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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 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 1:35 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

COMMUNICATIONS TO CITY COMMISSION

[25-0153](#)

Communications to the City Commission - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

*Charter Revision Board (CRB)
February 6, 2025*

Communication to the City Commission

A copy of the CRB communication to the City Commission is part of the backup to this Agenda item.

City Clerk David Soloman read the CRB communication.

Mayor Trantalis noted that Charter revisions will be placed on the November 2026 ballot.

Commissioner Herbst recommended determining an adequate timeline and plan to present the CRB's Charter revisions to the Commission. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recommended that the Commission consider small groups of CRB recommendations at future Conference Meetings or Workshops and expounded on his perspective.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Richard Weiss, CRB Member. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Weiss said previous CRB revision recommendations will be reviewed and discussed by newly appointed CRB members before presenting them to the Commission.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman concurred that the CRB should present its Charter revision recommendations to the Commission in small groups.

In response to Mr. Weiss' questions, Mayor Trantalis requested the CRB forward the current packet of Charter revision recommendations to the Commission section by section and simultaneously present them to constituents for discussion and feedback.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman noted the need for transparency and public input throughout the process.

Mayor Trantalis reiterated the need for simultaneous community discussion and feedback while the Commission considers the CRB's recommended Charter revisions. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Acting City Manager Susan Grant confirmed that Anthony Fajardo, Assistant City Manager, consolidated all previous Staff memorandums regarding Charter revision priorities and presented them to the CRB. Further comment and discussion ensued.

*BEACH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (BBID)
February 10, 2025*

Communication to the City Commission

A copy of the BBID communication to the City Commission is part of the backup to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ina Lee, BBID Member. Ms. Lee summarized the BBID communication to the Commission and discussed examples of the significant positive economic impact of barrier island events on local businesses.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Lee explained the BBID is requesting that the Parks and Recreation Department considers weighing the economic impact of events as part of the application process. Mayor Trantalis commented on his understanding that those application fees are minimal. Further comment and discussion ensued.

*SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD (SAB)
February 24, 2025*

Communication to the City Commission

A copy of the SAB communication to the City Commission is part of the backup to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized David Blattner, SAB Chair. Mr. Blattner explained the SAB communication and its endorsement of the Net Zero Plan.

NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS

NP-1 [25-0067](#)

Michael D. Ray - Lead Testing and Resolution regarding Unleaded Fuel at FXE

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael D. Ray. Mr. Ray provided a Neighbor Presentation on lead testing associated with the use of aviation lead fuel at Fort Lauderdale Executive (FXE) Airport. Mr. Ray discussed the negative impact of lead on children and the Resolution adopted by the Commission to incentivize the use of unleaded aviation fuel at FXE, and expounded on related information.

Mr. Ray submitted two (2) documents and are attached to these Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Rufus James, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) Director. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. James explained efforts to incentivize the use of unleaded aviation fuel at FXE, commented on related challenges, and cited examples.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Mr. James confirmed this item was presented to the Aviation Advisory Board. Mr. James said that a transition plan moving to unleaded fuel would be undertaken when aircraft owners request unleaded aviation fuel.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. James explained there are no grant opportunities to subsidize the use of unleaded aviation fuel at FXE. Mr. James discussed aspects of fixed-based aviation fuel operations, and cited examples.

NP-2 [25-0251](#)

Patrick Reeder - My Daughter Sophie Reeder

Commissioner Sorensen spoke on behalf of Patrick Reeder and the Reeder family, providing an update on efforts to find Sophie Reeder, Mr. Reeder's seventeen (17) year old daughter who disappeared in May 2017.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 [25-0027](#)

City of Fort Lauderdale Net Zero Plan - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Luz Ramirez, Public Works Department Sustainability Coordinator. Ms. Ramirez provided an overview of this Agenda item.

Jonathan Dickinson, Michael Flood, and Catherine Price, WSP USA, Inc. (WSP), the City's Net Zero consulting team, introduced themselves. Each WSP representative narrated a portion of the presentation entitled *City of Fort Lauderdale Net Zero Plan*.

