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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

6:00 PM

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

City Commission Regular Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor
BEN SORENSEN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District 4
JOHN C. HERBST Commissioner - District 1
STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District 2
PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Commissioner - District 3

RICKELLE WILLIAMS, City Manager
SHARI L. McCARTNEY, City Attorney
PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor
DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance

Dillard High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Cadets Aliyah Smith, Olivia Smith, Elijah Boyd, Zion Davis, Ruth Virgile, and Keaira Robinson presented the colors and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the retirement of Jacob Snowhite, Fire-Rescue Department Captain - 28 years, and thanked him for his service.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Pam Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen, Commissioner John C. Herbst and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: City Manager Rickelle Williams, City Clerk David R. Soloman, City Attorney Shari L. McCartney, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced the following Agenda updates:

<u>REVISION</u>:
R-4 - Exhibit 3, the May 27, 2026, Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board Meeting Draft Minutes were added as additional information.

<u>WALK-ON AGENDA ITEMS</u>:
WALK-ON RESOLUTION - Changing the June 16, 2026, Conference Meeting start time to 1:00 pm

WALK-ON ORDINANCE - Amending all future Conference Meeting start times to 1:00 pm

A copy of the revision and Walk-On items are attached to these Meeting Minutes.

Approval of Agenda

26-0627 Motion Approving June 2, 2026, Commission Regular Meeting Agenda as Amended

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes and Agenda as amended and was seconded by Vice Mayor Sorensen.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

PRESENTATIONS

PRES-1 26-0578 Vice Mayor Sorensen to present a Proclamation declaring June 2026 as Men's Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Vice Mayor Sorensen presented a Proclamation declaring *June 2026 as Men's Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Dustin Giannelli, Founder and CEO of HearsDustin.com, and Mazlanovich Joseph, National Alliance on Mental Illness in Broward County Office Manager, accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission for this recognition.

PRESENTED

PRES-2 26-0613 Commissioner Beasley-Pittman to present a Proclamation declaring June 2, 2026, as Dillard High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman presented a Proclamation declaring *June 2, 2026, as Dillard High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Tiffany "TJ" Robinson, USAF, Dillard High School Senior Aerospace Science Instructor, accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission for this recognition.

PRESENTED

PRES-3 [26-0579] Commissioner Glassman to present a Proclamation declaring June 2026 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Glassman presented a Proclamation declaring *June 2026 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale,* reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Robert Keston, Stonewall Museum President and CEO, and Kevin Clevenger, Flock Fest, accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission for this recognition.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman requested Consent Agenda items CM-7 and CR-10 be pulled for separate discussion.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Vice Mayor Sorensen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

Approve the Consent Agenda

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CONSENT MOTIONS

CM-1 [26-0472] Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement with Quadra Entertainment for the Chug It Festival on June 28, 2026, at Mills Pond Park - (Commission District 3)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CM-2 [26-0473] Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement with K.J Marketing Solutions LLC for the Igloo Cooler Festival on July 5, 2026, at Mills Pond Park - (Commission District 3)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CM-3 26-0438

Motion Approving a Temporary Beach License and Outdoor Event Agreement with FlockFest Events Inc. for FlockFest 2026 on July 11, 2026, at Fort Lauderdale Beach Park - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CM-4 26-0376

Motion Approving a Second Amendment and Extension to Agreement for Professional Tennis Instructor and Facility Management of Jimmy Evert Tennis Center (JETC) located at Holiday Park - Scott Pukys - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CM-5 26-0553

Motion Approving an Emergency Support Services License Agreement with Florida Power & Light Company for Temporary Storm Restoration Staging on City of Fort Lauderdale Property Located at 5101 Northwest 12 Avenue - (Commission District 1)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CM-6 26-0555

Motion Approving an Emergency Support Services License Agreement with Florida Power & Light Company for Temporary Storm Restoration Staging at a Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Parking Lot Located at 1515 West Commercial Boulevard - (Commission District 1)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CM-8 26-0332

