



# 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](http://fortlauderdale.gov/vcmeetings).*

In case you missed them, the following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. The videos are available at [youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale](https://youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale) and the vote summary will be available later this week at [bit.ly/ftlccagendas](http://bit.ly/ftlccagendas).

### **CITY COMMISSION JOINT WORKSHOP**

#### **Budget Advisory Board Business Update**

The City Commission and Budget Advisory Board (BAB) held a joint workshop to discuss the BAB's Work Plan for FY 2021, budget development for FY 2022 and provided information on the new selection process in place for nonprofit organization funding for FY 2022. In addition, the City Commission asked the City Manager to research the cost to fund a study to improve the condition of the City's waterways. For details, visit [bit.ly/3dZzDYz](http://bit.ly/3dZzDYz).

### **CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING**

#### **Downtown Master Plan Update**

The City Commission requested staff to initiate an effort to address codification of the Downtown Master Plan (DMP). Amendments to address key DMP design standards to incorporate in the City's Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) were made to promote positive redevelopment. Staff from the City of Fort Lauderdale's Sustainable Development Department and Hanqing Wu, a Microclimate Specialist from RWDI, presented the DMP Follow-Up Analysis Report to the City Commission. This report provided an analysis and recommendations for the residential parking requirement, transition zone measurements, building tower separation and wind study effects. For details, visit [bit.ly/3kAhnXa](http://bit.ly/3kAhnXa).

#### **Las Olas Marina Update**

Staff from the City of Fort Lauderdale's Transportation and Mobility Department and Suntex provided an update to the City Commission on the Las Olas Marina and the pre-development efforts made toward the project. Staff from the City's Office of Management and Budget

provided a financial analysis on current operations, comparative assumptions and future projections for the Las Olas Marina. For details, visit [bit.ly/2OkqxL6](https://bit.ly/2OkqxL6).

## **COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING**

### **CRA Board Approves Funding for \$300,000 Pilot Program in NPF-CRA Area**

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved \$300,000 in funding for the continuation and expansion of the Pilot Program in collaboration with Rebuilding Together Broward County, Inc. The program aims to improve the lives and living conditions of low-income homeowners through home repairs and improvements. Properties in the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Redevelopment Area eligible under the program include single-family, owner-occupied residential homes or family-owned rentals (i.e. the owner of the property has entered into a long-term arrangement with a family member at below market rental rates). For details, visit [bit.ly/385fyfH](https://bit.ly/385fyfH).

## **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

### **City Receives Grant from the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program for Hortt Park Playground**

The City Commission approved the acceptance of a \$50,000 grant from the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program. The grant will help fund a new playground at Hortt Park, located in the Shady Banks neighborhood. The construction of the Hortt Park playground will benefit the community significantly by providing opportunities for public outdoor recreational activities to our City's neighbors. For details, visit [bit.ly/3q8bfGF](https://bit.ly/3q8bfGF).

### **City Commission Adopts Resolution to Name SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue as "Coach Skinner Avenue"**

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving SW Riverside Drive and SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue to be named "Coach Skinner Avenue" between SW 5<sup>th</sup> Place and SW 9<sup>th</sup> Street. The Riverside Homeowners' Association supported the request for the City to honor the late Stranahan High School Coach Keith "Doc" Skinner. For details, visit [bit.ly/3ro39uQ](https://bit.ly/3ro39uQ).

### **City Commission Approves Agreement with Riverwalk Trolley**

The City Commission approved a three-year agreement for an estimated amount of \$735,000 for the operation and maintenance of the Riverwalk Trolley. The City terminated its agreement with the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association in November 2019. As a result, the City entered into a new agreement with Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale to continue trolley services on the water. For details, visit [bit.ly/3uQdlhW](https://bit.ly/3uQdlhW).

### **City Commission Approves Purchase of Land**

The City Commission approved the purchase and sale agreement for real property located on NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street under the Parks Bond for \$135,000. Input was sought from the Durrs Homeowners Association and community stakeholders to identify the vacant lot. The site sits adjacent to Lincoln Park and is approximately 6,786 square feet with access via NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street

and NW 6<sup>th</sup> Court. The property is zoned as NWRAC-MUw, Northwest Regional Activity Center – Mixed Use. For details, visit [bit.ly/3sJdWAm](https://bit.ly/3sJdWAm).

### **City Commission Approves Noise Ordinance Amendment Relating to Construction of Large or Complex Projects**

The City Commission approved an ordinance on second reading amending Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale. This amendment will permit the City Commission to extend construction hours at the site of large or complex projects at their discretion, should they determine it is in the best interest of public health, safety or convenience. For details, visit [bit.ly/3q8rcwr](https://bit.ly/3q8rcwr).

### **City Commission Approves Ordinance Amending the Unified Land Development Regulations - General Aviation Districts**

The City Commission approved an ordinance on second reading 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 and Airport Industrial Park District. For details, visit [bit.ly/3bQTIDg](https://bit.ly/3bQTIDg).

### **More Information**

For more information on items on the March 2, 2021 Commission Meeting agendas, visit the City website at [fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar](https://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar).