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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

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***

***PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District III***

***JOHN C. HERBST Commissioner - District I***

***STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II***

***WARREN STURMAN Commissioner - District IV***

***GREG CHAVARRIA, City Manager***

***DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk***

***D'WAYNE M. SPENCE, Interim City Attorney***

***PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor***

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

## QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

**Commission Member Not Present:** Vice Mayor Pamela Beasley-Pittman

**Commission Members Present at Reconvening of Commission Meeting at 9:25 p.m:** Commissioner John C. Herbst, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Vice Mayor Pamela Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner 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

## PRESENTATIONS

**PRES- [23-0517](#)**  
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Senator Jason W. B. Pizzo - Introduction and Post Legislative Session Update

Mayor Trantalis announced PRES-1 has been rescheduled for the 6:00 p.m. Commission Regular Meeting.

## COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COMMISSION

**[23-0500](#)**

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

***CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD (CCRAB)  
APRIL 26, 2023***

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Chris Cooper, Development Services Department Director, explained this communication relates to an item on tonight's Regular Meeting Agenda regarding rezoning a

portion of the Central City Redevelopment Area. The CCRAB supports Staff's recommendation presented to the Planning and Zoning Board to rezone the entire area to RM-15.

Commissioner Glassman recommended this communication be written to state that the CCRAB supports Staff's proposed rezoning. Mr. Cooper confirmed.

***Education Advisory Board (EAB)***

***April 20, 2023***

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized Zoie Saunders, Chief Education Officer. Ms. Saunders explained the EAB is requesting permission to host its meetings in City schools and said it would be an opportunity to build additional connectivity between the EAB and City schools. She acknowledged legal considerations and will do what is necessary to ensure the EAB is within the parameters of what is allowable. Mayor Trantalis concurred with the request.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence confirmed the City's conservative approach to the Attorney General's interpretation of Sunshine Laws regarding openness for public meetings. Additional details and information are needed regarding school locations, and a determination needs to be made regarding the impact of this recommendation.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Saunders said she would provide a school rotation list. Mayor Trantalis expounded on his support of the communication. Commissioner Sturman confirmed his support. In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Ms. Saunders confirmed schools were open to this recommendation in the past. City Manager Chavarria confirmed his understanding that the Broward County School Board supports the EAB utilizing its campuses. Ms. Saunders confirmed she would provide additional information.

**CONFERENCE REPORTS**

**CF-1**    [23-0451](#)

Homeless Advisory Committee Discussion - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Luisa Agathon, Neighborhood Support Manager. Ms. Agathon provided an overview of City-wide initiatives Staff

is undertaking and narrated a presentation entitled *Homeless Advisory Committee Proposal*.

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding the time period for items discussed in the presentation, Ms. Agathon said six (6) months.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence provided an update on the status of the City's panhandling ordinance and noted the related court case is still pending.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paula Yukna, 2701 N. Ocean Boulevard. Ms. Yukna spoke in support of the Commission forming a Homeless Advisory Committee (Committee).

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dennis Ulmer, 1007 NW 11th Place. Mr. Ulmer spoke in opposition to forming a Committee, citing similar unsuccessful efforts and commented that this issue is the responsibility of Broward County.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his perspective, stating that the City needs to do its part to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness and supplement the efforts of Broward County. He expounded on his support for the Commission implementing a Committee, which would sunset in twenty-four (24) months.

Commissioner Sturman concurred with Mayor Trantalis' comments. Commissioner Sturman discussed several factors contributing to the City's homeless population. Forming a Committee would provide an opportunity to allow neighbors to assist with solutions and be at the forefront of initiatives to help the homeless.

Commissioner Herbst remarked that it is the County's obligation to fund homelessness and social service programs. He is not opposed to forming a Committee but noted that identifying funding for homelessness assistance should not include City tax dollars.

Commissioner Glassman confirmed support regarding the need for the City, as the largest City in Broward County, to assist with efforts to address homelessness and expounded on related details.

City Manager Chavarria remarked on the need for Commission direction

to form a Committee, and Staff would work with the Office of the City Attorney to establish the Committee's purpose, structure, and objectives.

