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ANALYSIS

Royal visit unlikely to mend differences

U.S.-U.K. ties expected to continue fluctuating

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WASHINGTON - King Charles III jokingly apologized for the British burning the White House during the War of 1812 but slyly noted that, were it not for his countrymen, the Americans might be speaking French.

President Donald Trump marveled at the king's diplomatic skills at winning over Republicans and Democrats and paid him the ultimate Trumpian compliment: The king, the president said, is "a fantastic person."

But beneath the lighthearted banter, the personal flattery and the theatrical spectacle that surrounds a royal visit, signs remained of the deep divisions that have become the most serious test in decades of the long friendship between the United States and the United Kingdom.

"We have stood together through the best and worst of times," Charles, in white tie and tails, said during his toast at the White House state dinner in his honor in the East Room on April 28.

Political analysts praised the king's diplomatic overtures and the manner in which he deftly dealt with Trump, who is angry with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and the British government over a multitude of issues, including their reluctance to get involved in the U.S.-Israeli war with Iran. But they questioned how far the king's four-day state visit would go toward patching up the discord.

"Clearly you saw graciousness on both sides and a real warmth," said Matthew Barzun, who served as U.S. ambassador to the United Kingdom from 2013 to 2017. "There is more trust, respect and understanding, I think, at the end of this week than there was before." Barzun compared the current difficulties between the two countries to a strained marriage. "When you come through it," he said, "you come through it stronger."



President Donald Trump and King Charles III showed graciousness and warmth during the king's visit to the United States, but it is unlikely to solve any real policy disagreements. CHRIS JACKSON/POOL VIA REUTERS

The royal visit is unlikely to mend differences on policy issues, said Garrett Martin, codirector of the Transatlantic Policy Center at American University.

"No matter how well-crafted the speech was, the differences in positions - over Iran, over Greenland, over trade - are pretty deep and pretty entrenched," Martin said. "So I think it's not really likely, just because of the goodwill of this week, to expect that President Trump is going to change his tune next week about how he views the U.K. position on the Iran conflict."

In Britain, Gawain Towler, a senior official in the far-right Reform UK, a party headed by Trump ally Nigel Farage, praised the king's outreach to Americans, especially his remarks before a joint session of Congress, an honor rarely afforded to a foreign leader.

Charles managed to pull off a "sort of double hit" by pleasing many Democrats in Congress and at the same time charming the president, said Towler.

"The queen couldn't have done it better," Towler said, referring to Charles' late mother, Queen Elizabeth II, for whom Trump has expressed a particu-

lar fondness.

Towler conceded that Trump is a highly unpredictable and even fickle political operator, and said it's not clear how long the good feelings will last in terms of politics.

Even with the public bonhomie between the two men, there were reminders that all is not well.

The trip started with an awkward greeting when Trump, known for his aggressive handshake, grabbed Charles' hand and held onto it. Charles finally broke the clutch after about 10 seconds.

At the state dinner, Trump put the king on the spot by declaring "Charles agrees with me" that Iran should never have a nuclear weapon. Charles, who is the British head of state but not the head of government, typically avoids politics.

Even so, in his remarks to Congress, the king appeared to make pointed references to Trump without mentioning him by name.

He reminded Americans that the British and other NATO countries came to the defense of the United States after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Trump has repeatedly questioned the value of the NATO alliance.

A noted environmentalist, he praised the "natural wonders" of the United States and spoke of "our shared responsibility" to protect them. Trump has called climate change "the greatest con job ever" and withdrew the United States from the Paris Accord, an international treaty to limit rise of the Earth's temperature.

In one of the speech's most memorable moments, Charles received raucous applause and a prolonged standing ovation - from Democrats and Republicans - when he stressed the need for checks and balances on executive power.

The king wasn't just addressing Trump and his administration, Martin said. He was also addressing the British public, many skeptical of the visit, who saw him affirm values such as international alliances, protecting the environment, democracy and the rule of law.

In one sign of how much the United Kingdom has worried over the relationship between the two countries, its ambassador to the United States told a group of students in February that the minute is "probably Israel," the Financial Times reported.

Philip Reeker, who served for nearly a year as the U.S. interim ambassador to the United Kingdom under President Joe Biden, said Charles' remarks - and his overall visit - served as a reminder that the bond between Washington and London is far more important than whatever the problems of the moment may be.

Trump has issues with Starmer now, but in fall 2025 he praised the prime minister as "tough" and "a great negotiator" after the two countries finalized a trade and technology agreement seen as mutually beneficial.

"I don't think we should get too worked up over what the perceived relationship is, what the narrative is in reality show, at any particular moment," Reeker said. The British still hold affection for America and Americans, "even if they're frustrated with the statements of the president."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on the following item:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING DIVISION 1, UNIFORM REDEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, SECTION 12.1.01, PURPOSE AND INTENT, TABLE 12-1.02, ARTICLE 3 STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO ARTICLE 12, REGARDING RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS, ARTICLE 12, COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT CODE, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, MARTIN COUNTY CODE, AMENDING DIVISION 5, HOBE SOUND, SECTION 12.5.04, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, BY ADDING SECTION 12.5.04.6, RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS, ARTICLE 12, COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT CODE, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, MARTIN COUNTY CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, SEVERABILITY, APPLICABILITY, FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND CODIFICATION.

Subject: This is a request by Floridays Mobile Park, LLC, for approval of an amendment to Division 1, Uniform Redevelopment Standards, and Division 5, Hobe Sound, Article 12, Community Redevelopment Code, Land Development Regulations, Martin County Code, regarding recreational vehicle parks in the Hobe Sound Community Redevelopment Area. This item is being continued from the March 10, 2026, BCC public hearing.

Public Hearing: Board of County Commissioners

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Time: 9 AM or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard.

Place: Martin County Administrative Center, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding are entitled, at no cost, to the provision of certain assistance. This does not include transportation to and from the meeting. Please contact the Office of the ADA Coordinator at (772) 320-3131, or the Office of the County Administrator at (772) 288-5400, or in writing to 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL 34996, no later than three days before the hearing date. Persons using a TTY device, please call 711 Florida Relay Services.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the meetings or hearings of any board, committee, agency, council, or advisory group, that person will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record should include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

For further information, including copies of the original application documents or agenda item materials, please call the Growth Management Department at (772) 288-5495. Prior to the public hearings, written comments should be sent to Paul Schilling, Growth Management Director, pschilling@martin.fl.us or 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Martin County Local Planning Agency will conduct a public hearing on May 21, 2026 beginning at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard. The Martin County Board of County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on June 9, 2026 beginning at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard. The following item will be considered at both public hearings:

AN ORDINANCE OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA REGARDING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT 25-03, P3 PUBLIC FACILITY WITH CLINIC, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) OF THE MARTIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Comprehensive Plan Amendment 25-03, P3 Public Facility with Clinic FLUM: A Future Land Use Map change from Institutional General to Commercial Office/Residential on ±2.66 acres. The Martin County Board of County Commissioners requested this change to property that is located east of SE Willoughby Boulevard, north of SE Ruhnk Street, and south of the Martin County Public Safety Complex.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. The meetings will be held in the Commission Chambers on the first floor of the Martin County Administrative Center, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996. Written comments may be mailed to: Paul Schilling, Director, Martin County Growth Management Department, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996. For further information, including copies of the original application or agenda items, contact Jenna Knobbe, Senior Planner, Growth Management Department, at (772) 288-5495.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF FORT PIERCE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Sections 963.3074(6)(a) and 963.3184(A), F.S., the Planning Board, as the Local Planning Agency, of the City of Fort Pierce will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 19th, 2026, at 2:00 P.M., in the City Hall Commission Chambers, 100 N. U.S. 1, Fort Pierce, Florida.

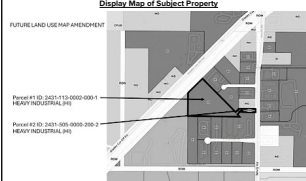
In respect of: AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF TWO (2) PARCELS CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 10.8 ACRES, GENERALLY LOCATED AT OR NEAR 3725 ROAD AND 614505 (1) OFF ROAD AND SHOWING EXHIBIT A: FROM ST LUCIE COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (HI); PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The legal description of the parcels is as follows: PARCEL 1(D): (P3) 2431-113-0002-000-1; (2) 2431-505-0000-200-2

Parcel #1: Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County, Florida; thence run N 89°59'28" W, along the North line of said Section 31, a distance of 30 feet, to the Westerly right-of-way line of Selwitz ranch; thence run S 0°02'51" W, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 30.55 feet; thence run S 0°12'32" W, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 37.79 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave to the Southeast having a radius of 859.88 feet, a central angle of 0°09'41" and a chord distance of 244.80 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve and right-of-way line, a distance of 244.96 feet, to the point of tangency of the said curve; thence run S 0°02'51" W, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 1077.38 feet; thence run N 45°17'15" W, a distance of 420.87 feet, to the Point of Beginning; thence run S 88°58'31" W, a distance of 1002.01 feet; thence run N 00°00'55" W, a distance of 464.12 feet, to the Easterly right-of-way line of the Florida East Coast railroad; thence run N 84°48'16" E, along the said Easterly right-of-way line, a distance of 383.00 feet; thence run S 45°16'05" W, a distance of 1645.80 feet, to the Point of Beginning. All lying and being in Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County, Florida (10.00 AC).

Parcel #2: Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County, Florida; thence run N 89°59'28" W, along the North line of said Section 31, a distance of 30 feet, to the Westerly right-of-way line of Selwitz ranch; thence run S 0°02'51" W, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 30.55 feet; thence run S 0°12'32" W, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 37.79 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave to the Southeast having a radius of 859.88 feet, a central angle of 0°09'41" and a chord distance of 244.80 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve and right-of-way line, a distance of 244.96 feet, to the point of tangency of the said curve; thence run S 0°02'51" W, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 572.38 feet, to the Point of Beginning; thence continue S 0°02'51" W, a distance of 60.00 feet; thence run N 89°57'09" W, a distance of 294.95 feet; thence run S 44°43'55" W, a distance of 166.32 feet; thence run N 42°16'00" W, a distance of 60.00 feet; thence run N 44°13'55" E, a distance of 31.31 feet; thence run S 89°57'09" E, a distance of 320.00 feet, to the Point of Beginning. All lying and being in Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County, Florida.

Said Parcel #2 also being described as Tract "R", as shown on the plat of FORT PIERCE BUSINESS PARK, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 27, Page 6, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida (0.53 AC).



Interested parties may appear at the Local Planning Agency meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed amendment. A copy of the proposed amendment will be made available for inspection by the public at the City of Fort Pierce Planning Department, City Hall, 100 North US Highway 1.

Any person seeking to appeal the decision of the Local Planning Agency of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, in that the foregoing is advised that a recording is required in any such appeal, and any such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (772) 467-3065 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Dated the 17th day of May 2026.

Anton Kreml, Chairman Local Planning Agency City of Fort Pierce, Florida

Zev Freeman, Planning Director