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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

6:00 PM

The Parker

707 Northeast 8th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

City Commission Regular Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District III

JOHN C. HERBST Commissioner - District I

STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II

WARREN STURMAN Commissioner - District IV

GREG CHAVARRIA, 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 6:09 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Trantalis noted the passing of Renee Korbelt Quinn and Gil De Ferran.

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following updates to the published Agenda:

UPDATE:

R-4 - Moved to the Public Hearings section of the Agenda.

REMOVED:

M-6 Removed at the request of City Manager Chavarria.
NP-3 Removed at the request of Mr. Ray. To be rescheduled in February 2024.

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[24-0001](#)

Minutes for November 7, 2023, Commission Conference Meeting, November 7, 2023, Commission Regular Meeting, November 21, 2023, Commission Conference Meeting, and November 21, 2023 Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED AS AMENDED - Agenda Amended

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

PRESENTATIONS**PRES-** [24-0100](#)

1

Commissioner Sturman to present a Proclamation recognizing the Emergency Volunteer Project and Fire-Rescue Personnel for their Selfless Dedication to Service

Commissioner Sturman presented a Proclamation recognizing the Emergency Volunteer Project and Fire-Rescue Personnel for their Selfless Dedication to Service, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department Captain Jason Friedman and Miami Beach Firefighter Carlos Lang accepted the Proclamation and thanked Commission Members for their support.

PRESENTED**PRES-** [24-0101](#)

2

Parks and Recreation Recognition of the 14U Fort Lauderdale Falcons, Pop Warner Tackle Football Team and 14U Cheerleading Squad

Carl Williams, Parks and Recreation Department Director, recognized the 14U Fort Lauderdale Falcons Pop Warner Tackle Football Team and the 14U Cheerleading Squad, expounding on their achievements.

Coach Andrew remarked on the team's outstanding efforts, their winning season and support of the 14U Cheerleading Squad.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman congratulated the football team and the cheerleading squad for their successful efforts, thanking them for their exemplary representation of the City.

PRESENTED**PRES-** [24-0102](#)

3

Parks and Recreation Recognition of Fort Lauderdale Youth Track Club

Carl Williams, Parks and Recreation Department Director, recognized members of the Fort Lauderdale Youth Track Club, the nationally recognized 2023 AAU Junior Olympic Champions who collectively won twenty-one (21) medals. Riccardo Merisme remarked on the excellent performance of the student track champions, the contributions of Phoenix Tower International, and thanked Commission Members for this recognition.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman congratulated the medal winners, encouraged them to remain focused, and thanked them for their exemplary representation of the City.

PRESENTED**CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Trantalis explained procedures for members of the public wishing to speak on Consent Agenda items.

CR-2

Mayor Trantalis recognized Virginia Holden, 2248 NE 2nd Terrace. Ms. Holden remarked on concerns about the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) Master Plan. She commented on the financial impact replacing existing small aviation hangars with new large aviation hangars.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carlton Harrison, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) Assistant Director. Mr. Harrison explained that cost concerns raised by Ms. Holden are driven by the current lessee, Atlantic Aviation, and expounded on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis noted the inability to dictate lessee general aviation hangar rental fees.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Trantalis said Agenda item CR-1 would be pulled from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately due to the need for an amendment related to a discussion at today's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Meeting.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

CONSENT MOTION**CM-1** [24-0044](#)

Motion Approving an Event Agreement for Dolphins Challenge Cancer XIV - (Commission Districts 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

- CM-2** [24-0097](#) Motion Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement of up to \$600,000 from the Broward Boating Improvement Program (BBIP) for Cooley's Landing Marina Replacement - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

- CM-3** [24-0110](#) Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Hold Harmless Agreement for the New Surface Parking Lot and the Site Improvements Associated with the Relocation of Temporary Fire Station No. 13 - Waypoint Contracting, Inc., in Substantially the Form Attached - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

- CR-1** [24-0013](#) Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2024 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- Mayor Trantalis recognized Laura Reece, Office of Management and Budget Director. Ms. Reece explained information regarding the Agenda item amendment.

Ms. Reece confirmed this Agenda item should be amended and only allocate \$93,359 for a payment to Florida Power and Light for enhanced street lighting.

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

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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

- CR-2** [24-0022](#) Resolution Approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Construction of Runway 9-27 Pavement Rehabilitation Project at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - \$440,771 - (Commission District 1)

ADOPTED

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

- CR-3** [24-0024](#) Resolution Approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Design of Runway 9 Parallel Taxiway Extension Project at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport- \$320,000 - (Commission District 1)
- ADOPTED**
- Yea:** 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis
- CR-4** [24-0026](#) Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Interlocal Agreement to Adopt, Administer, and Enforce Airport Zoning Regulations - (Commission District 1)
- ADOPTED**
- Yea:** 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis
- CR-5** [24-0053](#) Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2024 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Junior Achievement of South Florida, Inc., - \$33,900 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- ADOPTED**
- Yea:** 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis
- CR-6** [24-0055](#) Resolution Approving City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2024 Not For Profit Grant Participation Agreement with The Stranahan House, Inc., and a Third Addendum to Escrow Agreement with The Stranahan House, Inc., and Rogers, Morris & Ziegler LLP - \$100,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- ADOPTED**
- Yea:** 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis
- CR-7** [24-0062](#) Resolution Approving and Adopting Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029: Our City, Our Strategic Plan - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- ADOPTED**
- Yea:** 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis
- CR-8** [24-0098](#) Resolution Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Execute a Grant Funding Assistance Interlocal Agreement with the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for \$6,998 to Conduct a

Bathymetric Survey of the New River - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-9 [24-0099](#)

Resolution Delegating the Authority to the City Manager to Execute a Project Agreement Accepting a Grant for up to \$4,275 from the Florida Inland Navigation District - Small Scale Derelict Vessel Removal Program to Remove a Derelict Vessel from the Cox's Landing Boat Ramp - (Commission District 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-10 [24-0103](#)

Resolution Increasing the Compensation to be Paid to Special Counsel, Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP, for Legal Services - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-11 [24-0031](#)

Resolution Appointing the Law Firm of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L., as Special Counsel, to Represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in Connection with the Unsolicited Proposal and Project Submitted by Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC to Construct, Operate, and Maintain a Water Taxi Terminal, or if Necessary any Subsequent-Ranked Proposers, for the Design, Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of a Water Taxi Terminal on City-owned property located at 1001 Seabreeze Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 [24-0008](#)

Motion Approving an Agreement for the Purchase of Criminal Defense Attorney Services - Law Offices of Steven A. Schaet LLC - \$192,500 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CP-2 [24-0009](#)

Motion Approving an Agreement for Fire Sprinkler System Services and Maintenance - Sentinel Fire Protection and Service Company, Inc. - \$136,800 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CP-3 [24-0012](#)

Motion Approving an Agreement for Special Events Clean-Up Services - JWC Industries, LLC - \$137,090 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

MOTIONS

M-1 [24-0004](#)

Motion Approving Event Agreements and Related Road Closures for NOBE Sunday Block Party, Great American Bash 2024, Walk for the Animals, All Star Classic, Inc./Sistrunk 5K and Sistrunk Parade and Festival - (Commission Districts 1, 2 and 3)

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman made a motion to approve this Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED

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

M-2 [24-0043](#)

Motion Approving Event Agreements and Request for Music Exemption for Saint Demetrios Greek Festival and Mardi Gras - (Commission District 2)

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

APPROVED

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

M-3 [24-0021](#)

Motion Approving an Agreement for the Tarpon River A-11 Sewer Basin Rehabilitation Project - LMK Pipe Renewal, LLC - \$2,860,731.25 - (Commission District 4)

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

APPROVED

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

- M-4** [24-0023](#) Motion Approving Agreements for Annual Sewer Repairs and Replacement - David Mancini & Sons Inc. and Southern Underground Industries, Inc. - \$3,000,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED

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

- M-5** [24-0030](#) Motion Approving a Comprehensive Agreement with David Mancini and Sons, Inc. for the Design and Construction of a 48-inch Water Transmission Main from Prospect Lake Clean Water Center to the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant - \$48,590,889 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED

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

- M-6** [24-0048](#) Motion Authorizing Purchase of Property Insurance - Underwriters at Lloyd's of London, et al. - \$3,950,765 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

