

# City of Fort Lauderdale



## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers  
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## City Commission Regular Meeting

*FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION*

*DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor*

*HEATHER MORAITIS Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District I*

*STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II*

*ROBERT L. McKINZIE Commissioner - District III*

*BEN SORENSEN Commissioner - District*

*CHRIS LAGERBLOOM, City Manager*

*JOHN HERBST, City Auditor*

*JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, City Clerk*

*ALAIN E. BOILEAU, City Attorney*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Vice Mayor Heather Moraitis, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie, Commissioner Ben Sorensen and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

**QUORUM ESTABLISHED**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Trantalis led a *Moment of Silence* in remembrance of local community activist Eileen Helfer, former Vice President Walter Mondale and George Floyd. Mayor Trantalis commented on the background and legacy of each individual.

**AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Trantalis announced details regarding the virtual format of this meeting, including how members of the public can view and participate.

Mayor Trantalis announced the following modifications to the Agenda:

**Agenda Item Added:**

Walk-On Item: Resolution urging legislature to oppose House Bill 1475 and Senate Bill 2012

*A copy is attached to these minutes.*

**Revised Agenda Item(s):**

R-1 - Revision to Resolution Exhibit - wording changed in Charter Board appointment

*A copy is attached to these minutes.*

**Approval of MINUTES and Agenda**[21-0437](#)

Minutes for April 6, 2021 Commission Conference Meeting and April 6, 2021 Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**PRESENTATIONS****PRES-** [21-0447](#)

1

Vice Mayor Moraitis will present a Proclamation declaring April 23, 2021 as International Children's Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale, and Presentation of Certificates to the Winners of Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities Inc. and Florida Turkish American Association's 2021 "If I were Mayor" Competition

Vice Mayor Moraitis presented a Proclamation declaring *April 16, 2021 as International Children's Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Miami Turkey Consul General Burhan Soğancı accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission. He spoke on the value, history and achievements of local Turkish community members. Consul General Burhan Soğancı explained the significance, goals and aspects of *International Children's Day* celebrations.

Mayor Trantalis announced Natalia Sanborn of Bayview Elementary School was the winner of the *If I were Mayor* Essay Competition.

**PRESENTED****PRES-** [21-0390](#)

2

Vice Mayor Moraitis will present a Proclamation declaring April 20, 2021 as Pine Crest Boys Basketball Team Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale - FHSAA 4A State Champions

**NOT PRESENTED****PRES-** [21-0435](#)

3

Commissioner Sorensen will present a Proclamation declaring April 2021 as WALK like MADD & MADD Dash Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Sorensen presented a Proclamation declaring *April 2021*

as *WALK like MADD & MADD Dash Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Heather Geronemus, *Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)* National Board of Directors Chair, accepted the Proclamation, thanking Mayor Trantalis and the Commission for its recognition of this important initiative. She expounded on the history and work of *MADD* and efforts of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department *DUI Task Force* to prevent drunk driving.

**PRESENTED**

**PRES-** [21-0385](#)  
**4**

Commissioner Glassman will present a Proclamation declaring April 19-24, 2021 as Florida Climate Week in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Glassman presented a Proclamation declaring *April 19-24, 2021 as Florida Climate Week in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Stephanie McLemore, Digital Marketing Coordinator, VoLo Foundation, accepted the Proclamation. Ms. McLemore explained details of the VoLo Foundation, a Jupiter, Florida, family-funded, non-profit organization. The VoLo Foundation is focused on raising awareness and educating the public on climate change, the climate crisis and the impact on communities.

Ms. McLemore thanked Mayor Trantalis and Commission Members for this Proclamation and its recognition of *Florida Climate Week* that raises awareness of climate change and sustainable solutions available to communities throughout the year. She expounded on details of *Florida Climate Week* events taking place and virtual availability to the public.

**PRESENTED**

**PRES-** [21-0446](#)  
**5**

Commissioner Glassman will present a Proclamation declaring April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Glassman presented a Proclamation recognizing *April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Mark Williams, City of Fort Lauderdale Urban Forestry Supervisor accepted the Proclamation, thanking Mayor Trantalis and the Commission. He commented on *Master Plan* goals related to future tree planting.

