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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

6:00 PM

**Broward Center for the Performing Arts - Mary N. Porter Riverview
Ballroom - 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312**

City Commission Regular Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

JOHN C. HERBST Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District 1

STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District 2

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Commissioner - District 3

BEN SORENSEN Commissioner - District 4

RICKELLE WILLIAMS, City Manager

DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk

D'WAYNE M. SPENCE, Interim City Attorney

PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Colin Cowan & Katalina Cowan - Croissant Park Elementary School

Moment of Silence

In remembrance of former City employee Hal G. Barnes.

ROLL CALL

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

COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: City Manager Rickelle Williams, City Clerk David R. Soloman, Interim City Attorney D'Wayne M. Spence, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS

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

Paul Prezzemolo, Fire-Rescue Department Driver Engineer - 27.5 years of service; and Michel Gagnon, Public Works Department Utility Services Wastewater Operations Supervisor - 9.5 years of service.

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following updates to the Agenda:

AGENDA ITEM REMOVED:

NP-1 Removed from the Agenda at the speaker's request

AGENDA ITEM REVISION:

CM-4 - CAM & Exhibit 3 were revised

WALK-ON AGENDA ITEM:

WALK ON - Motion for Discussion - City Commission Request for

Review - Amalfi - Case No. UDP-S24035 2317 North Ocean Boulevard - (Commission District 2)

A copy of the Agenda revision and the Walk-On Agenda item are attached to these Meeting Minutes.

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[25-1087](#)

Minutes for September 3, 2025, Commission Conference Meeting, September 3, 2025, Commission First Budget Hearing and September 3, 2025, Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED AS AMENDED - Agenda as Amended

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [25-1093](#)
1

Broward County FIND Commissioner Richard Waltzer to Speak on Water Safety and make a Check Presentation in Support of Waterway Safety Initiatives through the Waterways Assistance Program in the amount of \$5,352,251

Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Commissioner for Broward County Richard Waltzer made check presentations through the *Waterways Assistance Program* that included the following: \$4,420,769 for International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) peninsula seawall infrastructure improvements; \$1,132,636 for improvements to the northern section of Riverwalk; \$250,000 for the promenade and docks on the ISHOF peninsula; and, \$48,846 for the Fort Lauderdale Police Marine Unit to replace marine patrol vessel engines. Commission Members expressed their gratitude for the continued financial support.

Commissioner Waltzer introduced Captain Jeffrey Hart, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). Captain Hart discussed the FWC's mission to protect waterway natural resources and ensure public safety, and acknowledged the FWC's partnership with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department.

Commissioner Waltzer introduced Sarah Perry, founder of the Aiden Perry Hero Life Initiative and President of the Aiden Perry Good

Samaritan Scholarship Fund. Ms. Perry shared her personal story honoring her son, Aiden Perry, her efforts to advance water safety throughout waterways and parks and expounded on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-1092](#)
2

Vice Mayor Herbst to present a Proclamation declaring November 10, 2025, as the 250th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Mayor Trantalis requested distinguished United States Marine Corps veterans, Commander Larry Roberts representing Robert Bethel American Legion Post 220, and Vietnam Marine Veteran Marshall Belmain representing American Legion Post 36, join Vice Mayor Herbst at the podium. Mayor Trantalis expounded on details of both Commander Roberts and Mr. Belmain's military service.

Vice Mayor Herbst presented a Proclamation in commemoration of the 250th birthday of the United States Marine Corps reading the Proclamation in its entirety. Commander Roberts and Mr. Belmain accepted the Proclamation, remarked on their service, and thanked the Commission for this recognition.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-1111](#)
5

Commissioner Sorensen to recognize City Employee Military Veterans in Honor of Veterans Day

Commissioner Sorensen remarked on the upcoming Veterans Day holiday, recognized the service of City employees who are veterans or currently serve in the military reserves, the Florida National Guard and other areas of the military, and invited those in attendance to join him at the podium.

