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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

1:30 PM

City Hall - City Commission Chambers  
100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

### City Commission Conference Meeting

*FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION*

*DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor*

*WARREN STURMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District IV*

*JOHN C. HERBST Commissioner - District I*

*STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II*

*PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Commissioner - District III*

*GREG CHAVARRIA, 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 1:53 p.m.

## QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

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

## COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COMMISSION

[23-0326](#)

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

***Beach Business Improvement District Advisory Committee (BBID)  
February 13, 2023***

### ***Communication to the City Commission***

*Motion made by Mr. Ansari, seconded by Chair MacDiarmid to request a joint meeting with the City Commission. The City Commission last met with the BBID on October 18, 2017. As such, the committee members would like the opportunity to discuss BBID initiatives with the new City Commission and establish a mutual vision for the district as both a venue and a destination. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

Mayor Trantalis requested Staff coordinate a Commission Workshop Meeting with the Beach Business Improvement District Advisory Committee (BBID) in May or June 2023. City Manager Chavarria confirmed.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the opportunity for the Commission to meet with other Boards, including the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAC) and the Marine Advisory Board (MAB), and requested Staff schedule meetings with the EDAC and the MAB.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the content of BBID's February 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes (Meeting Minutes), which reflect the position of barrier island beach residents not liking events occurring on the beach. He clarified that residents living in the beach area do not oppose beach area events but take issue with the planning and management of beach events.

***Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB)  
March 8, 2023***

***Communication to the City Commission***

*The City should continue to support local arts & culture events such as the Visit Lauderdale Food & Wine Festival and the monthly events in FATVillage in either in-kind support or sponsorship. As these events are an economic driver. They enhance the quality of life and therefore the attractiveness of the city.*

Mayor Trantalis confirmed that the Commission supports the Economic Development Advisory Board's recommendation for the ongoing support of local arts and cultural events.

***Planning and Zoning Board Meeting (P&Z) Board  
March 15, 2023***

***Communication to City Commission***

*Ms. McCartney noted that the Board discussed two separate parking reduction requests at tonight's meeting, and stated that she would prefer the City address appropriate parking requirements rather than have the Board continually adjust these requirements. She pointed out that parking needs may have changed over time.*

*Motion made by Ms. McCartney, seconded by Ms. Fertig, to recommend a communication to the City Commission to direct Staff to conduct a parking analysis of the existing parking requirements, and based on the results, if necessary, amend the Ordinance. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).*

Chris Cooper, Development Services Department Director, explained

details of the P&Z Board communication. The P&Z Board requested Staff to review current parking requirements for specific uses. Mr. Cooper explained related information and confirmed the need to periodically review current parking standards to determine if they are consistent with Professional Standards.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the Commission's parking policy in the Downtown and Central City areas for one (1) parking space per unit. Mr. Cooper explained that this review of parking reduction relates to specific uses outside of the Regional Activity Center (RAC) in specific zoning districts. Mr. Cooper cited the example of a medical office which may currently require three (3) parking spaces per Code, and the IDE Manual recommending two (2) parking spaces. Mayor Trantalis noted the need for careful consideration and remarked on a new building on Federal Highway north of Broward Boulevard that remains vacant due to the lack of parking.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on a *Wall Street Journal* article that discussed the trending efforts and goals of city planners to reduce parking to encourage use of mass transportation. He noted that the City does not have robust mass transportation options and the ability to increase road capacity. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis said parking reductions could be considered on a case-by-case basis, and opposes a blanket policy for parking reductions.

Mr. Cooper explained the P&Z Board receives parking reduction requests, and has requested Staff review parking reductions to determine whether adjustments should be made.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the March 15, 2023, P&Z Board Meeting Minutes discussion of the Quay Project on SE 17th Street (Project) and his concern regarding the one hundred eighty (180) day statutory period (statutory deadline) in which a decision must be made on a development proposal. The P&Z Board addressed this Project on the last day of the statutory deadline, not allowing the Commission's review of the Project. Similar circumstances recently occurred with a project on Hendricks Isle. Commissioner Glassman requested Staff be aware of statutory deadlines to avoid having to request an extension from the applicant. Mr. Cooper concurred and explained Staff's efforts in coordination with the Office of the City Attorney to adhere to strict measures associated with issuing the completion date of an application that begins the time period for the statutory deadline.

