# 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 signup 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 <u>FLTV</u>, <u>YouTube</u>, 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 <u>fortlauderdale.gov/vcmeetings</u>.

In case you missed them, the following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Thursday, January 21, 2021. The videos are available at <u>youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale</u> and the vote summary will be available within the next week at <u>bit.ly/ftlccagendas</u>.

#### **CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING**

#### **City Holidays**

The City Manager provided an update to the City Commission on the request to recognize additional City Holidays. The estimated financial impact is \$1.2 million per holiday added. The Commission agreed to recognize Presidents Day as an official City Holiday. For details, visit, <u>bit.ly/3c1yor8</u>.

#### **Leaf Blower Ordinance**

The City Commission asked the City Manager to facilitate forming a group for public input. For details, visit, <u>bit.ly/2Y4sP2G</u>.

#### **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

#### City Commission Adopts Special Obligation Bonds for Utility Undergrounding Project

The City Commission adopted a resolution declaring the official intent of the City of Fort Lauderdale to issue special obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$9,000,000 for undergrounding of overhead utilities within the Las Olas Isles neighborhood. For details, visit, <u>bit.ly/3bZbpN4</u>.

#### City Commission Approves Three-Year Contract for Medical Director Services

The City Commission approved a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a three-year contract for Medical Director Services for the Fire Rescue Department. Jim Roach, D.O., P.A.

was awarded the \$210,000 contract for Medical Director Services and will supervise and assume direct responsibility for the medical performance of the emergency medical technicians and paramedics operating for the City of Fort Lauderdale's emergency medical services system. For details, visit <u>bit.ly/2LSyOoV</u>.

#### City Commission Accepts Unsolicited Proposal for the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex

The City Commission accepts a resolution with notice of intent to enter into a Comprehensive Agreement to redevelop the East and West buildings of the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex once the project qualifies. A 21-day notice of intent was agreed upon to accept additional unsolicited proposals. For details, visit <u>bit.ly/39XHQsV</u>.

#### **City Commission Moves to Extend City Manager Contract**

Following a brief discussion on the City Manager's accomplishments throughout the year, the City Commission approved to extend the City Manager's contract for another year. The decision was unanimous and determined by the way he successfully managed a turbulent year. Monthly progress updates provided through LauderTrac newsletters and Quarterly Reports show the manager's progress in advancing the City Commission's strategies and vision. For details, visit <u>bit.ly/3ql4yf4</u>.

#### **Ordinance Amending Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR)**

The City Commission approved an ordinance to amend the City's ULDR, Section 47-14, General Aviation Districts to Adopt Airport and Heliport/Helistop Zoning Regulations. The modified amendment will add regulations for nonconforming obstructions located within the Airport Hazard Areas, General Aviation Airport District, or Airport Industrial Park District. For details, visit <u>bit.ly/3qlr3AF</u>.

### Landlord Registration Program Ordinance Approved on Second Reading

The City Commission approved an ordinance on the second 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 <u>bit.ly/3qzrrS2</u>.

#### **More Information**

For more information on items on the January 21, 2021 Commission Meeting agendas, visit the City website at <u>fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar</u>.

#### Next City Commission Meetings on February 2, 2021

The next City Commission meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, February 2. The public can listen to and view the meetings on <u>FLTV</u>, <u>YouTube</u>, 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 <u>fortlauderdale.gov/vcmeetings</u>.