Motion Approving a Retroactive Agreement for Design-Build Services for Sunset Memorial Gardens Mausoleums - Sagaris Corp. - 692-calendar day extension - (Commission District 3)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CM-9 26-0540 Motion Approving a Second Retroactive Agreement for Riverwalk North Seawall Replacement Project - HBC Engineering Company - 240-Day Extension - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CM-10 26-0424 Motion Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Revocable License Agreement with 900 Intracoastal, LLC, for Temporary Right-of-Way Closure on Intracoastal Drive in Association with the Sage Residential Development Located at 900 Intracoastal Drive - (Commission District 1)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CM-11 26-0496 Motion Approving a Fourth Amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement for the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center to Update the Feedstock Water Specifications, Product Water Contract Standards, and Remove All References to Fluoride - Prospect Lake Water, L.P. - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CM-12 26-0434 Motion Approving the Implementation of the Local Legends' Legacies Public Art Project at Lincoln Park and the Inaugural Group of Honorees - (Commission District 3)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

CR-1 26-0064 Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2026 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CR-2 26-0333 Resolution Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Execute a

First Amendment of Grant Agreement L0041, Fort Lauderdale Downtown Business Corridor Stormwater Pump Station Generators with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to Extend the Agreement End Date to October 31, 2028 - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CR-3 26-0456 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a State-Funded Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Construction Phase of the Fort Lauderdale Roadway Resurfacing Project - $750,000 - (Commission District 3)

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CR-4 26-0446 Resolution Approving a Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Transportation for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant for Supplemental Planning and Update the City's Vision Zero Plan in the Amount of $392,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CR-5 26-0408 Resolution Approving a Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Construction of the Lauderdale Manors Park Multimodal Connections Project in the amount of $720,000 - (Commission District 3)

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CR-6 26-0487 Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization to the Roads for Economic Vitality (REV) Program for the Riverside Park Mobility Project in the Amount of Up to $5,000,000 - (Commission District 4)

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CR-7 26-0488 Resolution Approving the Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the State Road A1A/Seabreeze Boulevard and Castillo Street Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CR-8 26-0457 Resolution Imposing Special Assessment Liens for Graffiti Removal - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CR-9 26-0458 Resolution Imposing Special Assessment Liens for Lot Clearing - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CONSENT PURCHASE

CP-1 26-0387 Motion Approving a Piggyback Award Utilizing the Broward County Board of Commissioners Bid Contract No. OPN2128651B1 for the Purchase of Ferric Chloride for Prospect Lake Clean Water Center - PVS Technologies, Inc. - $300,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CM-7 26-0084 Motion Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Florida Department of Health Harm Reduction Overdose Program - $344,988 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed her support for this initiative, highlighted its broad community impact, encouraged pursuing additional funding, and requested a future Conference Meeting discussion to focus on its effectiveness and exploring its continued expansion.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

CR-10 26-0570 Resolution Amending Resolution No. 23-123, as Amended by Resolution No. 25-38, Providing for an Extension for the Homeless Advisory Committee (HAC) through June 20, 2027 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions regarding the Homelessness Advisory Committee (HAC), Porshia Garcia, Community Services Department Director, explained that the HAC had completed several of its original assignments and is now developing a comprehensive strategic plan, which is scheduled for presentation at their next meeting, after which working groups would be established to advance its implementation.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed her viewpoint that requiring annual renewals of the HAC creates unnecessary turnover and limits continuity. She said that converting the HAC into a permanent advisory board with longer member terms would preserve institutional knowledge and enable members to conduct more comprehensive evaluations of homelessness-related issues. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions, Ms. Garcia outlined the process and anticipated timeline for transitioning the HAC to a permanent advisory board. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recommended extending the HAC beyond its June 20, 2026, sunset date to allow sufficient time for the Commission to consider and adopt an ordinance establishing the HAC as a permanent advisory board.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question regarding the distinction between advisory boards and advisory committees, City Attorney McCartney explained that advisory committees are generally intended to be temporary bodies with defined terms or sunset provisions, whereas advisory boards are typically permanent entities that do not require periodic renewal.

Commissioner Glassman expressed openness to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's proposal and remarked on the need for a more comprehensive discussion before making a decision. He noted that the issue had been raised during his District 2 Pre-agenda meeting by Paula Yukna, HAC Chair, who expressed frustration that HAC's meetings had been consumed by presentations and staff reports, leaving insufficient time for substantive discussion or meaningful policy work. He requested that Chair Yukna participate in the Commission discussions before action is taken. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Deputy City Manager Chris Cooper. Mr. Cooper recommended the HAC evaluate whether it should be converted into a permanent advisory board and develop recommendations for the Commission. Mayor Trantalis concurred and requested that the review also includes recommendations to make the HAC more proactive and effective in fulfilling its mission.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

MOTIONS

M-1 26-0491 Motion Approving the Final Ranking of Firms, Negotiated Fee Schedule, and Agreement for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 456 - Architectural Continuing Services - Wolfberg/Alvarez and Partners, Inc. - $5,000,000 (2-year estimated aggregate amount) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

M-2 26-0556 Motion Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Florida Airports Council for the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport to Host the Florida Airports Council 2026 Annual Conference and Exposition - $50,000 - (Commission District 1)

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

M-3 26-0543 Motion to Defer Consideration of the Interim Agreement with FTL City Hall Partners, LLC for the City Hall Project to the July 2, 2026, City Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman discussed his recent meeting with City Manager Williams and the selected development team for the City Hall project (Project), which reflected the Commission's consensus that the proposed interim agreement should be significantly revised by reducing costs, eliminating the developer equity component, and removing the proposed eleven percent (11%) developer return on investment. Commissioner Glassman said that he believed the Project was moving in that direction and is prepared to proceed with this Agenda item but is supportive of deferring it to July 2, 2026.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding the amount the City had spent to date on appraisals of the three (3) existing buildings (buildings) for potential use as a City Hall by Jacobs Engineering (Jacobs), Quentin Pough, Assistant City Manager, and Ben Rogers, Assistant City Manager advised that the City has incurred approximately $100,000 in appraisal costs and has authorized approximately $370,000 for building condition assessments, stating that no invoice had been received and the amount expended to date was not yet known.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Mr. Pough clarified that the initial Phase One building evaluations would provide non-invasive, high-level assessments of the buildings, giving the Commission enough information to determine whether any of the properties warrant more detailed Phase Two engineering evaluations. Commissioner Glassman remarked that proceeding with Phase Two building evaluations would likely require a significant investment beyond the amount already committed for Phase One. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis summarized his understanding of costs associated with evaluating the buildings’ structural integrity, and the remaining useful life of the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding Phase Two evaluations, Mr. Pough explained that it would include refined cost estimates for building improvements and programming, along with more intensive engineering analyses of issues identified during the initial assessment.

Mayor Trantalis reaffirmed his preference for constructing a new City Hall, citing revised and reduced project costs, longer-term value, and alignment with community expectations. Mr. Pough noted that the Phase One evaluation will include a comparative analysis measuring each building against the community's identified priorities and features for a new City Hall. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman confirmed her support for constructing a new City Hall and remarked that it was delayed because the Commission sought development proposals before establishing a budget. She urged the Commission to adopt a budget-first approach for future major projects, emphasizing the need for stronger fiscal discipline and more responsible financial decision-making. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman acknowledged the reduction of initial costs proposed for a new City Hall and reiterated that she would not support a similar procurement process in the future without first establishing a budget. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman’s question, City Manager Williams confirmed that the July 2, 2026, Commission Meeting will include a revised interim agreement for construction of a new City Hall, reflecting Commission direction and ongoing negotiations, along with a financing and budget strategy outlining the affordability of either a new City Hall or a renovation of an existing building. Commissioner Glassman requested that a revised interim agreement for construction of a new City Hall be included in the July 2, 2026, Meeting Agenda materials to allow an informed discussion and determination of next steps.

Commissioner Herbst discussed his support of expenditures to evaluate alternative buildings, concurred with Commissioner Beasley-Pittman’s remarks that the project should have started with an established budget and urged the Commission to consider a general obligation bond as a long-term financing option, considering potential State tax reform. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Miguel Aragon, 10974 SW 75th Terrace, Miami, on behalf of CORE. Mr. Aragon spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Bobby R. Henry, Sr., 545 NW 7th Terrace. Mr. Henry spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Vice Mayor Sorensen commented on his perspective in support of evaluating both the existing buildings and constructing a new City Hall, emphasizing that an objective, apples-to-apples cost comparison and financing analysis will assist the Commission in making an informed decision.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman made a motion to defer this Agenda item to the July 2, 2026, Commission Regular Meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

DEFERRED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 26-0550 Appointment of Board and Committee Members - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Clerk Soloman read the names of nominees for appointment and/or reappointment to Advisory Boards and Committees at the June 16, 2026, Commission Regular Meeting.

