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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

6:00 PM

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

## City Commission Regular 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*

*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 7:07 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Morgan Penrow - Second Grade Student at Gateway Christian Academy

**ROLL CALL**

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

**COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED**

Also Present: City Manager Greg Chavarria, City Clerk David R. Soloman, City Attorney Thomas J. Ansbro, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

**AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Trantalis announced the following updates to the published Agenda:

**UPDATES:**

- CR-2 - Exhibit 2 - the map was revised to show the correct location of the Jack and Jill Center
- CR-3 - Exhibit 1 - was revised to show the current Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations

**ADDITION:**

- WALK ON - Motion Approving an Event Agreement and Related Road Closures for 1 MASS District Events Q2  
- (Commission District 2)

**A copy of the updated Agenda items and the Walk-On Agenda item are attached to these meeting minutes.**

**Approval of MINUTES and Agenda**

[24-0440](#)

Minutes for February 20, 2024, 2024-2026 Federal Legislative Program Commission Workshop, February 20, 2024, Commission

Conference Meeting, February 20, 2024 Commission Regular Meeting, March 5, 2024, Commission Conference Meeting and March 5, 2024, Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

**APPROVED AS AMENDED - Agenda Amended**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**PRES-** [24-0488](#)  
**1**

Vice Mayor Glassman to present a Proclamation recognizing May 14, 2024, as the 76th Anniversary of Israel's Independence in the City of Fort Lauderdale

See Conference Meeting Minutes.

**PRESENTED**

**PRES-** [24-0490](#)  
**2**

Commission Herbst to present a Proclamation honoring May 12 - May 18, 2024, as National Police Week in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Herbst presented a Proclamation honoring *May 12 - May 18, 2024, as National Police Week in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Fort Lauderdale Police Officers Scott Moseley and Scott Hoffer, on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission for this recognition.

**PRESENTED**

**PRES-** [24-0489](#)  
**3**

Commissioner Sturman to present a Proclamation declaring May 2024, as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Sturman presented a Proclamation declaring *May 2024, as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Dr. Joe Oravec and Joseph Mustipher, representing the National Alliance on Mental Illness, accepted the Proclamation, and thanked the Commission for this recognition.

**PRESENTED****PRES- [24-0461](#)  
4**

Mayor Trantalis to present a Proclamation declaring May 18 - May 24, 2024, as National Safe Boating Week in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Mayor Trantalis presented a Proclamation declaring *May 18 - May 24, 2024, as National Safe Boating Week in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

U.S. Coast Guard Lieutenant Justin Dadlani, and Officers Charlene Dykman, Neil Kuritsky, Natalie Bunting and Peter Paige, U.S. Coast Guard Station - Fort Lauderdale, accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission for this recognition.

**PRESENTED****EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS**

Mayor Trantalis announced the following employee retirements: Melvin Howell, Parks and Recreation Department Facilities Worker II - 26 years of service; Gilbert Noel, Public Works Utilities Service Worker - 12 years of service; Pat Wallen, Human Resources Department Administrative Supervisor - 9 years of service; Liston Lee, Public Works Department Senior Utilities Mechanic - 26 years of service; Julie Oakley-Garafalo, Parks and Recreation Department Senior Administrative Assistant - 24 years of service; Jerry Williams, Fort Lauderdale Police Department Sergeant - 22 years of service; and James Romeo, Parks and Recreation Department Lead Facilities Worker - 25 years of service.

**CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commission Members requested the following Consent Agenda items be pulled for separate discussion:

CM-3: Commissioner Herbst  
CR-3: Vice Mayor Glassman and Commissioner Sturman  
CR-4: Vice Mayor Glassman

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Sturman made a motion to approve the Consent

Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Beasley-Pittman.

**Approve the Consent Agenda**

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

**CONSENT MOTION**

**CM-1** [24-0463](#) Motion Declaring the Lauderdale Air Show on Fort Lauderdale Beach, Scheduled for May 11, 2024 - May 12, 2024, as a Public Purpose Special Event and Creating a Temporary Exemption Relating to the Sale, Possession and Consumption of Alcohol at the Event - (Commission District 2)

**APPROVED**

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

**CM-2** [24-0451](#) Motion Authorizing Execution of An Agreement Ancillary to Revocable License Agreement, Between Chief Real Estate LLC and the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission District 4)

**APPROVED**

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

**CONSENT RESOLUTION**

**CR-1** [24-0321](#) Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2024 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CR-2** [24-0094](#) Resolution Approving a Landscape Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Improvements within the Right-of-Way of State Road 842 - (Commission District 2)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CR-5** [24-0415](#) Resolution (a) Approving an Application for a Dock Permit for the installation and usage of a proposed 45'+/- long x 8'+/- wide

marginal dock, two (2) mooring piles, and appurtenant access steps extending a maximum distance of 25'+/- from the wetface seawall on Cordova Road on of Public Property by Tracey & Wallace Williford adjacent to 1025 Cordova Road for a proposed marginal dock and (b) Authorizing Execution of a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants - (Commission District 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CR-6**    [24-0471](#)