Commission Members acknowledged their gratitude to those employees and presented lapel pins in honor of their service to the country. Commissioner Sorensen emphasized the importance of continuing to honor and support veterans, their families, and those currently serving in the military and thanked them for their service and sacrifice.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-1090](#)
3

Commissioner Glassman to present a Proclamation declaring November 4, 2025, as Broward Sheriff's Advisory Council Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Glassman presented a Proclamation declaring

November 4, 2025, as Broward Sheriff's Advisory Council Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Andy Mitchell, Chairman of Broward Sheriff's Advisory Council (Council), accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission for this recognition. Mr. Mitchell expounded on the efforts and contributions of the Council.

PRESENTED

PRES- [25-1059](#)
4

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman to present a Proclamation declaring November 9, 2025, as New Hope Baptist Church Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman presented a Proclamation declaring *November 9, 2025, as New Hope Baptist Church Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

New Hope Baptist Church Pastor Ricky Scott accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission for this recognition.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

CONSENT MOTIONS

CM-1 [25-0906](#)

Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Related Road Closures beyond 10:00 a.m. on the Barrier Island, with Hooptie, LLC. for the MPH Club Private Event on November 15, 2025, on Windamar Street from North Birch Road to State Road A1A - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-2 [25-0907](#)

Motion Approving a Three (3)-Year Agreement, Request for Road Closure Beyond 10:00 a.m. on the Barrier Island, and Request for Music Exemption with P1 Live, LLC for the Beachfront Grand Prix Festival at Las Olas Oceanside Park, with the First Year's Event to be held on May 1 - May 3, 2026 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-3 [25-1020](#)

Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Related Road Closure beyond 10:00 a.m. on the Barrier Island with Greater Fort Lauderdale Food & Wine Festival, Inc. for the Visit Lauderdale Food & Wine Festival from January 22-25, 2026, at Las Olas Oceanside Park and Las Olas Intracoastal Promenade Park - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-4 [25-0965](#)

Motion Approving a One (1)-Year Agreement with a One (1)-Year Renewal Option, Request for Road Closures, Road Closures, Request for Road Closures Beyond 10:00 am on the Barrier Island, Request for Music Exemption, and Noise Control on the Public Waterways Exemption with Winterfest, Inc. for The Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade, with the 2025 Event to be Held on Saturday, December 13, 2025 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-5 [25-1040](#)

Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement with All Saints' Protestant Episcopal Church for the All Saints Boat Parade Festival on December 13, 2025, at 333 Tarpon Drive - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-6 [25-0950](#)

Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Related Road

Closure with South Florida Exotic Car Toy Rally, LLC for the South Florida Exotic Car "Toy Rally" to benefit Toys for Tots on December 6, 2025, at 5750 North Federal Highway - (Commission District 1)

APPROVED

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

CM-7 [25-0966](#)

Motion Approving Fiscal Year 2026 Beach Business Improvement District (BBID) Grant Funding for the Biggest Christmas Tree in Broward County in the amount of \$25,000 - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-8 [25-1017](#)

Motion Authorizing Execution of an FY25 Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program Grant - \$48,846 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-9 [25-0936](#)

Motion Accepting Broward County Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant Program Funds - \$195,192 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-10 [25-1016](#)

Motion Accepting State Financial Assistance Award for the Fort Lauderdale Violence Interruption Project - \$650,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-11 [25-0736](#)

Motion Authorizing a First Amendment to the Seawall Improvements Development Agreement Between the City of Fort Lauderdale and Las Olas SMI OpCo, LLC for Repairs to the City's Crane Pad and Increasing the City Contribution by \$980,868.14, for a total of \$3,853,451.71 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-12 [25-1012](#)

Motion Approving the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement between Cypress Corporate Center LLC and the City of Fort Lauderdale for the Information Technology Services Department - \$738,853 for Lease Expansion and two (2)-year Extension (Previously Approved Lease Costs Excluded) - (Commission District 1)

APPROVED

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

CM-13 [25-0772](#)

Motion Approving a Retroactive Agreement and Change Order No. 5 for Riverwalk North Seawall Replacement Project - HBC Engineering Company - 250-Day Extension and \$545,201.33 - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-14 [25-0793](#)

Motion Approving a Retroactive Agreement and Change Order No. 1 for the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant Sluice Gates Replacement Project - RF Environmental Services, Inc. - \$2,439.65 and 349-day Extension - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-15 [25-1104](#)

Motion Approving the Third Amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement for the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center: Construction of Florida Power & Light Feeds - Prospect Lake Water L.P. - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-16 [25-1022](#)