Commissioner Glassman noted the P&Z Board approved the Project by a five (5) to three (3) vote. Mr. Cooper pointed out that the applicant agreed to a thirty (30) day extension. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on aspects of the Project and the negative parking impact on surrounding businesses during construction. Mr. Cooper explained related details and said that following the three (3) year construction period, the existing three hundred sixty-two (362) parking spaces will be replaced by four hundred fifteen (415) parking spaces with an additional six hundred sixty-four (664) on-site parking spaces for the residential portion of the Project for a total of one thousand seventy-nine (1,079) parking spaces. Mayor Trantalis reiterated the Project's negative impact on area businesses due to the lack of parking during construction. Commissioner Glassman reiterated his concern regarding the statutory period.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

#### **BUS-3 [23-0386](#)**

Discussion - Wildlife Sightings in Urban Areas - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Police Chief Patrick Lynn provided an overview of this Agenda item and introduced Jayne Johnston, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC). Ms. Johnston appeared via communication technology and confirmed numerous calls to the FWC regarding coyote sightings in urban areas throughout Florida, including the City. She explained details related to the migration of coyotes from the Midwest to Florida due to habitat loss and other factors, and their ability to adapt and survive in urban areas.

Vice Mayor Sturman noted that the Rio Vista Civic Association has agreed to host a forty-five (45) minute talk on this topic and invited Ms. Johnston to participate in an in-depth question and answer session. All residents are invited to attend, and details will follow.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding coyotes being a threat to the general population, Ms. Johnston said that based on FWC's experience, research, and information, there is no indication that any coyotes in the City are presenting themselves as a public safety threat. The FWC records all calls received, most of which are sightings-based, and calls described by City residents do not indicate coyotes are presenting a public safety threat.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding other types of wildlife, Ms. Johnston confirmed the FWC takes all calls from the public related to wildlife safety, except for alligators, and expounded on related details.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Johnston reiterated that behavior described by the public indicates coyotes sighted in the City are not presenting themselves as a public safety threat at this time. She recommended walking pets on a short leash, not leaving pets or children unattended in a yard, making loud noises, and other efforts to make a coyote uncomfortable and unwelcome.

Vice Mayor Sturman remarked on FWC recommendations when a person encounters a coyote, including not feeding them, keeping small children and pets away, making a lot of noise, and staying indoors.

In response to Vice Mayor Sturman's question, Ms. Johnston explained why the FWC does not encourage or practice trapping, relocation, or lethal removal, due to their high reproductive rate and explained details. Coyotes have learned how to thrive living around people in dense urban habitats.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Chief Lynn explained coyote sightings are not a prevalent issue. The Police Department had received approximately three (3) complaints.

Mayor Trantalis recognized FWC Officer Zach Bethel. Officer Bethel explained that when a member of the public reports a coyote sighting, it is recorded. Due to the lack of manpower, an FWC Officer would not respond to a sighting. The FWC will respond if a coyote attacks a pet or family member.

Ms. Johnston provided FWC phone numbers to call. Further comment and discussion ensued.

## CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 [23-0380](#)

2023 Legislative Update - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Daphnee Sainvil, Government Affairs & Economic Development Manager. Ms. Sainvil provided an update on the 2023 Florida Regular Legislative Session ("Session") as of March 29, 2023, the fifth (5th) week of the 2023 Session.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Ms. Sainvil confirmed Commissioner Chip LaMarca was assisting with Projects in the House

Budget and remarked on related details. The \$900,000 funding for LauderTrail and \$555,000 for field resurfacing in Hardy Park are unfunded.