- M-7** [24-0113](#) Motion for Discussion - City Commission Request for Review - Site Plan Level III for Conditional Use Permit for Increased Building Height Exceeding 120 Feet East of the Intracoastal, Waterway Use, and Yard Modifications for the Ocean Harbor Residences - 3013 and 3019 Harbor Drive - Case No. UDP-S23002 - (Commission District 4)

Commissioner Sturman explained information regarding this Agenda item and input from District 4 residents. He said that this Agenda item addresses whether to set a public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Gene Gillespie, 3037 Harbor Drive, and Bahia Vista Club President. Mr. Gillespie spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and expounded on related information.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Cindy Long, 3025 Harbor Drive. Ms. Long spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Virginia Winslow, 3073 Harbor Drive. Ms. Winslow spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Gloriann Carlisle, 3077 Harbor Drive. Ms. Carlisle spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized M. Ann Harsh, 3073 Harbor Drive. Ms. Harsh spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Richard Dewitt, 200 S. Andrews Avenue, on behalf of the Harbourage Place Condominium Association. Mr. Dewitt spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Virginia Holden, 2248 NE 2nd Terrace. Ms. Holden spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Agustina Garcia, 3055 Harbor Drive, Harbourage Place Condominium Property Manager. Ms. Garcia spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Bonnie Barnett, 3055 Harbor Drive. Ms. Barnett spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Colleen A. Brennan-Russo, 3037 Harbor Drive. Ms. Brennan-Russo discussed this Agenda item and recommended rejecting the conditional use permit.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Nancy Thomas, 1924 Admirals Way. Ms. Thomas spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and its request for a conditional use permit.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Anne Hilmer, 621 Idlewyld Drive. Ms. Hilmer spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and its request for a conditional use permit.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Kevin Reagan, 3025 Harbor Drive. Mr. Reagan spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and explained related

concerns.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., 901 Ponce de Leon Drive, on behalf of Ocean Harbor Residences. Ms. Toothaker supported this Agenda item and explained the project's zoning and land use, the requested variance, and the applicable Code. Ms. Toothaker narrated a presentation entitled *Ocean Harbor*.

A copy of the presentation has been made part of the backup to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Brandon A. Lopez, 3025 Harbor Drive, on behalf of Villa Madrid Apt., Inc. Mr. Lopez spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized James Morlock, 3037 Harbor Drive. Mr. Morlock spoke in opposition to this Agenda item, discussing the prior Commission's rejection of a high-rise project at this site.

Commissioner Sturman discussed the large number of communications from residents opposing this project and his recommendation that this Site Plan be brought forward for a public hearing.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Chris Cooper, Development Services Department Director, explained applicable zoning and information regarding the Planning and Zoning Board's (P&Z Board) approval of this project. The primary consideration is neighborhood compatibility. Mayor Trantalis remarked on a similar situation in Flagler Village and explained related information. Mr. Cooper discussed items considered by the P&Z Board and addressed by the applicant.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mr. Cooper explained information regarding neighborhood compatibility, noted adjacent properties are considered, and explained related information. The vision for future development is also a consideration. Bahia Mar would not be considered as it is not an adjacent property.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on the impact of the requested variance on future site plans and noted his viewpoint that this project should be called up for a public hearing.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman remarked on the timeline. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the need for a Commission Special Meeting for the public hearing by January 19, 2024 (deadline date) to ensure the City does not waive its rights. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Attorney

Thomas Ansbro explained related information, including the requirement for a ten (10) day notice for a Public Hearing.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Ms. Toothaker confirmed the applicant would not waive the deadline date by postponing this Agenda item to the January 23, 2024, Commission Meeting. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the applicable State Statute.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on his concern regarding the process, which Staff needs to improve, and said that this site plan should have been reviewed by the P&Z Board earlier.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, City Attorney Ansbro explained the criteria necessary for a Commission call-up item for a de novo hearing. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Deputy City Attorney D'Wayne Spence explained differences in call-up items for this project and a project located in the Downtown Regional Activity Center and explained related information.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Deputy City Attorney Spence explained that a de novo hearing would not be scheduled should the Commission rely on the P&Z Board's decision. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Deputy City Attorney Spence explained a determination regarding neighborhood compatibility would be reviewed at a de novo hearing. Commissioner Glassman remarked on his previous efforts to encourage the establishment of Harbor Drive as a Historic District and expounded on related information.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Mr. Cooper confirmed the need to correct the backup information related to Waterway Use.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions regarding the P&Z Board's decision, Mr. Cooper confirmed details of the P&Z Board's findings and Staff's position regarding the neighborhood compatibility, traffic generation, the allowable thirty-six (36) units per acre, compatibility with the City's Comprehensive Plan, items included in the conditional use variance request, meeting Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) for parking and underlying land use, and explained related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Ms. Toothaker explained details regarding public outreach and public participation, which included meetings with Harbourage Place Condominium Association and its counsel, other area condominiums, and the Central Beach Alliance (CBA) and expounded on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Glassman noted his review of the items and conditions associated with this project and expounded on his perspective. Mr. Cooper explained details regarding Staff and the P&Z Board's efforts. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Glassman remarked on his perspective regarding this Agenda item.