City Clerk Soloman read the names of Board and Committee appointments and/or reappointments for Agenda item R-1 into the record and noted Vice Mayor Sorensen's Consensus nomination of Yana Kirmaz to the Public Art and Placement Advisory Board after Agenda publishing.

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

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

R-2 26-0519 Resolution Approving Economic Development Incentives for Project “Orange Blossom” in a Total Amount Not to Exceed $290,000, Consisting of a Strategic Job Creation Incentive (SJCI) of $90,000 and a Direct Cash Job Growth Incentive of $200,000; and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Economic Development Incentive Agreement - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

R-3 26-0532

Resolution Providing Notice of the Decision to Proceed with the Unsolicited Proposal Submitted by IKE Smart City for the Design, Installation, Financing, Operation, and Maintenance of a Citywide Interactive Digital Kiosk Program, and Authorizing Negotiations of a Proposed Interim and/or Comprehensive Agreement in Accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jibran Shermohammed, 250 N. Hartford Avenue, Columbus, OH. Mr. Shermohammed spoke in support of this Agenda item.

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

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

R-4 26-0528

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Proceed with the Conceptual Site Plan for the Fort Lauderdale Beach Park Project - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Barbra Stern, 1929 NE 1st Avenue. Ms. Stern discussed her perspective regarding the conceptual site plan design for the Fort Lauderdale Beach Park Project (Project), urged the Commission to address related misleading private entity marketing materials, and expounded on her viewpoint.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Sally Alshouse, 1101 River Reach Drive. Ms. Alshouse discussed her viewpoint regarding this Project and opposition to locating pickleball courts on the public beach.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ted Inserra, 912 SW 19th Street, River Oaks Civic Association President. Mr. Inserra spoke in opposition to this Project and expounded on his viewpoint.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dr. Bret Ribotsky, One Las Olas Circle. Dr. Ribotsky spoke in support of this Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dan Teixeira, 525 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard. Mr. Teixeira spoke in support of this Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Lisa Namour, 801 Seabreeze Boulevard. Ms. Namour spoke in support of this Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Erin McNeill, 2409 NE 26th Avenue. Ms. McNeill spoke in support of this Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dr. Trudy Jermanovich, 1220 SW 13th Circle. Dr. Jermanovich spoke in opposition to this Project and submitted related photographs.

A copy of the photographs is attached to these Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Nancy Thomas, 1924 SE 24th Avenue. Ms. Thomas spoke in opposition to this Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive, on behalf of *Lauderdale Tomorrow*. Ms. Fertig spoke in opposition to this Project. Ms. Fertig submitted an excerpt from the *DRAFT Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, May 27, 2026, Meeting*.

A copy of the draft minutes is attached to these Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Bob Kimball, 1841 SW 22nd Street. Mr. Kimball spoke in opposition to this Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michaela Conca, 625 SW 5th Place. Ms. Conca spoke in opposition to this Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tina DeMarco, 1329 NE 7th Avenue. Ms. DeMarco spoke in support of this Project.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Leo Lorenz, 412 NW 27th Avenue. Mr. Lorenz spoke in opposition to this Project.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question regarding the site plan rendering, Quentin Pough, Assistant City Manager, confirmed details and information of the site plan amenities. Commissioner Herbst confirmed that there would be no reduction of picnic tables.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Stachowski, 500 SW 7th Street. Mr. Stachowski spoke in opposition to this Project.

Commissioner Herbst commented that artificial turf is common in many City parks and discussed related improvements in turf technology. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Shaun Hall. Mr. Hall spoke in opposition to this Project.

Commissioner Herbst urged the Commission and the public to evaluate the proposal based on information and legitimate policy concerns rather than misconceptions. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman noted that the loss of some beach area sand is not unprecedented, noting that many existing public amenities in other areas of the beach, and remarked that he had not received any complaints from District Two residents and expounded on his viewpoint in support of this Project.

Commissioner Glassman reviewed the proposed improvements in detail, and remarked on artificial turf being a better option over natural grass because it would require less maintenance, avoid the need for fertilizers and pesticide, and would provide durable year-round and all-inclusive usability. Kona Gray, EDSA, confirmed Commissioner Glassman’s observations. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Glassman cited the successful use of synthetic turf at Las Olas Oceanside Park as evidence.

Commissioner Glassman noted that the planned improvements would take up only a small part of the much larger beach area, would not significantly affect public access or ocean views, and remarked on concerns regarding tree removals. Mr. Pough confirmed and explained details of the proposed tree plantings and confirmed that one Australian pine tree, which is an invasive species, is planned for removal.

Commissioner Glassman reviewed several of the proposed improvements and location of amenities and remarked on related information. He noted that the conceptual site plan was revised in response to public feedback. The plan now preserves the existing basketball courts and adds landscaping and pedestrian connections to enhance the area's appearance and create a well-connected recreational space. Commissioner Glassman expounded on his perspective and said this Project should move forward. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst concurred with Commissioner Glassman’s viewpoint and discussed his perspective and support of a variety of recreational activities at this location.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman stated that she believes the current Project rendering is the strongest and is comfortable with moving it forward. She expressed support for preserving and upgrading the existing basketball courts while adding pickleball courts as an additional recreational amenity.

Vice Mayor Sorensen expressed appreciation for preserving the location of the existing basketball courts, and said that the Project rendering had improved, but believes it requires additional refinement before moving forward.

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

ADOPTED

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

Nay: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 26-0248 Second Reading - Ordinance Amending Chapter 24 - Solid Waste, Article II - Municipal Collection and Disposal Services, Section 24 27(b), to Eliminate the Fee for Relocation of Solid Waste Containers and Establish Improper Container Placement as a Citable Offense Enforced Pursuant to Chapter 11 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

OSR-2 26-0453 Second Reading - Ordinance Amending Chapter 11 - Code Enforcement, Section 11-25, Chart of Civil Penalties, to Establish Civil Penalties for Improper Solid Waste Container Placement as defined in Section 24-27(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Vice Mayor Sorensen introduced this Ordinance on Second Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

OSR-3 26-0523 Second Reading - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning Located at 221 SE 12 Avenue from Residential Multifamily Low

Rise/Medium Density (RM-15) District to Community Business (CB) District with Allocation of 0.14 Acres of Commercial Flex and Approval of an Associated Site Plan Level IV Development Permit for a Waterway Use with Landscaped Yard Reduction for 20,337 Square Feet of Retail Use and 11,816 Square Feet of Office Use with an Associated Parking Reduction - Four Ten Properties LLC - Case No. UDP-RS25001 - (Commission District 4)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. The 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.

In response to Mayor Trantalis’ question, Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., 901 Ponce de Leon Drive, on behalf of the Applicant, said she made a full presentation at First Reading and did not have additional information to present.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's questions regarding the status of previously discussed conditions during the First Reading of this Ordinance, City Attorney McCartney reviewed and confirmed the applicant's agreed upon site plan conditions and other voluntary commitments to the Beverly Heights and Colee Hammock neighborhoods. Further comment and discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Sorensen acknowledged all stakeholders for working together to develop those conditions and commitments and expressed confidence that the proposal could provide a mutually beneficial outcome.

In response Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis' questions regarding the duration of the Applicant's supplemental off-site parking agreements and the allocation of parking spaces among the various lease terms, Ms. Toothaker explained that a portion of the spaces were secured under a twenty-five (25)-year agreement, while the remaining agreements generally consisted of five (5)-year terms with renewal options, and cited examples.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's questions regarding what would occur if the five (5) year agreements were not renewed and whether the applicant would be required to replace any lost parking spaces, City Attorney McCartney explained that there is no such obligation because the supplemental off-site parking spaces exceed the parking required to qualify for the approved parking reduction and are not conditions of the site plan.

Commissioner Herbst expressed concern that a significant portion of the supplemental off-site parking could expire after five (5) years, potentially affecting the surrounding neighborhoods, and questioned whether the applicant should be required to maintain the total number of off-site parking spaces regardless of their location. Further comment and discussion ensued. Ms. Toothaker stated that, although the Applicant could not guarantee replacement parking, the Applicant would commit to using its best efforts to replace any supplemental off-site parking spaces that may be lost in the future.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Kristin LaFleur, 110 SE 10th Avenue, Beverly Heights Neighborhood. In response to Ms. LaFleur's question regarding concerns that this zoning change could establish a precedent for similar requests in the surrounding neighborhood, City Attorney McCartney explained that approval of this site plan does not require the City to approve future applications involving different properties, does not set a precedent and that each application is evaluated independently.