**PRESENTED**

**PRES- [21-0448](#)  
6****Recognition of Participants in the City of Fort Lauderdale's Eighth Neighbor Leadership Academy**

Jessica Wilkus, Senior Management Fellow, recognized graduates of the *City of Fort Lauderdale's Eighth Neighbor Leadership Academy (Academy)*. She expounded on the participation of *Academy* graduates, their future neighbor activism in coordination with *Fort Lauderdale Independence and Education Training Center, Inc. (FLIET)* to raise funds benefiting teens transitioning out of the foster care system into independent living. Ms. Wilkus acknowledged and thanked Staff and Commission Members for their support of the *Academy*.

Perry Sclafani, President of the *Bermuda Riviera Neighborhood Association* and recent *Academy* graduate, thanked Ms. Wilkus and Staff. Mr. Sclafani expounded on his positive *Academy* experience and graduates *paying it forward* with their *FLIET* fundraising efforts.

**PRESENTED**

**CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Trantalis explained the procedure and details regarding how members of the public could speak on Consent Agenda items.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paul Chettle, 200 South Birch Road. Mr. Chettle spoke in opposition to the seven (7) Agenda items (CM-11, CM-12, CM13, R-3, R-4 and R-5) involving the redevelopment of *Las Olas Marina by Las Olas SMI, LLC (Suntex)*. He discussed concerns related to moving forward with these items and the duration of *The Boat Show Agreement*. Mr. Chettle explained his understanding of the five (5) year duration of *The Boat Show Agreement (Agreement)* with an option for three (3) additional five-year (5) terms.

City Attorney Boileau explained qualifier language in the *Agreement*. The duration of the *Agreement* is at the discretion of *The Boat Show*. Mr. Chettle confirmed his understanding and relinquished opposition.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Trantalis announced the following Consent Agenda items had been pulled by Commission Members for separate discussion:

CM-10 Commissioner Glassman

**CONSENT MOTION****Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

**Approve the Consent Agenda**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CM-1**    [21-0356](#)    Motion Approving Event Agreements for Polish Flag Day, Fortune 500, Polarized, and TACOCRAFT Cinco De Mayo - (Commission District 2)

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CM-2**    [21-0365](#)    Motion Approving Event Agreements and Related Road Closures: FATVillage Art Walk and 33rd Annual Las Olas Art Fair - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CM-3**    [21-0322](#)    Motion Approving Event Dates for the 2021 Lauderdale Air Show on Fort Lauderdale Beach, May 8-9, 2021 - (Commission District 2)

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CM-4**    [21-0425](#)    Motion Declaring the Lauderdale Air Show on Fort Lauderdale Beach, Scheduled for May 8 - May 9, 2021, as a Public Purpose Special Event and Creating a Temporary Exemption Relating to the Sale, Possession and Consumption of Alcohol at the Event - (Commission District 2)

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CM-5**    [21-0228](#)    Motion Approving the Settlement Agreement with Pizzaboss FTL, Inc - (Commission District 4)

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CM-6** [21-0348](#)

Motion Approving Recommendations from the Walk of Fame Committee for the 2021 Walk of Fame Inductees - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CM-7** [21-0443](#)

Motion Authorizing Settlement of Auto Liability Claim in the Matter of Lily Catherine Frusciante v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Case No. CACE 18-012298 (21) - \$125,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CM-8** [21-0444](#)

Motion Authorizing Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim in the Matter of Jason Fithian v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Case No. 20-021903MJR and 20-007023IF - \$125,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CM-9** [21-0381](#)

Motion Approving a License Agreement with Ft. Lauderdale Archers, Inc. - (Unincorporated Broward County)

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CM-10** [21-0416](#)

Motion Approving a Five-Year Agreement with TMF Holdco, LLC for a Three-Day Music Event (Tortuga Music Festival) on Fort Lauderdale Beach - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman noted a discrepancy in backup information from Live Nation, indicating the ending time for music would be 11:30 p.m. throughout the three-day Tortuga Music Festival (TMF). Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation Director, said the music would end at 10:00 p.m. and confirmed event equipment breakdown would extend until 11:30 p.m.