Motion Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Revocable License with GRANITEFL, LLC for Temporary Right-of-Way Closures on SE 5 Street in Association with The Dunes Hotel located at 441 S Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

CR-1 [25-0931](#) Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2026 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-2 [25-0722](#) Resolution Approving City of Fort Lauderdale Fiscal Year 2026 Not For Profit Grant Participation Agreement with The Stranahan House, Inc., - \$563,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 [25-0779](#) Motion Approving a Service Agreement for Request for Proposals No. 243-5, Facilities Condition Assessment with Geodatabase - Roth IAMS LLC - \$447,670 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CP-2 [25-0824](#) Motion Approving an Agreement for Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 484-2 - East Broward Boulevard at SE 15 Avenue Intersection Improvements - Heavy Civil Inc. - \$199,480.62 - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CP-3 [25-0995](#) Motion Approving a Piggyback Agreement Utilizing the Broward County Board of County Commissioners Contract No. GEN2123165B1 for Moving Services for the New Police Headquarters and Other Citywide Relocation Needs - Armstrong Relocation, Florida, LLC - \$144,192 - and Citywide Subject to Availability of Funds - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CP-4 [25-1028](#)

Motion Approving an Agreement for Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 507-3 - Runway 13-31 Pavement Sealing - Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC - \$335,417.50 - (Commission District 1)

APPROVED

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

NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS**NP-1** [25-1096](#)

Larry Knox - Airbnbs Activity

REMOVED FROM AGENDA**NP-2** [25-1097](#)

Ted Inserra - River Oaks Civic Association's Findings

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ted Inserra, 912 SW 19th Street, River Oaks Civic Association President. Mr. Inserra provided an overview of community findings from a recent River Oaks Civic Association Meeting.

RECEIVED**MOTIONS****M-1** [25-0825](#)

Motion Approving an Agreement for Invitation to Bid No. 479-5 - Riverland Road Traffic Calming Improvements - Sagaris Corp. - \$1,217,735.20 - (Commission District 4)

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

APPROVED

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

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

City Clerk David Soloman read the names of nominees for appointment and/or reappointment to Advisory Boards and Committees at the November 18, 2025, Commission Regular Meeting.

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

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

ADOPTED

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

R-2 [25-0981](#)

Resolution Approving an Award of \$750,000 to Sistrunk Apartments, LLC Under State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) for an Affordable Housing Development; Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Execute any and all Documents; Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Take Certain Actions - (Commission District 3)

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

ADOPTED

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

R-3 [25-1064](#)

City Auditor Annual Performance Review - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Sorensen remarked on his positive viewpoint regarding the performance of City Auditor Patrick Reilly and recommended a three percent (3%) merit increase. Mayor Trantalis concurred and expounded on his viewpoint.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution with a three percent (3%) merit increase for City Auditor Patrick Reilly which was read by title only.

ADOPTED - 3% Merit Increase

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [25-0974](#)

Public Hearing - Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan; Future Land Use Element, Conservation Element, Sanitary Sewer, Water and Stormwater Element, and Capital Improvement Element to Incorporate by Reference the Ten

(10)-Year Water Supply Facility Work Plan 2026 - Case No. UDP-S25004 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

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

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

PH-2 [25-0928](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving a Waiver of Limitations at 309 Sunset Drive for the Installation of Two (2) Finger Piers Extending a Maximum Distance of 32'3" +/- and Three (3) Mooring Piles Extending a Maximum Distance of 37'+/- Measured from the Property Line into the Adjacent Waters of Sunset Lake - (Commission District 2)

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

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

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

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

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

ADOPTED - Approving

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

PH-3 [25-0929](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving a Waiver of Limitations at 3013-3019 Harbor Drive for the Installation of Three (3) Finger Piers Extending a Maximum Distance of +/- 28.0' and Fourteen (14) Mooring Piles Extending a Maximum Distance of +/- 54.5' Measured from the Property Line into the Adjacent Waterway - (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.

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

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

ADOPTED - Approving

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

PH-4 [25-1043](#)

Public Hearing - Resolution Authorizing a Development Agreement Between the City of Fort Lauderdale and 901 N Federal Owner, LLC; 450 NE 9th Owner, LLC; 550 NE 9th Owner, LLC; AIMCO OP GP, LLC; and AIMCO OP L.P., Pursuant to Chapter 163.3220-163.3243 - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized Courtney Crush, Esq., Crush Law, P.A., on behalf of the Applicant. Ms. Crush explained details associated with this

Agenda item. Ms. Crush showed an additional graphic illustrating aspects of the project's public-realm improvements on three (3) parcels, which would include park space, enhanced open space, and upgraded streetscape elements to ensure that community-benefits are delivered at the outset of the project.

A copy of the graphic is attached to these Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Trantalis acknowledged Ms. Crush's thorough explanation. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence explained the next steps in the process.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to advance this Agenda item to a second public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

APPROVED - Motion to advance to a second public hearing

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

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

OFR-1 [25-0770](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending Chapter 28 - Water, Wastewater and Stormwater - Limiting Utility Account Establishment to Property Owners Only - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

OFR-2 [25-1035](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending Chapter 26, Article VIII - Valet Parking on Rights-of-Way and Public Parking Facilities of the Code of Ordinances to Establish Boundaries for Valet Operations in Public Rights-Of-Ways - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

OFR-3 [25-1068](#)

First Reading - Ordinance of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Amending Ordinance No. C-12-26 as Amended by Ordinance No. C-13-08 of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, by Revising the Term

of Appointment to the Central City Redevelopment Advisory Board from Three (3) Consecutive One (1)-Year Terms to Two (2) Consecutive Three (3)-Year Terms - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Troy Liggett, 707 NE 17th Court and Middle River Terrace Neighborhood Association President. Mr. Liggett spoke in support of this Agenda item, and explained related information.

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 [25-1098](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending Chapter 25 of the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances, Sections 25-129.4, 25-129.17 and 25-130 - Streets and Sidewalks, Undergrounding of Utility Facilities - Special Assessment Program - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

WALK-ON MOTION

25-1122

WALK ON - Motion for Discussion - City Commission Request for Review - Amalfi - Case No. UDP-S24035 - 2317 North Ocean Boulevard - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Vice Mayor Herbst. Vice Mayor Herbst remarked that several residents who participated in the Planning and Zoning Board (P&Z Board) Meeting related to this Agenda item have expressed concerns regarding statements made during that P&Z Board Meeting that may have influenced the P&Z Board's decision regarding the Amalfi development (Project). Vice Mayor Herbst requested that the Commission review the Meeting record and clarify.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Vice Mayor Herbst explained that the goal is to ensure that the P&Z Board's vote on this Project was based on proper interpretation of information from Interim City Attorney

Spence at that P&Z Meeting.

In response to Vice Mayor Herbst's question regarding proper call-up procedure, Interim City Attorney Spence explained that the Commission's role is to determine whether additional review of the Project is justified and expounded on related details.

Mayor Trantalis said that the Commission would hear from speakers and gather information before deciding whether a de novo hearing is warranted. Vice Mayor Herbst concurred.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dr. Allen Zeman, 3200 NW 19th Street, Dolphin Isles Homeowners Association President. Mr. Zeman discussed his views on the process, Project setbacks, and noted the need to balance developers' rights with the interests of the community.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Fernando Oliveria, 2300 NE 33rd Avenue. Mr. Oliveria spoke in opposition to the Project. In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Oliveria explained survey feedback from Everglades Club residents opposing the Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ellyn Bogdanoff, Esq., Becker & Poliakoff, P.A., One East Broward Boulevard, on behalf of the Everglades Club Board of Directors. Ms. Bogdanoff discussed her recollection of outreach to Everglades Club residents. Ms. Bogdanoff explained that a residents committee was formed, and they negotiated issues of concern with the developer. Ms. Bogdanoff cited the items negotiated and confirmed that the Everglades Club Board of Directors voted to support the Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stephen Nagy, 3329 NE 18th Street. Mr. Nagy spoke in opposition to this Project and cited related case law.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Steve Ganon, 2517 N. Atlantic Boulevard, Lauderdale Beach Homeowners' Association President. Interim City Attorney Spence cautioned Mr. Ganon, a P&Z Board member, about speaking on this Agenda item due to his participation in the P&Z Meeting. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Ganon recused himself.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Robert Gindhard, 2200 NW 33rd Avenue, White Egret Condominium, Inc., President. Mr. Gindhard shared his perspective on this Agenda item. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Gindhard confirmed that the condominium residents voted for Mr. Gindhard to work with the other impacted condominium associations to determine a solution in the best interest of the

community.