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

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

Mayor Trantalis noted that Agenda items OSR-4 through OSR-13 consist of proposed amendments to the City Charter. City Attorney McCartney confirmed and noted related backup information for each Agenda item.

OSR-4 26-0539 Second Reading - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning from Heavy Commercial/Light Industrial Business (B-3) District to Uptown Urban Village Southeast (UUV-SE) District - 500 NW 62 Street - Pinnacle Corporate Park, LLC - Case No. UDP-Z26001 - (Commission District 1)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. The 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.

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

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

OSR-5 26-0582

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Article III, Government of City and Form of Government, Sections 3.03 - Qualification of Members, 3.05 - Designation of Vice Mayor, 3.09 - Organizational Meeting, Section 3.10 - Special Meeting to Seat a New Member; Article IV, Executive Officers, Section 4.04 - Functions and Duties of Mayor - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Vice Mayor Sorensen introduced this Ordinance on Second Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

OSR-6 26-0602

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Article III, Government of City and Form of Government, Section 3.04 - Judge of Elections and Qualifications of Members - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Vice Mayor Sorensen introduced this Ordinance on Second Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen and Commissioner Herbst

Not Present: 1 - Mayor Trantalis

OSR-7 26-0603

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Article III, Government of City and Form of Government, Section 3.12 - Special Meetings - How Called - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen and Commissioner Herbst

Not Present: 1 - Mayor Trantalis

OSR-8 26-0604

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Article VI, Civil Service System, Section 6.04 - Civil Service Board; Created; Composition - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

OSR-9 26-0605

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Article IV, Executive Officers, Sections 4.06 - Designation of Interim or Acting City Manager and 4.08 - Removal of Discharge; Article VI, Civil Service System, Section 6.02 - Classified and Nonclassified Service; Article VII, Elections, Section 7.16 - Election; Tie Vote; and Article X, Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 10.03 - Public Hearings and Public Notice - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

OSR-10 26-0583

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Article VIII, Public Property, Section 8.01 - Sale of Personal Property, 8.02 - Sale or Lease of City Property to Public Bodies, 8.04 - Sale of Real Property to Private Parties, 8.07 - Leases with Governmental Entities or Agencies for Governmental Purposes, 8.09 - Leases for More Than One Year and Not More

Than Fifty Years - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive, on behalf of *Lauderdale Tomorrow*. Ms. Fertig urged the Commission to request unanimous approval for public land agreements, including extensions, exceeding fifty (50) years and submitted a letter of support signed by members of *Lauderdale Tomorrow.*

A copy of the letter is attached to these Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Marilyn Mammano, 1819 SE 17th Street. Ms. Mammano concurred with Ms. Fertig's recommendation to amend this item to include and require a unanimous Commission vote for long-term public land agreements in excess of fifty (50) years to protect parks and public land.

Mayor Trantalis questioned whether requiring a unanimous vote for long-term public land agreements could make economic development projects involving City-owned property unnecessarily difficult to approve and cited examples involving Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) projects and other long-term public-private partnerships. He expressed concern that a single dissenting vote could prevent projects from moving forward. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman noted that this amendment is applicable to leases of public land and parks up to fifty (50) years that requires a four (4) vote supermajority. Mayor Trantalis confirmed. Commissioner Glassman discussed his concern that one (1) Commission Member could veto a project. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis suggested retaining a supermajority approval requirement for long-term agreements associated with public land and parks with the addition of a referendum option to overturn that Commission decision. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the option of a public referendum already being in the Charter.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Trudy Jermanovich, 1220 SW 13th Circle. Ms. Jermanovich confirmed her support of Ms. Fertig and Ms. Mammano's recommendations.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Barbra Stern, 1929 NE 1st Avenue. Ms. Stern acknowledged Ms. Fertig and Lauderdale Tomorrow's efforts and urged the Commission to minimize voter fatigue by placing the most significant Charter amendments, particularly those related to protecting public land, at the beginning of the ballot.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's questions regarding OSR-10 and OSR-11, City Attorney McCartney explained current voting requirements for the sale, lease, and licensing of City owned property and for disposal of park property. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst expressed support for requiring a unanimous vote to approve exceptionally long-term leases, licenses and other agreements of City-owned property, or place on a referendum and let the public decide. He said that unanimous Commission approval would strengthen the City's negotiating position with developers by making it clear that any proposal must receive the support of the entire Commission. Commissioner Herbst concurred that a supermajority is appropriate for terms up to fifty (50) years. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his perspective regarding requiring a unanimous vote to approve long-term leases, licenses and other agreements of City-owned property in situations where the City is the proponent of a project. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman questioned whether the Commission should approve leases exceeding fifty (50) years because of their long-term impact on future generations. Mayor Trantalis remarked that one hundred (100) year ground leases can be necessary for certain development projects, noted that a unanimous vote requirement could enable one Commissioner to block viable projects, and reiterated a voter referendum as a possible compromise to override a supermajority Commission decision.

Mayor Trantalis proposed a compromise that would retain the supermajority voting requirement for long-term leases of City-owned property while expressly preserving the public's ability to challenge such decisions through the City's referendum process. He asked whether the Charter language could be amended to clarify that a referendum could be used to overturn Commission approval.

City Attorney McCartney explained that the Charter current provides for a referendum process for the sale or lease of public property, but it does not currently extend to other agreement types such as license agreements, concession agreements, facility use agreements, and similar use agreements. City Attorney McCartney explained how the Ordinance could be amended to extend the referendum provision to those additional agreement types and explained related details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

There was a consensus to amend the proposed Charter language to preserve the existing supermajority approval requirement and extend the Charter's referendum provisions to include additional types of long-term property agreements, including license agreements, concession agreements, and facility use agreements.

Vice Mayor Sorensen introduced this Ordinance on Second Reading as amended, preserving the existing supermajority approval requirement and extending the Charter's referendum provisions to additional types of long-term property agreements, including license agreements, concession agreements, and facility use agreements, which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING AS AMENDED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

OSR-11 26-0606

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Article VIII, Public Property, Section 8.21 - Disposing of Park Property - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Vice Mayor Sorensen introduced this Ordinance on Second Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

OSR-12 26-0584

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Article IV, Executive Officers by Establishing the Charter Position of Police Chief - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Barbra Stern, 1929 NE 1st Avenue. Ms. Stern discussed her support of designating the Police Chief and Fire Chief as Charter officers, noting that Fort Lauderdale's growing public safety responsibilities require leaders who can communicate directly with the Commission.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carlos Lang, 1243 SW 4th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department Firefighter. Mr. Lang spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Burnadette Norris-Weeks, 401 North Avenue of the Arts. Ms. Norris-Weeks spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Commissioner Herbst remarked on Ms. Norris-Weeks' remarks and said that the City Manager should continue preparing a balanced budget in coordination with all Charter officers, including the Police Chief and Fire Chief, with any budget disputes resolved through an appeal to the City Commission, consistent with the process used for other Charter officers.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Bertha Henry, 5140 SW 21st Court, Plantation. Ms. Henry spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Commissioner Herbst confirmed his support of making the Police Chief and Fire Chief Charter Officers, stating that the City's size and complexity warrant greater and more direct Commission oversight of public safety, enhanced accountability to residents, and increased leadership continuity independent of changes in City Manager leadership.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' request, Commissioner Herbst made a motion to extend the meeting to 10:20 p.m. and was seconded by Vice Mayor Sorensen.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner Herbst supported a Charter residency requirement for the Police Chief and Fire Chief, arguing that externally hired Chiefs should live in Fort Lauderdale to remain connected to the community, while recommending an ordinance-based exemption for individuals promoted from within the departments. Commissioner Herbst expounded on his perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman opposed the proposal, citing an insufficient public process and lack of Charter Revision Board vetting, and expressed concern that the community had not been fully informed about its potential impact on the City's form of government.

Commissioner Glassman concurred with Commissioner Herbst's viewpoint.

Vice Mayor Sorensen confirmed his opposition to this Agenda item and explained his concerns, including bypassing Charter Revision Board input and stating that Charter amendments should follow the City's established public review process. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on the short timeline to place this Charter amendment on the November 2026 ballot. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's questions regarding the financial impact of adding two (2) additional Charter Officers, City Manager Williams advised that only a preliminary fiscal review had been conducted but emphasized that because the Police and Fire Departments are significantly larger than the City's existing Charter offices, designating their Chiefs as Charter Officers would require increased coordination during the annual budget process.

Vice Mayor Sorensen commented on concerns with advancing this Charter amendment without a comprehensive analysis of its financial, operational, and employment-related impacts.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's questions, Commissioner Herbst explained that designating the Police Chief and Fire Chief as Charter Officers would not affect their pension eligibility and, aside from establishing employment contracts, would primarily change their reporting relationship to the City Commission. Commissioner Herbst stated that he did not support salary increases for the current Chiefs based solely on the governance change, while acknowledging that future compensation could be determined through market comparisons and contractual negotiations. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's questions, Kristin Milligan, Human Resources Department Deputy Director, explained that ordinances currently provide retreat rights, which allow non-classified employees to return to their last classified position upon termination, but stated that the applicability of those rights to Charter Officers would require legal review by the City Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Herbst remarked that converting the Police Chief and Fire Chief to Charter Officers would require further legal review of employment rights. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's concerns regarding how the chain of command would operate during emergencies, City Manager Williams explained that, during a declared state of emergency, the City Manager serves as the incident commander and retains overall operational authority, while delegating responsibilities to emergency management personnel and the Police and Fire Departments. She noted that the Mayor also has a role, but operational response is coordinated through the City Manager.

Mayor Trantalis disagreed with that characterization, stating that under the Charter, once he declares a State of Emergency (Emergency), Emergency powers vest in the Mayor. He acknowledged that operations have historically been carried out in coordination with the City Manager but maintained that the Charter places ultimate authority with the Mayor during a declared Emergency. Mayor Trantalis stated that the Police Chief and Fire Chief would make operational decisions independently during emergencies that are not formally declared.

Vice Mayor Sorensen noted that, under the current structure, those decisions are made through the chain of command in coordination with the City Manager, and that the proposed amendment would change that relationship. Mayor Trantalis agreed, stating that the intent of the proposal was to allow the Chiefs to operate independently of the City Manager and report directly to the City Commission. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' request, Commissioner Herbst made a motion to extend the meeting to 10:40 p.m. and was seconded by Vice Mayor Sorensen.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner Herbst discussed his support of a residency requirement for externally hired Police and Fire Chief Charter Officers but favored exempting internal promotions to avoid discouraging experienced, long-serving employees from advancing into those leadership positions.

Vice Mayor Sorensen recommended applying any residency requirement uniformly. In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen’s question regarding whether there were any additional legal issues to address. City Attorney McCartney said that staff are continuing to evaluate and vet the proposed Charter amendments and related changes.

Commissioner Herbst introduced this Ordinance on Second Reading as amended, requiring City residency for an externally hired Police Department Chief but exempting internal promotions, which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING AS AMENDED

Yea: 3 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman and Vice Mayor Sorensen

OSR-13 26-0585 Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Article IV, Executive Officers by Establishing the Charter Position of Fire Chief - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Barbra Stern, 1929 NE 1st Avenue. Ms. Stern discussed her support of this Agenda item.

Commissioner Herbst introduced this Ordinance on Second Reading as amended, requiring City residency for an externally hired Fire-Rescue Department Chief but exempting internal promotions, which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING AS AMENDED

Yea: 3 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Beasley-Pittman and Vice Mayor Sorensen

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED

R-5 26-0587 Resolution Calling Special Election; Charter Amendments - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

WALK ON RESOLUTIONS

26-0628 WALK ON Resolution Rescheduling the June 16, 2026, Conference Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, from June 16, 2026, at 1:30 P.M. to June 16, 2026, at 1:00 P.M.

Vice Mayor Sorensen introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

WALK ON ORDINANCE FIRST READING

26-0629 WALK ON Ordinance Amending Section 2-26 of the Code of

Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, by changing the commencement time of City Commission Meetings from 1:30 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Vice Mayor Sorensen introduced this Ordinance on First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Vice Mayor Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 10:27 p.m.

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Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

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David R. Soloman
City Clerk