical aspects and designations related to this Agenda item and narrated a presentation entitled *Cafe Del Mar*.

***A copy of the presentation is attached to the Meeting Minutes.***

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

Glassman, and Mayor Trantalis. NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Pamela Beasley-Pittman.

Commissioner Glassman expressed support for the Certificate of Appropriateness for Major Alterations regarding the installation of artificial turf within the front outdoor seating area of the designated Historic Landmark. He elaborated on his perspective and provided related remarks.

Commissioner Glassman introduced the Resolution for approval, stating that the request met all aspects of the Unified Land Development Regulations, which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED for Approval**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

## ORDINANCE SECOND READING

### OSR-1 [26-0142](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances to Establish an Administrative Application Process, Associated Fees, and Define Vehicle for Hire Services and Operating Standards - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Gregory Oates, 1204 NW 3rd Avenue. Mr. Oates shared his views on vehicle-for-hire services, including pedicabs and golf carts.

Mayor Trantalis recognized William Brown, 112 N. Birch Road, Central Beach Alliance (CBA) President. Mr. Brown spoke in support of this Agenda item, keeping licensing limited for this pilot program to one hundred (100) licenses, noted the ability to increase that number, and remarked on recommended insurance requirements.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jule Denievre, 625 SW 13th Avenue. Mr. Denievre discussed his viewpoint regarding this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Eric Schwartz, 2847 SW 5th Street. Mr. Schwartz discussed his viewpoint regarding this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paul Minoff, Esq. of Tripp Scott, on behalf of Cart Concierge, LLC. Mr. Minoff expressed concerns regarding State statutory insurance requirements for vehicles-for-hire licensed in other municipalities and counties. Mr. Minoff highlighted the financial

burden that the City's insurance requirements may impose, particularly on small, locally licensed for-hire vendors operating within the City. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the broader economic impact of such requirements on small operators licensed only in the City.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding instituting incremental increases aligned with averages in other counties that might be more effective than the larger insurance increase being proposed, Mr. Minoff said setting requirements too high risks operators relocating to other jurisdictions, reducing City revenue, and weakening enforcement. He said that a balanced approach may better retain compliance locally.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding setting a limit on the number of licenses, Mr. Minoff explained that limits may not effectively control the market, as operators could simply register in other jurisdictions. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Milos Majstorovic, Transportation and Mobility Department Director. Mr. Majstorovic discussed the Florida statute and said that staff is moving forward with stricter, risk-based insurance and licensing standards despite concerns about competitive disadvantages and loopholes. Further comment and discussion ensued. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Majstorovic said staff recommends keeping the ordinance as drafted for now, monitoring outcomes, and adjusting if needed after implementation.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carlo Barrios, 1770 E. Las Olas Boulevard, on behalf of Cab Caddy. Mr. Barrios discussed his viewpoint regarding the need for clear guidelines and parameters for vehicle-for-hire vendors. Mayor Trantalis expressed his concerns about other drivers driving under the influence. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Majstorovic noted that the current insurance requirements are \$100,000 and \$300,000.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Eric Schwartz, 2847 SW 5th Street. Mr. Schwartz discussed the impact of significantly raising the required insurance levels for vehicles-for-hire.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Uzochi Onyejuruwa, 2321 Madison Street, Hollywood. Mr. Onyejuruwa discussed his opposition to raising insurance requirements.

There being no one else 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, and Mayor Trantalis. NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Pamela Beasley-Pittman.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Vice Mayor Herbst stated his agreement with the liability insurance policy requirements of \$150,000 per claim or occurrence and a \$300,000 aggregate limit during the policy period (\$150,000/\$300,000) in the Ordinance. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Guy Hine, Human Resources Department Risk Manager. Mr. Hine explained the State insurance requirements and other aspects of this Ordinance. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding moving incrementally above the State minimum insurance requirements versus moving to significantly higher thresholds without clear justification. Mayor Trantalis discussed his viewpoint that minimum insurance requirements should be higher.

Vice Mayor Herbst expressed support for setting the insurance requirement at \$150,000/\$300,000, stating that it was a reasonable middle ground, expounded on his viewpoint, and noted that the City could revisit and adjust the insurance requirement later if it proves to be insufficient.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Mr. Majstorovic said that there is a lack of meaningful local accident data on vehicles-for-hire. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman concurred with Mayor Trantalis' remark that these insurance requirements are low and noted the need to find a middle ground. Vice Mayor Herbst noted research indicating that \$150,000/\$300,000 insurance levels are adequate as a starting point.

In response to City Clerk Soloman's question, City Attorney McCartney confirmed that this Ordinance incorporates revisions sent out yesterday and Commission revisions discussed.

Vice Mayor Herbst introduced this Ordinance on Second Reading as amended, setting the insurance requirement at \$150,000/\$300,000, which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED ON SECOND READING AS AMENDED**

**Yea:** 4 - Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman

## **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE CLOSED-DOOR SESSION**

City Attorney McCartney requested an Executive Closed-Door Session at the March 19, 2026, Commission Meeting at 4:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, concerning the following matter(s):

City of Fort Lauderdale v. Florida Department of Transportation  
Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal  
Case No.: 4D2025-2783

City of Fort Lauderdale v. Florida Department of Transportation  
Florida Division of Administrative Hearings  
Case No.: 25-004856RU

City of Fort Lauderdale v. Florida Department of Transportation  
Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal  
Case No.: 4D2026-0271

Present at the attorney-client sessions will be:

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis  
Vice Mayor/Commissioner John C. Herbst  
Commissioner Steven Glassman  
Commissioner Pamela Beasley-Pittman  
Commissioner Ben Sorensen  
City Manager Rickelle Williams  
City Attorney Shari L. McCartney  
Deputy City Attorney D'Wayne Spence  
Assistant City Attorney Shaun N. Amarnani  
Outside Counsel Howard D. DuBosar, Esq., Weiss Serota, et al.,  
Outside Counsel Jeremy S. Rosner, Esq., Weiss Serota, et al., and  
Certified Court Reporter from Bailey-Entin Court Reporting

The estimated length of this session will be approximately 15 minutes for a cumulative length of 45 minutes.

City Manager Williams requested the Executive Closed-Door Session also include a staff update to the Commission regarding ongoing collective bargaining negotiations with police and fire unions. Mayor Trantalis confirmed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

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Dean J. Trantalis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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David R. Soloman  
City Clerk