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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

9:00 AM

Commission Prioritization Workshop

The Fort - Pearl Room - 891 SW 34th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL
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CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

JOHN C. HERBST Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District 1

STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District 2

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Commissioner - District 3

BEN SORENSEN Commissioner - District 4

RICHELLE WILLIAMS, City Manager

DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk

SHARI L. McCARTNEY, City Attorney

PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Commission Members Present: Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Pamela Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Ben Sorensen, and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

Commission Members Not Present: Vice Mayor John C. Herbst

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 [26-0099](#)

Fiscal Year 2027 City Commission Prioritization Workshop - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Manager Williams provided opening remarks.

Aricka Johnson, Structural Innovation Manager, Office of Management and Budget, moderated the meeting and narrated a presentation entitled *CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE VISION STRATEGY ACTION SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FY 2027* that included a video.

A copy of the presentation is part of the backup to this Agenda items. A copy of the video is available through the Office of the City Clerk.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Johnson confirmed housing statistics listed in the presentation are applicable to the City, not Broward County.

Neighbor Surveys

Mayor Trantalis discussed the interpretation of safety in context of its broad approach and expounded on his perspective. Ms. Johnson commented that safety is a holistic term, including home and community safety; financial safety; and natural disaster safety. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding those three (3) aspects of

safety, survey insights, public safety concerns and recommendations.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the significant capital investment for infrastructure and remarked that community feedback could be based on perception, noting the need for improved community messaging and education. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman concurred with Mayor Trantalis' comments and emphasized the need to strengthen strategic communications and public education through improved messaging. City Manager Williams concurred and commented on staff efforts to redefine strategic communications. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis discussed homelessness concerns, acknowledged staff's significant efforts, and remarked on the perception of panhandling. He noted a primary barrier to solving homelessness is the lack of available affordable housing and that effective solutions require comprehensive wraparound services and continued proactive outreach. He noted the need to address public safety issues related to panhandling at busy intersections and urged the City's homeless outreach team to continue engaging those individuals. Mayor Trantalis suggested that nonprofit organizations serving the homeless improve their messaging to ensure individuals experiencing homelessness are aware of available resources. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed participating in a two-hour ride along on the newly launched *Rotary Connect Bus*, funded by the *Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale*, that provides structured transportation for individuals experiencing homelessness and connecting them with essential service providers. Commissioner Sorensen expressed support for similar partnerships, recommended enhanced communications, and requested a monthly update on homelessness initiatives. City Manager Williams confirmed.

Commissioner Glassman recommended enhanced collaboration between Strategic Communications and the Neighbor Support Division to ensure staff is consistently present at all neighborhood associations and Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Association (CFLCA) meetings to provide cohesive and consistent messaging. Further comment and

discussion ensued. City Manager Williams concurred.

Infrastructure

Albert Carbon, Utility Services Department Director, presented an overview of opportunities related to inflow and infiltration (I&I) within the wastewater infrastructure system. The City is ahead of schedule in meeting requirements of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Consent Order and is proactively negotiating a second Consent Order amendment that will include a comprehensive I&I reduction component, and will be presented to the Commission in late spring.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding what percentage of the I&I rehabilitation work that will be completed by March 2027, Mr. Carbon said that the original Consent Order requirement is to complete seventy-one (71) projects by March 2027. A second amendment provides an additional seven (7) year period to further mitigate I&I.

Broadband Access

Ron McKenzie, Information Technology Services (ITS) Department Director, presented an overview of broadband access efforts, explaining key concepts and available service options. Mr. McKenzie explained that while broadband resources and affordability programs already exist, access gaps often stem from limited awareness, education, and infrastructure capacity. He outlined available broadband resources to residents and efforts to improve digital connectivity and equitable broadband access citywide.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding a potential expansion of surveillance cameras in crime hotspots, Mr. McKenzie said that staff is actively exploring options, commented on related funding, discussed the utilization of both broadband and Wi-Fi, and emphasized that image clarity and functionality are critical considerations.

Mayor Trantalis confirmed his support for surveillance camera expansion with enhanced video coverage as an important public safety and accountability tool.

City Manager Williams noted that the Commission approved a package that included additional camera equipment for Himmarshee Street and Sistrunk Boulevard. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. McKenzie provided an update on installation of that camera equipment and explained related information. Mayor Trantalis urged staff to expedite those efforts.

Police Chief Bill Schultz said that existing cameras provided valuable footage for a recent investigation. The Police Department is coordinating with the ITS Department to advance deployment of four (4) new cameras that are expected to be operational by the end of the month, with the first installation site on Himmarshee Street.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed her strong support for the proposed broadband enhancement initiatives, emphasizing the importance of workshops and training opportunities to assist District 3 residents who currently lack internet access. In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question regarding established timelines for executing related training sessions, Mr. McKenzie said staff is seeking Commission feedback on which enhancement options are most desirable before setting timelines and allocating resources. Multiple approaches could be pursued simultaneously, depending on the Commission's direction.

Commissioner Sorensen concurred with Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's comments and recommended options B and C listed in the presentation. Commissioner Beasley-Pittman urged implementing all options. There was Commission consensus to support a comprehensive approach to broadband enhancement, including pilot program expansion, increased public bandwidth, resident training, and finalizing priorities and timelines to ensure effective implementation. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Fourth Police District

Police Chief Schultz presented the proposal to create a Fourth (4th) Police District, which would focus on the downtown entertainment corridor. The focus and goals of the proposed Fourth (4th) Police District are to reorganize existing police staffing to improve response times, implement proactive policing without increasing overall personnel levels and would encompass approximately three (3)

square miles. This configuration addresses operational challenges such as drawbridges and train crossings that can delay 911 response times.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding whether creating a Fourth (4th) Police District would involve hiring additional officers or reallocating existing personnel, Chief Schultz said that the proposal does not add new officers. It redistributes officers by shrinking portions of Districts 1 and 3 to form a new Fourth (4) Police District.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on his understanding that the purpose of the proposed Fourth (4th) Police District is to concentrate a designated number of officers within a smaller, more narrowly defined geographic area that experiences a higher volume of calls for service. Chief Schultz confirmed.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Chief Schultz explained that inclusion of the Isles in the proposed Fourth (4th) Police District is based on geographic response considerations related to drawbridge access and response logistics

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding Police Districts mirroring Commission Districts, Chief Schultz said Police District boundaries are structured around operational and reporting considerations. The proposed Fourth (4th) Police District prioritizes service, efficiency, and balance.

Commissioner Glassman confirmed his support for the proposed Fourth (4th) Police District and requested that the current police officer staffing levels on the barrier island remain. Chief Schultz confirmed, discussed current manpower levels, and noted that future police officer staffing figures will be determined in January 2027, based on contract cycles and overall staffing growth.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's questions, Chief Schultz explained the Fourth (4th) Police District would consist of approximately thirty (30) patrol officers and the other Districts would remain at thirty (30) to forty (40) officers. He reiterated that due to contractual restrictions, these changes will not take effect until January 2027.

Mayor Trantalis expressed support for the Fourth (4th) Police District, noting the need for a more concentrated police presence in that area and confirmed a Commission consensus that this is viable solution.

Old Federal Courthouse

Ben Rogers, Assistant City Manager, discussed the Government Services Administration Office (GSA) disposal process for the old Federal Courthouse (OFC) and reviewed details and options for its Public Benefit Conveyance (PBC). Mayor Trantalis suggested establishing a charter school focused on artificial intelligence education at the OFC and discussed related information.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question regarding how historic designation of the OFC could affect the City's PBC option, Mr. Rogers explained that historic designation is still undergoing federal review, and the City does not yet know what restricted covenants or use limitations may be imposed. Mr. Rogers explained details of GSA's process and said that the City will not know the related restrictions until it formally submits an offer to GSA. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding restricted covenants and the difficulty of evaluating conveyance options for future use of the property.

Mr. Rogers noted the most significant issue associated with historic designation is the concept of "adverse action" and explained that if the City significantly alters the building, federal preservation rules could require mitigation measures to address impacts on the structure's historic value. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Mr. Rogers confirmed that GSA has begun evaluating the OFC property for potential listing on the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) as part of its preparation for future disposal.

Commissioner Glassman discussed his understanding of the OFC's National Register designation, which would recognize its historic significance but likely impose fewer regulatory constraints than local historic designation and remarked on related information.

Commissioner Glassman expanded on his perspective and the

historical significance of the OFC property. He recommended putting a placeholder on the property for use as an educational venue. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis remarked on possible educational opportunities with Florida Atlantic University. Commissioner Glassman commented on the interest of other entities in the OFC.

Chris Cooper, Deputy City Manager, provided clarification regarding historic preservation considerations. Local historic designation would impose stricter preservation standards than national and state designation but would not prevent redevelopment or adaptive reuse of the OFC.

Mayor Trantalis said that the GSA is seeking clarity on a preferred eligible public use to begin evaluating a potential PBC, which could allow transfer of the OFC at a substantial discount. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mayor Trantalis recommended focusing on educational use.

Commissioner Sorensen suggested using the property as affordable housing. Mayor Trantalis remarked on related high conversion costs. Commissioner Sorensen discussed partnering with developers, noting the large amount of infrastructure challenges. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on challenges related to converting this historically designated property to residential affordable housing.

Commissioner Glassman said that he had been meeting with potential partners to explore possible OFC redevelopment concepts, particularly those involving education, which include combining the OFC with adjacent vacant land that could improve financial viability, attract investment, and create a stronger redevelopment opportunity.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question regarding the meaning of a "100% discount" under the GSA's PBC process, Mr. Rogers confirmed that the OFC could be conveyed to the City at no purchase cost, provided the City selects and qualifies under an

approved public-use. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the importance of identifying multiple eligible uses for the OFC, including education, affordable housing, and recreational use. Mayor Trantalis confirmed a consensus to focus on education or affordable housing options. Mr. Rogers confirmed that staff would present both education and affordable housing as PBC options to the GSA.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mayor Trantalis said that the City does not have the financial resources for a negotiated sale of the OFC.

Mayor Trantalis recessed the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

One Stop Shop

Chris Cooper, Deputy City Manager, presented a brief historical overview of the One Stop Shop site (Site). Mr. Cooper requested Commission guidance on potential next steps to determine the preferred long-term vision for the Site.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on resident feedback regarding the Site's future use, which included keeping it culturally oriented open green space without overdevelopment. Commissioner Glassman noted growing interest from community organizations and local agencies to participate in planning and activation of the Site, including entities involved with Huizenga Park initiatives.

Commissioner Glassman asked staff to provide guidance on the merits of City-led development versus partnerships with private or institutional partners experienced in managing similar public spaces.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman commented on her support for obtaining community input regarding the future use of the Site and reiterated her preference for preserving significant green space and avoiding overdevelopment. She indicated openness to revisiting concepts like the previously proposed project, provided the design maintains a strong open-space component.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed his support for keeping the Site as open park green space.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the success of nearby Flagler Village as a residential district and emphasized that its long-term sustainability depends on adding activated public spaces and amenities. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the next step to solicit redevelopment concepts for the Site.

Mayor Trantalis provided direction to staff that the City should invite unsolicited proposals to identify creative ways to activate the Site and prioritize maintaining significant open space while adding functional, programmed uses that make the property an active public asset versus a passive park.

City Manager Williams noted that the Site is being considered a suitable location for needed sewer lift station infrastructure to sustain continued downtown development. Mr. Cooper explained related details and noted that the Site is an ideal location. Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Manager Williams summarized Commission feedback, noting direction to activate the Site as primarily green space and public park land, while also exploring opportunities for a public-private partnership (P3) to support development and long-term operations. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding pursuing a solicited P3 process that establishes a defined framework and baseline requirements. Commissioner Glassman discussed his support for this approach, noting that past unsolicited proposal processes often evolved into projects resembling solicited procurements or design-build projects.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Williams explained that a solicited P3 would function as a structured partnership where the City sets required project elements upfront, allowing developers flexibility to propose creative solutions that will streamline decision-making. City Manager Williams said that staff will explore potential external partners to manage and operate the Site in coordination with the Office of the City Attorney to ensure legal compliance.

New City Hall

Yvette Matthews, Assistant City Manager, provided an update on financing for the proposed new City Hall project (Project). In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Williams said preliminary indications suggest the Project could be delivered within a \$200,000,000 budget.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Matthews confirmed the City received \$88,000,000 in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding as a result of the April 2023 flood.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding what portion of the FEMA funding could be used for the Project, Mr. Cooper explained Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding may provide limited support for eligible Project components due to federal rules and timing constraints. City Manager Williams explained staff efforts to determine availability and use of CDBG-DR funds for components of the Project. Mayor Trantalis remarked on his initial understanding regarding the use of FEMA funding. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Matthews confirmed FEMA funds were used for demolition costs of the old City Hall. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Williams said there would be a robust effort to keep the Commission and the community updated on the Project. Mr. Rogers noted that the goal is to present a term sheet to the Commission for review and approval at the first Commission meeting in March. Based on Commission feedback on the term sheet, an interim agreement would be developed and brought forward.

Commissioner Glassman expressed concern about the pace of the schedule. In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding the results of the first meeting with Fort Lauderdale City Hall Partners, City Manager Williams said it was positive. City Attorney McCartney concurred and expounded on related information and confirmed efforts to move forward as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Sorensen remarked on the Project's \$200,000,000 target budget. Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective regarding that amount being a realistic cost. Further comment and

discussion ensued. Commissioner Glassman noted the need to prioritize a realistic scope and long-term planning approach to minimize costly change orders caused by underestimating needs during early planning stages.

Mayor Trantalis recessed the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Marilyn Mammano, on behalf of *Lauderdale Tomorrow*. Ms. Mammano read from a prepared statement discussing City priorities.

A copy of the document has been attached to these Meeting Minutes.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, staff confirmed \$27,000,000 in traffic improvement funding.

Mayor Trantalis noted that the current P3 process is working. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding priorities related to homelessness program evaluation, and expanding green space.

District 2

Commissioner Glassman discussed feedback from District 2 residents and said that the City's existing goals and priorities remain broadly aligned with residents' concerns and expounded on his viewpoint. He said that neighborhood specific concerns would be shared separately with the City Manager's Office for follow-up.

Commissioner Glassman remarked on overall concerns expressed by residents that include the need for improved community area restoration practices by Florida Power & Light (FPL), citing examples and recommendations. Additional resident concerns include flood mitigation and infrastructure improvements, illegal dumping in waterways, and the need for better regulation of marine pump-out facilities. He noted the need for increased emphasis on parking enforcement, traffic management, and delivery trucks obstructing traffic along State Road A1A. District 2 residents requested continued focus on the impact from king tides and heavy rainfall events,

accelerating seawall improvement projects, addressing traffic congestion and public safety concerns related to electric bikes (e-bikes) and scooters.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding neighbor concerns about e-bikes and similar electric devices, Chief Schultz discussed enforcement challenges, police engagement, and said that e-bikes are largely governed by State law, limiting local regulation. Chief Schultz noted efforts with the Office of the City Attorney to address related concerns and confirmed that the Police Department is actively enforcing violations. Chief Schultz said that he will pursue legislative changes at the State level during Broward Days.

Commissioner Glassman summarized feedback from District 2 neighborhoods that largely align with the City's existing priorities that include mobility improvements, enhanced street lighting and public safety measures, infrastructure projects, and continued investment in public spaces. Residents are seeking faster implementation rather than new initiatives. He remarked that similar priorities were reflected in feedback from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), while Riverwalk representatives emphasized concerns about the slow pace of seawall replacement along the New River. Commissioner Glassman noted positive resident feedback regarding recent improvements to roadway medians and overall landscaping aesthetics.

District 3

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman said that the City's existing priorities are aligned with community goals but recommended expanding efforts in several key areas, particularly public safety and infrastructure.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman highlighted the Police Department's recent *Gun Violence Interruption Pilot Program*, a community-based public safety initiative developed in partnership with John Jay College, and recommended that this initiative be included in long-term funding and expansion plans.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman discussed concerns regarding aging underground pipes in District 3, particularly in areas such as Lake Aire and Rock Island, where roadway depressions and sinkhole-like conditions are occurring. She urged a more proactive and

comprehensive evaluation of underground infrastructure.

Brad Kaine, Public Works Department Director, acknowledged those concerns and committed to further evaluation, coordination across departments, and prioritization of roadway, sidewalk, and infrastructure improvements using available bond funding and remarked on related challenges and details.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman encouraged a proactive, coordinated approach to infrastructure projects to ensure timely, comprehensive roadway repairs. She reiterated support for maintaining current City priorities while strengthening community-based public safety programs and adopting a more proactive, coordinated strategy to address aging infrastructure.

Mayor Trantalis discussed similar infrastructure concerns along NE 18th Street in Poinsettia Heights, where a major sewer pipe installation caused sinkholes and roadway depressions, creating ongoing maintenance and safety concerns. Mr. Kaine acknowledged that issue and committed to reviewing the conditions and investigating the cause of the recurring roadway failures. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman proposed expanding public safety initiatives to include a swimming proficiency program, emphasizing the importance of water safety. She expounded on the need to ensure that every child learns not only basic water survival skills but also how to swim proficiently enough to protect themselves in emergency situations. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding pursuing this initiative, including partnering with the International Swimming Hall of Fame, the YMCA, and other existing aquatic facilities to ensure expansion of youth swimming programs as part of a broader public safety initiative. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding support for expanding water safety programming.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Carl Williams, Parks and Recreation Department Director, provided an overview of existing swim instruction and aquatic programs. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis encouraged staff to explore ways to promote and ensure swimming instruction is accessible and appealing to young residents, including increased outreach, expansion, and programming with existing aquatic facilities to promote this initiative. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman emphasized the importance of the City's continued commitment to economic growth and entrepreneurship, her support of continued investment in programs like *Startup Fort Lauderdale* and expounded on her perspective. City Manager Williams discussed the updated organizational structure and recruitment efforts to fill the Chief Economic Development Officer position.

District 4

Commissioner Sorensen expressed confidence regarding efforts across major focus areas, including infrastructure, public safety, quality of life, and affordability.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions regarding an update on the Riverwalk seawall replacement project (RSR Project), Mr. Kaine explained that the RSR Project is advancing after previous delays due to permitting and commented on related details. Staff is pursuing funding strategies that include grants to close a \$4,000,000 funding gap. Mr. Rogers explained that the RSR Project extends from Andrews Avenue to the Florida East Coast Railroad tracks and is continuing through the design phase. Mr. Rogers confirmed pursuing a Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) grant to close the \$4,000,000 funding gap and expounded on related information.

Commissioner Sorensen remarked on the poor condition of the Riverwalk Seawall, cited examples, and remarked on aesthetic concerns. Mr. Rogers noted securing a \$1,000,000 FIND grant last year for upland improvements and staff is exploring how those funds can be used to address Riverwalk Seawall needs until full funding for the RSR Project is determined.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's request for an overview of funding for the Las Olas Mobility Project (LOM Project), Milos Majstorovic, Transportation and Mobility Department Director,

provided an update and explained that the City will present the LOM Project at a future Commission meeting, followed by a request for Commission direction on the preferred design option for the Retail Shops segment. Construction costs for the Retail Shops segment are estimated at approximately \$7,500,000, and improvements across the entire western corridor extending from Andrews Avenue to Southeast 17th Avenue are estimated to be \$19,300,000. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding multiple funding sources and the funding gap.

Mayor Trantalis emphasized the need for a fact-based discussion regarding the future and longevity of the median trees in the Retail Shops segment. He referenced information from the City's urban forester indicating that the median trees have an estimated life expectancy of approximately eight (8) to twelve (12) years. Mr. Majstorovic said there would be an upcoming Commission Conference Meeting presentation to support an informed decision. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding the LOM Project funding gap, City Manager Williams said funding will depend on Commission priorities from multiple sources and, if directed by the Commission, general fund allocations.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question regarding exploring whether parental accountability measures could be applied to juvenile misconduct cases, Chief Schultz said further legal review is required before any policy direction can be considered.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed efforts to develop a more coordinated branding and marketing strategy aimed at promoting Fort Lauderdale's identity, attracting investment, and strengthening economic growth through consistent, targeted messaging.

Mayor Trantalis acknowledged the progress on long-term resiliency through *Fortify Lauderdale* and expounded on his perspective.

Mayor Trantalis requested an update on the New River Crossing commuter rail tunnel project (NRC Project). Commissioner Sorensen

provided an update on conversations with the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that have been positive, with federal officials expressing support and continued engagement. Commissioner Sorensen discussed next steps and expounded on related information.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question regarding tunnel construction firms who may not submit preliminary cost proposals before the February 2026 deadline, City Manager Williams explained that the City would evaluate information available and determine whether it is sufficient to share with Broward County or whether an extension would be requested. Mayor Trantalis acknowledged staff's efforts regarding moving the NRC Project forward and expounded on his perspective.

Mayor Trantalis raised concerns about the long-term sustainability and livability of Flagler Village, emphasizing it still lacks essential neighborhood amenities that support a walkable urban environment, including elements such as grocery stores and neighborhood retail establishments. Mayor Trantalis expounded on his perspective and suggested exploring the use of Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) incentives to attract business operators that provide essential neighborhood services. He explained that proactive City intervention may be necessary to ensure the neighborhood evolves into a fully functional, walkable district. Commissioner Glassman concurred. City Manager Williams confirmed staff would explore that opportunity and commented on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the *James Winder Laird Trust* donations to the Public Arts Program. In response to Mayor Trantalis' related questions and concerns, Porshia Garcia, Community Services Department Director, discussed staff efforts to improve project tracking, coordination, staffing, and organizational alignment, with the goal of accelerating installation of long-planned public art projects and fully utilizing allocated funding. Mr. Cooper noted improvements to the Public Art Program by adding administrative support and consolidating arts and cultural activities under one coordinated structure to reduce fragmentation and improve project delivery.

Commissioner Glassman concurred with Mayor Trantalis' comments, discussed his perspective and recommended replicating public art placement efforts of other municipalities, including the City of Pompano Beach.

Mayor Trantalis discussed potential Charter revisions, including election structure, campaign finance rules, and form of government. Mayor Trantalis questioned whether prior Charter changes have achieved their intended goals and whether additional reforms should be considered. Further comment and discussion ensued. There was Commission consensus to maintain the current Charter provisions, including November elections, existing campaign contribution limits, and the Commissioner-Manager form of government.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.