Commissioner Sturman made a motion to approve this Agenda item.

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND

NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS

NP-1 [24-0076](#) Maggie Hunt - Certified Local Government Compliance

Mayor Trantalis recognized Maggie Hunt. Ms. Hunt gave a Neighbor Presentation regarding ways to comply with the City's designation as a Certified Local Government (CLG) to achieve a commitment to local historic preservation.

A copy of documents submitted by Ms. Hunt has been made part of the backup to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Trisha Logan, Development Services Department Historic Preservation Planner. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Logan confirmed the need for a discussion with the State of Florida Historic Preservation Officer. She discussed the backgrounds of current Historic Preservation Board (HPB) members and related information. Mayor Trantalis noted efforts moving forward.

RECEIVED

NP-2 [24-0077](#) Michaela M. Conca - HPB Knowledge and Professional Background of Board Members

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michaela M. Conca, Broward Trust for Historic Preservation President. Ms. Conca concurred with Ms. Hunt comments and gave a Neighbor Presentation regarding the knowledge and professional backgrounds of Historic Preservation Board members.

RECEIVED

NP-3 [24-0086](#) Michael D. Ray - Lead Emissions at and near FXE Airport

Mayor Trantalis remarked on Staff's input regarding this Neighbor Presentation.

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [24-0066](#) Appointment of Board and Committee Members - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Clerk David Soloman read the names of Commission Member Board and Committee nominees for appointment and/or reappointment at the Commission Regular Meeting on January 23, 2024.

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

Commissioner Glassman remarked on feedback received at the District 2 Pre-Agenda Meeting regarding opposition to lobbyists serving on City Advisory Boards and Committees. He concurred with those concerns and remarked on his perspective. Commissioner Glassman noted the need for Commission discussion regarding allowing Planning and Zoning Board Members to serve on another Board, Committee or Task Force.

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

ADOPTED

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

R-2 [24-0063](#) City Manager Annual Performance Review - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Manager Chavarria provided an overview of Commission Goals and Priorities and accomplishments, acknowledging Staff efforts.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Peloquin, 2510 NE 12th Court, Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations President. Ms. Peloquin spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Troy Liggett, 707 NE 17th Court. Mr. Liggett spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Frank Shannon, 638 Flamingo Drive. Mr. Shannon spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michaela M. Conca, Broward Trust for Historic Preservation President. Ms. Conca spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Bill Brown, 112 N. Birch Road. Mr. Brown spoke in support of this Agenda item and noted the CBA's support.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Barbie Pearson, 2420 SE 17th Street. Ms. Pearson spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Steve Ganon, 2517 N. Atlantic Boulevard. Mr. Ganon spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Scott Moseley, Fraternal Order of Police President. Mr. Moseley spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ina Lee, 2000 S. Ocean Drive. Ms. Lee spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ramola Motwani, 701 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard. Ms. Motwani spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Myriam Woort-Menker, 701 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard. Ms. Woort-Menker spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Maggie Hunt, 1307 SW 4th Court. Ms. Hunt spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Albetta, 1117 NE 10th Avenue, and Lake Ridge Civic Association President. Mr. Albetta spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jacquelyn Scott, 1626 SE 1st Street. Ms. Scott spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Brian Donaldson, 3321 NE 16th Street. Mr. Donaldson spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Melinda Bowker, 511 SE 5th Street, and Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association President and Fort Lauderdale Council of Civic Associations Treasurer. Ms. Bowker spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Nancy Long, 2361 SW 18th Avenue. Ms. Long spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Vanessa Apotheker, 712 SW 9th Terrace. Ms. Apotheker spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jimmy Tate, 12855 Biscayne Bay Drive. Mr. Tate spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Williams, 2807 NE 26th Place. Mr. Williams spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dan Lindblade, 512 NE 3rd Avenue. Mr. Lindblade spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Leann Barber, 500 NE 1st Avenue. Ms. Barber spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Donna Guthrie, 401 SW 31st Avenue. Ms. Guthrie spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Bevon Petit, 600 W. Melrose Circle. Mr. Petit spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dean Richards, 2008 NW 14th Avenue. Mr. Richards spoke in support of this Agenda item.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Glassman introduced this Resolution approving a three percent (3%) merit increase for City Manager Chavarria retroactive to July 23, 2023.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman commented on her support of uniformity provided by using the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Handbook for the review of City Manager Chavarria. She remarked on discussions with City Manager Chavarria regarding areas in need of improvement, including equal treatment when addressing the concerns of Commission Members, informing her when Staff has meetings in District 3, addressing the underserved needs of District 3, including the need for transparency, context and background information when discussing matters of importance. Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman remarked on related concerns. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst noted his use of the ICMA Handbook for City Manager Chavarria's review. He commented on discussions with City Manager Chavarria regarding expectations as a Commission Member,

City Manager Chavarria's performance, and areas in need of improvement. Commissioner Herbst confirmed his viewpoint that he does not support a merit increase for City Manager Chavarria.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the public's positive input regarding City Manager Chavarria, commented on the challenges the City faced this year, and confirmed his support of a three percent (3%) merit increase for City Manager Chavarria. He noted that the City is the largest in Broward County with more employees, yet the City Manager's salary compensation is less than other less populated Broward County municipalities. Commissioner Glassman expounded on his perspective and cited examples of City Manager Chavarria's performance.

Commissioner Sturman confirmed his use of the ICMA Handbook as a guide for City Manager Chavarria's evaluation. He acknowledged City Manager Chavarria's positive response to flooding in District 4 and the Police Department Headquarters. Commissioner Sturman commented on areas for improvement, including equal treatment of Commission Members and the need for consensus when City Manager Chavarria communicates the position of the Commission. He discussed concerns regarding how the International Swimming Hall of Fame was presented to the Commission, how the lease for Staff office space was handled, and explained related details.

Mayor Trantalis noted the year and one-half tenure of City Manager Chavarria. Mayor Trantalis confirmed his positive viewpoint regarding the exemplary performance of City Manager Chavarria, remarked on the support received tonight from residents, and the challenges associated with meeting the needs of Commission Members. Mayor Trantalis expounded on his viewpoint, cited examples, and confirmed support of a three percent (3%) merit increase.

City Clerk Soloman read the Resolution by title only. Further comment and discussion ensued.

DEFEATED

Yea: 2 - Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Nay: 3 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Commissioner Herbst

[24-0140](#)

WALK-ON - Motion to Extend Commission Meeting until 11pm

Commissioner Herbst made a motion to extend the Commission Meeting until 11:00 p.m. and was seconded by Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman.

APPROVED

Yea: 4 - Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Glassman

R-3 [24-0038](#)

Resolution Waiving the Competitive Solicitation and Selection Processes Contained in the City of Fort Lauderdale Procurement Ordinance and Approving a Development Agreement for Seawall Improvements Associated with Las Olas Marina Project with Las Olas SMI, LLC - \$2,872,583 - (Commission District 2)

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman introduced this Resolution.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Burns, 1 Las Olas Circle, Venetian Condominium President. Mr. Burns spoke in support of this Agenda item and questioned why this seawall was not adequately repaired when the Intracoastal Promenade Park seawall was repaired.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Chavarria confirmed Staff would research and update the Commission.

Mayor Trantalis recognized William Brown, 112 N. Birch Road, and Central Beach Alliance (CBA) President. Mr. Brown spoke in support of this Agenda item and commended Suntex for addressing repair of this seawall under their current permitting process.

City Clerk Soloman read the Resolution by title only.

ADOPTED

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS**PH-1** [24-0006](#)

Public Hearing - Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-11.10, List of Permitted and Conditional Uses, Commercial Recreation (CR) District - UDP- T23006 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

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

Commissioner Herbst, and Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner Herbst introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

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

[24-0141](#)

WALK-ON - Motion to Extend Commission Meeting until 11:30pm

Commissioner Sturman made a motion to extend the Commission Meeting until 11:30 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Herbst.

APPROVED

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

[24-0142](#)

WALK-ON - Motion to Extend Commission Meeting until 11:45pm

Commissioner Herbst made a motion to extend the Commission Meeting until 11:45 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Sturman.

APPROVED

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

R-4 [24-0002](#)

Resolution Approving Conveyance of the City's Interest in Air Rights Above a Portion of the Property Located at 801 Seabreeze Boulevard and Approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Bahia Mar Community Development District, in Substantially the Form Provided, pursuant to Section 8.02 of the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis commented on the original Comprehensive Agreement with Rahn Bahia Mar for the Bahia Mar Project (Project).

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Susan Grant, Assistant City Manager, provided an overview and explained details associated with this Agenda item. Condominium purchasers will receive fee-simple ownership in the four (4) condominium buildings (Condominiums), increasing property values and allowing the City to receive increased property revenue over the land lease term.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his understanding of this Agenda item and areas of the Project applicable to the original Comprehensive

Agreement. Ms. Grant explained her understanding of the portions of the Project governed by the Agreement versus the air rights associated with this Agenda item. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Angela Salmon, Assistant to the City Manager. Ms. Salmon explained her understanding of the details involved in this Agenda item. Further comment and discussion ensued. City Manager Chavarria provided an overview and reiterated that this Agenda item would maximize the potential price of the Condominiums and, thus, additional revenue to the City.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Ms. Grant reviewed details of City revenue sources and cited examples included in the Comprehensive Agreement that would be applicable to the increased Condominium property values.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ken Krasnow, Colliers International. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Krasnow confirmed Ms. Grant's review of potential City revenue included in the Comprehensive Agreement and associated with this agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Lynn Solomon, Assistant City Attorney III, Office of the City Attorney. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Solomon confirmed that if the Project is damaged or destroyed, the City would be involved in subsequent site plan decisions as the City owns fee simple interest in the land.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Joseph M. Hernandez, Esq., Bilzen Sumberg, on behalf of the City. Mr. Hernandez confirmed that the City owns the underlying land and remarked on aspects of the Comprehensive Agreement that are being amended due to this Agenda item.

Mr. Krasnow narrated a presentation entitled *Bahia Mar Summary & Analysis - Luxury Condominium - Market Update Overview*.

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Krasnow confirmed this Agenda item would allow for luxury branding of the Condominiums and explained related details.

Mayor Trantalis recognized James Tate, Tate Capital, on behalf of Rahn Bahia Mar, LLC. Mr. Tate spoke in support of this Agenda item. He

explained the genesis of this Agenda item and a byproduct of forming the Community Development District (CDD). An additional ancillary opportunity is the ability to provide fee-simple title to Condominium purchasers, allowing a competitive arena with other luxury branded properties. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Mr. Tate said that this Agenda item only applies to air rights conveyed in perpetuity above the podium level. Mr. Tate explained related information and expounded on his perspective.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions regarding inaccuracies in the appraisal report in the backup to this Agenda item and quoted in a recent *SunSentinel* newspaper editorial, Mr. Krasnow explained details of the appraisal report. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, City Manager Chavarria explained the reason the appraisal was included. Commissioner Glassman expounded on concerns regarding the deficiencies in the appraisal report and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Schneider, 139 Fiesta Way. Mr. Schneider discussed concerns regarding this Agenda item and noted its complexity.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Bill Brown, 112 N. Birch Road, Central Beach Alliance (CBA) President, said that the CBA Board was not presented with this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Roderick Newkirk, 500 N. Andrews Avenue. Mr. Newkirk said he wished to address an Agenda item discussed at today's Conference Meeting. Mayor Trantalis said he would request City Manager Chavarria reach out to him.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Marilyn Mammano, 1819 SE 17th Street, on behalf of *Lauderdale Tomorrow*. Ms. Mammano opposed approval of this Agenda item, recommended further action towards improved compensation to the City, and discussed suggestions. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis clarified that only the air rights above the Project podium are being conveyed.

