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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

1:30 PM

NSU Art Museum - Horvitz Auditorium  
1 E Las Olas Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

## 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*

*WARREN STURMAN Commissioner - District IV*

*SUSAN GRANT, Acting City Manager*

*DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk*

*THOMAS J. ANSBRO, City Attorney*

*PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor*

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 1:51 p.m.

## COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

**Commission Members Present:** Commissioner John C. Herbst, Vice Mayor Steven Glassman, Commissioner Pamela Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Warren Sturman, and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

**Also Present:** Acting City Manager Susan Grant, Deputy City Clerk Casandra Brown, City Attorney Thomas J. Ansbro, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

## OLD/NEW BUSINESS

### BUS-1 [24-0390](#)

Redefining Our Schools Presentation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his understanding of the School Board of Broward County's (School Board) presentation, noting that the School Board is currently pursuing related public outreach and has not made a final decision about items in the presentation. Dr. Allen Zeman, School Board Member Countywide At-Large Seat 8, confirmed and explained that he is providing an update to the Commission.

Dr. Zeman narrated a presentation entitled *Redefining Our Schools - School Board Workshop on May 14, 2024*.

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Dr. Zeman said the starting salary of teachers is in the \$50,000 - \$53,000 range and the average compensation is approximately \$73,000 plus retirement and medical benefits. Dr. Zeman discussed the School Board's efforts to incentivize teachers with higher pay funded by right-sizing levels of School Board Management to fund teacher compensation.

Dr. Zeman discussed information regarding the 2014 School Bond, efforts to provide a school cafeteria for Stranahan High School, and the implementation of safety measures at high schools that include the installing metal detectors.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question regarding the demographics involved in downsizing schools, Dr. Zeman noted the \$5,000,000 operational cost per campus and explained related efforts to downsize schools with fifty percent (50%) or lower enrollment. There are too many campuses and not enough funding. Fewer campuses would provide additional funding for instructional quality and other needs. Municipalities would decide on the use of school surplus facilities.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Dr. Zeman discussed the preference for joint public outreach efforts by the School Board and the City, cited examples, and expounded on his perspective. The School Board would support the City's independent outreach to the community.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Dr. Zeman discussed the success of Virginia Shuman Young Montessori School Program (Program), the unsuccessful recommendation to move the Program to Bennett Elementary, and alternative efforts to improve Bennett Elementary. Dr. Zeman said the School Board is considering closing Bennett Elementary for one (1) year to reimagine and make it an A-rated magnet school and expounded on related information, including it being a sports academy. Mayor Trantalis remarked doing that at Sunrise Middle School as it has more open space. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Dr. Zeman explained that under-enrollment in schools is due to the low birth rate and other factors, expounding on related information. Commissioner Herbst noted that this is occurring across the country. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions, Dr. Zeman confirmed the School Board adheres to the national standard that provides bus transportation to students who live more than two (2) miles from their school and the goal to provide an improved education. Dr. Zeman said the determination of schools with under-enrollment is ongoing.

Mayor Trantalis clarified that the percentage of students of color that would be impacted is throughout Broward County, not the City. Dr. Zeman confirmed that the School Board's efforts are being viewed through an equity lens and it is working with local communities to offer better education.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Dr. Zeman confirmed

that under-enrollment is anticipated to continue into the foreseeable future, explained related information, and cited examples. Vice Mayor Glassman noted a ninety percent (90%) increase in the number of families with children in the downtown area of the City. He stressed the importance and the significance of including these parents in developing the School Board's plans. Dr. Zeman concurred and discussed the community engagement model.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question regarding a law allowing Charter Schools to open at a surplus school facility, Dr. Zeman confirmed Charter Schools have the right of first refusal, explained related information, and commented on the related process. Further comment and discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Glassman commented on the support of the City and its stakeholders.

Commissioner Sturman discussed his intention to place a Walk-On Resolution at a previous Commission Meeting regarding support of the School Board's efforts and request for public outreach efforts regarding redefining Broward County Schools. He expounded on his perspective and the importance of transparent community outreach and cited examples.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Sturman confirmed he would like the Commission to consider this Walk-On Resolution at tonight's Commission Regular Meeting. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the wording of the Resolution. Commissioner Sturman explained the purpose of this request is to go on record similar to other Broward County municipalities and expounded on his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis noted minor revisions to the Resolution and confirmed its placement on tonight's Agenda.

Acting City Manager Susan Grant introduced Susan Leon, Chief Education Officer, and expounded on Ms. Leon's experience and qualifications. Ms. Leon explained her involvement with the School Board's efforts to reimagine schools and discussed related information and goals.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive. Ms. Fertig read from a prepared statement about her experience and support for reimagining schools.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on his concern about communities and innovation zones having input to reimagining County Schools. Further comment and discussion ensued. He commented on his previous

involvement and the involvement of other stakeholders.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Education Advisory Board (EAB) Member Erin Gohl, 2101 SW 14th Terrace. Ms. Gohl discussed her viewpoint, the EAB's support of education, and noted a concern regarding the School Board's efforts.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Nancy Thomas, 1924 Admirals Way. Ms. Thomas discussed her viewpoint regarding support for public education. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Thomas said that an Innovation School Zone pertains to the flow of students from elementary school through middle school and onto high school, explaining that the common interests of elementary and middle schools feed into the interests of high school.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Ms. Thomas confirmed her former position as President of the Harbordale Elementary Parent Teacher Association.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tricia Halliday, 60 Nurmi Drive. Ms. Halliday spoke in support of public education.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed the impact of the State of Florida's School Voucher Program on public school enrollment and remarked on the related difficulty associated with ensuring parents send their children to public schools.

Commissioner Sturman discussed the importance of supporting public schools, noted the ability to revise the Walk-On Resolution and the importance of the Commission stating its position in support of improving public school education. Mayor Trantalis concurred and discussed his recommendations to be included in the Walk-On Resolution. Vice Mayor Glassman provided his input regarding the Resolution. Further comment and discussion ensued.

**BUS-2** [24-0343](#)

Orange Bowl and United States Tennis Association (USTA) Proposal  
- (Commission District 2)

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized former Mayor John "Jack" P. Seiler, on behalf of the Orange Bowl Committee. Mr. Seiler discussed the Orange Bowl organization and its previous contributions to athletic fields in Carter

Park.

Mr. Seiler explained the joint plans of the Orange Bowl Committee and the U.S. Tennis Association to provide a legacy gift to the City in the amount of \$1,500,000. The City will host the Orange Bowl International Junior Tennis Championships at the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center (JETC) in Holiday Park in early December 2025. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Seiler explained the Orange Bowl Committee's additional charitable funding of sports and recreational facilities in the State, cited examples, and noted its funding of the Stranahan High School Media Center.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on his positive perspective and community outreach regarding this Agenda item and discussed additional improvements to the JETC. Further comment and discussion ensued.

**BUS-3** [24-0445](#)

Discussion of Appointing a City Manager Search Committee to Assist in the Recruitment of the New City Manager - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Acting City Manager Susan Grant provided an overview of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jerome Post, Human Resource Department Director. Mr. Post requested Commission input regarding the composition of a City Manager Search Committee (CMSC). Commissioner Herbst remarked on his support and recommendations for establishing the CMSC, noted it is a best practice, and expounded on his perspective.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman confirmed her support of a CMSC and remarked on those who should be considered for appointment, including representatives of area homeowner's associations.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question regarding a prior CMSC that did not including an appointee by the former mayor, Deputy City Clerk Casandra Brown said a review of related meeting minutes did not indicate a discussion took place on that topic. Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed his support of Mayor Trantalis having an appointee to the CMSC. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on Exhibit 2, Staff's listing of those who could

be considered for appointment to the CMSC by the Commission. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding possible options. It was confirmed that the CMSC would be comprised of seven (7) members

Mayor Trantalis recognized James LaBrie, 1514 NE 20th Street, and Poinsettia Heights Civic Association Board Member. Mr. LaBrie spoke in support of including a representative of an area homeowner or civic association. Commissioner Sturman concurred.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Post explained the proposed timeline for establishing the CMSC. The CMSC will meet prior to the Commission Summer Break to appoint a Chairperson, and establish monthly or bi-monthly meeting dates. The CMSC will vet proposed City Manager candidates submitted from an Executive Search Firm for presentation to the Commission.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on the importance of the CMSC adhering to Sunshine Laws.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the wording in a previous resolution indicating a potential CMSC candidate is required to own property in the City. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Post confirmed when the related resolution is prepared, it will include residents who rent in the City.

**BUS-4** [24-0509](#)

Bloomberg Harvard Innovation Track Update - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis commented on his attendance at the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative (BHCLI) and the resulting City initiative to Shape the Future of Safety in Fort Lauderdale.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Amber Cabrera, Senior Assistant to the City Manager. Ms. Cabrera narrated a slide presentation entitled *City of Fort Lauderdale Bloomberg Harvard Innovation Track Update - May 21, 2024*.

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

Mayor Trantalis noted that community outreach efforts had been well attended.

**BUS-5** [24-0513](#)

Inter Miami Parking Discussion - (Commission District 1)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Department Director. Mr. Rogers said Staff is requesting Commission direction regarding future utilization of the south parking lot at Chase Stadium, the extension of the current parking agreement with Inter Miami that expires on June 30, 2024, and remarked on the related mediation.

City Attorney Thomas Ansbro noted his viewpoint on mediation efforts. Commissioner Herbst, representing the City in mediation efforts, said there has been no progress in the mediation, and expounded on details. The City has yet to receive a response from its latest offer to Inter Miami, and there has been no effort to schedule a future meeting.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., on behalf of Inter Miami. Ms. Toothaker discussed her understanding of the mediation efforts to date, said she was unaware of an impasse, and anticipates follow-up discussions. Further comment and discussion ensued. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Toothaker confirmed her participation in the mediation.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Chris Smith, Tripp Scott, said he participated in mediation efforts. Mr. Smith provided his perspective and said that both the City and Inter Miami offered proposals. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Toothaker said Inter Miami would send a response to the City's offer to the mediator.

Commissioner Herbst remarked that following the last mediation session, he understood that a response to the mediator would be forthcoming that day, which has yet to occur.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his understanding and remarked on the opportunity to move forward and find a solution.

Commissioner Herbst commented on recent mediation efforts and said the mediation had not moved forward. He expounded on related details and does not recommend an extension of the parking lease.

Mr. Smith confirmed Inter Miami's intention to respond to the City's most recent mediation offer and discussed his viewpoint, stating there are two (2) separate issues, parking for Inter Miami games and who would be paying for the redevelopment of the Community Park.

Mayor Trantalis noted his understanding that mediation issues included



demolition costs. Mr. Smith confirmed a response would be coming from Inter Miami regarding the City's latest mediation offer. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Toothaker said the current season ends in October 2024, and playoff games are played through the end of December 2024. Inter Miami is requesting a six (6) month extension to the current parking lease. Further comment and discussion ensued. It was noted that there are two (2) remaining Commission Meetings before the current Inter Miami parking agreement with the City expires. City Attorney Ansbro suggested waiting until the June 4, 2024, Commission Meeting to allow receipt of Inter Miami's response to the City's offer, which will determine whether an impasse has been reached.

Mr. Smith discussed the need for a decision at this time because Inter Miami needs to move forward with its process for parking passes.

Commissioner Herbst discussed the leverage parking provides the City, noting it ensured Inter Miami paid its building permit fees to the City. He expounded on his viewpoint regarding the one-sided nature of the Comprehensive Agreement with Inter Miami and reiterated the parking issue is the City's only leverage in mediation negotiations.

Commissioner Herbst concurred with City Attorney Ansbro's recommendation to postpone a decision until the June 4, 2024, Commission Meeting. He expounded on his viewpoint and said mediation delays only benefit Inter Miami. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on incentivizing Inter Miami to resolve this situation, confirmed his support of extending the parking agreement with Inter Miami, and explained his reasoning. He noted that the City benefits from parking revenue through Inter Miami, and recommended continuing the parking agreement with Inter Miami until the end of 2024. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst explained that Inter Miami believes the City has no right to proceed with the design and construction of the Community Park without its approval. He remarked on the need for the City to incentivize Inter Miami to move mediation efforts forward. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the City's progress with the design phases for the Community Park.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on the impact of this issue on his

District 1 constituents. He expounded on his viewpoint and the importance of the City maintaining its leverage when advocating for the needs of District 1 residents, which includes the construction of the Community Park. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman concurred with Mayor Trantalis about permitting the parking extension and expounded on his perspective. He discussed concerns regarding the timeline of the mediation and the impact of not extending the parking for Inter Miami games. Further comment and discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Glassman requested the City and Inter Miami pursue mediation to resolve disputed issues.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on the position of Commission Members during their discussions of the prior request for a parking extension. He commented on specific details, cited examples, and said that no progress had been made in mediation. Commissioner Sturman suggested deferring this Agenda item until the June 4, 2024, Commission Meeting to allow Commissioner Herbst to receive and review Inter Miami's response to the City's mediation offer. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Smith explained that the parking issue is separate from the completion of the park. Should mediation efforts fail, court proceedings could decide issues associated with construction of the Community Park. Mr. Smith expounded on his perspective.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Ms. Toothaker said more than 20,000 people attend Inter Miami games.

Commissioner Herbst discussed parking revenue and the portion the City receives. Ms. Toothaker explained her understanding of parking details and related costs. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Department Director, explained details of parking revenue received from Inter Miami. Vice Mayor Glassman reiterated his viewpoint in support of extending the parking agreement until the end of the current season.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his recollection of discussions with Mr. Rogers about the City hiring an external vendor for parking operations during Inter Miami games. Further comment and discussion ensued. In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Commissioner Herbst

noted previous discussions on this topic, explained related information, and said it was not cost-effective.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Ms. Toothaker explained that parking revenue was not a net profit for Inter Miami last year and explained related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Commissioner Herbst recommended deferring a decision on this Agenda item until the City receives a response from Inter Miami. He reiterated the need to incentivize Inter Miami.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Mr. Smith explained the timeline needed for processing parking passes for the balance of the season. Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on his viewpoint and recommended allowing the parking extension.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the parking revenue received by the City and his support for extending the parking agreement. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sturman commented on the need to motivate Inter Miami in mediation negotiations and supports deferring this Agenda item.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed the impact of not extending the parking lease for Inter Miami games, remarked on related consequences, the need to do what is in the best interests of the City, and her anticipation of receiving Inter Miami's response to the City's mediation offer.

Mayor Trantalis said that most of the Commission is in agreement to extend the parking lease to Inter Miami. Commissioner Herbst recommended increasing the amount the City receives from Inter Miami, replicating the amount the City receives for other Special Events in the City. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Rogers commented on information related to parking revenue the City receives for Special Events. Commissioner Sturman said he would support a parking extension that increased parking revenue. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Mr. Rogers explained information about parking agreements adjacent to the Inter Miami Stadium. The current revenue to the City is \$10 per vehicle. Further

comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis remarked that a revised parking rate would be decided at the next Commission Meeting.

In response to Mr. Rogers' comments about Staff moving forward with a revised parking agreement, Mayor Trantalis noted the need to review Inter Miami's operational parking costs before deciding to increase the City's parking revenue. Commissioner Herbst requested City Auditor Patrick Reilly also review that financial information.

**BUS-6** [24-0541](#)

Discussion - Codes of Conduct for Commissioners and Appointed Members of City Boards and Committees - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Attorney Thomas Ansbro provided an overview of this Agenda item.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Attorney Ansbro discussed his recollection of the genesis of the draft Ordinances and confirmed that similar ordinances of other municipalities were used to develop the draft Ordinances. Vice Mayor Glassman clarified his previous comments related to these Ordinances.

Vice Mayor Glassman recommended consistent consequences for Commission Members for issues of concern cited in that draft Ordinance and cited examples. City Attorney Ansbro confirmed the intent and said he would clarify.

Vice Mayor Glassman said that the language of the draft Ordinance related to Boards and Committees could be stronger. He remarked that other municipalities do not permit lobbyists or individuals doing business with the City to participate in boards and committees, citing examples. Vice Mayor Glassman noted the need for the Ordinance related to a code of conduct for Boards and Committees to also apply to a Task Force. City Attorney Ansbro confirmed.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman noted the need to reference Boards, Committees, and Task Forces in the Commission Member Code of Conduct.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, City Attorney Ansbro explained that, technically, the Commission is an employee of the City as the City pays them and must adhere to the City's Code of Ethics for its Employees. The Commission must also adhere to the Code of Conduct outlined in State Statutes and the Broward County Office of Inspector General's Code of Conduct. City Attorney Ansbro noted that those serving on Boards, Committees, and Task Forces are not employees of

the City and are not bound to the City's Code of Ethics. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized William Brown, 112 N. Birch Road, and Central Beach Alliance (CBA) President. Mr. Brown confirmed his support for this Agenda item and recommended that the Code of Conduct for Commission Members also apply to their Staff. Mr. Brown discussed the need to address conflicts of interest of lobbyists serving on Boards, Committees, and Task Forces and cited an example.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, City Attorney Ansbro confirmed Commission Member Staff must adhere to the City's Code of Conduct for Employees. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jacquelyn Scott, 1626 SE 1st Street. Ms. Scott spoke in support of this Agenda item. She concurred with Mr. Brown's comment regarding the Code of Conduct for Commission Members that should also apply to their Staff, and cited examples of concern.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on District 4's public outreach and participation and its goal of ensuring the respect and dignity of all contributors.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman commented that discussions regarding future actions prohibiting lobbyists from serving on Boards, Committees, and Task Forces should apply across the board. Mayor Trantalis agreed and remarked that this could be included in the City Charter. Further comment and discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Glassman concurred. Mr. Brown said this should apply to registered lobbyists doing business with the City.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on developers who hire lobbyists that sit on Boards and Committees. Mr. Brown commented on the arms-length transparency in those situations. Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on the precise language in other municipalities' ordinances. Commissioner Herbst cited related examples that occurred in the past. Mayor Trantalis cited examples and remarked on his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis noted the need to further define the personal and financial interests of individuals serving on Boards, Committees, and Task Forces in order to enforce. Mr. Brown commented on the need for those individuals to recuse themselves.

## **CITY COMMISSION REPORTS**

***Members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events.***

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman noted the recent passing of community members Eva M. Hill and educator Eddye Lee Ingram Bell.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman requested Staff to provide reports and updates on the vacancy levels at the Fort Lauderdale Police Department and the Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman requested City Attorney Thomas Ansbro attend a District 3 meeting for Northwest area business owners to clarify details of parking Ordinances in that area.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman commented on the opportunity to include a room in the new condominium buildings in District 3, that would provide information and connect with the real-time crime unit.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's request, Daphnee Sainvil, Public Affairs Manager, provided an update on the National League of Cities' Good Jobs, Great Cities Initiative over the past six (6) to eight (8) months, reading from a prepared statement that discussed needs, challenges, and feedback related to public sector positions.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions, Ms. Sainvil discussed the next steps, including Staff developing a governing structure plan to be presented to the Commission for feedback and approval. The planned target date is late July 2024.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Rufus James, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) Director, explained the Fort Lauderdale Air Show is now known as the *2024 Air DOT Show Tour*. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman noted the passing of Mary Celeste Dinnen and remarked on her educational contributions to the City.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Chris Cooper, Development Services Department Director, provided an update on the Tree Ordinance and the Noise Ordinance. The Tree Ordinance will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Board over the summer and given to the Commission following the Commission Summer Break. The Noise Ordinance is being drafted and will include input from the City's consultant. It will be presented to the Noise Control Advisory Committee