Commissioner Glassman requested updates on legislation included in Exhibit 1 of the CAM. In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Ms. Sainvil explained that SB 0302 and SB 0405 remain in their respective committees, and both will likely fail.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Glassman provided a short synopsis of HB 0935, as listed on page four (4) of Exhibit one (1). In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Ms. Sainvil explained that HB 0935 had not been heard, and it is in its second (2nd) committee of reference. She will provide an update. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions regarding legislation related to the Florida Retirement System (FRS), Ms. Sainvil advised she will research and provide an update that will include working with the Office of the City Attorney to determine its impact to the City. Commissioner Glassman noted discussions with Assistant City Manager Susan Grant and City Manager Greg Chavarria related to FRS and possibly proposing legislation next year to address concerns related to the City paying into the FRS for each Commission Member regardless of their eligibility to receive FRS benefits.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on HB 0327 that requires older condominium buildings to install fire sprinkler systems and high costs. In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Ms. Sainvil explained legislation placed on the House or Senate Special Order Calendar (Special Order) would go to the floor for a full chamber vote, and HB 0327 is ready for Special Order. It will likely die if it does not proceed to a second (2nd) or third (3rd) reading. Another thirty (30) days remain, and its companion bill remains in committee. The League of Cities is also working on and closely monitoring this legislation.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions regarding requiring older condominium buildings to install fire sprinkler systems, Fire-Rescue Chief Stephen Gollan noted a final implementation date has yet to be determined. The Fire-Rescue Department does not actively enforce implementation in order to allow older condominium buildings ensure required funds are in place. Chief Gollan confirmed the forty (40) year life safety inspections are done on condominium buildings, which the Fire Marshall signs off on. Once a firm date for sprinkler installation is

established, it will be enforced. Mayor Trantalis commented on his understanding, noted that most buildings still ride under a waiver process, and expounded on related details and history.

Commissioner Glassman expounded on his viewpoint regarding additional legislation related to women's right to choose, education and education vouchers, open permitless carry of firearms, and the LGBT community.

In response to Vice Mayor Sturman's questions, Ms. Sainvil said that Governor DeSantis did not veto legislation related to affordable housing. She provided a recap of SB 102 that relates to the zoning exemptions for affordable housing.

Mayor Trantalis discussed correspondence sent to Governor DeSantis outlining concerns related to SB 102, remarked on the negative impact on single-family residential neighborhoods, and expounded on his viewpoint. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman concurred on the adverse impact of this legislation on neighborhoods and the City.

Ms. Sainvil said she is monitoring legislation requiring elected members of a governing body and municipal managers to complete a financial disclosure form, Form 6, beginning on January 1, 2024. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Sainvil explained the details of a Form 6, requiring elected officials and municipal managers to disclose additional details of banking and financial information. Commissioner Glassman discussed his understanding of the additional disclosures. Ms. Sainvil discussed additional legislation being monitored and confirmed she would provide the Commission updates, including City lobbyist updates.

Mayor Trantalis commented on downtown development, its sustainability, and the impact of the SB 102 Affordable Housing legislation. He discussed Commission consideration at a future Conference Meeting incentivizing downtown developers to include amenities such as grocery stores and dry cleaners to make the downtown an urban, walkable neighborhood.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman commented on her viewpoint and cited a similar example in District 3. She remarked on the need for the Commission to enforce agreements with developers who are required to provide grocery stores and other types of neighborhood amenities.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS cont.**



**BUS-1** [23-0279](#)

Outdoor Event Presentation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation Department Director, provided an overview of this Agenda item.

Carl Williams, Parks and Recreation Department Deputy Director, narrated a portion of the presentation *entitled City of Fort Lauderdale Outdoor Events Discussion*.

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding comparison of the Tortuga Music Festival (Tortuga) to events illustrated in the presentation, Mr. Williams explained Staff compared Tortuga to the Audacy event due to the similarity in how tickets, the outdoor process, and buildouts are managed.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the need to discuss Tortuga due to the amount of revenue the City receives compared to other similar size events, i.e., Ultra in Miami and SunFest in West Palm Beach.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his perspective regarding the locations of Ultra, SunFest, and Audacy events. He remarked that Tortuga had been a good licensee and the need to be mindful and carefully consider raising fees charged to Tortuga to ensure it remains in the City.

Mr. Thornburg clarified the differences between Tortuga and Audacy (formerly Riptide). In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Thornburg noted the City does not receive a surcharge for tickets. Mayor Trantalis recommended that the next time license agreements are negotiated, the City should examine a dollar surcharge per ticket.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Thornburg reviewed the number of events listed on pages eleven (11) and twelve (12) included in the presentation in addition to the Boat Show event. He noted director approval of minor events that do not include road closures or serving alcoholic beverages.

Mr. Thornburg continued narrating the presentation.

Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence remarked on the two (2) aspects of the fee structure. Large fees charged in Miami and West Palm Beach are license or user fees. The City's application fees are regulatory fees that must be tied to the actual costs of regulating event activities. License and user fees would not apply to large-scale events on private property

but would be subject to City regulatory fees or application fees.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed that events on the beach are on public property, and the City can charge a license or user fee.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Rodney Fenstermacher, 3037 Harbor Drive. Mr. Fenstermacher discussed concerns regarding communication and management of beach events.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Bill Brown, 112 N. Birch Road, and Central Beach Alliance (CBA) President. Mr. Brown spoke in support of events and discussed the need for improved management of events and recommended having an event detail coordinator to ensure successful management. Mayor Trantalis concurred with Mr. Brown's recommendation.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Elisabeth George, 77 S. Birch Road, and Central Beach Alliance (CBA) Vice President. Ms. George spoke about concerns related to traffic safety and traffic management on the barrier island for events and construction. She expounded on details and cited examples.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Peloquin, 2510 NE 12th Court, and Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations (CFLCA) President. Ms. Peloquin discussed her perspective regarding events and the impact on barrier island roadways and cited examples.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Burns, 1 Las Olas Circle, and Venetian Condominium President. Mr. Burns spoke about concerns related to the management and coordination of multiple events on the same date and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Kevin Reagan, 3025 Harbor Drive. Mr. Reagan discussed noise concerns associated with events and cited examples.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jacquelyn Scott, 1626 SE 1st Street, and Colee Hammock Homeowner's Association President. Ms. Scott provided her viewpoint regarding this Agenda item and discussed options to improve traffic flow following events. She submitted photos illustrating traffic flow recommendations on SE 15th Avenue and expounded on related details.

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

Commissioner Glassman emphasized the need for an overhaul of event management to improve coordination and communication. He remarked on discussions at the District 2 Pre-Agenda Meeting on the need for coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard related to bridges and the Marine Industry's need for advance notice of bridge closures. Commissioner Glassman remarked on improved traffic management when a Police Officer is present and the need for better directional signage for drivers to reach the Las Olas Garage. He confirmed the need to address the event fee structure and improved plans for overall event coordination, including emergency and traffic management, barrier island ingress and egress before, during, and following events. Commissioner Glassman commented on the need to hold events off the barrier island during Spring Break and remarked on the higher decibel levels allowed in areas zoned Planned Resort Development (PRD) areas.

Vice Mayor Sturman discussed significant increases over the years in the size, scope, and duration of barrier island events that have placed an unfair burden on residents of District 4, District 2, and District 1. He suggested limiting or spreading out event dates for events that place a large burden on residents in the beach and surrounding areas. Vice Mayor Sturman remarked on concerns related to noise and concurred with previous recommendations, including having one (1) point of contact coordination for the community to ensure better communication related to event logistics, improved crowd control, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) transport, and the need for event charges to cover City expenses.

In response to Vice Mayor Sturman's question, Mr. Thornburg explained the largest events with the highest attendance. Mr. Thornburg explained Staff brings each event application to the Commission for approval, and there are not guidelines for Staff regarding how many events are permitted, monthly or yearly. Event applications are vetted through the operations committee and brought to the Commission for a final decision. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Sturman noted that a single point of contact would prove beneficial to inform residents of logistics surrounding events, i.e., closed sidewalks and areas of the beach that are closed, to minimize the amount of time residents are restricted from areas associated with events.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mr. Thornburg explained the challenges surrounding the event fee structure charged to

for-profit and not-for-profit entities. City Manager Chavarria confirmed Staff would work towards posting all detailed event information, including event applications, for residents to review. Staff would create an Event Master Plan to be presented to the Commission.

Commissioner Glassman discussed delving into details and specificity regarding traffic flow for event ingress and egress to inform residents of event logistics. City Manager Chavarria confirmed.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on the significant economic impact of events and aspects of specific events. He noted the need to be mindful of the number of events, review amounts charged to event organizers, and charging an appropriate license fee versus a user fee. Commissioner Herbst noted that the impact of events on area businesses is mixed.

Mayor Trantalis concurred on the need to charge an appropriate license fee versus a user fee and discussed the cumulative impact on the beach and natural resources.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman agreed with the majority of Commission Members' input on this topic, including consideration of a licensing fee. She noted the overwhelming frequency of events and noted the fifty-four (54) events included in the backup.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the need to spread beach events to other areas of the City.

**BUS-2** [23-0377](#)

Spring Break Update - (Commission Districts 1 and 2)

Police Department Chief Patrick Lynn provided an update on this year's Spring Break activities, narrating a presentation entitled *Period Of Time For Spring Break: March 3, 2023 - April 1, 2023*.

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Chief Lynn confirmed two thousand-two hundred (2,200) traffic citations were issued during Spring Break. Police Sergeant Monica Ferrer commented on details regarding vehicle citations issued during Spring Break.

Fire-Rescue Department Chief Stephen Gollan explained Fire-Rescue Department efforts to address Spring Break safety needs, including using small cart vehicles to easily navigate the beach, and deploying additional lifeguards and a watercraft jet ski.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Chief Gollan explained the cost difference between Police versus Fire-Rescue responses.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions, Chief Gollan shared details of suicide attempts, including drug overdoses, since the beginning of the year. Both the Police Department and Fire-Rescue administered Narcan. Chief Gollan explained related protocols and nuances associated with drug overdoses and suicide attempts. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mr. Thornburg discussed Parks and Recreation Department Staff's daily efforts to clean and maintain the beach area during Spring Break.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Thornburg explained anticipated challenges related to a large amount of seaweed expected in the coming months and discussed plans to address.

City Manager Chavarria remarked on Staff recommendations for next year, including minimizing events during Spring Break, limiting the hours of operation for bars to 1:00 a.m., and better use of resources to maintain the beach area.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Bill Brown, 112 N. Birch Road, and Central Beach Alliance President. Mr. Brown commented on Spring Break and support of limiting the hours of commercial establishments serving alcohol. He remarked on the increase of intoxicated Spring Breakers on sidewalks and the need for additional portable restrooms. Mr. Brown suggested manning entrances to the beach next year with Ambassadors to hand out trash bags to Spring Breakers to assist with beach cleanup efforts.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Steve West, 101 S. Fort Lauderdale Boulevard, and Las Olas Beach Club General Manager. Mr. West remarked on Spring Break challenges due to the location of the Las Olas Beach Club. He commended Police Sergeant Ferrer and the Police Department for their efforts and concurred with the recommendation for an overall coordinator for beach events.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Burns, 1 Las Olas Circle, and Venetian Condominium President. Mr. Burns discussed items that needs to be addressed, including pedestrian traffic at Las Olas Boulevard and Seabreeze Boulevard, additional portable restrooms, and relocating trash dumpsters at Bo's Beach House on Seabreeze Boulevard.

Commissioner Glassman discussed the concerns of Jackson Tower residents regarding noise levels, noted the higher decibel level allowed by Code in a PRD area, and suggested a related discussion with the Noise Control Advisory Committee. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the need to revisit the criteria in PRD and entertainment districts. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst noted several complaints regarding Spring Break activity later in the evening and discussed efforts to improve the City's past image as a Spring Break destination.

### **CITY COMMISSION REPORTS**

#### ***Members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events and matters of interest.***

Commissioner Herbst provided an update on Inter Miami negotiations regarding the development of a City Park at Lockhart Park. Inter Miami has indicated that the City should take over the park's total development cost. Commissioner Herbst noted his response that this would be unacceptable and explained that the foundation for the entire public-private partnership (P3) was to establish a public purpose. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst concurred on the need to move forward with the previous Commission recommendation to pursue mediation.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Interim City Attorney Spence said that when the Commission approved the comprehensive agreement, it deemed the P3 project as a qualified project to include the stadium, the training facility, and the community park. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Commissioner Herbst commented on details related to communications with representatives of Jorge Mas, MasTec President. Commissioner Herbst confirmed mediation should move forward.

Interim City Attorney Spence noted Inter Miami had yet to respond to the list of proposed mediators sent. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis requested Interim City Attorney Spence reach out to Inter Miami for a response to the list of mediators.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed her National League of Cities

trip to Washington, DC, and recommended the City participate in a federal academic grant program entitled *Good Jobs, Great Cities* to accelerate opportunities to develop and launch workforce initiatives with courses and pathways to good jobs. She cited examples of job opportunities and expounded on related details. Mayor Trantalis confirmed support of this grant opportunity.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed an April 3, 2023, meeting with City Manager Chavarria and Staff regarding District 3 City-wide events. The discussion included the need to increase funding for the Carter Park Jamz, Summer Jamz, and Viernes Musicales at Riverland. City Manager Chavarria remarked on increased costs, and Staff is proposing an additional \$4,000 per event.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, City Manager Chavarria confirmed the increased funding would come from the Fund Balance. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding planning for the District 3 event on April 21, 2023, and formally approving additional funding at the April 18, 2023, Commission Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on concerns related to the process. City Manager Chavarria confirmed all necessary Agenda backup information would be provided at the April 18, 2023, Commission Regular Meeting. Mayor Trantalis commented on the importance of proper processes and the opportunity for an improved event.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Thornburg remarked on the rise in hard costs and talent costs. The extra funding would be applied to entertainment to continue the level experienced in the past. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on budgeted amounts discussed with Staff for these events. Following payment of hard costs, \$800 remained for entertainment.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mr. Thornburg confirmed Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's remarks regarding \$800 remaining after the payment of hard costs. He explained the types of local entertainment and the range of costs. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on the positive public meeting discussing the heavily traveled Gateway area intersection on Sunrise Boulevard at Federal Highway and said there would be additional public meetings in the future.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on attending a recent Broward County (County) Solid Waste And Recycling Working Group Board Meeting where the Interlocal Agreement with County municipalities was discussed. The Interlocal Agreement is planned to be brought forward to the Commission on May 16, 2023.

Vice Mayor Sturman remarked on attending the National League of Cities Meeting in Washington, D.C., and commented on other municipalities looking to the City for ways to address infrastructure and homelessness. He noted an upcoming Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission presentation on coyotes to Rio Vista residents in District 4 and invited all those interested to attend.

Vice Mayor Sturman requested Staff provide details associated with flex units to new Commission Members.

Mayor Trantalis noted the Commission would be greeting the Japanese Consul General Kazuhiro Nakai and his staff this afternoon.

Mayor Trantalis noted the City would be recognized for its efforts to achieve net zero for the homeless population and cited the building of housing known as Seventh on Seventh.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on concerns regarding the health of the Rain Tree. Chris Cooper, Development Services Department Director, provided an update, including relocation efforts and feedback from the City's arborist. Delays are due to the need for the developer to adequately repair the seawall to support the Rain Tree at its new location. Further comments and discussion ensued. Commissioner Glassman remarked on an April 2, 2023, letter from a Tropical Designs of Florida arborist who indicated the Rain Tree is in good condition and is growing out a new canopy of healthy foliage.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

At the request of City Manager Chavarria, Police Chief Patrick Lynn provided an update regarding School Resource Officers (SROs) and unreimbursed costs from the Broward County School Board (School Board). Chief Lynn confirmed his understanding that the School Board had not reimbursed the City for costs associated with the City providing SROs for the 2022-2023 school year and expounded on related details. The City Managers' Association also met with the School Board on this issue.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Chief Lynn confirmed SROs



staff a total of ten (10) City high schools and middle schools. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding SRO salaries, costs, and unreimbursed amounts. City Manager Chavarria remarked that both Palm Beach County and Dade County have their own police departments for the public schools. Further comment and discussion ensued.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.