Mr. Tate reiterated this Agenda item will increase the value of the Condominiums today, expounded on details related to City revenue, and

cited examples.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mr. Tate said the anticipated Condominium sales price would be \$2,500 to \$3,000 per square foot, cited examples of increased revenue, noted that the City is a partner in the Project, and discussed related details. Mr. Tate explained details related to inaccurate assumptions included in the appraisal report, cited examples, and expounded on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis explained the costs that will be deducted from the developer's revenue percentage include branding costs and noted that the Project promenade will be built in three (3) years versus ten (10) years. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the underlying concept of the transfer of air rights and expounded on his perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mr. Tate explained phase one development details of the Project. Commissioner Glassman commented on his understanding. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ginger Wald, 515 E. Las Olas Boulevard, Bahia Mar Community Development District (CDD) Counsel. In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Ms. Wald explained information regarding the establishment of the CDD, items the CDD could fund, the related process, and the estimated timeline. Ms. Wald noted that the CDD improvements could be completed sooner than ten (10) years, expounded on the process and the documents needed to move forward, which counsel is currently working on. When the City approves these documents and the air rights are conveyed to the CDD, the CDD can move forward.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Ms. Wald noted the CDD will work together with the Project developer. The design plans for the promenade have been funded by the developer. Ms. Wald explained the CDD's funding options for the promenade, related information, and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mr. Tate confirmed the developer's commitment to the CDD. Subject to the sale of Condominiums and when phase one is being built, the developer will concurrently construct the park, the seawall, the Boardwalk, and the promenade. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Ms. Solomon confirmed

information discussed accelerating Project development would be memorialized in the amended Project documents to be presented to the Commission and remarked on related information.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Anne Hilmer, 621 Idlewyld Drive. Ms. Hilmer spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and explained specific concerns.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive. Ms. Fertig spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and explained specific concerns.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Burns, 1 Las Olas Circle, Venetian Condominium President. Mr. Burns spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and explained related concerns.

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

Commissioner Glassman explained the fiduciary responsibility of the City and his support of this Agenda item and the CDD moving forward.

Commissioner Sturman reiterated two (2) concerns raised, the City receiving improved compensation for the sale of the air rights and delays.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on his thorough review of the documentation and his support. He remarked on the improved compensation to the City and expounded on related information.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman had no additional comments.

Mayor Trantalis explained his support of this Agenda item and noted it is a good approach to deriving additional City revenue. He concurred with Commissioner Glassman's previous comments regarding the flaws in the appraisal report presented to the Commission and the public. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the importance of neighborhood outreach and said that the CBA should have had the opportunity to weigh in on this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis requested the Second Amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement be presented at the next Commission

Regular Meeting. He noted the sensitive nature of the development of Bahia Mar and remarked on current and past Commission Project efforts.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Solomon provided an update regarding the next steps in the process, which will include amended documents to contain conditions discussed tonight, including a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants, the Amended and Restated Master Declaration, and an Amended Master Lease. Mayor Trantalis requested the Second Amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement be presented at the next Commission Regular Meeting.

Mayor Trantalis said that Commission approval of this agenda item would be based on conditions discussed tonight and that the appraisal report be corrected. City Manager Chavarria confirmed.

Mayor Trantalis requested the CBA Board meet before January 23, 2024, to provide its input. Mr. Brown, CBA President, confirmed an upcoming CBA Meeting and would request Mr. Tate to present information regarding this Agenda item to the CBA.

Commissioner Glassman concurred with Mayor Trantalis' comments regarding the importance of providing accurate backup information to the Commission and the public. Commissioner Glassman noted that the appraisal report was not relevant in terms of this agenda item.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman voiced concerns regarding scheduling numerous lengthy Agenda items at the same meeting and the short timeline for Commission Member review of related voluminous backup information. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Glassman noted State Statutes often dictate related timelines.

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

ADOPTED

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

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Glassman and Commissioner Sturman

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 [24-0092](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of Chapter 20, Article IV, Division 3 of the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman introduced this Ordinance on the Second Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Sturman read a statement regarding the need for proper Commission decorum, discussed an incident that occurred earlier, and expounded on specific concerns. Further comment and discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 11:42 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk