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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 3, 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 6:33 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ishmael Dagler - Riverland Elementary School
Carlentez Concial - Riverland Elementary School

Moment of Silence

In remembrance of community resident Art Seitz.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following staff member retirements and thanked them for their service:

Bridget Patterson, Customer Service Supervisor, Development Services Department - 29 years of service; and John Marshka, Senior Electrician, Public Works Department - 10.5 years of service.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice Mayor John C. Herbst, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Pam Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Ben Sorensen 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

Mayor Trantalis announced the following updates to the Agenda:

Deferred Agenda Item:

PH-1 - Applicant requests a deferral to September 16, 2025.

WALK-ON Agenda Items:

Walk-On Resolution Approving an Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement

with the Federal Aviation Administration for the Design of Runway 27 Bypass Taxiway and Run-Up Area Relocation Project - (Commission District 1); and

Walk-On Resolution Amending Resolution No. 25-142 to Expand the Appointment of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L., to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Traffic Control Device Non-Compliance Matter

Approval of Agenda

[25-0915](#)

Motion Approving the September 3, 2025, Commission Regular Meeting Agenda as Amended

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

APPROVED

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [25-0852](#)
1

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman to present a Proclamation declaring September 2025, as Hunger Action Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Sorensen presented a Proclamation declaring *September 2025 as Hunger Action Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-0865](#)
2

Mayor Trantalis to present a Proclamation declaring September 2025, as National Preparedness Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Mayor Trantalis presented a Proclamation declaring *September 2025, as National Preparedness Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

The Proclamation was accepted by the City's Emergency Management Team: Police Department Captain Avery Figureas and Lieutenant Jason Marcus; and Fire-Rescue Department Deputy Chief Jermaine Frazier, Battalion Chief Daniel Oatmeyer, and Captain Shane Simcox.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent item was pulled for separate discussion:

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman: CR-6

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

CONSENT MOTIONS

CM-1 [25-0738](#) Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement with Jack and Jill Children's Center, Inc. for the 24th Annual Light Up Downtown event on December 2, 2025, at The Plaza on Las Olas - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-2 [25-0809](#) Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road Closures with National Marine Suppliers, Inc. for the Triton Expo at National Marine Suppliers on September 10, 2025 - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-3 [25-0810](#) Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road Closure with Fishtales Bar & Grill, Inc. for the NOBE Sunday Block Party on the north side of NE 33 Street from State Road A1A to NE 33 Avenue every Sunday from September 21, 2025, through and including December 7, 2025 - (Commission District 1)

APPROVED

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

CM-4 [25-0811](#)

Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement with Alexiam Events LLC for the Fort Lauderdale Margarita Festival on October 11, 2025, at Las Olas Oceanside Park - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-5 [25-0667](#)

Motion Rejecting All Bids for Underground Utility Locating Services - Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 355-4 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-6 [25-0773](#)

Motion Approving the Termination for Convenience of the Agreement for the Holiday Park Parking Garage Design Criteria Package - Bermello, Ajamil & Partners, LLC - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-7 [25-0769](#)

Motion Authorizing the Acceptance of EMS Matching Grant Funds from the Florida Department of Health EMS Matching Grant - \$17,396.27 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-8 [25-0771](#)

Motion Approving Florida Department of Transportation Grant - \$97,618.08 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-9 [25-0774](#)

Motion Approving an Agreement Between the State of Florida Department of State's Division of Historical Resources and the City of Fort Lauderdale for a Small Matching Grant - State of Florida Grant Number 26.h.sm.200.007 - for Architectural Resource Surveys of the Edgewood and River Oaks Neighborhoods and Accepting Grant

Funds in the Amount of \$50,000 - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-10 [25-0794](#)

Motion Approving a Second Amendment to Lease Agreement with Best Roofing Services, LLC for a Police Department Warehouse - 12-Month Total Rent of \$278,800 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-11 [25-0808](#)

Motion Authorizing Purchase of Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance - Safety National Casualty Corporation - \$662,583 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

CR-1 [25-0565](#)

Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2025 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-2 [25-0612](#)

Resolution to Impose a Special Assessment Lien for Board-Up Costs - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

CR-3 [25-0759](#)

Resolution Approving a City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2025 Not For Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc. - \$100,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-4 [25-0761](#)

Resolution Accepting Grant Funds from the United States Department

of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative, State of Florida Division of Emergency Management through the City of Miami, FY 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), for \$403,278 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-5 [25-0781](#)

Resolution Approving and Ratifying a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 765, Battalion Chiefs, Amending Distribution of Voluntary Employee's Beneficiary Association Funds - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-7 [25-0801](#)

