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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

1:30 PM

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

City Commission Conference Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

STEVEN GLASSMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District II

JOHN C. HERBST Commissioner - District I

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Commissioner - District III

WARREN STURMAN Commissioner - District IV

SUSAN GRANT, Acting City Manager

DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk

THOMAS J. ANSBRO, City Attorney

PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 1:47 p.m.

COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

Also Present: Acting City Manager Susan Grant, City Clerk David R. Soloman, City Attorney Thomas J. Ansbro, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COMMISSION

[24-0512](#)

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

Charter Revision Board (CRB)

June 6, 2024

Communication to the City Commission

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jacquelyn Scott, 1626 SE 1st Street, Charter Revision Board (CRB) Member. Ms. Scott explained the information in the CRB Communication to the Commission and its request for Commission direction regarding CRB public outreach.

Mayor Trantalis discussed examples of the Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee's (ITFAC) public outreach efforts and inquired how the CRB could replicate those efforts. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Scott discussed her perspective in support of CRB public outreach, discussed the importance of CRB efforts, recommended Charter revisions, and confirmed the need for the CRB to replicate the ITFAC's public outreach efforts.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Esthel Brennan, Riverside Park Residents Association President. Ms. Brennan discussed her perspective regarding the need for improved CRB community outreach.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions, Ms. Brennan

explained her position as an association president and her understanding of the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations (CFLCA) discussions on this topic.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Ms. Brennan discussed her experience regarding the City's communication efforts via Instagram. Commissioner Herbst discussed his viewpoint regarding the City's ability to improve public engagement and requested related Staff feedback.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Vanessa Apotheker, 712 SW 9th Terrace, Tarpon River Civic Association President. Ms. Apotheker discussed her attendance at a recent CRB Meeting and expounded on feedback received and related information.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Christine Jones, 1600 NW 15th Place. Ms. Jones discussed her perspective, which included the need for a representative from District 3 to be appointed to the CRB and improved CRB community outreach.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Peloquin, 2510 NE 12th Court, CFLCA President. Ms. Peloquin read from a prepared statement related to a recent CRB Meeting, confirmed the need for the CRB to market itself to the community promptly, and cited examples.

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized Melinda Bowker, 511 SE 5th Avenue, Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association President. Ms. Bowker concurred with previous speakers about the importance of CRB community outreach.

Mayor Trantalis recognized William Brown, 112 N. Birch Road, Central Beach Alliance (CBA) President. Mr. Brown discussed the CRB's request for Commission direction regarding community outreach and expounded on his viewpoint.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Nelson, 520 SE 5th Avenue. Mr. Nelson discussed his viewpoint on this Agenda item, suggested marketing ideas for CRB outreach to engage the community, and expounded on his perspective.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Avi Goldfedder, 4948 NW 19th Avenue, Pompano Beach. Mr. Goldfedder discussed using social media to inform

the community.

Commissioner Sturman recommended a Commission Joint Workshop with the CRB (Workshop) to provide direction to the CRB regarding Charter items and community outreach. Commissioner Herbst concurred, expounded on his viewpoint, and cited examples of Charter Revisions, which the Commission feels are needed.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his viewpoint regarding the process. He suggested that the CRB perform significant community outreach to obtain feedback on CRB recommendations and present community input to the Commission.

Commissioner Sturman explained his perspective regarding the process and noted that the CRB had submitted recommendations to the Commission for consideration. Commissioner Herbst concurred and said that the CRB had performed its responsibility. He expounded on his perspective and recommended a Workshop to discuss the CRB's Charter recommendations and possible Commission Charter recommendations. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis said the Charter's fundamental revisions must be thoroughly vetted with the community. Commissioner Herbst agreed that improved community outreach is needed. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman confirmed efforts to appoint a District 3 representative to the CRB.

Mayor Trantalis reiterated his viewpoint regarding the need for community outreach and remarked on related information.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed his perspective regarding the CRB's work, cited examples, and referenced recent CRB Meeting Minutes. He discussed feedback from Staff and community members regarding the need for information and additional time to understand and move forward with the process thoroughly. Vice Mayor Glassman concurred with Mayor Trantalis about the CRB replicating the ITFAC's community outreach efforts and noted roadmaps exist for CRB community outreach efforts, citing examples. Vice Mayor Glassman expounded on his viewpoint and the need to move forward collaboratively.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions, Mayor Trantalis recommended that the CRB follow the ITFAC's community

outreach blueprint. Commissioner Sturman recommended a Workshop before community outreach efforts. Mayor Trantalis confirmed a Workshop to discuss and refine Charter recommendations, including deciding whether to hire a consultant to assist.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' request to schedule a Workshop, City Clerk David Soloman confirmed it would be planned before the Commission Meetings on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 [24-0609](#)

Follow-up Discussion of Requested Cost of Living Adjustment for the General Employees Retirement System - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Acting City Manager Susan Grant. Acting City Manager Grant provided an overview of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis remarked that a General Employees Retirement System (GERS) cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) would result in an average increase of approximately \$50 per retiree. Linda Short, Finance Department Director, confirmed and explained related information.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Laura Reece, Acting Assistant City Manager, explained funding scenarios for funding a COLA increase included in the Agenda item backup and cited examples. The cost to amortize a GERS COLA over five (5) years would include \$684,000 from the Water and Sewer Fund.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Ms. Reece said the cost to amortize a GERS COLA over five (5) years would include \$130,000 from the Stormwater Fund.

Vice Mayor Glassman noted the importance of a decision to move forward with a GERS COLA increase. He remarked on options available and Commission votes for different funding scenarios.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Ms. Reece discussed various funding scenarios to maintain a balanced budget. Fiscal Year 2025 (FY 2025) Budget enhancements could be the source of GERS COLA funding based upon Commission direction.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's questions, Ms. Reece explained Staff's recommendation to fund the one-time lump sum GERS COLA from the Fund Balance and expounded on related details.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on previous comments at the Commission Workshop with the Budget Advisory Board (BAB) regarding the Fund Balance and confirmed the ability to fund a GERS COLA from the Fund Balance should there not be a unanimous Commission vote supporting the amortization of a GERS COLA. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his opposition to a GERS COLA and expounded on his perspective regarding funding and cited examples.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions regarding using CIP funds planned for future projects to fund the GERS COLA, Ms. Reece explained the inability to use those funds for current Fiscal Year (FY) expenses. She expounded on related information and cited examples. Commissioner Herbst explained the ability to pause current FY CIP projects and fund them in the next budget cycle. Ms. Reece confirmed.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Short confirmed the start date requested for a GERS COLA is October 1, 2024. Mayor Trantalis noted the ability to make a decision following the Commission Summer Break. He suggested that each Commission member review their District CIPs over the summer and provide input regarding the ability to pause those projects and fund the GERS COLA.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on his viewpoint and concerns regarding FY 2025 Budget enhancements and the importance of funding public safety needs. He noted the need to support current Staff now and in retirement. Commissioner Herbst discussed his support for reducing enhancements to the FY 2025 operating budget. He noted the impact of this decision on current Staff.

Mayor Trantalis commented on addressing the needs of a growing population in the City, and possibly reconfiguring employee contracts to budget for future COLAs. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sturman confirmed his support of a GERS COLA and his ability to decide now.

Vice Mayor Glassman remarked on his consistent support of a GERS COLA during the past six (6) years, noting it is prudent to consider all available options and have a better understanding of how to fund a lump sum GERS COLA without cutting public safety and infrastructure needs.

Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst said that Staff has a better understanding of CIP projects that could be phased or delayed and requested that Staff provide related input to Commission Members.

Mayor Trantalis recommended considering two (2) options for amortizing the GERS COLA. He requested Staff discuss and provide feedback regarding District CIP projects that could be paused or delayed with each respective Commission Member. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst commented on the growing percentage of Emergency Medical Service (EMS) calls and the reduction of the Fire Assessment Fee (FAF). He explained that the City cannot recoup EMS costs from the FAF. Commissioner Herbst suggested that the Commission consider an EMS taxing district and expounded on his perspective.

Commissioner Herbst explained traditionally the City has received additional operating budget revenue between the adoption of the millage rate in July and true-ups from the State prior to the final Budget Hearings in September.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Nicholas Schiess, Retirement Systems Pension Administrator, distributed information regarding unused CIP funds to Commission Members not included in the Agenda backup.

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jill Prizlee, GERS Trustee. Ms. Prizlee narrated a presentation entitled *General Employees Retirement System (GERS)* illustrating unused CIP funding since 2020, which could be alternatives for funding a GERS COLA.

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

Mayor Trantalis reiterated the need for Staff input and further analysis of options moving forward. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Nelson, 520 SE 5th Avenue. Mr.

Nelson supported a GERS COLA and expounded on his viewpoint.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Eve Bazer, 3020 NW 32nd Avenue. Ms. Bazer spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Elizabeth Nehiba, 5555 NE 20th Terrace. Ms. Nehiba spoke in support of a GERS COLA.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Hal Barnes, 636 NE 17th Terrace. Mr. Barnes spoke in support of a GERS COLA.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 [24-0523](#)

Discussion on Amending the Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carl Williams, Parks and Recreation Department Director. Mr. Williams provided an overview of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Vicki Smith, 1443 SW 16th Terrace. Ms. Smith discussed her viewpoint regarding this Agenda item and amending current Park rules to allow leashed dogs in Parks.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Debra Dunlap, 705 SW 14th Avenue. Ms. Dunlap discussed her viewpoint and health concerns regarding this Agenda item. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Dunlap remarked on the need for separate areas for dogs in Parks.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tom Andrew, 717 SW 14th Avenue. Mr. Andrew concurred with Ms. Dunlap's comments.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mira Laing, 1041 SW 15th Avenue. Ms. Laing discussed her perspective regarding this Agenda item. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis commented on Staff's ability to enforce rules regarding allowing dogs in Parks. Commissioner Herbst said that residents are unaware that Park rules and policies prohibit dogs in Parks, cautioned regarding enforcement and criminalization of resident activities as a matter of course, and noted occasional enforcement by Park Rangers. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Mr. Williams said this subject only applies to canines. Commissioner Herbst clarified that this

topic is not governed by ordinance and is a Park policy. Mr. Williams confirmed. Commissioner Herbst recommended the Commission reconsider Park policy and expounded on his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Peloquin, 2510 NE 12th Court, CFLCA President, and a Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board Member. Ms. Peloquin spoke about her perspective on this agenda item and noted the need for improved signage.

Commissioner Herbst expounded on his viewpoint regarding the changing composition of neighborhoods. In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Ms. Peloquin discussed the need for a fair and informed process and procedure for neighbors to determine related Park policy. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his attendance at Flagler Village Civic Association Meetings, noted they are well attended, and explained that the Flagler Village area has one (1) park. Commissioner Herbst remarked on the dynamic population increases anticipated over the next five (5) years in the Searstown area of Flagler Village. Vice Mayor Glassman said that the Flagler Village Civic Association meetings are well attended, remarked on the location of Sistrunk Park is adjacent to Flagler Village, and noted that the DRC review of the Flagler Village One-Stop Shop Arts Park is scheduled for next month. Commissioner Glassman remarked on the ability to modify Park policy as neighborhood dynamics change.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stephanie Provost, 724 SW 12th Avenue. Ms. Provost spoke in support of allowing leashed dogs in Parks.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Esthel Brennan, 732 SW 13th Avenue, Riverside Park Residents Association President. Ms. Brennan spoke in support of allowing leashed dogs in Parks.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Payton DeLong, 511 SE 5th Avenue. Payton DeLong spoke in support of allowing leashed dogs in Parks.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Nelson, 520 SE 5th Avenue. Mr. Nelson spoke in support of allowing leashed dogs in Parks.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Mr. Williams explained the challenges of restricting hours for leashed dogs in Parks and cited examples.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Donna Stevenson, 1506 Brickell Drive. Ms. Stevenson opposed allowing leashed dogs in the Park near her residence, explaining her reasoning and expounding on additional details related to Park activities.

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized Deborah Bates, 3409 SW 25th Street. Ms. Bates spoke in support of allowing leashed dogs in Parks.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Colgate Darden, 833 N. Rio Vista Boulevard. Mr. Darden spoke in support of allowing leashed dogs in some Parks and expounded on his perspective.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Melinda Bowker, 511 SE 5th Avenue, Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association President. Ms. Bowker supported this Agenda item, noting that it ratifies what is happening.

Commissioner Sturman noted that Parks are for all residents to enjoy. He discussed enforcing Park policy prohibiting dogs related to a specific incident and expounded on related information. Commissioner Sturman confirmed holding numerous District 4 Meetings on this subject.

Commissioner Sturman discussed a compromise for a three (3) tiered system and explained related details, which includes some Parks allowing leashed dogs with certain caveats. Commissioner Sturman expounded on information associated with the three-tiered system and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sturman discussed the mechanism for managing neighborhood, input regarding allowing leashed dogs in specific neighborhood Parks, which would flow through the Parks and Recreation Department. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed his support of Staff's recommendation listed in the Agenda item backup and cited examples of a phased approach relying on neighborhood association input.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on residents' viewpoints, noted the need for consistency, commented on providing a dog run in certain Parks, and expounded on her perspective.

Mayor Trantalis discussed his perspective and support for allowing dogs in Parks and expounded on his viewpoint. He recommended that Staff review Commission input and return with recommendations. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst discussed concerns about the unwieldy nature of Staff obtaining community feedback and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Ms. Peloquin suggested a simple and uniform policy that allows leashed dogs in Parks and make subsequent modifications based on experiences. Mayor Trantalis noted this represents a minority position of the Commission.

Vice Mayor Glassman recommended that Mr. Williams work with the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Board to determine Park policy. Mayor Trantalis concurred. Further comment and discussion ensued.

BUS-2 [24-0602](#)

Local Government Areas of Opportunity Program - (Commission Districts 1 and 2)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Acting Assistant City Manager Ben Rogers. Mr. Rogers provided an overview of this Agenda item and explained that one of the applicants had dropped out. The remaining Applicant, Pinnacle Housing Group (Applicant), will present an overview of its project to the Commission. If the Commission supports the Applicant's project, Staff will draft a related resolution for Commission consideration at the July 2, 2024, Commission Meeting.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tim Wheat, Pinnacle Housing Group (Applicant). Mr. Wheat narrated the Pinnacle Housing Group portion of the Staff presentation entitled *LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM ("LGAO") June 18, 2024*.

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized Keith Poliakoff, Esq., on behalf of the Applicant. Mr. Poliakoff provided an overview of the proposed projects.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Wheat explained that one hundred percent (100%) of the Applicant's senior housing units will be affordable. Ten percent (10%) will be available at thirty-three percent (33%) of the area median income (AMI). The remaining ninety percent

(90%) will be available at sixty percent (60%) of the AMI. The project is on a bus route and less than a half mile from the Tri-Rail Station. The classification for senior housing applies to all residents aged sixty-two (62) and older as defined in the Fair Housing Law.

Commissioner Herbst acknowledged the pressing need for an affordable housing project in District 1 and his strong support for this initiative.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions, Angela Salmon, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a status update on Dottie Mancini Park. Ms. Salmon said Broward Health and the City's negotiating positions need to align. Commissioner Herbst discussed the need to open Dottie Mancini Park and its importance to Imperial Point residents and the surrounding community. He remarked on efforts by Broward Health and the City to establish a Broward Health facility at the YMCA Holiday Park project and the significant Parks Bond funding contributions from District 1 and District 2. Commissioner Herbst encouraged Commission Member outreach to Broward Health to resolve negotiations and reopen Dottie Mancini Park.

Commissioner Herbst discussed concerns regarding construction defects (defects) at the new Police Department Headquarters (Project) currently under construction. He expounded on his viewpoint and concerns, which included a delay in notifying Commission Members. He requested an explanation and a detailed analysis of the defect and its impact on project construction.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Assistant City Manager Anthony Fajardo. Mr. Fajardo provided details regarding the construction defect and expounded on related information, including efforts to rectify.

Commissioner Herbst discussed concerns about the defect and future implications. He remarked on mold issues experienced at the former Police Headquarters. In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions, Mr. Fajardo confirmed the option for the City to pursue an Errors and Omissions (E&O) insurance claim should a viable solution not be attained and explained related information. Change orders requesting additional funds from the City are not anticipated, only change orders requesting additional time to cure the defect. Mr. Fajardo explained that the defect did not impact other Project areas where construction work is

continuing. The impact of the defect on the entire Project's timeline is still being analyzed.

Commissioner Herbst discussed the need to protect the City's interests in the future and inquired about the available recourse. He remarked on another example of mold-related issues at a District 1 Fire Station project with defects, which the City accepted as a completed project, and expounded on his perspective. Mr. Fajardo explained the ongoing work to rectify the Project defect and implement a viable solution.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, City Attorney Thomas Ansbro recommended hiring a national engineering consulting firm to review the Project defect and provide a second opinion. Commissioner Herbst concurred and expounded on his viewpoint. Mr. Fajardo commented on the impact on the Project timeline.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman concurred on the need for a second opinion. Acting City Manager Grant confirmed that Staff will present a comprehensive update on the Project at the July 2, 2024, Commission Meeting.

Mayor Trantalis noted that the defect is related to project design, not construction. Mr. Fajardo commented that Staff has not been informed of similar defects in other Project areas.

Mayor Trantalis said project costs were significantly higher than the initial budget and expounded on his viewpoint. Mr. Fajardo explained that value engineering was done before his involvement in the Project to reduce costs and confirmed the defect relates to value engineering. Mr. Fajardo confirmed that communications indicated the defect relates to an error and explained the related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst commented on Mayor Trantalis' response to a recent Broward County Office of Inspector General Report (OIG Report). Commissioner Herbst remarked on the need for the Commission to respond to the OIG Report as an entity on behalf of the entire Commission.

Mayor Trantalis explained that his response to the OIG Report was his opinion, noting his viewpoint that the Commission would not be able to reach a consensus, and expounded on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst discussed his viewpoint and said that the City's response to the OIG Report should have been sent from Acting City Manager Grant at the Commission's direction. He remarked on his anticipation that each Commission Member would respond to the OIG Report individually.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman commented on Staff updates related to illegal dumping in the Dorsey-Riverbend Neighborhood alleyways and the responsibility of each adjacent alleyway property owner to maintain the alleyway outlined in property deeds. In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Chris Cooper, Development Services Department Director, clarified related information and provided an update, stating that property owners adjacent to those public alleyways are responsible for maintaining their half of the alleyway. Mr. Cooper provided an update on Staff efforts to monitor illegal dumping in those public alleyways. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Glassman noted inquiries from Victoria Park residents regarding the ability to proactively close roads in areas inundated with flooding during heavy rain events. In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question, Acting City Manager Grant confirmed that Staff would investigate related opportunities and provide an update. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding Staff efforts to address needs during a recent heavy rain event.

Vice Mayor Glassman discussed the need for the City to be more innovative and proactive when responding to more frequent heavy rain events. He read from a prepared statement that included a multi-point plan, which he distributed to Commission Members, and requested future Commission discussion.

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

Vice Mayor Glassman stated that the Commission should keep FY 2025 stormwater infrastructure funding allocations to elevate resiliency efforts.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman concurred with Vice Mayor Glassman's viewpoint and confirmed the need for proactive resiliency efforts. Vice Mayor Glassman expounded on his viewpoint.

Commissioner Sturman updated Staff on his trip to San Diego, California. The focus of the visit was looking at ways to provide low-barrier shelters to address individuals experiencing homelessness

and who do not meet the criteria for housing in other homelessness shelters. He expounded on related challenges and needs and narrated a presentation entitled *San Diego Homeless Strategies and Solutions Department*.

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

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question and request, Mr. Fajardo confirmed that for those individuals who do not participate in congregate living shelter options, the cost per pallet for use as a low-barrier shelter home is approximately \$20,000. Tents for use as a low-barrier shelter home are approximately \$200 each.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's Mr. Fajardo provided an update on Staff visits to Vancouver, Washington, Gainesville, and Tampa for input and direction on this subject. Mr. Fajardo outlined the efforts of these cities and expounded on related information. Staff is planning a Commission update on addressing homelessness and to comply with recent State legislation.

Commissioner Sturman discussed medical care provided to individuals experiencing homelessness in San Diego and expounded on related information.

Commissioner Sturman commented on ongoing efforts with Broward County Board of County Commissioners Member Lamar Fisher to address homelessness. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Fajardo said a site in the City for a low-barrier shelter has yet to be identified. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis requested this topic be brought back as a Conference Agenda item for thorough discussion.

Commissioner Sturman discussed the recent heavy rain event and expounded on his perspective. He requested a debriefing and a summary of issues that need to be addressed, cited examples, and expounded on related concerns and responsible entities.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's questions, Alan Dodd, Public Works Department Director, reviewed predicted forecasted rainfall amounts associated with the recent heavy rain event and discussed the impact of the significant rainfall increase, which exceeded stormwater infrastructure capacity. Mr. Dodd cited examples of efforts to address the

excess flooding and expounded on related details.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mr. Dodd explained that the City owns four (4) vacor trucks and one (1) tanker truck to address flooding needs. He noted additional resources available from vendors under contract with the City. Commissioner Sturman requested an updated inventory of equipment available to address flooding needs, which Mr. Dodd confirmed.

Commissioner Sturman said that the City's Call Center was overwhelmed during the recent flooding event and requested augmentation to address overflow calls during emergencies. Acting Assistant City Manager Ben Rogers concurred and discussed Staff efforts to address the recent flooding emergency, noting redundancy is available at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Mr. Rogers confirmed an Action Plan to augment the City's Call Center Staff when a hurricane or a significant weather event is anticipated.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, Mr. Rogers confirmed the ability to proactively distribute sandbags to residents and explained related information. In coordination with the Parks and Recreation Department, sandbag distribution will be available each Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Floyd Hull Stadium/Morton Center and Mills Pond Park.

Commissioner Sturman requested that drain cleaning be prioritized on all City, County, and State Roads. Mr. Rogers confirmed and remarked on related efforts with Police Chief William Schultz.

Commissioner Sturman discussed Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport's (FLL) drainage into areas of District 4. Mr. Rogers explained that the FLL area naturally drains into Osceola Creek and can potentially flood the Edgewood neighborhood.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman reiterated her support for proactive efforts to address flooding and storm-related issues.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on FLL drainage into Osceola Creek, which floods District 4 neighborhoods. He confirmed that he would communicate with Broward County to encourage the proactive implementation of County plans to install pumps to move water draining from the FLL north runway into Osceola Creek, which would alleviate flooding issues in District 4.

Mayor Trantalis discussed correspondence from City of Miramar Mayor Wayne Messam regarding opposition to Miami-Dade County's plans to build an incinerator on the Miami-Dade/Broward County Line, located adjacent to the City of Miramar. The correspondence requested opposition to Miami-Dade County's plans from all Broward County municipalities, including signing a petition opposing the building of the incinerator. Mayor Trantalis said he would provide Commission Members with a copy of the correspondence and requested Commission Members provide feedback following review.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Acting City Manager Susan Grant commented on a Walk-On Resolution at tonight's Commission Regular Meeting relating to a possible Special Event for the Florida Panthers organization. Mayor Trantalis requested that Staff provide Commission Members with a copy of the resolution for review before tonight's meeting.

MGR-1 [24-0610](#)

City Commission Follow up Action Items - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.