Mayor Trantalis recommended the Committee continue dialogue between the City and the Broward County Sheriff's Department regarding establishing discharge protocols and procedures from the Broward County Jail and Broward Health Medical Center to assist with decreasing the homeless population in the City. The Commission looks forward to hearing feedback from the Committee.

### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

**BUS-1** [23-0494](#)

Premium Mobility Plan (PREMO) Update - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Department Director. Mr. Rogers provided an overview of this Agenda item and said colleagues from Broward County Transportation and Broward County Transit will provide an overview of the Broward County Mobility Plan (BCMP) for the next thirty (30) years to improve transit services across Broward County (County) with the use of Transportation Surtax (Surtax). County Staff will bring the BCMP to the County Commission next month to request adoption.

Coree Cuff Lonergan, Executive Director of Broward County Transportation, narrated a presentation entitled *Broward County Connects - Live, Learn, Work, and Play*.

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

Commissioner Herbst confirmed support of moving forward with BCMP projects discussed, noting the importance of light rail to meet the overall transportation needs within the County. He expounded on his viewpoint regarding the importance of ensuring connectivity between the south commuter rail line and the north commuter rail line, including continuing to move forward with efforts for the New River crossing. Commissioner Herbst commented on the need to focus on immediate short-term options available to provide efficient, cost-effective transportation in and around the City, including expansion of Circuit Transit (Circuit). The City is currently funding Circuit and noted that its funding should come from Surtax funds. Commissioner Herbst expounded on Circuit coverage, ridership and related details.

Commissioner Glassman concurred with Commissioner Herbst's

remarks regarding Circuit, noted that the City had yet to receive its fair share of Surtax funding for the City's transportation needs and remarked on obstacles and roadblocks of District 2 transportation projects. Commissioner Glassman remarked on comments received at the recent District 2 Pre-Agenda Meeting regarding the need to address how people are getting to the beach and discussed the need to focus on east-west beach corridors. Commissioner Glassman inquired about whether County Staff has had any interface regarding the New River Crossing or whether those efforts are a separate discussion. Ms. Lonergan noted staff is present to discuss.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question regarding the annual income from the Surtax, Ms. Lonergan said it is approximately \$350,000,000. She explained the BCMP would be funded from a combination of the Surtax and support from state and federal partners. The Surtax would likely fund a minimum of fifty percent (50%).

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions and remarks regarding commuter rail stations planned for Broward County and planned stations in Miami-Dade County, Derrick Chan, Broward County Director of Rail and Capital Programs, confirmed commuter rail stations are planned, and the first commuter rail station immediately south in Miami-Dade County is in Aventura. Mr. Chan noted that the BCMP commuter rail will be separate from Brightline. There is a County Joint Commuter Rail Committee with Miami-Dade County and it is considering a contracted operator that has yet to be determined. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Ms. Lonergan confirmed the BCMP vision includes dedicated vehicle travel lanes, synchronized traffic lights, high-frequency standard bus service, and express bus service with stops every one (1) to three (3) miles. She expounded on related details.

Mayor Trantalis inquired about other types of vehicles versus buses that would be more attractive to encourage ridership. He discussed the importance of a dedicated lane for any rapid transit and confirmed the City rejected a previously planned light rail system. Mayor Trantalis discussed his viewpoint regarding aspects of the BCMP and noted the need for significant community outreach. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mr. Chan reiterated that the BCMP is in the early planning stages and remarked on various alternatives under consideration that will be part of

public outreach efforts. He expounded on details of alternative options, including working with Florida East Coast Railway.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed opposition to overhead wires for light rail and the need for light rail to include its dedicated travel lane. He discussed a tunnel as the locally preferred alternative for the New River Crossing, the need for a decision, related funding discussions, and expounded on his perspective.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Ms. Lonergan explained the County's Public Works Department (BCPW) is responsible for traffic light signalization and remarked on having BCPW present its latest efforts to the Commission. Mayor Trantalis discussed his understanding of County efforts regarding improved infrastructure for traffic signalization and expounded on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility Department Director, explained his understanding of County efforts related to this topic and expounded on details regarding Staff requests for modifications to existing traffic signalization. Mr. Rogers said there are several Surtax-funded County projects in the City related to intersection improvements and would provide the Commission with an update.

City Manager Chavarria confirmed Staff would request that the BCPW present its traffic technology and operations signalization projects to the Commission.

**BUS-2** [23-0452](#)

Florida Retirement System (FRS) for Elected Officials Discussion - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Assistant City Manager Susan Grant discussed details of this Agenda item and requested Commission input regarding making either a direct payment or some other type of payment to equal the benefit level for eligible and non-eligible elected officials for the Florida Retirement System (FRS). This would require Commission action via Resolution by July 5, 2023, due to the Commission Summer Break and would take effect following the 2024 municipal election. The resolution could be broad enough to allow for a direct payment or a 401 or 457 contribution, and Staff will research further.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Ms. Grant explained details associated with making payments for ineligible Commission members. Mayor Trantalis remarked that this impacts Commissioner Glassman

and Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman. He noted that Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman is not in attendance to provide comments.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Ms. Grant explained it had been approximately two and one half (2½) years since general employees and elected officials have been eligible to participate in the FRS. Commissioner Sturman questioned the need for Commission Members to have a pension. Ms. Grant said elected officials can withdraw from FRS individually, but ineligible elected officials do not have that option. Ms. Grant remarked on additional research Staff will undertake to draft a broad resolution.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions, Ms. Grant explained the related differential as of July 1, 2023, would be 12.45 percent for eligible and ineligible elected officials that could be paid as a direct cash payment over twenty-six (26) pay periods. There are two options for general employees and elected officials: the FRS investment plan with one (1) year vesting; and the pension plan option with eight (8) year vesting. Commissioner Herbst expounded on his perspective regarding the plans and vesting periods. He recommended using the investment plan amount. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on his recollection of Commission discussions on this topic in 2019, the need for equity, and expounded on his perspective. Ms. Grant explained the details of prior retirement plans. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Grant said that any Commission decision would take effect when the next Commission takes office in 2024 and reiterated the need for the Commission to pass a resolution before July 31, 2023. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Ms. Grant confirmed that only elected officials can opt out of participating in FRS.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Ms. Grant noted there is no benefit to not participating in FRS. She explained a slight variance in the differential of the investment plan options that could change annually.

In response to Ms. Grant's question, Mayor Trantalis confirmed Staff could move forward and present a resolution to the Commission. He reiterated that Commission action would take effect following the 2024 election.



**BUS-3** [23-0353](#)

AECOM Presentation on the Development of Lockhart Park -  
(Commission District 1)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Joe Webb, Director of Park Planning AECOM. Mr. Webb narrated a presentation entitled *Lockhart Community Park Commission Presentation*.

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Webb remarked that this is the last design for Lockhart Community Park (Park), and its Community Center would be one (1) story and approximately 10,000 square feet. The estimated cost is approximately \$7,000,000. Mayor Trantalis remarked on the \$700 per square foot price. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mr. Webb confirmed the addition of pickleball courts and remarked that pickleball has become a top priority for communities around the country. Mr. Webb confirmed Commissioner Herbst had input regarding the inclusion of pickleball courts. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Interim City Attorney D'Wayne Spence explained under the provisions of the Comprehensive Agreement with Miami Beckham (Comprehensive Agreement) the Commission would approve the Park design and expounded on related details. City Manager Chavarria said there are no additional Agenda items today regarding the Park.

Interim City Attorney Spence explained formal mediation sessions related to the Comprehensive Agreement have not yet started. The mediator has started separate negotiations between the parties regarding parking at the Park for Inter Miami games that included an amount to be put in escrow with the mediator, which would allow the existing parking agreement to continue until the end of May, 2023. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst urged the Commission to allow the mediation process to continue and address the items being discussed. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on his recollection of previous Commission discussions, including the Commission designating Commissioner Herbst to represent the City in the mediation and the

requirement of \$1,400,000 being placed in an escrow account with the mediator to allow Inter Miami game day parking. Commissioner Herbst commented on Miami Beckham depositing \$500,000 as a show of good faith negotiation efforts into a mediator escrow amount for a portion of the Fees owed. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst discussed his expectations during the mediation process and the need for both parties to move forward in good faith, which would include Miami Beckham placing \$1,400,000, the amount owed for building permit fees, as a condition of extending game day parking. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst provided a review of mediation negotiations. The \$500,000 good-faith payment for a portion of the building permit fees owed was to allow parking until the end of May, 2023. Parking beyond May 31, 2023, should be subject to a deposit of the entire \$1,400,000 for building permit fees owed. He remarked on lengthy discussions regarding demolition costs and possible options moving forward. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recommended the Commission take time to consider options discussed prior to providing direction to the City Manager.

Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation Department Director, noted the need for Commission direction regarding moving forward with AECOM's design for the Park. Mayor Trantalis discussed his support for the design presentation. Commissioner Herbst remarked on prior Park design efforts by former District 1 Commissioner Heather Moraitis with the community to determine the final design of the Park. This is the primary park in District 1. The Park design would include converting one (1) of the four (4) sports fields to pickleball courts due to the vast amount of requests from the community.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mr. Webb confirmed that the pickleball courts design could be done in a manner to allow repurposing of the area in the future.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed a consensus to move forward with the design plans presented by AECOM.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on his perspective regarding the current mediation process and concerns regarding keeping all members of the Commission updated. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sturman remarked on a conversation with City Manager Chavarria regarding the status and aspects of the mediation. Commissioner Glassman noted the need to share this information with all Commission Members and discussed concerns. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Interim City Attorney Spence explained aspects of the mediation process and expounded on details associated with extending parking to Miami Beckham. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Interim City Attorney Spence explained that mediation relates to the comprehensive agreement, and the parking agreement is a separate discussion. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on his understanding of the parking reduction granted to Miami Beckham during the Development Review Committee (DRC) process in which Miami Beckham identified alternative parking solutions at surrounding locations. Further comment and discussion ensued.

### RECESS

Mayor Trantalis recessed the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

### RECONVENE

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the meeting at 4:29 p.m.

### BUS-4 [23-0512](#)

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized Alan Dodd, Public Works Department Director. Mr. Dodd narrated a presentation entitled *City Hall Current Status*.

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

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mr. Dodd explained the \$15,000,000 amount included in the presentation is the cost should the City decide to restore the building. The \$1,200,000 cost included in the presentation represents temporary generators and temporary HVAC systems currently operating in the building. Mr. Dodd explained related details.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Dodd said he was unaware of an existing pumping system in the basement that would have prevented flooding. City Manager Chavarria concurred. Mr. Dodd discussed options going forward to install pumps or relocate mechanical systems to another area to avoid flooding in the future.

Mayor Trantalis noted the estimated cost and the two (2) year timeline to rehabilitate City Hall for occupancy. Mr. Dodd confirmed. Mayor Trantalis discussed his viewpoint regarding costs and Commission plans previously discussed to build a new City Hall. Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Manager Chavarria said he anticipates that within sixty (60) to ninety (90) days, the City's insurance providers will determine the claim amount and will advise the Commission. He remarked on the need to allow that process to continue and related details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst discussed his viewpoint opposing the rehabilitation of City Hall, noting it is structurally obsolete. He expounded on previous discussions regarding space planning that began in 2007, which he had shared with City Manager Chavarria. Commissioner Herbst noted the need to address the long-term, temporary space for Staff and the future home of City Hall.

**BUS-5** [23-0518](#)

Waiving of Building Permit Fees for Disaster Damaged Properties - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis discussed assisting property owners impacted by the recent flooding event and inquired about waiving Building Permit Fees (Fees) or not requiring permits for certain types of repair work.

Interim City Attorney Spence noted that following Hurricane Irma, a program was implemented through the Development Services Department (DSD) that identified certain repairs and functions that require Fees, which the City waived. Staff is working with the Office of the City Attorney to develop a similar program related to the recent flooding event and would bring it forward.

Commissioner Herbst clarified the need to be cautious regarding the terminology used. He explained that Fees could not be waived for property owners impacted by the flooding event. Rather, the City could absorb the Fees on behalf of the affected property owners in the form of a contribution from the General Fund to the Building Fund.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Interim City Attorney Spence explained the Fees are regulatory. Interim City Attorney Spence clarified the City's contribution from the General Fund would not be income to property owners as the City would be granting relief to the victims of the flood event and expounded on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis confirmed this would be his recommendation to the Commission. Commissioner Sturman and Commissioner Glassman concurred.

Interim City Attorney Spence confirmed Staff would present an Agenda item regarding this Commission recommendation at the next Commission Meeting. Mayor Trantalis recommended incorporating a clause into that Agenda item to include relief for those property owners impacted by the flooding which had already paid Fees for repair work associated with the flooding event.

**BUS-6** [23-0496](#)

Temporary City Hall Relocation Discussion - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ken Krasnow, Colliers International ("Colliers"). Mr. Krasnow provided an update on temporary solutions for the relocation of City Hall, narrating a presentation entitled *City Hall - Relocation Solutions - Medium Term*.

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

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the need for an option that provides one (1) space to relocate all Staff. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Krasnow explained the availability of Plaza 100 across the street from 101 NE 3rd Street (101 Building), which has available parking in addition to the current City Hall parking lot. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the City's existing leased space at the 101 Building.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on the need for temporary space to meet Staff needs and are resilient to severe weather events. In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Mr. Krasnow said none of the options listed in the presentation experienced a disruption to services or operations from the recent flooding event.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Krasnow said the reason Kaplan University (Kaplan) is vacant is due to COVID and expounded on related details.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mr. Krasnow remarked on details related to Kaplan having a sublease and the current office space market, which presents an opportunity to the City.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, City Manager Chavarria clarified the details regarding Staff needs, expounded on the perspective of Staff, and cited examples. Staff requests Commission feedback and will return with a proposal for Commission consideration. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Evan Gross, 1515 West Cypress Creek Road, on behalf of Kaplan. Mr. Gross discussed his perspective in support of relocating Staff to Kaplan and expounded on related details.

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Chavarria reiterated the need for Commission feedback regarding relocation to the Uptown area or remaining in the Downtown area.

Commissioner Glassman discussed his viewpoint regarding the importance of a downtown presence and locating Staff at one (1) location. Commissioner Sturman concurred on the need to remain in the Downtown area.

Commissioner Herbst reiterated his support of locating Staff who does not interface with members of the public to the Kaplan location. He cited examples and commented that this would provide economic activity to the Uptown area in District 1. Commissioner Herbst said the Commission and Staff who interface with the public could be at a location in the Downtown area and expounded on his viewpoint.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the compelling viewpoint of Commissioner Herbst, acknowledged the positive aspects of both the Uptown area and the Downtown area, and expounded on his perspective relative to mass transit. He acknowledged input from City Manager Chavarria regarding the importance of Staff interacting at one (1) location. Mayor Trantalis confirmed his viewpoint and support of Staff and the Commission remaining in the Downtown area.

Commissioner Herbst expounded on history related to the Downtown area reaching established goals and reiterated his viewpoint regarding the ability to relocate temporarily to Kaplan and cost savings. Further

comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed that the majority of the Commission Members present agreed that Staff should remain downtown.

### **RECESS**

Mayor Trantalis recessed the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

### **RECONVENE**

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the Commission Conference Meeting at 9:25 p.m.

### **CITY COMMISSION REPORTS**

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

Commissioner Glassman remarked on attending the May 8, 2023, Solid Waste Working Group (SWWG) Meeting and noted recent changes made to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA). The ILA will be presented to the Commission at the June 6, 2023, Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on questions during the District 2 Pre-Agenda Meeting regarding the addition of a proposed medical facility (facility) near the Beach Community Center (Site) and requested an update. He discussed a Commission consensus at the July 5, 2022, Commission Meeting to locate a park on the Site.

Commissioner Herbst commented on the genesis of the proposed facility, which included discussions with the CEO of Broward Health to provide an emergency medical service (EMS) facility for residents on the barrier island. The goal of a recent District 1 meeting with area residents was to discuss this opportunity and gauge their feedback. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation Department Director, clarified related details and noted the process was atypical. Following community feedback regarding installing pickleball courts at the Site, a decision was made to have a passive park without pickleball courts. The Commission discussion was to memorialize its directions to Staff for the Site's use as a park, and AECOM has been addressing this. There has been subsequent discussions regarding providing an EMS facility on the Site and utilizing

a portion of the rooftop as a passive park. Staff is moving forward with a conceptual park design for the Site.

Commissioner Herbst confirmed ongoing discussions with stakeholders regarding an EMS facility on the site. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Glassman discussed his viewpoint. Commissioner Herbst expounded on related efforts and feedback from residents of the Galt Ocean Mile.

Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman remarked on her viewpoint and her confirmed support of Commissioner Herbst presenting items that would address the needs of District 1 constituents that would benefit the City. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman discussed the Charter Revision Board (CRB) and his review of recent CRB Meeting Minutes that does not include items the Commission brought forward for the CRB to discuss. He expounded on his viewpoint and cited examples.

Interim City Attorney Spence explained the CRB has an advisory role to the Commission. The CRB is charged with providing advice to the Commission regarding the Charter and making suggestions and recommendations to perfect the Charter. Commissioner Glassman recommended review of the CRB minutes and determining the status of Charter items the Commission has communicated to the CRB, which need attention. Commissioner Glassman expounded on his perspective.

In response to Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman's questions regarding advisory boards, Interim City Attorney Spence explained the Code of Ordinances definition of boards and committees and explained related details. The CRB is tasked with advising the City Commission on the propriety of the existing Charter and making suggestions and recommendations to perfect the Charter to establish an improved government. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions regarding the need for clarification regarding matters related to the Las Olas Mobility Plan's Bid Selection Committee (Committee), Assistant City Manager Susan Grant explained there are no provisions in the procurement manual on how to deal with a tie vote for this specific type of procurement and explained related details. The Committee will reconvene with the two (2) firms that will conduct new presentations, and the Committee will rescore. Further comment and discussion ensued.



Interim City Attorney Spence explained the related Statute requires a determination as to the highest qualified firm, explained associated details, and confirmed the procurement manual does not address a tie vote for this type of procurement.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to extend Commission Conference Meeting to 10:30 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Herbst. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, and Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner Sturman confirmed his support of Commissioner Glassman's recommendation that the Las Olas Mobility Plan's Bid Selection Committee (Committee) tie vote be presented to the Commission for a decision. Commissioner Herbst recommended discarding all bids, starting over, and expounded on his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Grant confirmed that the evaluation criteria were maintained. The Committee reconvened a second time, resulting in a tie vote. Mayor Trantalis commented on the need to pursue Commissioner Herbst's recommendation. Commissioner Sturman confirmed his opposition to Commissioner Herbst's proposal to discard all bids and start over and supports Commissioner Glassman's recommendation to bring this to the Commission at the June 6, 2023, Commission Meeting for a decision. City Manager Chavarria confirmed.

Commissioner Glassman discussed concerns related to recently enacted State legislation, expounded on details regarding the impact on marginalized communities, and cited examples. Mayor Trantalis concurred with the concerns raised by Commissioner Glassman and commented on his viewpoint regarding the recent State legislation.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the City being part of the Southeast Climate Action Pledge and confirmed related information was shared with each Commission Member. City Manager Chavarria said Staff would bring forth an Agenda item on this topic at the June 6, 2023, Regular Meeting.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

### **MGR-1 [23-0519](#)**

#### **City Attorney Search Update**

City Manager Chavarria provided an update on recruitment efforts for the City Attorney position. He noted input from each search firm indicating

the number of candidates received to date is adequate and remarked on the process.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed his understanding that the search firms would present qualified candidates for the City Attorney Search Committee (Committee). The Committee would review and submit candidates to the Commission. City Manager Chavarria confirmed the anticipated timeline would be sixty (60) to ninety (90) days.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 10:19 p.m.