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

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his viewpoint regarding the City's efforts towards implementing several Net Zero strategies included in the presentation and the need to tailor Net Zero recommendations to the specifics of the City. Mr. Dickinson concurred and said that presentation recommendations are intended to continue current City initiatives such as pursuing sustainable aviation. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Dickinson recommended working with advocates to get more sustainable aviation fuel into the pipeline.

Ms. Ramirez confirmed that the recommendations align with ongoing City initiatives and projects. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Ramirez noted street light conversion to LED lighting is ongoing. Further comment and discussion ensued. Glen Hadwen, Public Works Department Sustainability Manager, explained specific information related to LED streetlight conversion efforts.

Mr. Flood discussed vulnerabilities to climate change and confirmed that twenty-two (22) of their fifty-five (55) recommendations are currently in place and are moving forward.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question regarding Florida Power and Light (FPL) not meeting its goal to phase out fossil

fuels by 2045, Ms. Ramirez explained FPL's efforts are based on economics. Mayor Trantalis noted that FPL had built a natural gas power plant at Port Everglades.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding providing sustainable energy alternatives to achieve Net Zero, Mr. Hadwen commented on FPL's commitment to its Real Zero Plan and cited examples of sustainable solar energy efforts. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Hadwen explained his understanding of indirect financial incentives from Broward County (County), cited examples, confirmed a thirty percent (30%) federal tax credit for solar energy, and commented on related information. Mayor Trantalis expounded on his perspective.

Commissioner Sorensen remarked on the importance of achieving Net Zero and related benefits. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Acting City Manager Grant explained Staff's plans to maintain momentum towards achieving Net Zero goals that will include regular Commission updates and incorporating necessary items into the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on the need to clarify Net Zero goals and its impact on residents, cited examples, and requested additional information and transparency in future Net Zero presentations. Ms. Ramirez confirmed that the goal is to alleviate the financial burdens of implementing sustainable energy efforts. Mayor Trantalis discussed the importance of addressing conflicting issues, cited examples, and discussed his viewpoint on achieving Net Zero.

Commissioner Herbst confirmed his opposition to Net Zero. He explained his viewpoint regarding FPL's Real Zero efforts, future demands for energy needs, and cited related examples. Mayor Trantalis remarked on his perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen noted that many Net Zero recommendations are non-energy related and cited examples.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on his continued support of Net Zero goals and viewpoint regarding the City's comprehensive commitment to Net Zero. Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed the need to continue moving forward with the Net Zero plan.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 [25-0206](#)

Presentation on the City of Fort Lauderdale Business Tax Study and

Recommendations - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis clarified that this Agenda item is a study of the business tax revenue and does not represent plans to increase the business tax rate.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Juan Rodriguez, Development Services Department Assistant Director. Mr. Rodriguez introduced Eric Myers, HdL Companies, a consultant that analyzed the City's business tax revenue and overall business tax structure. Mr. Myers narrated a presentation entitled *Business Tax Analysis an Ordinance Review*.

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence explained that a business tax does not involve a cost recovery nexus. It is a tax the Commission can levy and has State limitations. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Rodriguez confirmed the current Business Tax Ordinance has not been modified since 2004.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Myers said that business tax categories (categories) would be combined at the current business tax rate and remarked on related information.

Vice Mayor Glassman noted the City's business tax ranking compared to other Broward County (County) municipalities. In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Mr. Myers commented that there is room for the City to increase the business tax while remaining competitive with other County municipalities and explained related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the next steps, Acting City Manager Grant requested Commission feedback regarding consolidation of the categories and Staff bringing forward a business tax rate increase. Mayor Trantalis confirmed a consensus to consolidate the categories. Mayor Trantalis confirmed that Commission Members do not support increasing business tax rates. Acting City Manager Grant said that Staff would return with an Agenda item consolidating the classifications.

BUS-2 [25-0229](#)

Public Engagement in the Budget Process - (Commission Districts 1, 2 , 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Yvette Matthews, Office of Management and Budget Acting Director. Ms. Matthews provided an overview of this

agenda item and narrated a presentation entitled *Public Engagement in the Budget Process*.