Commissioner Glassman commented on neighbor inquiries regarding stationing additional personnel at the critical points, i.e., directing traffic out of the Las Olas Garage and other areas in and around the Event.

City Manager Lagerbloom explained reliance on the Police Department and Fire-Rescue Department Staff review to determine traffic recommendations, i.e., personnel or other traffic control devices to move vehicle traffic efficiently.

Commissioner Glassman commented on the *TMF* overlapping with *The Boat Show*. He noted concerns regarding access to the *South Beach Parking Lot* and efforts to mitigate the impact on parking. Mr. Thornburg confirmed parking in the *South Beach Lot* would be limited due to overlapping events. *The Boat Show* and *TMF* are working together and coordinating efforts to ensure a smooth transition. Commissioner Glassman recommended providing related information to the *Central Beach Alliance* and ensuring all stakeholders are communicating.

Commissioner Glassman commented on input received regarding the setup and breakdown of the *TMF*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Stacey, on behalf of *TMF*, who confirmed 10:00 p.m. as the end time for music and explained equipment setup and breakdown is done as soon and safely possible, expounding on details. He confirmed *TMF* coordination with INFORMA to coordinate resources and minimize the impact on event transition.

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

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CM-11** [21-0029](#)

Motion Approving a Development Agreement with Las Olas SMI, LLC for Pump Station D-31 Relocation and Replacement - (Commission District 2)

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CM-12** [21-0030](#)

Motion Approving a Development Agreement with Las Olas SMI, LLC for Turn Lane Modifications at Las Olas Circle and Birch Road - (Commission District 2)



**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CM-13** [21-0003](#)

Motion Authorizing Execution of a Revocable License with Las Olas SMI, LLC for Temporary Right-of-Way Closures on South Birch Road and East Las Olas Circle, in Association with the Las Olas Marina Redevelopment Located at 151 East Las Olas Circle - (Commission District 2)

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CM-14** [21-0418](#)

Motion Approving a Third Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement between Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and City of Fort Lauderdale Extending the Term to September 30, 2021 for the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Mobility Hub Project - (Commission District 2)

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CM-15** [21-0460](#)

Motion Approving an Amended and Restated Park Easement Agreement Between Broward County, NuRiver Landing Condominium Association, Inc. and the City of Fort Lauderdale for Smoker Family Park Located at 501 South New River Drive East, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; And Approving a Mutual Release of Liability between NuRiver Landing Condominium Association, Inc. and the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission District 4)

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CONSENT RESOLUTION****CR-1** [21-0358](#)

Resolution Approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Construction of the Runway 31 By-Pass Taxiway Project at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - (Commission District 1)

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CR-2**    [21-0368](#)    Resolution Approving a Second Amendment to Lease Agreement with Terminal Ventures, LLC for Parcel 8G at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - (Commission District 1)

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CR-3**    [21-0388](#)    Resolution Approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Helistop Layout Plan and Obstruction Survey - 448966-1-94-01- (Commission District 4)

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CR-4**    [21-0318](#)    Resolution Approving Grant Application to the Florida Inland Navigation District FY2021 Waterways Assistance Program - \$92,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

## CONSENT PURCHASE

**CP-1**    [21-0349](#)    Motion Approving Agreement for Purchase of Refuse and Recycling Carts, Semi-Automatic - Schaefer Systems International, Inc. - \$1,394,642.80 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**CP-2**    [21-0362](#)    Motion Approving Purchase of Fence, Chain Link and Picket - Tropic Fence, Inc. - \$1,252,675 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

## MOTIONS

- M-1**     [21-0346](#)     Motion Approving FY 2021 Beach Business Improvement District (BID) Grant Participation Agreement with Lauderdale Air Show, LLC - \$100,000 - (Commission District 2)

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

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

- M-2**     [21-0184](#)     Motion Authorizing a License Agreement with Las Olas SMI, LLC for Property Located at 201 South Birch Road and 230 E. Las Olas Circle, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316 - \$2,400 (24 months) - (Commission District 2)

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions regarding the loading of portable docks, Robert Lochrie, Esq., on behalf *Las Olas SMI, LLC*, explained the loading of those docks would occur on the south side of *Las Olas Bridge*. At this time, there would be no changes south of Las Olas Bridge. Following *Suntex Marina* redevelopment, circulation of vehicle traffic would ramp around the north of the *Las Olas Garage*, not Birch Road.

Commissioner Glassman emphasized the importance of adequate, real-time communications with all residents and stakeholders, including the *Central Beach Alliance*, during *Las Olas Marina* redevelopment. He cited examples of previous communication efforts and expounded on details. Mr. Lochrie confirmed and concurred.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Vice Mayor Moraitis.

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

## RESOLUTIONS

- R-1**     [21-0441](#)     Appointment of Board and Committee Members - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Clerk Jeffrey Modarelli read the names of the Board and Committee nominees for appointment and/or reappointment at the upcoming May 4, 2021 Commission Regular Meeting.

City Clerk Modarelli read into the record the names of Board and

Committee appointments and/or reappointments for revised Agenda item R-1.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution as amended which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**R-2**     [21-0415](#)

Resolution Accepting a Supplement to the Noise Management Plan Associated with the Extension of Time Granted by Resolution 21-52 for a Special Permit to Extend Construction Hours for the Broward County Convention Center Subject to the Requirements of Section 17-10 - Construction of Large or Complex Projects (Transportation and Non-Transportation) of the City of Fort Lauderdale's Code of Ordinances - (Commission District 4)

Alfred Battle, Department of Sustainable Development Deputy Director, explained this item supplements the *Noise Management Plan* associated with *Broward County Convention Center* construction. The supplement is necessary due to lengthy concrete pours over seventy-two (72) hours required to meet the anticipated October 15, 2021 deadline for *The Boat Show*.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**R-3**     [21-0031](#)

Resolution Approving the Fourth Amendment to the Ground Lease Agreement with Las Olas SMI, LLC ("Suntex") for City-owned Property located at 240 East Las Olas Circle - (Commission District 2)

City Attorney Boileau explained discussions related to this *Fourth (4th) Amendment (Amendment)*. The *Amendment* is contingent upon a sufficient survey and a metes and bounds description of the demised premises.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Sorensen accepted this modification.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution as amended which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**R-4**     [21-0035](#)

Resolution Waiving the Competitive Solicitation and Selection Processes Contained in the City of Fort Lauderdale Procurement Ordinance for Procuring Las Olas Marina Associated Improvements, Including Relocation and Replacement of D-31 Pump Station and Modification of Roadway to Create a Dedicated Turn Lane - (Commission District 2)

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

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**R-5**     [21-0075](#)

Resolution Approving the Amended and Restated Release of Deed Restriction and Reverter Agreement with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida in Association with the Development of the Las Olas Marina - (Commission District 2)

Commissioner Glassman acknowledged this monumental moment towards accomplishing the redevelopment of *Las Olas Marina* by *Suntex*. He expounded on the extensive amount of work involved with the seven (7) related Agenda items and thanked all stakeholders involved. Mayor Trantalis echoed Commissioner Glassman's comments.

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

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**R-6**     [21-0411](#)

Resolution Approving the Submission of Applications for Broward County Surtax New Municipal Capital Project Funds - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)

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

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PH-1**    [21-0327](#)    Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning from Community Facility-House of Worship (CF-H) District to Exclusive Use Parking Lot (X-P) District, the Allocation of 0.274 Acres of Commercial Flex, and Site Plan Approval of a Surface Level Parking Lot - First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale, Inc. - Case No. PLN-SITE-20090013 - (Commission District 4)

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

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

Commissioner McKinzie introduced the Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

**PASSED FIRST READING**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**PH-2**    [21-0373](#)    Second Reading - De Novo Hearing; Quasi-Judicial Consideration of an Ordinance for a Vacation of Right-Of-Way Application - Portion of NE 8th Street - Holman Automotive, Inc. - Case No. V19008 - (Commission District 2)

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

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

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Antonio Curatolo, 825 NE 2nd Avenue. Mr. Curatolo, longtime owner of multiple area properties, spoke in opposition to this item, commenting on area rezoning and the negative impact closing NE 8th Street would have on future development of his properties.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Phillips, Esq., on behalf of Mr. Curatolo. Mr. Phillips confirmed his submission of numerous documents related to

this item and commented on concerns discussed at the Planning and Zoning Board (P&Z Board) Meeting.

Mr. Phillips explained the negative impact vacating NE 8th Street would have on his client's plans for mixed-use development in the Northwest-Progresso Flagler Heights Regional Activity Center (NWPFH RAC).

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dennis Mele, Esq., Greenspoon Marder, on behalf of Holman Automotive (Applicant). Mr. Mele reviewed several slides illustrating distance separations at NE 8th Street when making make left turns. He explained Staff input on related safety concerns at a P&Z Board Meeting and confirmed the Applicant addressed required criteria and would preserve utility, emergency vehicle access and pedestrian easements (Easements).

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

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Mele explained NE 8th Street had been fenced off since 1987 and not used as a thoroughfare. Current fencing would be removed to allow Easements.

Vice Mayor Moraitis discussed area rezoning allowing different uses. She commented on the ability to remove trees to allow a safe intersection at NE 8th Street should it be reopened. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Mele confirmed the purpose of this item is to allow the Applicant future development, i.e., building above NE 8th Street, and recognition of NE 8th Street as an easement versus a right-of-way for development purposes, i.e., measuring setbacks.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Mele confirmed Staff comments at the P&Z Board Meeting regarding safety concerns related to opening NE 8th Street as a thoroughfare.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Terry McKay, 809 Progresso Drive. Mr. McKay, a longtime local area business property owner, spoke in opposition to this item. He questioned limiting ingress and egress impacting area development and noted the lack of traffic safety incidents on other area streets with forty-five (45) degree angles.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Hernan Gonzalez, 110 North Federal Highway. Mr. Gonzalez spoke in opposition to this item. He discussed

efforts to develop a nearby property, previous encroachment benefits received by the Applicant and the financial ability of Applicant to purchase the property. Mr. Gonzalez suggested modifying the direction of NE 8th Street direction to allow its use as a thoroughfare.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Robert Bamonte, Esq., on behalf of the Applicant. Mr. Bamonte submitted letters of support for this item from area neighbors. He explained the vacation of this Street would assist the Applicant with development efforts.

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

Vice Mayor Moraitis commented on her perspective and neighbor concerns previously unknown. She explained unease with assisting one business to the detriment of others and implications of this item on future development. Vice Mayor Moraitis said this is not the best use of a City street. Vice Mayor Moraitis confirmed her review and concurrence with aspects of P&Z Board comments.

Mayor Trantalis noted NE 8th Street had not been used since 1987 and could not be developed on its own. This item would assist the Applicant with plans for development. Further comment and discussion ensued.

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

Commissioner Glassman concurred with Mayor Trantalis' comments. He confirmed support of this item and discussions with area neighborhood associations that had no objection. Commissioner Glassman pointed out details regarding the Applicant's reapplication, including Easements, meeting the five (5) Unified Land Development Requirements (ULDR) criteria for vacationing rights-of-way and conditions included in the backup to this item.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Ordinance for the Second Reading which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED ON SECOND READING**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**Nay:** 1 - Vice Mayor Moraitis



**ORDINANCE FIRST READING****OFR-1** [21-0330](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending Division 3 - Rate and Charges of Chapter 28 - Water, Wastewater and Stormwater, Sections 28-76(b)(2), 28-76(b)(3), 28-76(b)(4), 28-143(b)(2), 28-144(b) and Deleting Sections 28-173 and 28-174, Providing for a Simplified Administration of Water and Wastewater Credits for Leaks and Unexplained Usage, Repeal of Conflicting Ordinance Provisions, and Providing for an Effective Date- (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading.

City Manager Lagerbloom commented on aspects of this Ordinance and requested Commission Member input regarding its review at a Conference Meeting before the First Reading.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' request for Commission input, Commissioner McKinzie confirmed the need for further vetting based on neighborhood feedback. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed this item would be removed from the Agenda. City Attorney Boileau clarified details associated with the process and re-noticing this item.