Resolution Approving a Sixth Amendment to Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with FXE Parcel 15, LLC for Parcel 15 at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Lease Amendment - (Commission District 1)

ADOPTED

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

CR-8 [25-0857](#)

Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City to Participate in a Lawsuit Seeking, Among Other Things, to Declare that Senate Bill 180's Imposition of a Blanket Statewide Prohibition on the Exercise of Home Rule Authority Over Land Use and Zoning Regulations, is Unconstitutional and Should be Enjoined, Retain Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L. to Prosecute the Lawsuit at the Prescribed Flat Fee for Compensation, and Execute a Retainer Agreement - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 [25-0718](#)

Motion Approving an Agreement for Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 494-3, Janitorial Services Citywide (Rebid) - Encompass Onsite, LLC - \$492,196.64 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**CR-6** [25-0788](#)

Resolution Approving and Ratifying a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 765, Rank and File, amending distribution of Voluntary Employee's Beneficiary Association Funds and the Promotional Process - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman requested clarification regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions regarding the Fire-Rescue Department (FRD) hiring process, Kristin Milligan, Human Resources Department Deputy Director, provided details of the MOU. Ms. Milligan explained the FRD hiring process, closing dates for hiring considerations and promotions and efforts to extend those closing deadlines and related goals. Fire-Rescue Chief Stephen Gollan explained circumstances and challenges related to FRD employee promotions.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman explained her understanding of education and certification requirements that must be attained between September 4, 2025, and December 10, 2025. Chief Gollan confirmed. In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Chief Gollan said the timeline extension will allow consideration of seven (7) FRD candidates. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on his support for this Agenda item and inquired about input from the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF). Keith Costa, IAFF Local 765 President, confirmed wide support of the changes included in the MOU.

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

ADOPTED

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

NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS

NP-1 [25-0726](#)**Gary Oliver - Sunset Neighborhood Sewer Line Project**

Mayor Trantalis recognized Gary Oliver, 2131 SW 36th Terrace. Mr. Oliver gave a neighbor presentation on the Sunset Neighborhood Sewer Line Project. Mayor Trantalis recommended Mr. Oliver work with Commissioner Beasley-Pittman to include the Sunset Neighborhood in future planned infrastructure projects.

RECEIVED**NP-2** [25-0744](#)**Tamara Heil - Separation of Water Meters and Trash**

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tamara Heil, 2227 NW 25th Place, Rock Island Oaks Homeowners Association (RIO) President. Ms. Heil gave a neighbor presentation focused on water meter and trash service (utilities) billing. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Heil explained information regarding the genesis of this issue and cited examples.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Cooper, Assistant City Manager. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Cooper explained aspects of the RIO homes developed by Habitat for Humanity that resulted in the privatization of utilities and billing. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Cooper discussed what would be required to transition the RIO utilities to City utilities. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman confirmed the need to address this issue.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Linda Short, Finance Department Director. Ms. Short discussed staff meetings with RIO homeowners regarding this topic. City Manager Williams noted the current RIO utility balance due for utilities.

Commissioner Sorensen cautioned against repeating this type of residential development. Mr. Cooper discussed Habitat for Humanity's development plans, noting that a similar residential development permit was recently approved.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding utility overbilling being due to a leak, Ms. Short commented on the option of a leak credit and details of that process. Commissioner Glassman noted the need to determine whether there is a delta between a possible water leak and water rate increases. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis shared his perspective, confirmed the need to address this issue, and emphasized the importance of staff being cautious when permitting these type of development projects going forward. Mayor Trantalis said that the Commission would be responsive to staff's recommendation on how to remediate this issue.

Commissioner Sorensen shared his perspective and support of transitioning RIO homes to City utilities and the responsibility for related costs. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding related costs, Brad Kaine, Public Works Department Director, explained research to date and the need for additional, thorough research to determine the cost of transitioning to City utilities.

Commissioner Sorensen reiterated his viewpoint opposing this type of residential development in the future. Mr. Cooper explained this type of residential development is similar to a condominium development and expounded on related details and information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman confirmed the need for the Commission to take action and expounded on her perspective. City Manager Williams commented on discussions with Habitat for Humanity who proffered that they would assist with a capital contribution towards a resolution.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on other possible resolutions. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding related options. Mayor Trantalis recommended Ms. Heil meet with their legal counsel and expounded on his perspective.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed his support of Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's viewpoint. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman expounded on her perspective and support of the City resolving this situation.

