



LauderBriefs

Updates from City Commission Meetings

The City of Fort Lauderdale is hosting Commission Meetings in both a virtual and in-person format. Any member of the public that is interested in speaking before the Commission virtually is required to complete the virtual speaker card. Any member of the public that is interested in speaking before the Commission in-person may sign up to speak at the meeting or by using the virtual speaker card. Due to COVID-19 distance requirements, there is very limited seating available at City Hall; therefore, we encourage members of the public to participate virtually when possible.

The public can listen to and view Commission meetings on [FLTV](#), [YouTube](#), Zoom, Comcast Channel 78, and AT&T U-verse Channel 99. To learn more about City Commission meetings, including how to view agendas and sign up to speak, visit fortlauderdale.gov/vcmeetings.

In case you missed them, following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. The videos are available at youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale and the vote summary will be available later this week at bit.ly/ftlccagendas.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

Las Olas Marina Project Update

The Director of the City's Transportation and Mobility Department provided an update to the City Commission on the Las Olas Marina Project. Discussion topics included the status of approval by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the addition of a dedicated right turn lane at Birch Road and Las Olas Circle, a fourth amendment to the ground lease with Suntex Marinas, and the agreement between Suntex Marinas and the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. Construction is expected to begin this spring, starting with utility and lift station work. Additional information about the project will be available at lasolasmarina.com as well as on the City's website and social media channels. For details, visit, bit.ly/35gzl58.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Commission Approves Event Agreement for the 33rd Annual Las Olas Art Fair

Following a discussion on the importance of adherence to COVID-19 safety precautions, the City Commission approved an event agreement and request for road closures with Las Olas Association, Inc. for the 33rd Annual Las Olas Art Fair. The event, which is scheduled to take place along Las Olas Boulevard between SE 6th Avenue and SE 11th Avenue on Saturday,

January 9 and Sunday, January 10, has been approved by Broward County and meets the guidelines outlined in Broward County Ordinance 20-23. For details, visit bit.ly/38j1YHr.

City Commission Approves 2019 Walk of Fame Inductees

The City Commission accepted the unanimous recommendations from the Walk of Fame Committee for the 2019 Inductees into the City of Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame: Walter L. Banks; Levi Henry, Jr.; The Perry Family; and Stanford K. “Stan” Smoker. Established in 2010, the Walk of Fame is located along the east side of A1A north of Las Olas Boulevard. It is expected to be relocated in the future as it conflicts with upcoming streetscape improvements in that area. For details, visit bit.ly/38jsAXD.

City Commission Adopts 2021 State Legislative Priorities

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving the City of Fort Lauderdale’s 2021 State Legislative Priorities. The City’s Government & External Affairs Manager along with the three contract lobbyists (Ericks Consultants, Inc.; Ronald L. Book, PA.; and The August Company, LLC.) will advocate and lobby the City’s interests during the upcoming legislative session. Priorities for 2021 will focus on improving water quality and resiliency, enhancing infrastructure, public safety initiatives, promoting economic development, and improving quality of life. For details, visit bit.ly/39ajRWG.

FDOT Agreement for Sidewalk Cafes Along A1A Extended

The City Commission approved an amendment to the lease agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding right-of-way easements along A1A from SE 5th Street to Sunrise Boulevard for the purposes of sidewalk cafes, extending the lease until February 7, 2030. Staff will continue to take into consideration the needs of pedestrians by providing for a minimum sidewalk width that allows for such amenities as bike parking and bus stops. For details, visit bit.ly/2JOnLMq.

Agreements Approved for Traffic and Transportation Engineering and Planning Services

The City Commission approved five two-year agreements with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; Kittelson & Associates, Inc.; Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc.; The Corradino Group, Inc.; and Marlin Engineering, Inc. for traffic and transportation engineering and planning services. The agreements total \$5.1 million and will allow the City to issue task orders to the approved firms in order to expedite the delivery of projects to improve transportation options and reduce congestion in the City and further establish Fort Lauderdale as a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community. For details, visit bit.ly/3pUh36V.

City Commission Approves CMAR Firm for New Police Headquarters

Moss & Associates, LLC has been selected as the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) firm tasked with providing pre-construction services during the development of the detail design of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department’s new headquarters in the not-to-exceed amount of \$205,408. The scope of services includes constructability reviews of the design documents, construction scheduling and phasing, and sustainable strategies recommendations. For details, visit bit.ly/3hOvhU5.

City Commission Approves Purchase of Parking Meter Technology

The City Commission approved a \$2,596,940 four-year agreement with IPS Group, Inc. for the purchase of parking meter technology, maintenance, and support. City staff anticipates purchasing over 300 single-space meters and 75 multi-space meters during the contract period to replace existing devices and ensure continual operation while providing the City's neighbors and visitors with improved technology, ease of use, and data security. This contract does not affect the PayByPhone platform that is used to initiate parking sessions from mobile devices and enable the City's resident parking rate. For details, visit bit.ly/2JNR7KP.

LauderTrail Initiative Moves One Step Closer

The City Commission approved the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board's recommendation to allocate Parks General Obligation Bond dollars to the LauderTrail/ Linear Trail Project. Once completed, LauderTrail will be a continuous network with over seven miles of connected urban trail facilities providing access to several neighborhoods, parks, schools, entertainment districts, government services, higher education centers, and cultural centers. The City Commission also approved a budget amendment transferring \$5 million from the Parks and Recreation General Obligation Bond Funds to the LauderTrail project account. Initial activities are expected to cost \$300,000 and include a feasibility study, a master plan, and a look at other similar trail systems. For details, visit bit.ly/3ojSFv3 and bit.ly/2Xt7Tct.

Landlord Registration Program Ordinance Approved on First Reading

The City Commission approved an ordinance on first reading amending Chapter 9 of the City's Code of Ordinances to create Article XI - Landlord Registration Program. The ordinance includes the creation of a database of landlord contact information, including phone numbers and email addresses, to be used for public safety purposes and response efficiency for service calls at registered rental properties. This tool can also be used by Community Enhancement and Compliance officers to alert landlords of code enforcement violations for prompt resolution. For details, visit bit.ly/3rURwwt.

More Information

For more information on items on the January 5, 2021 Commission Meeting agendas, visit the City website at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Next City Commission Meetings on January 21, 2021

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