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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, the following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Tuesday, March 16, 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

Bahia Mar Discussion

The City Attorney, City Manager, and representatives of Rahn Bahia Mar, LLC provided the Fort Lauderdale City Commission with an update concerning the proposed lease agreement for the Bahia Mar property on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Several members of the community joined the meeting virtually and in person and were given the opportunity to provide input to the Commission on what they would like to see for the future Bahia Mar site. For details, visit bit.ly/3rU65zZ.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING

Board of Commissioners Accepts CRA Annual Report and Audit Report

The Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners accepted the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report and Audit Report of the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). In addition, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Executive Director to convey the Annual Report to the local taxing authorities. The Annual Report represents the CRA's ongoing commitment to positive redevelopment in the City and reflects the progress made in the Central Beach, Northwest-Progresso Flagler Heights, and the Central City CRA areas. For details, visit bit.ly/38MM8TT.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Fort Lauderdale Black Police Officers Association Receives Donation from City

The City Commission approved the donation of a 2002 Ford E350 Econoline passenger van to the Fort Lauderdale Black Police Officers Association (FLBPOA). The FLBPOA is a non-profit, community-based organization comprised of sworn officers that is committed to justice, fairness, and effective law enforcement in the City. The passenger van will support the organization's educational and mentoring program and will be used to transport Fort Lauderdale adolescents on enrichment tours to colleges, libraries, museums, etc. For details, visit bit.ly/3qYB38C.

City Terminates Agreement with Continental Construction, LLC

The City Commission voted to terminate the agreement with Continental Construction USA, LLC for the Downtown Mobility Hub Streetscape Improvements Project. City staff from the Transportation and Mobility Department and the Finance Department provided an update to the City Commission with their recommendations for terminating the agreement. Staff cited a lack of productivity and failure to meet the required deadlines for the project. For details, visit bit.ly/3cAB1i6.

Commission Appoints Commissioner Moraitis to Florida League of Cities' Board of Directors

The City Commission voted to appoint District 1 Commissioner Heather Moraitis to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale on the Florida League of Cities' Board of Directors for 2021-2022. The City has a seat on the League's Board of Directors as one of the 10 most populous cities in Florida. Commissioner Moraitis will serve a one-year term. For details, visit bit.ly/3trnznn.

City Commission Approves a Joint Participation Agreement for Maintenance of the CSX Railroad Bascule Bridge Relocated to River Oaks Preserve

The City Commission entered into a Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for maintenance services for the historic CSX Railroad Bascule Bridge that FDOT relocated to the River Oaks Preserve Area. The preserve is 9.1 acres of vacant land and is currently under construction to become a recreational park for area residents. FDOT is replacing the historically significant bridge due to the navigational restrictions it poses on the South Fork of the New River. The park will also feature an elevated boardwalk, passive stormwater park featuring freshwater wetlands, native plants, an informational gazebo, and an historic CSX bascule bridge with pedestrian access. For details, visit bit.ly/3bQ7KAN.

City Commission Approves Beach Business Improvement District (BID) Funding

The City Commission voted to approve the 2021 Beach Business Improvement District (BID) funding in the amount of \$200,000. The BID and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau have combined their resources to create a comprehensive promotional campaign to promote tourism on Fort Lauderdale Beach. The promotional campaign will aim to create awareness for the Beach as a destination, emphasizing safety as a top priority. For details, visit bit.ly/3vtMA3r.

City Commission Approves Rezoning Ordinance from Industrial to Commercial Recreation for the Expansion of Xtreme Action Park

The City Commission approved an ordinance on second reading to rezone the property located at 5300 Powerline Road from an Industrial District (I) to a Commercial Recreation District (CR). The rezoning will allow Xtreme Action Park to use existing warehouse buildings for amusement type uses (i.e., laser tag, arcade machines, miniature golf, and a go kart racetrack). This CR zoning is consistent with the Broward County Commerce land use designation and is allowed through the allocation of 16 acres of commercial acreage. For details, visit bit.ly/3cy8WYA.

More Information

For more information on items on the March 16, 2021 Commission Meeting agendas, please visit the City's website at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Next City Commission Meetings on April 9, 2021

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