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MOTIONS

M-1 [25-0549](#) Motion Approving Agreements for Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 438, Purchase of Demolition Services - The BG Group, LLC and R2R Demolition Inc - \$1,737,720 (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: 5 - Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

OFR-1 [25-0425](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending Chapter 19 of the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances, by Creating Section 19-8 Entitled “Exclusive Children Play Area” to Establish Regulations Designating Exclusive Children Play Areas Within City Parks - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carl Williams, Parks and Recreation Department Director. Mr. Williams provided an overview of this Agenda item.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mr. Williams commented on the number of parks and playgrounds in the City and the enforcement capability of the Parks Department.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding the existence of concerns requiring this Ordinance, Commissioner Sorensen discussed his perspective and noted the need for an enforcement mechanism should concerning behavior arise. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his viewpoint and said that this legislation provides law enforcement with a path to address concerning behavior in exclusive children play areas within City parks and playgrounds and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence said two (2) other area jurisdictions have passed similar ordinances and have not yet been challenged. Interim City Attorney Spence commented on the possibility of challenges to the Ordinance, discussed related information, and cited examples.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Brittany Ben Horin, 1117 SW 17th Street. Ms. Ben Horin spoke in support of this Ordinance.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Amanda Chalfant, 608 SW 8th Terrace. Ms. Chalfant spoke in support of this Ordinance.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Eric Jaiven, 418 SW 11th Street. Mr. Jaiven discussed his support of this Ordinance.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Vanessa Apotheker, 712 SW 9th Terrace. Ms. Apotheker shared a statement on behalf of numerous civic leaders in support of this Ordinance. Ms. Apotheker confirmed she is a member of the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board and that the Board unanimously supports this ordinance.

Mayor Trantalis remarked that this ordinance would allow posting signage and remarked that fencing would be a deterrent. Commissioner Sorensen commented that fencing could be contemplated but is not required in this proposed ordinance.

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: Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, and Mayor Trantalis.

City Manager Williams confirmed there would be a related budget amendment and said that she would provide an update on signage installation.

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

OFR-2 [25-0764](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending Section 8-145(a) and repealing Section 8-145(b), (c), (d) and (e), "Regulation of Vessels Anchored in Public Waterways", of the Code of Ordinances making it unlawful to anchor a vessel for more than thirty (30) days within a six (6) -month period within the City's public waterways during certain time periods - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis provided an overview of the Ordinance.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Robert Dunckel, Assistant City Attorney III. Mr. Dunckel confirmed this ordinance applies to all City waterways.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Eric Jaiven, 418 SW 11th Street. In response to Mr. Jaiven's question regarding consequences associated with ordinance violations, Mr. Dunckel explained violation penalties. Mr. Jaiven remarked on concerns. Marco Aguilera, Chief Waterway Officer, clarified this ordinance applies to anchoring. Further

comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his perspective and support of the marine community. Further comment and discussion ensued.

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: Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, and Mayor Trantalis.

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [25-0840](#)

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

City Clerk David Soloman read the names of nominees for appointment and/or reappointment to Advisory Boards and Committees at the September 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. City Clerk Soloman noted the name of one (1) board member reinstatement following Agenda publishing and explained related details.

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

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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

R-2 [25-0453](#)

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2025 (Public Safety and Municipal Improvements Projects) - Not to Exceed \$115,000,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED

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

R-3 [25-0791](#)

Quasi-Judicial - Resolution for Site Plan Level II Development Permit and Design Deviation Requests in Uptown Project Area - Cypress Development - 150 NW 68th Street - Case No. UDP-S24021 (Commission District 1)

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 Glassman. Roll call showed AYES: Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, and Mayor Trantalis.

Vice Mayor Herbst introduced this Resolution for approval which was read by title only.

ADOPTED - For Approval

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

R-4 [25-0846](#)

Quasi-Judicial - Resolution - Amendment to a Site Plan Level II Development Permit in the Downtown Regional Activity Center - Case No. UDP-A24036 - 221 SW 1 Avenue - (Commission District 4) - Deferred from August 19, 2025

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.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Anthony Fajardo, Development Services Department Director, explained the reason for

staff's recommendation to deny this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his perspective regarding this Agenda item, explained related project history, and Commission discussions regarding the screening and signage.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Andrew Schein, Esq., Lochrie and Chakas, P.A., on behalf of the Applicant. Mr. Schein introduced Jonathan Truppmann, 3640 Royal Palm Avenue, Miami, on behalf of the Applicant. Mr. Truppmann read from a prepared statement, explaining details of the project and information related to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his concerns, including the history of prior site development approval, what subsequently occurred, and concerns related to screening and signage. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions and concerns, Mr. Schein noted strong community support and explained information related to the development's signage and screening.

Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence clarified that the signage is part of a current Code Enforcement matter. This Agenda item only relates to the screening material and does not pertain to approval of the signage wording. Anthony Fajardo, Development Services Department Director, concurred with Interim City Attorney Spence's clarification.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Mr. Fajardo explained that the second installed screening material does not meet high-quality building design principles, noting its deterioration over time, and remarked on related information.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Mr. Truppmann acknowledged the importance of using high-quality screening material that is more durable than the original screening material.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Truppmann said he was not aware that the replacement of the original tattered screening required a permit.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed his expectation of proactive efforts by the Applicant in conjunction with staff to mitigate current screening material concerns, determine appropriate high-quality screening material, and expounded on his viewpoint. Mr. Truppmann concurred.

Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman discussed his concerns and explained his vote opposing approval of this Agenda item and confirmed the need for a permanent solution.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions, Mr. Schein explained that the existing tattered screening could be removed now. The timeline for replacement would depend on the type of material. Replacement with the original approved screening material would be approximately one (1) to two (2) months. Screening replacement with a more durable material would require an extended timeline due to needing Development Review Committee (DRC) and Commission approval, and that the estimated timeline would be one (1) year. Further comment and discussion ensued.

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: Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, and Mayor Trantalis.

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

ADOPTED - For Approval

Yea: 3 - Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman and Commissioner Sorensen

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

R-5 [25-0800](#)

Resolution Approving and Ratifying a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Fort Lauderdale and Federation of Public Employees, Effective October 1, 2025 Through September 30, 2028 and Authorizing Execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [25-0411](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial - Ordinance Approving a Rezoning

from Residential Multifamily Mid Rise/Medium High Density (RMM-25) District to Northwest Regional Activity Center-Mixed Use East (NWRAC-MUe) District - Case No. UDP-Z24004 - Generally Located Between NW 2 Avenue and NW 3 Avenue, North of NW 8 Street, South of NW 9th Street - (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.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to defer this Agenda item until September 16, 2025, and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

DEFERRED to September 16, 2025

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

PH-2 [25-0766](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial - Resolution Approving the Rescission of Historic Landmark Site Designation of the Property Commonly Known as the "Robinson Cobb House," Located at 1109 NE 16 Place, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, - Historic Preservation Board Case No. UDP-HPD25001 - (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 Ben V. Robinson, 1109 NE 16th Place, property owner. City Clerk Soloman swore in Mr. Robinson for his testimony. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Robinson provided an overview of this Agenda item and explained related history. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Robinson confirmed his support of rescinding his property's historical designation.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the historic designation of the property and related information.

There being no one else 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 Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, and Mayor Trantalis NOT PRESENT: Vice Mayor Herbst

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

ADOPTED - For Approval

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

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 [25-0786](#)

Second Reading - Quasi-Judicial - Ordinance Approving Vacation of a Right-of-Way, Utilities and Public Purpose Easement - 1512 NW 19 Street - Dajani Family Holding, LLC. - Case No. UDP-V25007 - (Commission District 3)

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 Beasley-Pittman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, and Mayor Trantalis NOT PRESENT: Vice Mayor Herbst

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

Not Present: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

OSR-2 [25-0789](#)

Second Reading - Quasi-Judicial - Ordinance Rezoning from Residential Multifamily Low Rise/Medium Density (RM-15) District to Northwest Regional Activity Center - Mixed-Use West (NWRAC-MUw) District - 1325 NW 6 Street - New Hope Development Corporation - Case No. UDP-Z24006 - (Commission District 3)

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 Glassman. Roll call showed AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, and Mayor Trantalis NOT PRESENT: Vice Mayor Herbst

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

OSR-3 [25-0845](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Repealing Chapter 2, Section 2-41 "Residence Requirement for Department Directors" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to Remove the Requirement that Department Directors Reside in the City Limits - (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: Vice Mayor Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, and Mayor Trantalis.

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

Nay: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

WALK-ON RESOLUTIONS[25-0883](#)

WALK-ON - Resolution Approving an Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for the Design of Runway 27 Bypass Taxiway and Run-Up Area Relocation Project at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - \$637,954 - (Commission District 1)

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

ADOPTED

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

[25-0916](#)

WALK-ON - Resolution Amending Resolution No. 25-142 to expand the appointment of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole Bierman, P.L., to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in a Florida Department of Transportation Traffic Control Device Non-Compliance Matter

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

ADOPTED

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

Nay: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk