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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 20, 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

JOHN C. HERBST Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District 1

STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District 2

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Commissioner - District 3

BEN SORENSEN Commissioner - District 4

RICKELLE 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 6:39 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ashely Saint Germain, Julia Saint Germain, Forwende Vincent, and Ruth Shirley Jn Mary - North Side Elementary School Students

Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioner 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 update to the Agenda:

REVISION:

OFR-2 - Exhibit 6 - Resolution - Revised header.

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

26-0109 Minutes for December 2, 2025, Commission Special Meeting and December 2, 2025, Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED AS AMENDED - Agenda Amended

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRES-1 26-0129 Chief Education Officer to present the Fort Lauderdale High School Innovation Zone Student Recognition

Susan Leon, Chief Education Officer, discussed the eight (8) essential core character traits of the Innovation Zone Student Recognition Program (Program).

Ms. Leon announced the student recipients and noted their character traits and contributions: Mary Wallace - 5th grade - Bayview Elementary; Beatrice Mengume-Anaba - 5th grade - Bennett Elementary; Jewell Segal - 5th grade - Harbordale Elementary; Grace Mariam Castro-Rivera - 5th grade - North Side Elementary; Brandon Sohom - 5th grade - Walker Elementary; Zoey Williard - 8th grade - Sunrise Middle School; Gregory Johnston - 8th grade - Sunrise Middle School; Jahziah Defoe Glover - 12th grade - Fort Lauderdale High School; and Aniyah Young - 11th grade - Whiddon-Rogers Education Center.

PRESENTED**PRES-2 26-0079** Vice Mayor Herbst to present a Proclamation declaring January 20, 2026, as Fort Lauderdale High School Swim Team Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale - FHSAA Class 3A State Championships

Vice Mayor Herbst presented a Proclamation declaring *January 20, 2026, as Fort Lauderdale High School Diving Team Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale* recognizing Fort Lauderdale High School Diving Team Members for winning the Florida High School Athletic Association Class 3A State Championship, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Fort Lauderdale High School Principal Erin Brown, Assistant Principal Edward Rodriguez, Athletic Director Timothy Lawrence, Head Swimming and Diving Coach Adam Drucker, Diving Coach Greg Boardman, and members of the Fort Lauderdale High School Diving Team accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission for this recognition.

PRESENTED**PRES-3 26-0130** Neighbor Support Division to recognize the 14th Graduating Class of the Neighbor Leadership Academy

Luisa Agathon, Neighbor Support Division Manager, and Jordan Wingate, Neighbor Support Administrative Supervisor, recognized the 14th Graduating Class of the Neighbor Leadership Academy (Leadership Academy).

Leadership Academy Class Member Jose Ruggero remarked on the benefits of the Leadership Academy and acknowledged and thanked the

Commission and Staff for their leadership, guidance, support, and recognition.

PRESENTED

Mayor Trantalis recessed the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Trantalis reconvened the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

No Consent Agenda items were pulled for separate discussion.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Approve the Consent Agenda

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

CONSENT MOTIONS

CM-1 26-0008 Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road Closure with Cavallino Events, Inc. for the Cavallino Classic at Ferretti Group America (1445 SE 16 Street) on February 13, 2026 - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-2 26-0048 Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement, Request for Amplified Music Exemption and Request for Road Closure beyond 10:00 a.m. on the Barrier Island with Helping Advance and Nurture the Development of Youth, Inc. for the Handy Moonrise Presented by Moss Foundation on February 7, 2026, at the Bonnet House Private Beach Area - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-3 26-0067 Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road Closure with A & R Enterprises of So. FL Inc. for The Galt Market on NE 33 Street between State Road A1A and NE 33 Avenue on January 24, 2026 - (Commission District 1)

APPROVED

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

CM-4 26-0018 Motion Approving Grant Application - Broward County Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement - \$155,088 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CM-5 26-0080 Motion Approving the Third Amendment to the Lease Agreement between 521 NE 4th Avenue LLC and the City of Fort Lauderdale for Office Space Located at 521 NE 4 Avenue - Annual Total Rent of \$264,561 - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

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

CM-6 26-0106 Motion Authorizing Purchase of Property Insurance - Underwriters at Lloyd's of London, et al. - \$4,442,230 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

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

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

CR-1 26-0031 Resolution Imposing Special Assessment Liens for Lot Clearing - (Commission Districts 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

CR-2 26-0125 Resolution Increasing the Compensation to be Paid to Special

Counsel, Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP, for Legal Services - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

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

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

OFR-2 26-0111

First Reading - Ordinance Amending City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances - Chapter 5, Article II - Licensed Establishments and Article III - Special Entertainment Overlay District, to Amend the Hours Prohibited for the Sales, Consumption, and Service of Alcoholic Beverages and to Prohibit Off-Premises Alcohol Consumption in Special Entertainment Overlay Districts - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chris Cooper, Deputy City Manager. Mr. Cooper provided an overview of this Agenda item. In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Cooper confirmed that this Ordinance would prohibit the outdoor sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages, except at licensed and permitted outdoor cafés, and would update the hours permitted to sell and serve alcoholic beverages within Special Entertainment Districts (SED). Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Vice Mayor Herbst's questions, Mr. Cooper provided background information regarding the establishment of SEDs and explained their locations and geographic boundaries. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Mr. Cooper explained a minor scrivener's error in the heading of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ellyn Bogdanoff, Esq., One E. Broward Boulevard, on behalf of Sway and other bar owners in the Himmarshee Special Entertainment District (HSED). Ms. Bogdanoff acknowledged past shortcomings in self-regulation among HSED business operators and expressed the group's willingness to improve oversight. She stated that these businesses are presenting a unified position in seeking a reasonable compromise regarding aspects of this Ordinance affecting their business operations.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Ms. Bogdanoff clarified that the affected businesses are willing to discontinue outdoor alcoholic

beverage sales and consumption unless specifically licensed. She confirmed their only remaining concern is the proposed change to alcoholic beverage sales and service hours, as they wish to maintain the current hours. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Bogdanoff explained proposed enforcement and security options that would be paid for by the bar owners and cited examples. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis said that Ordinance changes stem from recent incidents in the HSED and Beach Place SED, emphasizing that public safety concerns require the City to act. He noted that certain aspects of SEDs such as outdoor alcohol sales and extended 4:00 a.m. closing hours may contribute to an environment that encourages those types of incidents. The Commission is considering restricting outdoor sales and reducing weekend hours by one (1) hour to discourage late-night disturbances and prevent further public safety incidents. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mr. Cooper discussed staff efforts to address HSED public safety concerns and expounded on related information.

Commissioner Glassman said that multiple parallel discussions and planning efforts have not resulted in concrete action, emphasizing the need to implement change, and expounded on his viewpoint.

Commissioner Sorensen suggested immediate action to prohibit open container and outdoor alcohol sales, while allowing a short, defined window for further collaboration on broader oversight measures to ensure new rules are in place before Spring Break.

City Attorney McCartney advised against combining multiple issues into a single ordinance action, recommended a phased approach, and expounded on related recommendations and details.

Mayor Trantalis emphasized the need for urgency, stating that measurable public safety supervisory improvements must be in place by the second meeting in February 2026 and prior to Spring Break. If voluntary agreements and meaningful security commitments are not demonstrated by bar operators within that timeframe, the Commission could proceed with formal Ordinance changes, including potential adjustments to hours of operation.

Vice Mayor Herbst said that the problems in the HSED are longstanding

and that some operators have a poor track record of self-policing, and expounded on specific behavior that must cease. If operators fail to properly regulate their establishments, the City will intervene with stricter enforcement or regulatory action. Vice Mayor Herbst expounded his viewpoint regarding the need to eliminate open containers and reiterated that businesses must take responsibility for improving conditions within their establishments. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis said that the City should not bear the sole burden of maintaining public safety within the HSED. He indicated his willingness to move forward with the Ordinance but remove the proposed change to hours of operation on weekends. Mayor Trantalis emphasized that this approach would rely on operators within the HSED to organize collectively and participate, including funding a voluntary program to ensure enhanced public safety law enforcement measures. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman discussed conditions in the HSED, including underage drinking, safety concerns, and deteriorating aesthetics such as cleanliness and maintenance that have not improved despite prior commitments from operators. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman emphasized that businesses benefiting from SED designation must adhere to the agreement governing the SED, and that enforcement actions should not affect other SEDs that are operating responsibly. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen indicated a willingness to proceed with restrictions on open containers and outdoor alcohol sales without altering hours but said that if operating hours are to be debated, the Commission should continue this conversation. Commissioner Glassman concurred. Mayor Trantalis noted a decision regarding hours of operation had not been made and confirmed a consensus on the other topics that would be included in the Ordinance on the Second Reading. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis said hours of SED operations would proceed to public comment. Commissioner Glassman requested clearer alignment on the agreed process. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Richard Mercede, 327 SW 2nd Street. Mr. Mercede spoke in support of the proposed ordinance modifications including modifying HSED hours of operation. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Steve Berke, 200 SW 2nd Street. Mr. Berke spoke in opposition to modifying the HSED hours of operation. In response to Vice Mayor Herbst's question regarding whether extended hours contribute to disorder and the City's party reputation, Mr. Berke said that nightlife is part of Fort Lauderdale's identity and stronger enforcement of outdoor drinking rules would resolve most problems without harming businesses. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question as to why businesses not formally part of the HSED appear to be operating with SED privileges, Mr. Cooper discussed related information and noted decisions must be made to formally incorporate those establishments into a restructured HSED framework or enforce existing code provisions to restrict those privileges. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman noted that the Ordinance under discussion would apply citywide, affecting all five (5) SEDs, and cautioned that the Commission should consider the impact on those SEDs that are operating responsibly.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Cooper explained details and information associated with the five (5) SEDs. Mayor Trantalis acknowledged that the former governance structure for the HSED had dissolved, yet businesses continue to operate as if it remains in place, highlighting the need for the City to formally update and clarify their regulatory framework. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, City Attorney McCartney confirmed that a common control entity does not exist in the HSED. Mr. Cooper said that the current governance framework for the HSED is largely ineffective due to the collapse of the original common control structure, but it technically remains in effect for certain businesses until the Commission either decertifies the HSED or adopts a revised Ordinance establishing a new regulatory structure. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen noted that the original eight (8) businesses covered under the HSED common control agreement are authorized for extended hours and said all others should follow standard alcohol service hours until the Commission formally revises HSED policy framework to allow additional establishments to formally join. Mayor Trantalis said that would be a separate discussion.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Larry Mele, 327 SW 2nd Street. Mr. Mele discussed his viewpoint regarding this Agenda item and related safety

concerns.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Danny Colica, 307 SW 2nd Street, Chemistry Night Club. Mr. Colica spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Attorney McCartney confirmed that underage drinking is illegal on City streets. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding related enforcement and regulatory measures within SEDs.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jayme Norris-Kinghorn, Plantation. Ms. Norris-Kinghorn discussed her opposition to this Agenda item. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Herbst discussed legal and enforcement limitations related to open container laws and age identification documents that highlight the need to revise the Ordinance.

City Attorney McCartney acknowledged enforcement challenges, noting that the current structure of the Ordinance creates inconsistency, which complicates uniform enforcement, and expounded on her viewpoint regarding Ordinance revisions. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the alcohol service hours.

Mayor Trantalis stated that a clear pathway should exist for businesses to operate during later hours and noted the SEDs were originally created as an experimental policy to cluster nightlife venues and promote economic development. The City must now reassess and make related determinations and establish a clear policy framework for potential late-night operations.

Commissioner Glassman discussed the possibility of allowing limited extended alcohol service hours for holidays or special events as part of a SED policy. City Manager Williams confirmed staff would explore that option. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Derrick Kurzrok. Mr. Kurzrok spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to extend this meeting until 11:00 p.m. and was seconded by Vice Mayor Herbst.

APPROVED

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized Marc Dickerman, 1417 SW 2nd Street. Mr. Dickerman spoke in support of this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tim Petrillo, 221 S. Andrews Avenue. Mr. Petrillo discussed his perspective regarding this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized William Brown, 112 N. Birch Road, and Central Beach Alliance (CBA) President. Mr. Brown spoke in support of this Agenda item, stating community leaders expressed support for stronger regulation and enforcement in SEDs, citing public safety concerns and the strain placed on limited police resources.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dev Motwani, 2415 Delmar Place. Mr. Motwani discussed his viewpoint and recommended a tailored, district-specific approach with stakeholder engagement to mitigate business impacts. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Sandy Fey, 211 SW 2nd Street, on behalf of Riverwalk Center, Ltd. Mr. Fey spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Eric Magid, 211 SW 2nd Street, on behalf of Riverwalk Center, Ltd. Mr. Magid spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Police Chief William Schultz said that Police Officers are actively enforcing laws in the HSED, encouraged residents to report related enforcement concerns, and discussed results of a recent enforcement initiative.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Chief Schultz explained that while recreational marijuana is illegal in Florida, officers must have reasonable suspicion before requesting identification or taking enforcement action. Chief Schultz confirmed that calls for service are higher in the HSED compared to other SEDs and explained related details.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions regarding activity in downtown parking garages, Chief Schultz said increased police presence in public garages has reduced complaints, while enforcement in private garages depends on paid police details. Since implementing a recent action plan and increasing patrols, the department has not received additional complaints regarding activity in the City garages.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Fire-Rescue Chief Stephen Gollan reported that late-night activity in the HSED significantly increases emergency calls, especially between midnight and 4:00 a.m., which strains Fire-Rescue resources and diverts units from responding to other city emergencies. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ian Lowe, 320 SW 2nd Street, on behalf of Original Fat Cats. Mr. Lowe spoke in opposition to reducing late night hours in the HSED. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Mr. Cooper explained that participation in SED common control agreements change over time as businesses entered or exited the district and explained related information.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, City Attorney McCartney explained that any regulatory changes to SED rules must be applied uniformly citywide unless the Commission formally pursues the legal process to decertify a specific district and expounded on related information. Further comment and discussion ensued

In response to Vice Mayor Herbst's question regarding the breakdown of late-night sales and whether food versus alcohol sales could be separated if alcohol service ended earlier, Mr. Lowe stated that 32% of his total monthly revenue occurs between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m., and did not have a specific breakdown between food and beverage sales. Vice Mayor Herbst suggested the option of ending alcohol service at 3:00 a.m., while allowing businesses to remain open until 4:00 a.m. Mr. Lowe explained the late-night hours are essential to his business, which primarily serve hospitality workers finishing their shifts.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Chanel Cowart, 2015 SW 2nd Street, on behalf of Ebar Club 13. Ms. Cowart discussed her viewpoint regarding this Agenda item and expounded on related information.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Samantha Costlow, 220 NW 2nd Street. Ms. Costlow spoke in opposition to this Agenda item. Further comment and discussion ensued. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, Ms. Costlow explained off-shift customer business and discussed related information.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Samy Guerrero, 5500 Harrison Street, Hollywood, on behalf of Fat Tuesday. Mr. Guerrero discussed his viewpoint regarding this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Richard Coker, 1133 SE 4th Avenue, on behalf of Dicey Riley. Mr. Coker spoke in opposition to this Agenda item. In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Coker confirmed underage drinking is an issue in the HSED.

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

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to extend this meeting until 11:30 p.m. and was seconded by Vice Mayor Herbst.

APPROVED

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

Commissioner Glassman recommended taking incremental steps by immediately addressing issues with open-containers and outdoor alcohol sales while delaying decisions regarding late-night closing hours. Business stakeholders should be allowed additional time to collaborate on solutions and compliance. Commissioner Glassman suggested revisiting the issue prior to Spring Break to evaluate progress and determine whether additional regulatory changes are necessary.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Glassman introduced the Ordinance to move forward with restrictions on open containers and outdoor alcohol sales while keeping the current operating hours.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed the possibility of creating a future permitting process that would allow certain businesses to operate until 4:00 a.m. on a case-by-case or event-by-event basis. City Attorney McCartney explained what developing such a framework would require and cited examples that would extend beyond Spring Break.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's questions, City Manager Williams clarified the current regulatory structure in the HSED. Six (6) businesses are parties to the original agreement and are permitted to operate until 4:00 a.m. along with additional privileges that she cited. All other businesses are required to comply with Code.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed concerns related to establishments operating as if they are part of the HSED, inconsistent enforcement and the City's role in allowing the situation to continue for years. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding structural problems with the HSED framework, not having a governing entity, and the need for a comprehensive ordinance overhaul.

Commissioner Glassman raised concerns that the City has allowed businesses in this area to operate beyond Code limits for years and expounded on his viewpoint. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding creating a process for extended hours of operation.

Mayor Trantalis expounded on his perspective regarding allowing additional businesses to operate until 4:00 a.m. if they agree to meet the same requirements as the six (6) establishments authorized under the HSED agreement. Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Attorney McCartney explained that the original common control entity governing HSED membership no longer exists. Without a common control entity there is no formal mechanism for businesses to join or leave the district.

Commissioner Glassman discussed his viewpoint that inconsistent enforcement over the years has contributed to the current issues. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen emphasized the need for stronger enforcement and stated that the City should immediately implement new rules prohibiting open containers and on-street alcohol sales and expounded on his perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding delaying decisions on reduced hours of operation and giving staff approximately ninety (90) days to develop a comprehensive enforcement and regulatory framework.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed whether a SED framework would be necessary if businesses individually applied for extended operating hours. City Attorney McCartney explained that the district could remain geographically defined while replacing the current common control system with a permit-based process if they meet specific criteria. Maintaining district boundaries would limit where these privileges apply and allow enforcement compliance on an individual basis.

Vice Mayor Herbst confirmed his support for banning open containers and on-street alcohol sales and agreed to test the policy for six (6) months before reconsidering additional measures.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman stated that she supports the Ordinance as amended and agreed with the comments previously expressed by Commission Members.

In response to City Clerk Soloman's question, City Attorney McCartney clarified details related to Commissioner Glassman's introduction of this Ordinance.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Williams explained aspects of the Ordinance updates between First and Second Reading.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mayor Trantalis confirmed that the open container and on-street alcohol sales bans will apply to all SEDs throughout the City.

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

MOTIONS

M-1 26-0004

Motion Approving an Agreement for Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 518-4 - Holiday Park Improvements Phase II - Lunacon Engineering Group, Corp. - \$7,008,411.43 - (Commission District 2)

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

APPROVED

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

RESOLUTIONS

R-4 26-0026

Quasi-Judicial Appeal of Final Order of the Board of Adjustment Regarding Case # PLN-BOA-24040001 - 2436 Cat Cay Lane - (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.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ellyn Bogdanoff, One E. Broward Boulevard, on behalf of Tachers. Ms. Bogdanoff explained details of this matter. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Selena Gibson, Esq., Board of Adjustment (BOA) Counsel. Ms. Gibson said that the BOA acted properly and that the Commission should uphold the BOA's decision. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Ms. Gibson explained that to obtain a variance, applicants must prove a unique hardship not created by themselves or prior owners. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Anthony Fajardo, Development Services Department Director, said that the Code does not automatically grandfather old variance permit violations and said that legal court case precedents could be relevant. Mayor Trantalis remarked on his perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed his understanding of this matter and the process. The shed was built under a City issued permit and the permit was closed, indicating the construction was completed and approved by the City. Mr. Fajardo confirmed. Ms. Gibson explained the permit dimensions were exceeded, and staff closed the permit without realizing that discrepancy. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' questions, Mr. Fajardo noted issues related to this matter including shed dimensions and remarked on zoning setbacks and building separation.

Commissioner Sorensen said that because the City issued and closed the permit, the new homeowner likely assumed the structure was compliant. He said that requiring correction now would impose an unfair hardship on the current owner.

Ms. Gibson explained this appeal is limited to two legal standards: determining whether the BOA departed from the essential requirements of the law and whether its decision was supported by competent, substantial evidence. Ms. Gibson noted that the BOA thoroughly considered the matter, holding an extensive discussion before voting 3-2, noting that the motion ultimately failed because it did not achieve the required majority plus one vote. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to extend this meeting until

12:00 a.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Beasley-Pittman.

APPROVED

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

Commissioner Glassman said the BOA's decision lacked competent, substantial evidence. Mayor Trantalis concurred, expounded on his viewpoint, and said a final Commission decision could be made at a de novo hearing. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the BOA's decision.

In response to City Attorney McCartney's question, Commissioner Sorensen clarified the basis for setting the de novo hearing is due to the BOA's departure from the essential elements of law.

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

Commissioner Sorensen introduced a Resolution to set a de novo hearing on February 17, 2026, based on competent and substantial evidence not existing to support the BOA's decision.

ADOPTED - Set a De-Novo Hearing for February 17, 2026

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

MOTIONS CONTINUED

M-2 26-0030 Motion Approving a Service Agreement with Ernesto Maranje Related to the Installation of a Mural to be Applied to the Holiday Park Activity Center - (Commission District 2)

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

APPROVED

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

M-3 26-0032 Motion to Approve the Award of SHIP 2024-25 Program Income Funds in the Amount of \$180,343 to CityHouse-Delray Beach, Inc. for the Rehabilitation of a Property Located at 200-204 NW 17th

Court, #1-4, Fort Lauderdale, Florida - (Commission District 3)

Commissioner Glassman noted a scrivener's error in the title, confirming this Agenda item applies to District 2.

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

APPROVED

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

M-4 26-0081

Motion Approving the Twelfth Amendment to the Lease Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and Ivy Tower 101 Property, LLC, in Substantially the Form Attached - Annual Total Rent of \$741,866 - (Commission District 2)

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

APPROVED

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

M-5 26-0127

Motion Approving the City of Fort Lauderdale Financial Integrity Principles (2026 Update) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

APPROVED

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

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED

R-1 26-0124

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

City Clerk David Soloman read the names of nominees for appointment and/or reappointment to Advisory Boards and Committees at the February 3, 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.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution which was read by

title only.

ADOPTED

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

R-2 26-0086

Resolution Approving a Third Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the NE 4 Avenue Complete Street Project between Broward County, the City of Fort Lauderdale, and the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

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

ADOPTED

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

R-3 26-0023

Quasi-Judicial Resolution - Alternative Design Request for a Site Plan Level II Development and the Allocation of 607 Multifamily Residential Units - Arosa Developers, LLC - 315 NE 3 Street - Case No. UDP-S24073 - (Commission District 2)

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 Vice Mayor Herbst's question regarding the lack of a letter of support from the neighboring building, Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., 901 Ponce de Leon Drive, on behalf of the Applicant, explained related outreach that did not result in a letter of support. Ms. Toothaker clarified that neighboring Nola Lofts condominium owners were aware of the planned development, as purchasers signed documents at the time of sale acknowledging that future development would occur as part of Phase II, and expounded on related details.

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

Mayor Trantalis recognized Anthony Fajardo, Development Services Department Director. Mr. Fajardo noted that Approval Condition No. 3 should be removed, as it is not applicable and the agreement does not need to be recorded.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Resolution as amended excluding Condition No. 3 which was read by title only.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED for Approval

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

Nay: 1 - Vice Mayor Herbst

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 26-0093 Public Hearing - Second Reading of Ordinance Amending Chapter 26 by Creating a New Article X Entitled School Zone Speed Enforcement Act - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

City Attorney McCartney advised the Commission that they are required to make formal findings on the record before approving the Ordinance. The Commission must formally find that traffic data supports installing speed detection systems at 38 school zones, and incorporate that finding into the record.

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

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Ordinance on Second Reading, based on traffic data supporting the installation of speed detection systems at thirty-eight (38) City school zones, which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

ORDINANCE FIRST READING CONTINUED

OFR-1 26-0049 First Reading - Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 - Business Tax Receipts and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, Article II - Local

Business Tax, to Implement a Five Percent (5%) Fee Increase on Local Business Taxes and Restore Omitted Business Tax Categories - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to extend this meeting until 12:15 p.m. and was seconded by Vice Mayor Herbst.

APPROVED

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

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

OFR-3 26-0045

First Reading - Ordinance Amending Section 8-55.5 of the Code of Ordinances, Titled "High Impact Events on Beach Property" by renaming Section 8-55.5 to "High Impact Zones During High Impact Periods" to Authorize the City Manager to Designate High Impact Zones within the City and Impose Additional Immediate Temporary Measures During High Impact Periods - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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

PASSED FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 26-0024

Second Reading - Ordinance Amending City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Article IV, Development Permits and Procedures, Section 47-24.1, Generally; Section 47-24.2, Site Plan Development Permits; Section 47-24.3, Conditional Use Permits; Section 47-24.4, Rezoning (City Commission); Section 47-24.6, Vacation of Right-of-Ways; Section 47-24.7, Vacation of Easements: To Align Development Review Timeframes with Florida Statutes, Section 166.033, and Amend Section 47-3.5, Change in Use; Section 47-3.8, Termination of

Nonconforming Status; Section 47-3.9, Reuse of Nonconforming Structure; Section 47-12.6, Central Beach Development Permitting and Approval; Section 47-13.20, Downtown RAC Review Process; Section 47-13.60, Permit Approval SRAC and NWRAC; Section 47-18.41, Urban Farms and Community Gardens; Section 47-19.2, Accessory Buildings, Structures and Equipment, General; Section 47-19.3, Boat Slips, Docks, Boat Davits, Hoist, and Similar Mooring Structures; Section 47-20.3, Parking and Exemptions; Section 47-22.3, General Regulations, Signs; and Section 47-26A.2, City Commission Request for Review: to Revise the City Commission Request for Review Period to Align Development Review Timeframes with Florida Statutes, Section 166.033 and to Codify Certain Development Review Processes - Case No. UDP-T25002 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tracy Powell, 2200 S. Ocean Lane. Ms. Powell spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jaris Goss, Loxahatchee. Ms. Goss spoke in opposition to this Agenda item.

Anthony Fajardo, Development Services Department Director, confirmed this Ordinance addresses timelines to be in compliance with State Statutes. Commissioner Glassman concurred and expounded on his viewpoint.

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

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 12:08 a.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk