



# LauderBriefs

## Updates from City Commission Meetings

In case you missed it, following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. To view the video of the Commission meetings, visit [bit.ly/2mgrQNI](https://bit.ly/2mgrQNI).

### CONFERENCE MEETING

#### Advance Fort Lauderdale Moves Forward

A draft of Advance Fort Lauderdale, the City's updated Comprehensive Plan, was presented to the City Commission by staff from the Urban Design and Planning Division of the City's Department of Sustainable Development. The Plan covers topics including neighborhood enhancement, infrastructure, business development, public places, transportation, public safety, and internal support. The document provides the City with long-term direction through goal statements as well as short-term objectives and policies to guide implementation efforts. Learn more at [advancefortlauderdale.com](https://advancefortlauderdale.com). For more details, visit [bit.ly/36fgZEH](https://bit.ly/36fgZEH).

#### Commission Reviews Updated Tunnel Top Plaza Plans

City staff presented revised plans for Tunnel Top Plaza, located at Las Olas Boulevard and the Henry Kinney Tunnel. The updated plans feature a larger extension and pedestrian connections between the new park and Laura Ward Plaza. The latest cost estimate is \$10.65 million, which includes a proposed \$5 million allocation from the Parks Bond. The next steps in the process for the signature downtown park include finalizing the scope of work with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and beginning the engineering design phase. For more details, visit [bit.ly/2RFyXLc](https://bit.ly/2RFyXLc).

#### FXE Master Plan Takes Flight

An updated Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) Master Plan was presented to the City Commission outlining a vision for the provision of future facilities and infrastructure such as improvements to runways and realignment and relocation of taxiways to accommodate the forecasted demand through the year 2037. The goal of the master planning process is to identify the best options available for meeting the future development needs at FXE while balancing the needs of airport stakeholders along with those of the aviation, business, and residential communities. For more details, visit [bit.ly/30Sik3n](https://bit.ly/30Sik3n).

### CRA BOARD MEETING

#### City Commission Approves Loans for West Village

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved \$12 million in development incentive loans for West Village, a mixed-use complex featuring residential, commercial, and retail units along with a six-story, 498-space parking structure to be located at 501 NW 7 Avenue in the City's Northwest CRA. The developer estimates that construction will begin later this year and be completed in late 2024. For more details, visit [bit.ly/2RfrVxN](https://bit.ly/2RfrVxN).

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **Amendment to Joint Government Center Campus ILA Approved**

The City Commission approved an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Broward County to streamline procurement procedures related to the proposed Joint Government Center Campus. The amendment expands the scope of the Unified Direct Procurement Authority (UDPA) to consider all procurement matters related to the proposed project, including but not limited to, those related to design, construction, and review of proposals received from third parties, including solicited and unsolicited proposals. For more details, visit [bit.ly/2uqBRLN](http://bit.ly/2uqBRLN).

### **Pride of Americas 2020 Coming to Fort Lauderdale in April**

The City Commission unanimously approved the event application for the Pride of the Americas Parade & Festival on April 21-26, 2020. Fort Lauderdale is proud to be the host destination for this historic and transformational LGBT+ event. Pride of the Americas Parade & Festival will bring two continents, 35 countries, and an estimated 30,000 attendees together for six days of exciting events and activities beginning with opening ceremonies on Tuesday, April 21 in downtown and culminating with an epic beach festival and fireworks display on Sunday, April 26. To learn more about the event, visit [sunny.org/prideamericas](http://sunny.org/prideamericas). For more details, visit [bit.ly/2RDxyEZ](http://bit.ly/2RDxyEZ).

### **Super Bowl LIV Celebration at Las Olas Oceanside Park**

The City Commission unanimously approved an event agreement for Super Bowl Weekend at Las Olas Oceanside Park. Fort Lauderdale Beach's favorite concert series, Friday Night Sound Waves and new Saturday Farmers, Antiques and Artisan Market, will super-size their regular weekend activities for a two-day celebration over The Big Game weekend on January 31 and February 1. "Raised in the 954" will feature family-friendly programming to highlight the local community through food, art, fitness and live music experiences, while also emphasizing our community's strong ties to professional football. It is the only free to the public event sanctioned by the Miami Super Bowl Host Committee in Fort Lauderdale. To learn more about the event, visit [bit.ly/2RgAmsG](http://bit.ly/2RgAmsG). For more details, visit [bit.ly/2utSbLN](http://bit.ly/2utSbLN).

### **Commission Approves Amendments to the Beach Community Redevelopment Plan**

The City Commission approved an amendment to the Beach Area Redevelopment Plan that incorporates the terms of the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Broward County to extend the term of the Beach Area of the CRA for up to three (3) years on a non-Tax Increment Finance (TIF) basis. The extension will allow for the completion of the State Road A1A Streetscape Project and the renovation of the Fort Lauderdale Aquatics Center. The Broward County Commission approved the same ILA at their December 10, 2019 meeting. For more details, visit [bit.ly/30PgCPX](http://bit.ly/30PgCPX).

### **Commission Adopts Amendments to Comprehensive Plan**

The City Commission passed an ordinance to update the Comprehensive Plan by amending the Future Land Use Element and Infrastructure Element and revising the goals, objectives, and policies related to the City's Water Supply Facilities Work Plan, General Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Drainage, Potable Water, and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Element. The City will now transmit the proposed amendments to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and other reviewing agencies. For more details, visit [bit.ly/36oHUhe](http://bit.ly/36oHUhe).