Mayor Trantalis recognized William Brown, 112 N. Birch Road, Central Beach Alliance (CBA) President. Mr. Brown spoke in support of the Project. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Brown confirmed the Project is within the CBA area. Mr. Brown provided information on the condominiums impacted by the Project and his review of the P&Z Board Meeting.

Vice Mayor Herbst discussed his call-up of this item, confirmed his review of the P&Z Board Meeting, and addressed concerns regarding input from Interim City Attorney Spence at that Meeting and how P&Z Board members interpreted his input. Further comment and discussion ensued. Interim City Attorney Spence clarified his remarks and provided additional information.

Vice Mayor Herbst reiterated his concern regarding the P&Z Board members' interpretation of Interim City Attorney Spence's comments at the P&Z Board Meeting. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding whether Vice Mayor Herbst and Interim City Attorney Spence agreed on that point, Vice Mayor Herbst confirmed and explained that his goal in raising this issue tonight is to ensure clarification in a public forum.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mike Lambrechts, Vice Chairman, Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Florida, CCA Broward Chapter President. Mr. Lambrechts spoke in support of this Agenda item.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's request for clarity regarding the call-up process for a de novo hearing, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed the governing criteria is under Code Section 47-268.2, which he read into the record.

Vice Mayor Herbst stated that his primary concern is not the substance of the Project, but ensuring transparency and integrity in the P&Z Board's decision-making process. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Interim City Attorney Spence explained items the Commission should evaluate to determine whether a de novo hearing should be scheduled. Commissioner Sorensen said that concerns raised by Vice Mayor Herbst would not be remedied through a de novo hearing. Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed his understanding that the Commission's task is to determine whether a de novo hearing is warranted.

Mayor Trantalis said that because Vice Mayor Herbst called up this matter, it allows the Commission to ask questions related to any of the criteria considered by the P&Z Board, including impacts on surrounding neighborhoods and other related considerations.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., 901 Ponce de Leon Drive, on behalf of the Applicant. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding how the Project was allowed to be a height of two hundred forty feet (240'), Ms. Toothaker explained that the zoning designation in this area of A1A is RMH-60. Under RMH-60 zoning, buildings are permitted up to one hundred twenty feet (120') by right and up to two hundred forty feet (240') conditional use. Ms. Toothaker said that conditional use height requires P&Z Board approval based on specific criteria referenced in this Agenda item's backup information and expounded on related information.

Vice Mayor Herbst commented on the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDRs) and their lack of updates to yard modifications for projects. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Herbst's question about the lack of related ULDR updates, Anthony Fajardo, Development Services Department Director, explained that staff had not been directed to address this topic and provided additional information. Commissioner Glassman and Commissioner Sorensen concurred on the need to address ULDR yard modifications. Vice Mayor Herbst confirmed the need for community engagement on this topic.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Cooper, Assistant City Manager. Mr. Cooper confirmed that, based on Commission direction, staff would research and make recommendations to the Commission. Mayor Trantalis recommended scheduling a discussion on this topic at an upcoming Conference Meeting. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Ms. Toothaker discussed details of the Project's yard modifications presented at the P&Z Board Meeting, provided additional information, and requested that the Commission not set a de novo hearing.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on his perspective and said that he has followed proposed development on State Road A1A closely for more

than two (2) years. He discussed the Project's initial design and his efforts to urge its transition to a taller, slimmer design to provide better light, air, and view corridors. Commissioner Glassman confirmed that aspects of the Project's conditional use and required yard modifications meet Code criteria, said he is not comfortable overturning the P&Z Board decision, and explained that protecting existing views of other condominiums is not protected in the ULDR. Commissioner Glassman noted there was no basis to schedule a de novo hearing and expounded on his viewpoint.

Vice Mayor Herbst reiterated his reasoning for calling up this Agenda item was to ensure the integrity of the process and explained related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

DISCUSSED - No Action Taken

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk