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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

1:30 PM

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

## **City Commission Conference 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 1:42 p.m.

## COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

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

## COMMUNICATIONS TO CITY COMMISSION

[25-0611](#)

Communications to the City Commission - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Two or more members of the Education Advisory Board may be present and participate in the discussion of this item at this meeting.

*Education Advisory Board (EAB)*

*April 17, 2025*

*Communication to the Commission*

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

Juliet Gray-Williams, EAB Member, explained the first funding request, which would provide young adults with scholarships for an aviation industry workforce training program (Program) following high school.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding this being the responsibility of the School Board of Broward County (School Board) as the taxing authority for education, Susan Leon, Chief Education Officer, confirmed a partnership with the School Board that would provide Program materials and supplies. This \$200,000 funding request would fund two (2) \$2,500 student scholarships in addition to partially funding the Program's classroom facility at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) and other Program costs. Ms. Leon said that this funding request

is for Fiscal Year 2026 and would follow the funding request process. City Manager Rickelle Williams confirmed.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed her support of this funding request, expounded on her viewpoint that this Program would provide opportunities to fulfill employment needs in the aviation field, and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis acknowledged these efforts relate to the Commission's direction to pursue secondary education and training opportunities for the City's youth. Further comment and discussion ensued. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Leon said that the communication includes a \$200,000 request, a portion of which would fund two (2) \$2,500 student scholarships.

Vice Mayor Herbst discussed his positive perspective and similar prior efforts of former Commissioner Heather Moraitis and remarked on similar examples in other areas of the country. Vice Mayor Herbst noted the importance of implementing initial aviation workforce training at the high school level to ensure opportunities for high school graduates. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his recollection of the Commission's direction to provide both aviation and marine industry training to high school students and expounded on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Ms. Leon confirmed Vice Mayor Herbst's remarks, explained that this Program focuses on aviation workforce education and training for high school students who have higher education tuition needs to continue their pursuit of aviation workforce training.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Leon discussed similar trade training programs that are available to City high school students.

Ms. Gray-Williams read from a prepared statement focusing on the second funding request, an initiative entitled *The Underwater Project* (Initiative). The Initiative would involve young people in efforts to elevate awareness of the negative impact of climate change to ensure neighborhood resilience.

Mayor Trantalis noted that the EAB did not include the related funding amount in its communication. Ms. Leon remarked on the Initiative's partnership with the Cortada Foundation and Broward County Public

Schools, and commented on related details. Commissioner Glassman commented on the EAB Meeting Minutes and Chair Janet Gualtieri's opposition to funding the Initiative due to the availability of alternative free initiatives. Ms. Leon said that free alternatives were not presented to the EAB.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions regarding the Initiative's funding request, City Manager Williams confirmed that this funding request would be part of the budget discussion process and staff would research to verify whether it came from the Broward County Cultural Affairs Division.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

#### **BUS-1 [25-0506](#)**

Prospect Lake Clean Water Center Update - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mark Janay, Ridgewood/IDE Technologies (IDE), Prospect Lake Water, L.P. Center. Mr. Janay provided an update on the progress of the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center (Project) since the prior update to the Commission in September 2024. Mr. Janay presented a presentation entitled *Prospect Lake Clean Water Center Project Update*.

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

Mr. Janay introduced Joseph Padron, on behalf of Prospect Lake. Mr. Padron continued narrating the presentation.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the benchmarks the Commission had established regarding the Project filtering out PFAS (per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances) and noted that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had relaxed its PFAS standards. Mayor Trantalis remarked on his opposition to using the EPA's standards as a guidepost. Mr. Janay explained the three (3) components associated with the EPA's PFAS standards, noted his understanding that the third bucket of requirements is being eliminated, and expounded on related information and compliance deadlines.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the significant progress made since the last Project update.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Padron confirmed that seventy percent (70%) of the Project's water will be

processed through its nanofiltration equipment. In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Janay clarified that the facility could withstand a Category 5 Hurricane.

**BUS-2** [25-0623](#)

City Hall Update - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Manager Rickelle Williams provided a brief overview of this Agenda item and announced that Ben Rogers, Acting Assistant City Manager, would be presenting. Mr. Rogers narrated a presentation entitled *CITY HALL UPDATE*.

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

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Rogers clarified design criteria for a new City Hall (Project). City Manager Williams noted some of the design criteria items are non-negotiable, such as the Commission Chambers. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Rogers stated that the design criteria is based on feedback from the Commission, neighbors, and the Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the extensive Project timeline listed in the presentation. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Rogers explained the design criteria in the presentation are based on a City-led project, which staff is prepared to move forward with pending Commission direction. Commission direction to pursue an unsolicited proposal would likely alter the timeline and delivery date.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Cooper, Acting Assistant City Manager. Mr. Cooper provided a funding overview for the Project. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis discussed aspects of unsolicited proposals, the related process, and Commission options. Commission review of unsolicited proposals would not commit the Commission. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Mr. Rogers confirmed that Meridian Infrastructure North America (Meridian) submitted an unsolicited proposal and a \$25,000 check to the City, which was deposited into an escrow account.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed the need for Commission discussion regarding the Project's costs and affordability. Mayor

Trantalis concurred, commented on the process and the design criteria, and shared his perspective.

Commissioner Glassman highlighted the financing options included in Meridiam's unsolicited proposal and shared his perspective. In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding determining affordability, Mr. Rogers said that it will depend on the competing unsolicited proposals received and their financing options. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman reiterated the need for fiscal responsibility, noted the importance of not overburdening neighbors, cited an example, and expounded on her viewpoint.

City Manager Williams acknowledged the validity of Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's comments and confirmed that staff is working to determine various funding sources, the level of a public-private partnership (P3), and debt capacity that will be determined before moving forward. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Herbst remarked on the changing nature of the workforce, which prefers a hybrid approach, and his support for an open-workspace model for staff versus individual offices.

Vice Mayor Herbst discussed the financial aspects of Meridiam's unsolicited proposal, which did not include upfront capital expenditures or an exact project cost. He concurred with Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's viewpoint that it is premature for the Commission to consider unsolicited proposals until design criteria, a clear understanding of space needs, and an estimated Project cost are determined.

Vice Mayor Herbst noted the option of continuing to rent space for staff, discussed concerns regarding pursuing an unsolicited proposal, and cited related examples. Vice Mayor Herbst recommended a P3 model in which the City develops the design criteria package and invites other potential partners to submit proposals. He explained the financial tax-exempt benefits of the City financing the Project, which are preferable to private sector financing. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Glassman commented on Vice Mayor Herbst's viewpoint and recommended related direction to staff that would also include Option C, a hybrid approach.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Rogers explained the last space planning analysis was related to the joint

government complex with Broward County (Joint Government Complex). Recent space planning efforts earlier this year included informal internal space planning with a focus on centralizing current standalone departments. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the calculation of space needs, the amount of space at the old City Hall, and the amount of space for the estimated eight hundred (800) staff positions required when standalone departments are incorporated into the new City Hall.

In response to Vice Mayor Herbst's question regarding relocating the current Development Services Department (DSD) and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) buildings into a new City Hall, Mr. Rogers confirmed, explained the rationale, and cited examples. Vice Mayor Herbst discussed his understanding that DSD was located along Sistrunk Boulevard to assist in the revitalization of the area and remarked on feedback from neighbors. City Manager Williams clarified the DSD facility across from Peter Feldman Park, which does not interface with the public, would be centralized. Mayor Trantalis noted that the DSD facility on Sistrunk Boulevard is a retail center for the community and should remain.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed that he supports centralizing staff, with emphasis on in-person and open-space work models. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Rogers confirmed the City could finance costs associated with an unsolicited proposal.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Mr. Rogers provided his perspective regarding the time and cost associated with pursuing an unsolicited process versus the City pursuing a solicited proposal. An unsolicited proposal with a private entity has a less burdensome process, allowing for faster delivery of the Project.

Mayor Trantalis stated that he did not want to use metrics associated with the former plans for a Joint Government Complex, discussed his reasoning, and provided examples. He expounded on his viewpoint and the need for a realistic evaluation of space needs and Project size. Mayor Trantalis noted the success of both unsolicited and solicited proposals for City projects.

Commissioner Glassman reiterated his recommendation of Option C, a hybrid approach, to include staff's continued efforts to determine design criteria, accepting Meridiam's unsolicited proposal for staff evaluation, and establishing a timeline for competitive proposals.

Mayor Trantalis commented on the amount of funding allocated for staff rental space, shared his perspective on the need to move forward, and recommended proceeding with a hybrid approach.

Vice Mayor Herbst disagreed with Mayor Trantalis' characterization that renting staff space is a more expensive alternative, expounded on his perspective, and clarified that when construction begins, the City would be obligated to pay debt service on financing.

Mayor Trantalis commented on the intangible costs associated with current staffing, cited examples, and expressed his preference for an in-office workforce in a centralized location that would be more productive. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Interim City Attorney Spence clarified details of the process involved in accepting an unsolicited proposal, noting it is similar to Commission discussions regarding a Holiday Park Garage. The preliminary step involves Commission direction to staff to evaluate Meridiam's unsolicited proposal and determining its recommendation to the Commission whether to accept or reject the unsolicited proposal.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed that staff is still evaluating the Holiday Park Garage unsolicited proposal with the goal of presenting their recommendation before the Commission Summer Break.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Rogers confirmed the important role of an Owner's Representative (Owners Rep) and the role their expertise would play in the three (3) options listed in the presentation. Commissioner Sorensen recommended moving forward with an Owner's Rep and the hybrid approach, Option C.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman reiterated the importance of being fiscally responsible and expounded on her viewpoint.

Interim City Attorney Spence discussed the alternative public meeting process under State Statute regarding unsolicited proposals, which would allow the Commission to move forward without a competitive bid process. The alternative public meeting process requires two (2) public meetings and the Commission's findings regarding five (5) specific criteria. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Interim City Attorney Spence reiterated details of the alternative process.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Interim City Attorney Spence



confirmed that public participation is permitted in both State Statute alternatives. Mayor Trantalis confirmed the need for competitive bids. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed the ability to accept Meridiam's application fee for staff evaluation of their unsolicited proposal. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Herbst reiterated his viewpoint regarding the importance of comparing similar unsolicited proposal criteria to facilitate a comparative evaluation and scoring. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Rogers commented on aspects of the process related to proposals for the Prospect Lake Water Treatment Plant and plans for a Holiday Park Parking Garage.

City Manager Williams discussed the process and confirmed that based on Commission direction, staff would evaluate Meridiam's unsolicited proposal and would begin to negotiate aspects of a future comprehensive agreement. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, City Manager Williams stated that the City would not be bound by the provisions in Meridiam's unsolicited proposal and discussed related details.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Rogers explained the next steps associated with the options presented. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis remarked on opportunities moving forward.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Interim City Attorney Spence said that the related State Statute is silent on an unsolicited proposal subsequently being amended during the evaluation process. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, City Manager Williams suggested a minimum sixty (60) day window for submission of competing solicitations.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed the Commission's direction to pursue a hybrid approach, Option C, which combines elements of both Options A and B. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman confirmed she would not support that

direction.

Commissioner Glassman clarified his viewpoint and expounded on information related to other major projects that had received unsolicited proposals.

**BUS-3** [25-0630](#)

Fort Lauderdale Police Department Headquarters: Phase 2 - Building Structural Design Peer Review Presentation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Anthony Fajardo, Assistant City Manager. Mr. Fajardo provided an overview of this Agenda item. He announced that he would be jointly narrating a presentation entitled *Fort Lauderdale Police Headquarters Project Update* (Project) with Brett Chancellor, Wiss Janney Elstner and Associates, Inc. (WJE), the third-party engineering firm contracted to perform a peer review of the Project.

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized Brett Chancellor. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Chancellor confirmed WJE's role in investigating, inspecting, and reviewing the work of other parties involved with the Project. WJE is not connected to the entities that performed work on the Project.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Chancellor said that identified issues and related concerns are fixable.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mr. Chancellor explained how WJE conducts its peer review process and the steps involved in resolving issues that require obtaining feedback and exchanging information. Mr. Chancellor provided examples and said that meetings with contractors are ongoing.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective regarding the importance of exceeding minimum Code requirements for extra safety capacity. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Chancellor explained how the roof's extra load capacity over the building's life expectancy was determined. Mayor Trantalis remarked that the goal is not to explain deficiencies but to address them to ensure the safety of individuals working in the building during its life expectancy. Mr. Chancellor concurred and expounded on the peer review findings and goals.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions regarding the outdated one

hundred-fifty (150) pounds per square foot Code benchmark for roof beam capacity being reduced to seventy-five (75) pounds per square foot (roof beam capacity), Mr. Chancellor explained this likely occurred due to an incomplete understanding of the building's programming in the early design process. Mr. Chancellor explained WJE's evaluation of the design drawings and said that Code does not speak to this item. Mayor Trantalis expounded on his viewpoint regarding the ability to determine the capacity of roof beams. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Chancellor confirmed that seventy-five (75) pounds per square foot of roof beam capacity is adequate. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman expressed her uneasiness regarding safety issues related to roof beam capacity and WJE's request for a staff comfort level. Mr. Chancellor confirmed safety is addressed in both scenarios, explained related information, and cited examples. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Fajardo clarified that Building Department staff and stakeholders involved in this peer review would make the determination regarding roof beam capacity.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Chancellor explained the building's design, which allows for minimal movement in scenarios of extreme weather, and stated that related design aspects will be confirmed.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Mr. Chancellor confirmed peer reviews are relatively common and cited an example of a peer review requirement in the City of Miami. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Chancellor stated that he could not accurately describe what had occurred with the Project without an in-depth review of project communications. He confirmed the benefit of a peer review occurring simultaneously during the design process and expounded on his perspective.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's remarks, City Manager Williams acknowledged the benefits of a peer review process for projects of this magnitude. She would support this requirement for major projects going forward. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding discussions to identify major projects. City Manager Williams confirmed the need for an After-Action Report to identify items that can be incorporated into the process. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his viewpoint regarding this peer review and

noted the need to determine whether peer reviews are needed for other ongoing large City projects, such as the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center and the new City Hall. Mayor Trantalis noted that peer reviews would need to be built into the budget and requested related feedback.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Chancellor confirmed that the peer review would occur during the design process, before commencement of construction, and would serve as a risk management tool.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Barbra Stern, 1929 NE 1st Avenue. Ms. Stern discussed her viewpoint regarding this Agenda item. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Herbst discussed items of concern related to the Project, including staff not having a complete copy or reviewing the Errors and Omissions (E&O) insurance policy, and expounded on his viewpoint. Mayor Trantalis commented on his understanding of the details related to the City's claims, which are based on the Police Headquarters comprehensive agreement. He discussed related information and his perspective regarding the ability to be successful in pursuing a damages claim.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Interim City Attorney Spence provided feedback on the E&O insurance, confirmed that a Certificate of Insurance was provided to Risk Management Department staff and the City is adequately insured.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, City Manager Williams confirmed that staff is pursuing an agreement with AECOM to address the Project's deflection issue and associated costs. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Interim City Attorney Spence commented on progress of those legal negotiations, noted statements made on the record by AECOM representatives to the Commission, and confirmed an upcoming meeting with stakeholder attorneys, after which he will provide a Commission update. Further comment and discussion ensued.

**BUS-4** [25-0504](#)

Discussion of the City Attorney Candidates - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jerome Post, Human Resources Department Director. Mr. Post provided an overview of this Agenda item.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commission Members

confirmed they had met with the three (3) applicants recommended by the City Attorney Search Committee (CASC) from the pool of applicants who had responded to the Human Resources Department job posting.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, each Commission Member provided a brief update on their applicant interviews. Vice Mayor Herbst explained his positive perspective regarding the applicants, noting their qualifications, and said he is ready to move forward. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman confirmed that she had conducted positive interviews with the applicants and stated that she was ready to move forward with a recommendation.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding the lack of input from the CASC compared to the City Manager Search Committee, Mr. Post explained that the CASC relied on staff to present its findings.

Commissioner Sorensen noted that the applicant's qualifications were good and said that one, in particular, would be a good choice. He suggested reopening search efforts. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Sorensen stated that he would support hiring an executive search firm to provide a larger pool of candidates. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Herbst said he is open to considering the applicants and discussed his viewpoint that there is no need to pursue hiring an executive search firm. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed the need to hear from the CASC and explained his perspective.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Roosevelt Walters, CASC Member, explained his recommendation to the CASC that it should have ranked the applicants, which did not occur. Mr. Walters commented that the CASC's perspective is that the Commission should make the final decision. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman concurred with Commissioner Sorensen's recommendation to hire an executive search firm to provide an increased pool of candidates. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman disagreed with that recommendation and expounded on her viewpoint that the CASC should provide its feedback to the Commission.

Mayor Trantalis recommended the Commission hear additional CASC feedback. Commissioner Glassman disagreed and discussed his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions, Mayor Trantalis discussed aspects of the task assigned to the CASC, commented on his perspective regarding applicants not applying due to the option of hiring from within, and remarked on applicant qualifications. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Vice Mayor Herbst reiterated his willingness to move forward today with selecting an applicant.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed a consensus to hire an executive consulting firm. Commissioner Glassman expounded on his viewpoint regarding his research, which indicated that other municipalities received a higher number of applicants for their City Attorney position, and remarked on his understanding of additional feedback.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Post explained the positive aspects of hiring an executive search firm and cited examples.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed her support for moving forward with consideration of the applicants and her opposition to hiring an executive search firm, explaining her perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed Commission direction to move forward with hiring an executive search firm. Mr. Post confirmed. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the qualifications and experience necessary for the City Attorney position, and the pay range.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Laura Reece, Acting Assistant City Manager, confirmed there is no pay range. Contract negotiations determine the salary for the City Attorney position.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Post explained how the previous search for the position of City Attorney was handled, which included a compensation range.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Mr. Post explained the anticipated three (3) month timeline associated with using an executive search firm. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Post confirmed that the CASC remains intact until an appointee is selected. Commissioner Sorensen commented on his recommendations related to timing and efficiency of the process going forward. Further comment and discussion ensued.

## **CITY COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

### ***Commission Members announced recent and upcoming events and expounded on related information.***

In response to Vice Mayor Herbst's question, Mayor Trantalis provided an update on mediation negotiations with Miami Beckham United, LLC, aimed at resolving and moving forward with the Lockhart Park development. Mayor Trantalis said he would give an update before the Commission's Summer Break.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman commented on her attendance at an affordable housing workshop meeting and the Broward County Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC meeting focused on partnering with the School Board of Broward County (School Board) to identify students experiencing homelessness. She discussed related efforts and progress, expounded on related information, and shared her positive perspective. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed the success of an initiative in District 3 focused on student achievement and expounded on related details.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on the importance of proper decorum during Commission Meetings by both the members of the public and Commission Members. In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Interim City Attorney Spence read details of Ordinance 2-29 entitled *Code of Conduct for Commission Members* (Code of Conduct). Commissioner Beasley-Pittman noted that Commission Members signed that Code of Conduct, expounded on her viewpoint, and said that the Commission should lead by example. Further comment and discussion ensued. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman explained her request is for the Code of Conduct to be included in the Commission Meetings disclosures. Mayor Trantalis remarked on his understanding. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman expressed his positive perspective on new businesses and the number of young people in the City, noting their positive feedback regarding the Commission. Commissioner Glassman

discussed the progress of development in the District 2 Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), specifically Flagler Village, and expounded on related successes. Commissioner Glassman commented on the City and area's economic successes and the contributions of Port Everglades and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

Commissioner Sorensen acknowledged the recent ending of the school year and thanked all stakeholders for ensuring student safety. Commissioner Sorensen discussed the success of the Florida Panthers organization, acknowledged their contributions to the City, and expounded on his perspective. Commissioner Sorensen commented on planting mangroves in George English Park and highlighted the environmental contributions of Chief Waterway Officer Marco Aguilera.

Commissioner Sorensen explained efforts with the U.S. Coast Guard and other stakeholders to address the frequency of bridge openings in the City, cited the example of bridge opening reductions with the SE 17th Street Bridge, and noted the positive feedback from neighbors.

Commissioner Sorensen shared efforts to address homelessness, affordable housing, physical and mental health needs, recovery issues, and other community concerns. He discussed examples of affordable housing progress in Broadview Park, expounded on other ongoing initiatives involving City partnerships that include the work of Community Court. Commissioner Sorensen remarked on efforts to partner with Broward County Public Schools to encourage vocational training.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

***Mayor Trantalis announced recent and upcoming events and expounded on related information.***

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the success of the *Great American Beach Party* event (Event) over the Memorial Day Weekend and acknowledged the importance of recognizing resident contributions at the *Citizens Walk of Fame Ceremony*. Mayor Trantalis acknowledged staff efforts for Memorial Day events held in the City.

Mayor Trantalis noted his attendance at the upcoming Swearing-In Ceremony for the City's newest Police Officers.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**MGR-1** [25-0627](#)

City Commission Follow up Action Items - (Commission Districts 1, 2,



3 and 4)

City Manager Williams announced numerous awards received by the Strategic Communications Division (SCD) and highlighted the SCD team, as well as the individuals and videos that received media awards.

City Manager Williams commented on the May 21, 2025, rollout of the unified communications plan, which aims to improve both internal and external communications. City Manager Williams commented on efforts related to storm preparedness, the distribution of sandbags to residents, and participating in the Eye of the Storm Event.

City Manager Williams noted the Public Affairs Division's recent opportunity to participate in a small business event sponsored by Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz and thanked them for highlighting Fort Lauderdale as a place to do business.

City Manager Williams noted a Walk-On Resolution at tonight's Commission Regular Meeting, delegating authority to the City Manager to execute documents for Florida Panthers Post-Season Celebration Events as may be necessary. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding financial contributions related to last year's event. Mayor Trantalis recommended that Broward County be asked to contribute to the event costs and shared his perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis confirmed a consensus to support the Walk-On Resolution.

City Manager Williams requested Commission feedback regarding Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's request for a secondary street naming of NW 23rd Lane for Reverend Dr. William Cleveland Bell, Jr. Mayor Trantalis confirmed a consensus to move forward with the secondary street naming.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.