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized Brian Donaldson, 3321 NE 16th Street, Birch Beach Homeowner's Association President and former Chair of the Budget Advisory Board (BAB). Mr. Donaldson spoke in support of this Agenda item and expounded on the importance of public engagement. Mr. Donaldson commented on the budget development process for the upcoming fiscal year and emphasized the importance of Commission Members outreach to their constituents during the initial stages of budget development during the month of March.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the need for and importance of connecting BAB members with the community and neighborhood associations.

BUS-3 [25-0236](#)

International Swimming Hall of Fame Phase Two Update -
(Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Acting Assistant City Manager. Mr. Rogers provided an update and overview of the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) - Phase Two project (Project) and confirmed that related public outreach will be ongoing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stephanie Toothaker on behalf of ISHOF Partners. Ms. Toothaker reviewed the history of the project that began in 2018, noted that it is a multiphased project, and expounded on related details.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his recollection and understanding of the history and background of prior Commission efforts for Aquatic Center improvements, discussed ongoing site improvement efforts, and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mario Caprini, ISHOF Project Manager, Capital Group P3 Developments of Florida (Capital Group). In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Caprini explained the corporate structure of the Capital Group, the entity that submitted the proposed P3 development of ISHOF. The City and ISHOF are clients of the Capital Group. Mr. Caprini discussed the Capital Group's vision, goals, and planned programming for the Project and expounded on related details.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Rebecca Caprini, Capital Group Vice President. Ms. Caprini narrated a presentation entitled *International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) Phase Two Update*.

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Whitehead, Deep Blue Attractions. Mr. Whitehead confirmed he is responsible for the design, construction, and operation of the joint attractions, which will include an aquarium. Mr. Whitehead narrated the next portion of the presentation.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Rich Waltzer, Florida Inland Navigation District Commissioner of Broward County and CEO of the planned aquarium. Mr. Waltzer commented on his vision for the project and its efforts to improve the community.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question about the ability to view the aquarium from the promenade, Mr. Caprini explained the aquarium design plans.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dr. William Kent, Chairman of ISHOF. Dr. Kent spoke in support of this Agenda item and expounded on ISHOF's mission.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Dooley, 5755 Powerline Road, ISHOF Secretary. Mr. Dooley spoke in support of this Agenda item and confirmed that this Project will sustain ISHOF's legacy.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Debby Eisinger, 31 Hendricks Isle, on behalf of the Swim Fort Lauderdale Masters Swim Team. Ms. Eisinger inquired about numerous concerns related to the Project from the swimming community, cited examples, and expounded on related details.

Mayor Trantalis acknowledged that all questions raised by Ms. Eisinger deserve answers and requested that Ms. Eisinger submit those questions and concerns to the Capital Group. Ms. Eisinger discussed other items of concern that the Capital Group needs to address.

Commissioner Herbst commented on his viewpoint regarding Project construction, its location, and the impact on the swimming community. Commissioner Herbst expounded on his perspective regarding the need to generate revenue to sustain ISHOF. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding previous efforts to reimagine, modernize, and

redevelop the site.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on his perspective and the importance of all swimming community stakeholders (stakeholders) being involved in the Project and said all stakeholders should be included in communications and mailing lists to ensure participation going forward. He discussed correspondence received regarding ensuring adherence to World Aquatics Disciplines and best practices. Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed the need for synergy among all stakeholders.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Roth, 333 Sunset Drive. Mr. Roth discussed his perspective regarding the Project and expounded on related details.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Peloquin, 2510 NE 12th Court. Ms. Peloquin discussed her perspective and concerns associated with the Project. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, she explained that the Project height would prevent a view of the iconic dive tower and expounded on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman noted that Staff would review the conceptual renderings during the Development Review Committee (DRC) process and provide feedback to satisfy Code requirements, community concerns and remarked on his perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis confirmed that future Project development cannot inhibit the use of the dive tower.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ken Gouwens, 411 N. New River Drive E. Mr. Gouwens concurred with Ms. Eisinger's comments, discussed his positive perspective of the Aquatic Center, and expounded on related information.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carla Albano, 6051 N. Ocean Drive, Hollywood. Ms. Albano submitted information to City Clerk Soloman, discussed concerns regarding private corporate entities involved in the Project, and requested clarification. Mayor Trantalis suggested Ms. Albano speak with Interim City Attorney Spence for clarification related to the private for-profit and private not-for-profit corporate entities involved in the Project. Ms. Albano recommended Project plans to ensure safety measures for young swimmers.

A copy of Ms. Albano's submission is attached to these Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jody Wesgate, 1005 SW 17th Street, Swim Fort Lauderdale Masters Booster Club Chair. Ms. Wesgate requested involvement and feedback of the swimming community. Commissioner Sorensen offered his support to ensure that all stakeholder needs are heard. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Burns, One Las Olas Circle, Venetian Condominium President. Mr. Burns spoke in support of the Aquatic Center, reading from a prepared statement about concerns and recommendations related to the Project and cited examples.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Peter Wiechenberg, One Las Olas Circle. Mr. Wiechenberg remarked on parking concerns related to the Project.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question regarding the former Las Olas Garage Shuttle Service (Shuttle), Mr. Rogers provided an update, noted challenges with the Shuttle, and explained related information. The Shuttle was replaced by the Circuit transportation service, which is an on-demand service but can return to a fixed route as new area development comes online.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Rosie Kurlander, One Las Olas Circle. Ms. Kurlander discussed concerns regarding future traffic congestion in this area of the barrier island and remarked on the additional impact of numerous events and activities in the area.

Vice Mayor Glassman requested a status update on two (2) area hotels previously approved by the Commission.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Norma Kroll, One Las Olas Circle. Ms. Kroll discussed her perspective and cited concerns related to the Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Blake Woodrow, 6010 Reese Road, Davie. Mr. Woodrow discussed his concerns and perspective regarding the Project.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed his perspective regarding guidelines in existing Project agreements, acknowledged concerns from community stakeholders, and remarked on his anticipation that the developers and all stakeholders will work together to address and refine the Project. He emphasized the importance of stakeholders remaining closely involved with this Project.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed the City has agreed to basic Project elements that are included in the Comprehensive Agreement and explained related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen acknowledged the work, effort, and community feedback towards moving this Project forward.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman confirmed her appreciation of community stakeholder participation and voicing their perspectives.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his positive perspective and cited aspects of the Project that will repay City funding and sustain ISHOF. Mayor Trantalis discussed design modifications that would reduce the height of the east and west buildings, remarked on the need for more Aquatic Center programming, and cited examples. Mayor Trantalis commented on the need for all stakeholders working together towards satisfying the concerns expressed.

Mayor Trantalis recessed the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

CITY COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commission Members announced recent and upcoming events and expounded on related information.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed attending the Sistrunk Parade and Historical Festival, which served to kick off the *I am Sistrunk/We are Sistrunk* branding campaign highlighting Sistrunk Boulevard's history, culture, and legacy.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman said that Mayor Trantalis' office issued a Proclamation she presented to the Broward County Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority in celebration of their numerous civic contributions and 75th Anniversary.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman acknowledged March as Women's History Month. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman paid homage to Trailblazer Gloria Gwendolyn Barr Jackson, discussed Ms. Jackson's extensive civic contributions, and requested that Ms. Jackson be remembered during tonight's Moment of Silence.

Commissioner Sorensen remarked on avionics training opportunities at

Opa Locka Airport and explained related details and information.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed the interest of historic property owners at the intersection of S. Andrews Avenue and SE 7th Street to form a historic district. The properties include the restored Coca-Cola Bottling Plant, South Side School, and the old Fire House. Commissioner Sorensen inquired about Commission Member interest in pursuing that goal.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Chris Cooper, Acting Assistant City Manager, confirmed that the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant, South Side School, and the old Fire House are designated historical. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Cooper explained the opportunities associated with designating the area as a historic district and confirmed he would work with Broward County staff towards that goal.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Acting City Manager Grant provided an update on Staff efforts to move forward with construction plans for a City Hall building. She expounded on related information, including the two (2) previously recommended sites, the Police Headquarters site, and the former City Hall site. Commissioner Sorensen recommended focusing on the former City Hall site. Mayor Trantalis concurred. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Herbst noted his objection.

Commissioner Sorensen requested that the Commission explore implementing a building height limitation in the Downtown Regional Activity Center (Downtown RAC). Mr. Cooper explained unlimited height in the Downtown RAC applies to the Downtown Core and remarked on the Downtown RAC geographic boundaries.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Cooper confirmed the southern boundary of the Downtown RAC is SE 9th Street. Commissioner Sorensen noted that the only height restriction currently allowed would be requested to the Federal Aviation Administration. Further comment and discussion ensued. Staff will research implementing building height restrictions in the Downtown RAC and present their findings to the Commission at a future Conference Meeting. Commissioner Herbst requested that Staff include aspects of the Bert Harris Act in its presentation and remarked on related considerations and information.

Commissioner Sorensen remarked on his understanding of historic

designation applications. Mr. Cooper noted entities that can currently initiate a historic designation request. Commissioner Sorensen suggested that they should be limited to a property owner, a Commission Member, or the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) and discussed his perspective.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the current role of the HPB and expounded on his understanding of Commissioner Sorensen's suggestion.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on previous changes to the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Mr. Cooper confirmed and explained the related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman requested an opportunity to discuss Commissioner Sorensen's recommendation with the three (3) organizations whose mission is historic preservation and are typically involved in initiating historic preservation applications. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on concerns about property owners receiving notice when a historic designation application is initiated. She explained her perspective regarding the need for the Ordinance to be updated to ensure property owners are notified before a historic designation application is initiated. Vice Mayor Glassman concurred. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Milos Majstorovic, Transportation and Mobility Department Acting Director, provided an update on one-way pairings on City roadways. Mr. Majstorovic explained community feedback indicated the need for other alternatives and cited examples. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the genesis and history of the one-way pairing recommendation and discussed related information.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the Net Zero considerations presented earlier today and necessary lifestyle changes to achieve Net Zero goals that include one-way pairings. He commented on the need to determine alternate solutions. Mr. Majstorovic commented on Broward County (County) efforts to pursue traffic congestion solutions and cited examples. Mayor Trantalis, as a City representative to the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), discussed County efforts focused on east-west traffic corridors and remarked on the need to also implement north-south transportation solutions.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Interim City Attorney

Spence explained information related to ongoing lease negotiations with fixed base operators at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) prior to presenting to the Commission and confirmed he would provide the Commission with a timeline.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question related to correspondence from Broward County Board of County Commissioners Mayor Beam Furr regarding the New River Crossing, Mayor Trantalis recommended that the topic be scheduled at an upcoming Conference Meeting to allow a thorough discussion. Mayor Trantalis requested that this topic be an Agenda item at the March 18, 2025, Conference Meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Trantalis announced recent and upcoming events and expounded on related information.

Mayor Trantalis requested rescheduling the Tuesday, October 21, 2025, Commission Meetings to Thursday, October 23, 2025, to accommodate Commission Member attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Summit in Washington, D.C. (Summit). There was a Commission consensus to reschedule.

Mayor Trantalis requested rescheduling the Tuesday, July 1, 2025, Commission Meetings to Monday, June 30, 2025, to accommodate his attendance at a conference.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Interim City Attorney Spence said this would not interfere with City Charter requirements and explained a prior City Attorney's legal opinion. Further comment and discussion ensued. There was a Commission consensus to reschedule.

Acting City Manager Grant remarked on the previous rescheduling of the Tuesday, September 18, 2025, Commission Meetings to Wednesday, September 19, 2025, to accommodate the original 2025 Summit date. In response to Acting City Manager Grant's question, Mayor Trantalis confirmed the Commission Meetings would revert back to Tuesday, September 18, 2025.

Mayor Trantalis requested a Staff update regarding the Broward County Convention Center opening. Anthony Fajardo, Assistant City Manager, discussed his understanding that a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) is required and commented on associated details.

Mayor Trantalis commented on the significant cost increases for Fire Station 13 that remains incomplete. He requested an update during the March 18, 2025, Conference Meeting. Acting City Manager Grant confirmed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting City Manager Grant announced plans and activities for Fleet Week.

Acting City Manager Grant confirmed the dates for the upcoming Las Olas Boulevard repaving, explained related information, and noted upcoming employee recognition events.

MGR-1 [25-0265](#)

City Commission Follow up Action Items - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADJOURN

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.