for input before presenting the Ordinance to the Commission.

Deputy City Attorney D'Wayne Spence provided an update on the Public Private Partnership (P3) Ordinance that is being drafted. He explained information related to obtaining additional legal viewpoints regarding changes to the provisions of the State Statute that could impact the P3 Ordinance.

Commissioner Sturman discussed options to repurpose the Broward County Stockade as a low-barrier shelter to serve the needs of those experiencing homelessness, including discussions with representatives of Broward Health, Broward County Board of County Commissioner Lamar Fisher, and the Broward County Sheriff's Office. He remarked on plans for related discussions with other stakeholders.

Commissioner Sturman discussed preliminary discussions addressing concerns of District 1 and commented on associated concerns. Commissioner Herbst discussed matters related to using the Stockade as a medical facility and respite center and cited examples.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on a church in District 1 that provides a homeless feeding program and additional homeless services and explained the burden on the surrounding community when homeless individuals do not disperse. There needs to be a mechanism to transport those homeless individuals back to their area of origination. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Herbst commented on the importance of focusing on the logistics of addressing homelessness and expounded on his perspective. Commissioner Sturman remarked on related meetings with Staff to address homelessness and related needs and concerns. He remarked on an upcoming trip to San Diego, California, with Staff to learn ways to address homelessness. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sturman concurred with edits to the School Board Resolution and said that he would like to place it on tonight's Commission Regular Meeting Agenda, requesting Commission Members review the current draft.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on his viewpoint regarding the Charter Revision Board's (CRB) recommendations, placing Charter clean-up items on the November 2024 Ballot (Ballot), expounded on his perspective, and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on the importance of thoroughly vetting CRB recommendations with the community and expounded on his viewpoint. Commissioner Herbst agreed that simple Charter clean-up items should be placed on the Ballot. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding a ballot initiative.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on the need to continue discussions with the CRB to ensure the Commission fully comprehends each proposed Charter change. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, City Attorney Thomas Ansbro explained options for placing CRB items on upcoming election ballots and remarked on the need for the Commission to be fully aware of the proposed Charter Revisions.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, City Attorney Ansbro confirmed the next election cycle after 2024 is in 2026 and recommended the Commission allow sufficient time for review and a thorough understanding of CRB recommendations. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on the need to remain focused on the CRB's current fourteen (14) Charter revision recommendations and cited the issue of leasing versus licensing of City property.

Mayor Trantalis discussed attending the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Conference in Washington, DC., expounded on his experience, and urged other Commission Members to attend in the future.

Mayor Trantalis announced the passing of philanthropist Susie Levan and remarked on Ms. Levan's contributions to the community.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

Acting City Manager Susan Grant announced the passing of Sheena Grant from the Human Resources Department.

Acting City Manager Grant confirmed a Call-Up Agenda item on tonight's Regular Meeting Agenda. Mayor Trantalis said the Commission would consider this Call-Up item following Consent Agenda items.

Acting City Manager Grant announced Walk-On Agenda items on



tonight's Regular Meeting Agenda: a Walk-On for the acquisition of Manolo Valdes Sculpture in Huizenga - (District 4); and a possible Walk-On Commission Resolution to the School Board of Broward County.

**MGR-1** [24-0460](#)

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.