Vice Mayor Moraitis suggested the installation of digital water meters to address water leak concerns and water conservation. She recommended including this topic in discussions. Vice Mayor Moraitis confirmed support of making it easier for neighbors to receive water leakage credits coinciding with the installation of digital water meters. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Katherine Fianni. Ms. Fianni commented on efforts to work with Staff regarding a \$14,000 water bill due to an underground water leak. Staff had agreed to a \$7,000 credit. She expounded on extensive efforts to locate the leak and requested forgiveness of the remaining \$7,000 balance. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Moraitis said she would be following up with Staff on Ms. Fianni's concerns. Comment and discussion ensued on grandfathering in similar situations before the adoption of this Ordinance. City Attorney Boileau said Staff would review, noting related State Statute limitations.

Commissioner Sorensen withdrew his introduction of this Ordinance.

**REMOVED FROM AGENDA by the City Manager**

**OFR-2** [21-0247](#)

First Reading - Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. C-18-24, which Vacated a Portion of NW 1st Avenue Right-of-Way Adjacent to and South of W. Sunrise Boulevard to Correct the Conditions of Approval in Connection with the "Progresso Commons" Development Located at 947 North Andrews Avenue - (Commission District 2)

Vice Mayor Moraitis introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

**PASSED FIRST READING**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING****OSR-1** [21-0427](#)

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Section 10-47 of Chapter 10, Cemeteries - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Ordinance for the Second Reading which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED ON SECOND READING**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

[21-0475](#)

WALK-ON - Resolution Urging the Florida Legislature to Oppose House Bill 1475 and Senate Bill 2012 of the 2021 Legislative Session Banning Certain Transgender Students from Participating in Athletics

Mayor Trantalis requested Commission Member input on this item.

Vice Mayor Moraitis explained her perspective regarding opposition to this Walk-On Resolution, noting specific concerns with women's rights and equity in athletics. She requested the removal of her name from this Resolution. Commissioner McKinzie concurred with Vice Mayor Moraitis' comments.

Commissioner Glassman expounded on his perspective. He commented on the purpose of this item and emphasized the importance of this Walk-On Resolution addressing human rights issues and communicating the City's position to the Governor and State Legislature.

Vice Mayor Moraitis confirmed her interpretation and position on this topic that represents many of her constituents' viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed his support of this item, expounding on his perspective.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Edward Marti Kring, Field and Community Organizer for Safeguarding American Values for Everyone (SAVE). Mr. Kring thanked Commissioner Glassman for supporting this Walk-On item, expounding on details related to the message of this Resolution.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his position, experience and details related to this topic and Resolution. He confirmed the need for society to move forward with acceptance, inclusion and harmony, respecting the rights of everyone.

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

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 3 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis

**Nay:** 1 - Vice Mayor Moraitis

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

## **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE CLOSED-DOOR SESSION**

Pursuant to Florida Statute, Section 286.011(8), City Attorney Alain Boileau requested a Commission Executive Closed-Door Session on May 4, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter to discuss the following matter:

Christian and Tom McGuirk vs. City of Fort Lauderdale

The duration of discussions is estimated to be approximately twenty (20) minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

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Dean J. Trantalis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeffrey A. Modarelli  
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 21-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 1475 AND SENATE BILL 2012 OF THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION BANNING CERTAIN TRANSGENDER STUDENTS FROM PARTICIPATING IN ATHLETICS; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SENATE PRESIDENT, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BROWARD STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

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WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale prides itself on being welcoming, affirming, and inclusive for all residents, including all members of the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2019, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, reflecting our values as an entire community, enacted one of the most, if not the most, comprehensive human rights/anti-discrimination ordinances in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the transgender community is recognized as a valued, important segment of our city entitled to equal treatment in all facets of life; and

WHEREAS, transgender youth are among the most misunderstood and marginalized within our community; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1475 and Senate Bill 2012 have been introduced during the 2021 Legislative Session would effectively ban certain transgender student athletes from participating in sports; and

WHEREAS, similar legislation excluding or curtailing the rights of the transgender community has been filed in at least 25 states as part of a coordinated campaign that puts the health and wellbeing of transgender youth at risk; and

WHEREAS, participating in sports provides critical life lessons like teamwork, dedication, and leadership that should be available to all youth, including transgender youth; and

WHEREAS, the Florida High School Athletic Association and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) have had existing policies in place regarding gender

identity and participation in sports for nearly a decade, and no formal complaints have been identified under those existing policies; and

WHEREAS, a federal judge has already halted implementation of transgender sports ban legislation due to its likely unconstitutionality; and

WHEREAS, adopting state legislation curtailing the rights of the transgender community has previously led to millions of dollars of economic losses, including from NCAA tournament relocations and boycotts; and

WHEREAS, businesses with strong diversity and inclusion commitments, particularly in the sports and hospitality industry, may be forced to locate events outside the state to align with their values; and

WHEREAS, South Florida's NBA team, the Miami Heat, released a statement through Equality Florida on April 5th, 2021, stating, "The Miami Heat champions diversity and inclusion both on and off the court. We believe sports are at their best when they bring people together to work, to play and to create a sense of belonging for all. Every young person deserves the opportunity to participate in athletics and experience the critical life lessons that sports offer such as wellness, dedication, problem-solving, and leadership. Sports should be welcoming for all."; and

WHEREAS, South Florida's NHL team, the Florida Panthers, released a statement on April 17, 2021, stating, "The Florida Panthers are committed to diversity and equality through the NHL's hockey is for everyone initiatives, living these values through education programs and Pride community outreach. We are proud to support Equality Florida's mission.";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. The City Commission urges the Florida Legislature to strongly oppose House Bill 1475 and Senate Bill 2012 or similar legislation that would bar certain transgender students from playing sports.

SECTION 3. The City Commission directs the City Clerk to transmit certified copies of this resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis, Senate President Wilton Simpson, Speaker of the House Chris Sprowls, and the members of the Broward State Legislative Delegation.

SECTION 4. The City Commission directs the City's state lobbyists to advocate against House Bill 1475 and Senate Bill 2012.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Mayor  
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI

RESOLUTION NO. 21-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING, OR NOMINATING, IF APPLICABLE, BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS SET FORTH IN THE EXHIBIT ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida does hereby appoint board and committee members as set forth in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. These appointments shall take effect immediately upon passage and adoption of this resolution.

ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2021

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Mayor  
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI



## **EXHIBIT TO RESOLUTION 21-**

### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Shelly Eichner (Consensus-Mayor Trantalis, Category: alternate member) is appointed to the Board of Adjustment for a one year term beginning May 21, 2021 and ending May 20, 2023.

Michael Lambrechts (Consensus-Commissioner Sorensen, Category: alternate member)) is appointed to the Board of Adjustment for a one year term beginning May 21, 2021 and ending May 20, 2023.

Blaise McGinley (Consensus-Commissioner Glassman) is appointed to the Board of Adjustment for a one year term beginning May 21, 2021 and ending May 20, 2023.

### **CEMETERY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Chelsea Krebs (Mayor Trantalis) is appointed to the Cemetery System Board of trustees for a one year term beginning July 7, 2021 and ending July 6, 2022.

### **CHARTER REVISION BOARD**

James Brady (Commissioner Sorensen) is appointed to the Charter Revision Board for a one year term beginning July 7, 2021 and ending July 6, 2022.

### **CITIZENS POLICE REVIEW BOARD**

Sergeant Bernard Beck- O'Steen (Officer appointed by the Chief of Police) is appointed to the Citizens Police Review Board to complete an unexpired term ending July 8, 2021.

Officer Sabrina Byer (Officer appointed by the Chief of Police) is appointed to the Citizens Police Review Board to complete an unexpired term ending July 8, 2021.

Burnadette Norris-Weeks (Mayor Trantalis) is appointed to the Citizens Police Review Board for a one year term beginning July 7, 2021 and ending July 6, 2022.

### **ECONOMIC ADVISORY BOARD**

Katherine Koenig (Commissioner Sorensen) is appointed to the Economic Advisory Board for a

one year term beginning April 20, 2021 and ending July 6, 2022.

**EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Tomislav Lukic (Mayor Trantalis) is appointed to the Education Advisory Board for a one year term beginning July 7, 2021 and ending July 6, 2022.

**MARINE ADVISORY BOARD**

Norbert McLaughlin (Commissioner McKinzie) is appointed to the Marine Advisory Board for a one year term beginning July 10, 2021 and ending July 9, 2022.