Resolution Appointing Brooke Ehrlich, Esquire, as Special Counsel for the City of Fort Lauderdale Civil Service Board - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**ADOPTED**

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

**CONSENT PURCHASE**

**CP-1**    [24-0291](#)

Motion Approving Agreement for Award of State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Funds for the Construction of Affordable Multi-Family Senior Rental Housing - Housing Opportunities, Mortgage Assistance & Effective Neighborhood Solutions, Inc. d/b/a H.O.M.E.S., Inc. - \$400,000 - (Commission District 2)

**APPROVED**

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

**CP-2**    [24-0326](#)

Motion Approving Third Municipal Amendment to Comcast Enterprise Services Master Services Agreement to change Classification from Interstate to Intrastate - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**APPROVED**

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

**CP-3**    [24-0408](#)

Motion Approving Agreement for HOME-ARP Tenant Based Rental & Supportive Services - Housing Opportunities, Mortgage Assistance & Effective Neighborhood Solutions, Inc. d/b/a H.O.M.E.S., Inc. - \$250,000 - (Commission District 3)

**APPROVED**

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

## CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

### CM-3 [24-0464](#)

Motion Approving the Sublease Agreement between Young Men's Christian Association of South Florida, Inc. and North Broward Hospital District, Subject to Conditions - (Commission District 2)

Commissioner Herbst noted that the approval of this Agenda item is tied to the approval of the North Broward Hospital District (NBHD) lease of the Dottie Mancini Park parcel to the City (Dottie Mancini Park Lease).

Commissioner Sturman confirmed he would recuse himself from voting on this Agenda item and explained related information.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Robert Lochrie, Esq., explained that the annual \$892,000 payment from the NBHD would be payable to the YMCA. Mayor Trantalis commented on his concern regarding the yearly payment not having an escalation clause. Mr. Lochrie explained that lease escalation amounts were factored into the annual payments over thirty (30) years. Mr. Lochrie expounded on related details and information. Sheryl Woods, YMCA of South Florida, President and CEO, confirmed that NBHD will pay for all construction costs for its facility in addition to the \$892,000 annually. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Herbst cited related language in the agreement.

Vice Mayor Glassman made a motion to approve this Agenda item as amended, contingent on the approval of the Dottie Mancini Park Lease, and was seconded by Commissioner Herbst.

#### APPROVED AS AMENDED

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Sturman

### CR-3 [24-0217](#)

Resolution Amending the Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on discussions of this Agenda item at the District 2 Pre-Agenda Meeting, commenting that there should be a phased approach and on related input and concerns.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions, Mary Peloquin, Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Board (PBRB) Member, discussed

her perspective and input of the PBRB. In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Ms. Peloquin noted that dog park areas are located within Parks. Further comment and discussion ensued. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Peloquin confirmed that of the twelve PBRB members, one (1) opposed allowing dogs in Parks.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on prior safety concerns, cited an example, and discussed community input at a Town Hall Meeting. He expounded on details and summarized three (3) recommendations, noting that each neighborhood could decide whether to allow dogs in neighborhood Parks. Commissioner Herbst remarked on related issues and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carl Williams, Parks and Recreation Department Director. Mr. Williams discussed enforcement and noted that other cities allow leashed dogs in their parks and related restrictions.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on neighbor feedback. Vice Mayor Glassman commented on the need for further discussion and information in the backup to facilitate allowing dogs in Parks.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Mr. Williams said that related costs had yet to be included in future budgets. Vice Mayor Glassman reiterated the need for additional in-depth discussion. Commissioner Herbst concurred and remarked on the need for estimated costs. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Williams confirmed that Staff would provide the Commission with costs associated. Mayor Trantalis noted that this Agenda item will be deferred.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Marilyn Mammano, 1819 SE 17th Street. Ms. Mammano discussed her viewpoint on this Agenda item and the need to reach out to her neighborhood. In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Ms. Mammano confirmed her support of neighborhoods making a decision on this topic.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Gena Rumble, 705 SE 5th Court. Ms. Rumble spoke in support of this Agenda item from a prepared statement. She submitted a document supporting allowing dogs in Parks.

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



In response to Commissioner Sturman's question regarding a concern raised by Ms. Rumble regarding a posted letter at the small park area along the New River adjacent to the Rio Vista neighborhood known as Francis L. Abreu Place, Mr. Williams explained the area is a right-of-way and cannot be designated as a Park. Commissioner Sturman said it is a Florida Department of Transportation right-of-way. Mayor Trantalis said that this area would remain. Vice Mayor Glassman recommended this be included in future discussions on this subject.

Mayor Trantalis recognized James Carlson, 1601 SE 1st Street, on behalf of Colee Hammock Homeowner's Association. Mr. Carlson concurred with points made by Commissioner Sturman and Vice Mayor Glassman.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Nelson, 520 SE 5th Avenue. Mr. Nelson discussed his support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ann Wiley, 1600 SW 5th Street. Ms. Wiley commented on her viewpoint regarding this Agenda item, reading from a prepared statement that discussed the negative impact on wildlife and the environment. She submitted a photo to the City Clerk.

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized Colgate Darden, 833 N. Rio Vista Boulevard. Mr. Darden discussed his viewpoint regarding this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Payton DeLong, 511 SE 5th Avenue. Mr. DeLong discussed his viewpoint and said that this subject needs further discussion.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Esthel Brennan, 732 SW 13th Avenue, Riverside Park Residents Association President. Ms. Brennan remarked on the Riverside Park Residents Association's vote in support of allowing dogs in Parks. She remarked on the distinction about allowing leashed dogs in all areas of Parks and allowing off-leash dogs in dog park areas.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Vanessa Apotheker, 712 SW 9th Terrace, Tarpon River Civic Association President. Ms. Apotheker spoke in support of allowing leashed dogs in Parks and expounded on her viewpoint.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Melinda Bowker, 511 SE 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale Downtown Civic Association (FLDCA) President. She discussed the FLDCA's input and her support for allowing leashed dogs in Parks.

Commissioner Herbst discussed his viewpoint and noted his experience.

Vice Mayor Glassman made a motion to defer this Agenda item until June 18, 2024, and was seconded by Commissioner Sturman.

**DEFERRED to June 18, 2024**

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

**CR-4**    [24-0280](#)

Resolution Accepting a State-Funded Grant from Florida Department of Transportation for Galt Mile Street Safety Improvements - \$500,000 - (Commission District 1)

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions, Alan Dodd, Public Works Department Director, explained this grant will cover the estimated \$460,000 design cost and includes a \$40,000 contingency. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding funds allocated for the project and securing the balance needed for completion.

Commissioner Herbst explained that the State of Florida (State) previously funded \$5,000,000, which was returned because the project was not shovel-ready. He expounded on related details and noted that Galt Ocean Mile residents paid for recent street improvements in the area. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

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

**MOTIONS**

**M-1**    [24-0045](#)

Motion Approving an Agreement for Design Consulting Services for the Las Olas Corridor Mobility Project (Western Corridor) - WSP USA Inc. - \$3,499,586.36 - (Commission District 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Department Director. Mr. Rogers provided an overview of this Agenda item and discussed related details. Mr. Rogers reviewed a slide

illustrating the Las Olas Mobility Plan Design Concept and Phased Strategy.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Rogers discussed the boundaries and noted the Colee Hammock neighborhood is located to the east.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions regarding issues related to the Black Olive trees in the Las Olas Boulevard median, Laura Tooley, Public Works Department Urban Forestry Supervisor, said that Black Olive trees are considered invasive in some environments. The Black Olive trees planted in the median of Las Olas Boulevard have outgrown their original planters. Ms. Tooley explained the need for a broader median to plant trees that provide a large tree canopy such as Live Oak trees. The alternative would be to install structures under the Las Olas Boulevard street median and sidewalks that would allow the expansion of tree root volume for trees that can provide a large tree shade canopy. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on efforts of the Las Olas Mobility Plan Working Group and The Corradino Group's Conceptual Streetscape Design for Las Olas Boulevard, which was previously approved by the Commission. He discussed the impact of Black Olive trees in other areas of District 2. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed this Streetscape Design and the importance of being cognizant that this section of Las Olas Boulevard is located in a low-lying area. He discussed related concerns and information regarding sea level rise, flooding, and the area's future resiliency, which Broward County (County) has addressed. In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Mr. Rogers confirmed Staff is aware of those concerns and have been included in the scope of work. The consultant will be tasked with working through the future climate scenarios developed by the County and other agencies. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Mr. Rogers noted a nine (9) month timeframe following execution of the agreement for the consultant to complete the scope of work for the fifteen percent (15%) design phase for the two (2) design alternatives, one (1) of which maintains the existing median. City Manager Chavarria details related to consideration of the two (2) design alternatives. Commissioner Sturman confirmed his recommendation to consider both alternative designs.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Nelson, 520 SE 5th Avenue. Mr. Nelson provided his viewpoint on this Agenda item and support of maintaining the median.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on the purpose of this Agenda item and expounded on his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Shelby Smith, 1515 SW 13th Street. Mr. Smith spoke in support of moving forward with this Agenda item.

Commissioner Sturman expounded on his viewpoint in support of two (2) design alternatives and the need to move forward with this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Avi Goldfedder, 4948 NW 19th Avenue, Pompano Beach. Mr. Goldfedder discussed his viewpoint regarding this Agenda item.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed the large amount of community outreach and feedback received regarding this project, cited examples, and expounded on related information.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ed Smoker, 1200 East Las Olas Boulevard. Mr. Smoker discussed his viewpoint of this Agenda item and his support of moving forward.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Gagne, 520 SE 5th Street. Mr. Gagne spoke in support of maintaining the existing median design and saving the median trees.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Diana Gagne, 520 SE 5th Street. Ms. Gagne spoke in support of this Agenda item and discussed the benefits associated with maintaining the trees in the median.

Mayor Trantalis recognized James Carlson, 1601 SE 1st Street, Colee Hammock Civic Association Vice President. Mr. Carlson spoke in support of this Agenda item and moving both plans forward.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Zach Murn, 301 SW 1st Avenue. Mr. Murn spoke in support of this Agenda item and moving forward with both plans.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Catherine Prince, WSP USA, Inc., 1000 Sawgrass Corporate Parkway, Sunrise. Ms. Prince spoke in support of

this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ted Inserra, 912 SW 19th Street, River Oaks Civic Association President. Mr. Inserra spoke in support of this Agenda item and maintaining the Las Olas Boulevard median.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Melinda Bowker, 511 SE 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale Downtown Civic Association (FLDCA) President. Ms. Bowker spoke in support of this Agenda item and discussed the FLDCA's preferences for the area.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charlie Ladd, 442 NE 7th Avenue. Mr. Ladd discussed his support of this Agenda item, noted his related experience and made recommendations regarding the design of this area of Las Olas Boulevard.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his viewpoint regarding this Agenda item, noting the need to recognize the existing life span of the existing tree canopies and need to plan for future shade canopies. He remarked on the goals of incorporating a center median and enlarging sidewalks on the north and south side of Las Olas Boulevard. Mayor Trantalis commented on a previous design proposed by former City Manager George Hanbury shown to the audience.

***A copy of the previous design has been made part of the backup to this Agenda items.***

Mayor Trantalis commented on possible shade canopy options and explained details associated with the consultant's scope of work for the design phase. He said this is a multi-year effort and future related funding has yet to be identified. Mayor Trantalis acknowledged and discussed the significant amount of community outreach, expounded on his perspective and the goal of maintaining the ambiance of Las Olas Boulevard into the future.

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

**APPROVED**

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

**M-2**     [24-0307](#)

Motion to Terminate for Convenience Previous Agreement with Maverick United Elevator, LLC and Approving Replacement Agreement for the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant Freight Elevator Replacement Project - Boromei Construction Inc. - \$1,361,740 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Sturman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Beasley-Pittman.

**APPROVED**

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

**M-3**     [24-0387](#)

Motion Approving a License Application and an Agreement for the Sale, Service, and Consumption of Food and Alcoholic Beverages on the Public Beach - Jefast Pelican Grand I, LLC for The Pelican Grand Beach Resort - (Commission District 2)

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

**APPROVED**

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

**M-4**     [24-0412](#)

Motion Approving an Increase to the Civil Engineering Services Continuing Agreements - AECOM Inc.; Black & Veatch Corporation; Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc.; Chen Moore and Associates, Inc.; Craven, Thompson & Associates, Inc.; Hazen and Sawyer, P.C.; and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. - \$3,920,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)

Commissioner Herbst made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman.

**APPROVED**

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

**M-5**     [24-0442](#)

Motion Approving Service Agreements for Disaster Debris Removal and Emergency Logistical Services with AshBritt, Inc., as Primary Contractor - \$123,904,605 and Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. as Secondary Contractor - \$109,799,829 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Herbst made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman.

**APPROVED**

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

**M-6**     [24-0439](#)

Motion Approving a First Amendment to the Agreement with BDO USA, P.C., a Virginia Corporation Authorized to Conduct Business in the State of Florida as, BDO USA, P.C., Corp to Modify the

Not-To-Exceed Amount for Consulting Services to Develop the Project Scope for the New River Crossing Project - \$50,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Vice Mayor Glassman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Herbst.

**APPROVED**

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

## NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS

**NP-1**    [24-0336](#)

Michael D. Ray - Lead Contamination at FXE and Nearby Neighborhoods

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Ray, 6130 NW 33 Terrace. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Ray confirmed he had not received a copy of the report on this topic. City Manager Chavarria requested Mr. Ray provide his email address and said Staff will forward a copy of the report. Mayor Trantalis said that the report indicated the lead levels from aircraft at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) are within established limits.

Commissioner Herbst said the report will be sent to all District 1 residents in the FXE area, and a Neighborhood Workshop will be convened in June 2024 to discuss the report and related concerns.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Rufus James, FXE Manager, said the report addressed the soil at airport and did not address soil in the neighborhoods surrounding FXE. Mr. James expounded on related information. Commissioner Herbst discussed concerns related to his previous requests for soil testing of neighborhoods that encircle FXE, including Calvary Baptist Church. Further comment and discussion ensued. City Manager Chavarria confirmed that additional testing will take place. Commissioner Herbst expounded on this perspective. Mayor Trantalis remarked on his recollection.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, City Attorney Thomas Ansbro discussed the related procurement process, noting Staff may be able to utilize the City's current agreement with the consultant. Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on his expectation regarding the process and expounded on related details. Assistant City Manager Susan Grant confirmed that the testing done by the consultant went through the appropriate procurement process and explained there are thresholds that do not require Commission approval, which the City Manager is authorized to approve. Staff will

research the costs for the testing requested by Commissioner Herbst, which will go through the appropriate process.

Mr. Ray gave a Neighbor Presentation regarding concerns related to lead emissions and contamination from aircraft at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE). He remarked on efforts to switch to unleaded aircraft fuel.

**RECEIVED**

**NP-2**    [24-0427](#)

Gena Rumble - City Parks

Mayor Trantalis noted that Gena Rumble discussed her Neighbor Presentation during Agenda item CR-3 discussions.

**RECEIVED - See comments under CR-3**

**NP-3**    [24-0480](#)

Paul Struzziero - Pedestrian Walkway on SE 15th Street

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paul Struzziero, 1507 SE 15th Street. Mr. Struzziero gave a Neighbor Presentation regarding pedestrian safety concerns and the SE 15th Street pedestrian walkway. Mr. Struzziero narrated a related slide presentation.

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Department Director, explained that the right-of-way on SE 15th Street is approximately forty-five feet (45') from the white line on the roadway illustrated in Mr. Struzziero's presentation. Mayor Trantalis noted there are commercial businesses located at the end of SE 15th Street. He recommended working with Commissioner Sturman to address pedestrian concerns.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on previous discussions with Staff on this topic. In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Mr. Rogers said Staff concurs with the issue raised by Mr. Struzziero, related discussions with Broward County Traffic Engineering Staff, and area homeowner's associations (HOA). Staff is researching the history of access rights previously granted to developments in this area, and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Rogers discussed related challenges and confirmed that the Sidewalk Master Plan would be finalized this summer.

Commissioner Sturman commented on discussions with an area HOA president and HOAs would be involved with Staff to address safety concerns.



**RECEIVED**[24-0515](#)

WALK-ON - Motion to Extend Commission Meeting until 11:00pm

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

**APPROVED**

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

**RESOLUTIONS****R-1** [24-0418](#)

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

City Clerk Soloman read the names of the Board and Committee appointments and reappointments at the May 21, 2024, Commission Meeting.

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

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

**ADOPTED**

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

**R-2** [24-0455](#)

Resolution Appointing an Acting City Manager- (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding a salary, Assistant City Manager Susan Grant suggested the same compensation that City Manager Chavarria is receiving, approximately \$291,000 annually. In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Commissioner Herbst confirmed the appropriateness of compensating Acting City Manager Grant at the same level as City Manager Chavarria.

Commissioner Sturman introduced this Resolution appointing Assistant City Manager Susan Grant to the position of Acting City Manager at the same compensation level as City Manager Chavarria which was read by title only.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his regret regarding the departure of

City Manager Chavarria, expounded on his perspective, and commented on efforts to move forward with a permanent replacement.

City Attorney Thomas Ansbro noted the need to identify an effective date. Commissioner Sturman recommended this Resolution take effect at the end of this meeting.

**ADOPTED - Appointment of Susan Grant**

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

**R-3**     [24-0303](#)

Quasi-Judicial - Resolution Approving a Plat Known as "1800 State Road 84" - 1800 State Road, LLC - 1800 State Road 84 - Case No. UDP-P21007 - (Commission District 4)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. The Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

Each Commission Member disclosed verbal communications, written communications, site visits and expert opinions received.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Davina Bean, 790 SW 12th Avenue, on behalf of U-Haul (Applicant), said a storage facility would be constructed on this site.

There being no one else 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: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, and Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman introduced this Resolution for approval which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED - Approving**

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

**R-4**     [24-0385](#)

Resolution Approving a Request for a Special Permit to Extend Construction Hours for the Pier Sixty-Six Hotel & Marina Development Subject to the Requirements of Section 17-10 - Construction of Large or Complex Projects (Transportation and Non-Transportation) of the City of Fort Lauderdale's Code of Ordinances District - (Commission District 4)

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Herbst introduced this Resolution.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michelle Hartford, 2500 Mercedes Drive. Ms. Hartford spoke in opposition to this agenda item, stating it would disturb her right to quiet enjoyment of her residence. She explained related details.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Isobel Sturgeon, 2500 Mercedes Drive. Ms. Sturgeon spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and cited examples.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Ms. Sturgeon said the Harbor Beach Homeowner's Association Board did not receive notice regarding this Agenda item. She expounded on additional concerns related to the construction of the Pier Sixty-Six Hotel & Marina Development and cited examples.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., 901 Ponce de Leon Drive, on behalf of Tavistock Group (Applicant). Ms. Toothaker explained that this agenda item is an extension of the existing Special Permit to Extend Construction Hours for the Pier Sixty-Six Hotel & Marina Development and discussed concerns raised by residents. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Ms. Toothaker said that the Applicant has requested this extension until December 2024. There is ongoing construction during the day, requiring alarm testing, and furniture delivery needs to occur after or before construction hours, 6:30 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on discussions about this Agenda item at the District 4 Pre-Agenda Meeting, noted communications from area homeowners' associations requesting he oppose this request, and commented on concerns related to lack of notice. He requested that this agenda item be tabled to allow the Applicant to reach out to area homeowners' associations and expounded on his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Gandolpho, on behalf of the Applicant. Mr. Gandolpho discussed the importance of the Applicant's request. Commissioner Sturman reiterated his concerns regarding the lack of neighbor outreach. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions regarding the ability to test alarms during the day, Rick Schuerger, on behalf of the

Applicant, explained it negatively impacts construction crews and expounded on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Herbst discussed his perspective, including options to alleviate fire alarm testing and the negative impact on area residents' quality of life. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Smith, Tripp Scott, on behalf of the Applicant. Mr. Smith remarked that shortening alarm testing hours would lengthen the duration of construction. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on his perspective regarding the preferences of residents. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Sturman remarked on the need for neighbor input. Vice Mayor Glassman commented on concerns related to other aspects of the development and expounded on related details. In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Mr. Gandolpho discussed the impact of delaying completion of the project. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sturman reiterated the need for neighborhood input. In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Chris Cooper, Development Services Department Director, explained the two-fold notice requirements for this Agenda item and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Schuerger and Mr. Gandolpho explained details regarding the development's alarm testing.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Mr. Cooper reiterated the notice requirements associated with this Agenda item. Commissioner Sturman remarked on his recollection of the process thus far and prior feedback from the residents. He discussed his viewpoint and noted the need to obtain neighborhood input.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Schuerger said completion of the project requires satisfactory alarm testing.

Mayor Trantalis commented on the alarm testing times, before or after daily construction.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Laurence Gillman, 1775 Harbourview Drive. Mr. Gillman commented on his viewpoint, recommended a noise mitigation plan, and cited examples. Further comment and

discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Ms. Toothaker said a noise mitigation plan is part of this Agenda item and noted related information.

Commissioner Sturman said he would make his office available for all stakeholders to meet to discuss a viable compromise. He discussed possible options, including tabling this Agenda item for two (2) weeks to receive neighbor and stakeholder input to determine a solution, granting a two (2) week permit extension during which the developer can work with neighbors to determine a solution. Further comment and discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on his understanding of the amendment to this Agenda item.

Commissioner Sturman introduced this Resolution as amended that will allow a two (2) week waiver extension requiring fire alarm testing to end by 8:00 p.m. daily and requiring both the Applicant and area neighbors to meet to discuss a compromise noise mitigation plan, which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

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

[24-0516](#)

WALK-ON - Motion to Extend Commission Meeting until 12:00am

Commissioner Sturman made a motion to extend the Commission Meeting until 12:00 a.m. and was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman.

**APPROVED**

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

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [24-0446](#)

Public Hearing to Consider a Resolution for an Amendment to a Development Agreement Between the City of Fort Lauderdale and Tavistock Development Company, LLC. Pier 66 Parking LLC., Pier 66 Ventures, LLC., and Sails Ventures, LLC. Pursuant to Chapter 163.3220-163.3243, Florida Statutes - (Commission District 4)

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., on behalf of the Applicant, confirmed this is the first of two (2) readings of this Resolution. Mayor Trantalis remarked that this is an opportunity for neighbors to review and consider changes and updates presented.

Ms. Toothaker explained the changes being presented for

Commission consideration are at the request of the lender to clarify existing language associated with Historic Designation of the Pier 66 Tower and other items, and does not impact the Applicant's 2018 Development Agreement with the City.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Toothaker said that a portion of the northern area of the site and the southern portion of the site would still need to go through the site plan process. Ms. Toothaker narrated a presentation entitled *First Amendment to Development Agreement PH-1 (Agreement)*.

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

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Laurence Gillman, 1775 Harbour View Drive. Mr. Gillman commented on his viewpoint and concerns regarding proposed language in the modified Agreement.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michelle Hartford, 2500 Mercedes Drive. Ms. Hartford concurred with Mr. Gillman's comments and discussed the need for residents to review the proposed revisions.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Isobel Sturgeon, 2500 Mercedes Drive. Ms. Sturgeon spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and expounded on concerns and cited examples.

Mayor Trantalis announced the Second Public Hearing on this Agenda item will be held on May 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Commissioner Sturman remarked on his perspective and timeline regarding the Historic Designation of the Pier 66 Tower and expounded on related history and information. He noted that this will be the subject of PH-2, the next Agenda item.

Commissioner Sturman discussed concerns regarding the public outreach and the public not receiving detailed information. Ms. Toothaker confirmed she would share the red-lined version of the Agreement with neighbors. He reiterated that his office could assist

the Applicant with neighborhood outreach efforts and discussed information related to previous notice efforts to residents.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's comment, City Attorney Thomas Ansbro confirmed his Staff had negotiated the redlined agreement with Ms. Toothaker. City Attorney Ansbro noted the two (2) week timeline for stakeholder review prior to the second reading of this Resolution. Commissioner Sturman recommended this redlined agreement be brought forward for Commission discussion at a Conference Meeting prior to a decision.

Commissioner Sturman discussed items of major concern and said his office will coordinate a Town Hall Meeting with neighbors to review the proposed Agreement. He requested Staff participation to provide its input regarding the impact of the proposed changes in the red-lined agreement.

**DISCUSSED - No Action Taken**

**PH-2**    [24-0353](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving Historic Designation as a Historic Landmark of the Property Commonly Known as Pier 66 Hotel Tower, located at 2301 SW 17th Street - Historic Preservation Board Case No. UDP-HPD22001 - (Commission District 4)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. The Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

Each Commission Member disclosed verbal communications, written communications, site visits and expert opinions received.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., on behalf of the Tavistock Group (Applicant). Ms. Toothaker provided an overview of this Agenda item that included a slide illustrating a timeline history of efforts towards Historic Designation of the Pier 66 Tower and explained related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized Marc Dickerman, 1417 SW 2nd Street. Mr. Dickerman spoke in support of this Agenda item.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner

Sturman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, and Mayor Trantalis

City Attorney Thomas Ansbro clarified that the Historic Designation only applies to the Pier 66 Tower building.

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

**ADOPTED - Approving Building Only**

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

**PH-3**    [24-0397](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning from General Aviation Airport (GAA) District to Parks, Recreation and Open Space (P) District - 5101 NW 12th Avenue - City of Fort Lauderdale - Case No. UDP-Z23011 - (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, Vice Mayor Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Sturman. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, and Mayor Trantalis

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

**PASSED FIRST READING**

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

**Not Present:** 1 - Mayor Trantalis

**PH-4**    [24-0416](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving a Waiver of Limitations at 1801 SE 21st Avenue for the Installation of one (1) Boat Lift - (Commission District 4)

Each Commission Member disclosed verbal communications, written



communications, site visits and expert opinions received.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

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

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

**ADOPTED - Approving**

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

**24-0517** WALK-ON - Motion to Extend Commission Meeting until 1:00am

Commissioner Sturman made a motion to extend the Commission Meeting until 1:00 a.m.

**MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND**

[24-0518](#) WALK-ON - Motion to Extend Commission Meeting until 12:45am

Commissioner Sturman made a motion to extend the Commission Meeting until 12:45 a.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Beasley-Pittman.

**APPROVED**

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

**PH-5** [24-0157](#) Public Hearing - Ordinance Imposing a Moratorium for a One (1) Year Period for the Submittal, Processing, and Granting of any Waivers to Construct Docks, Boat Slips, Mooring Piles, etc., that Extend Beyond the Maximum Distance from the Applicant's Property into the New River - Case No. UDP- T23009 - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Robert Dunckel, Assistant City Attorney III, explained that the City is not denying people the right to build docks, boat slips, or mooring piles. This Agenda item relates to a temporary moratorium to ensure safety and navigability in this area of the New River.

Mr. Dunckel provided an introduction and overview of the proposed temporary moratorium and the applicable area and explained related information. In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mr. Dunckel confirmed what the current Code allows. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Steve Witten, 33 S. Gordon Road, Marine Advisory Board Chair. Mr. Witten spoke in support of this Agenda item, explained related benefits, and narrated a presentation.

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

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the positive aspects and goals associated with this Agenda item.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, City Attorney Ansbro confirmed a simple Commission majority is required to approve this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Gloria Velazquez, 8102 NW 158th Terrace, Miami Lakes, on behalf of homeowners. Ms. Velazquez spoke in opposition to this Agenda item. In response to Ms. Velazquez's question, City Attorney Ansbro confirmed this is the First Reading of the Ordinance. The Second Reading will take place on May 21, 2024. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis said that homeowners with existing waivers are grandfathered in, and this Ordinance will not impact them and will only apply to future applicants. Ms. Velazquez requested a six (6) month moratorium. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Resta, 2040 SW 22nd Avenue. Mr. Resta spoke in opposition to this Agenda item. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the need for safe navigation of this area of the New River.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Irons, 909 Mango Isle. Mr. Irons spoke in opposition to this Agenda item and expounded on his viewpoint, including concerns regarding notice. Commissioner Sturman said that this Agenda item will be discussed again at the May 21, 2024, Commission Meeting, and the public can review and provide feedback during the interim period.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, City Attorney Ansbro confirmed notice of this Agenda item was published in the newspaper.

Commissioner Herbst recommended Staff consider additional ways to provide notice to residents and cited examples. Mr. Dunckel discussed notice requirements, confirmed Staff followed State Statute, and said notice was sent to impacted homeowner's associations.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Joe O'Neill 501 SW 6th Avenue. In response to Mr. O'Neill's question regarding his plans to file a dock waiver variance that is in the construction permitting process, Mr. Dunckel explained that it would not qualify to be exempt.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Julian Siegel, 822 SW 4th Place. Mr. Siegel spoke in opposition to this Ordinance and expounded on his viewpoint.

Mr. Witten explained the reasoning for addressing this portion of the New River and expounded on related information. The Marine Advisory Board will work to expedite study efforts related to this Agenda item. There will be a comprehensive map of the impacted area explaining related information and will be made available to stakeholders. Mr. Witten expounded on additional information and efforts to address navigational need in this area of the New River and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding advising the public.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Lindsey Way, 900 Coconut Drive. Ms. Way spoke in opposition to this Agenda item, remarking on concerns regarding public notice and its impact on property rights. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Mr. Dunckel confirmed this is a moratorium on dock waiver applications. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Werner Stemer, 1008 SW 5th Place. Mr. Stemer remarked on the dock waiver application process.

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

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman emphasized the crucial role of public input in shaping decisions and the need for improved efforts to provide information and notice to residents of upcoming issues of importance and related hearings. Mayor Trantalis concurred on the significance of

community engagement. Commissioner Herbst agreed, noted the importance of transparency and accountability, and discussed the ease with which mailings can be generated to impacted neighbors.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Herbst discussed his perspective and the need to address this issue and recommended a compromise with a nine (9) month moratorium versus one (1) year, beginning on June 1, 2024. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Herbst requested additional transparency and recommended including the study's deadlines and deliverables to stakeholders.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman reiterated her concerns regarding the lack of opportunity for neighbors to be part of the process. She concurred with the nine (9) month moratorium timeline compromise suggested by Commissioner Herbst.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed his viewpoint, noted the communication disconnect with residents, the lengthy timeline associated with this topic, and the need for additional information, including who would be undertaking the study, deliverables, and deadlines. He confirmed his support of a six (6) month moratorium.

Commissioner Herbst requested Staff provide details associated with the study to the Commission by the June 1, 2024, moratorium start date. He reiterated the technology available to Staff to communicate with residents.

Commissioner Sturman confirmed his support of a six (6) month moratorium timeline.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Witten explained the study will define problem areas of this area of the New River and expounded on related information. There is an ongoing biometric study to identify trouble areas along the New River. Over the next several months, efforts will include developing a consistent program that outlines each area's safest navigation. The Marine Advisory Board (MAB) is working with the U.S. Coast Guard to define the navigational channel, which may result in the need to either widen or narrow dockage areas identified in the existing Code. The study will develop a plan that outlines a designated birthing area for each property along the New River to ensure safe navigation.

Mayor Trantalis questioned the need for a moratorium during the study. Mr. Witten explained that the request for the moratorium is because of the number of waivers being brought before the MAB.

Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis commented on the MAB and its history of granting dock waivers. He noted the ability of the Commission to modify the Code or the alternative that the MAB does not approve all dock waiver requests. Commissioner Sturman concurred.

Mayor Trantalis expounded on his viewpoint and remarked on the ability to look at each dock waiver request on a case-by-case basis. He said that the study could still move forward and should include the entire New River as there are concerns throughout. He said that he does not support a moratorium.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on concerns related to having a moratorium on waivers, stating it will not solve the problem. He cited the example of condominiums with dockage rights that would impede navigational safety. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on the actions of the MAB and the Commission over the past several years regarding the denial of dock waiver requests and expounded on his perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued.

**DISCUSSED - No Action Taken**

[24-0520](#)

WALK-ON - Motion to Extend Commission Meeting until 1:00am

Commissioner Sturman made a motion to extend the Commission Meeting until 1:00 a.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Beasley-Pittman.

**APPROVED**

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

**ORDINANCE FIRST READING**

**OFR-1** [24-0410](#)

First Reading - An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Amending Article XI Entitled "Solicitation and Display on Public Rights-of-Way", Section 25-267 Entitled "Right-of-Way Solicitors and Canvassers" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Attorney Thomas Ansbro remarked on the need to include in the record the reasoning behind this Ordinance.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Wesley Acosta, Fort Lauderdale Police

Department Senior Management Analyst. Mr. Acosta explained the basis for this Ordinance, including details and background information.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mayor Trantalis confirmed the genesis of the request for this Ordinance was from the Office of the City Attorney.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman introduced this Ordinance on the First Reading which was read by title only.

**PASSED FIRST READING**

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

[24-0495](#)

WALK ON - Motion Approving an Event Agreement and Related Road Closures for 1 MASS District Events Q2 - (Commission District 2)

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

**APPROVED**

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

[24-0521](#)

WALK-ON - Resolution Providing for a Retroactive Merit Increase for City Manager - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Sturman confirmed the dates encompassing this Agenda item are from June 22, 2022 to June 22, 2023.

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

**ADOPTED - 3% Merit Increase effective June 22, 2023**

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

**Not Present:** 1 - Vice Mayor Glassman

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 12:48 a.m.

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Dean J. Trantalis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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David R. Soloman  
City Clerk