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Updates from City Commission Meetings

The City of Fort Lauderdale is hosting City Commission meetings in both a virtual and in-person format. Any member of the public that is interested in speaking before the City Commission virtually is required to complete the virtual speaker card. Any member of the public that is interested in speaking before the City 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 City 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, April 6, 2021. The videos are available at youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale and the vote summary will be available later this week at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

Transportation and Mobility Provides Update on Breakers Avenue

The City's Director of Transportation and Mobility provided an update on the vision for Breakers Avenue between Riomar Street and Vistamar Street. The preferred concept features wide sidewalks to enhance pedestrian safety, an increased tree canopy, upgraded utilities, and gathering spaces that establish Breakers Avenue as an event space and signature destination in the North Beach area at an estimated cost of \$9.85 million. The City looks forward to reviewing ways to reduce the cost and also seeking available state or federal funding to advance the project and begin construction later this year. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3fHYIZ4.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Fort Lauderdale Receives FDOT Traffic Safety Grant

The City of Fort Lauderdale has been awarded a \$60,000 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to institute a traffic safety program with the goal of reducing the frequency of incidents involving occupant protection violations. Over the next few months, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department will engage in education and enforcement activities that will focus on improving safety belt and child restraint awareness. For details visit, ftlcity.info/3s2ARG8.

City Commission Approves Plan Review and Inspection Services Agreements

The City Commission approved two-year agreements with C.A.P. Government, Inc. and Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. for plan review and inspection services at an estimated amount of \$6 million. These contract services will supplement the work done by staff at the City's Building Services Division, which is seeing an average increase of 6% per year in permit applications. The Division also expects to be involved in projects with a construction value of more than \$800 million in capital investment this year. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3cW7nW4.

City Commission Approves Design-Build Agreement for Pump Station B-4 Redundant Force Main

The City Commission approved a \$2,628,197 design-build agreement with David Mancini & Sons, Inc. for the Pump Station B-4 Redundant Force Main project. This project will install a new 24-inch force main from Pump Station B-4 in George English Park to the new redundant force main at the intersection of NE 21st Street and Bayview Drive in Coral Ridge. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3wyO7pj.

City Commission Approves Use of CARES Act Funds to Support Fort Lauderdale Students

The City Commission approved the re-appropriation of \$500,000 in CARES Act funding for Public Service Educational Enrichment Services. The funds will be used to strengthen the City's Summer Enrichment Program and Parks & Recreation summer camps to support learning for the City's students whose academic performance has been affected by COVID-19. The City's Education Advisory Board has expressed unanimous support for this proposal and intends to continue collaborating with community partners including Broward County Public Schools and the Children's Services Council of Broward County to guide the development of services that could reach between 300 and 1,000 students. For details, visit ftlcity.info/31RzE9J.

City Commission Approves Parks Bond Funds for Aquatic Center Project

The City Commission approved \$3.5 million in additional funding for the Aquatic Center Project through the Parks and Recreation Bond. The contractor, Hensel Phelps, was originally tasked with designing and constructing improvements at the Aquatic Center Complex including new pools, decks, bleachers, and the north building at the site. The additional funding will be used to replace the south building that houses locker rooms and offices. Overall completion is expected by the end of 2022. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3sWozjJ.

City Commission Approves ULDR Amendments

The City Commission approved an ordinance on second reading to amend the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-24.5, Subdivision Regulations. The purpose of the proposed amendments is to update the City's ULDR to align with Broward County's subdivision and platting requirements and allow for consistency between the City and County platting processes. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3dK2mPm.

Heather Moraitis Designated as Vice Mayor

District 1 Commissioner Heather Moraitis was designated as Vice Mayor. Vice Mayor Moraitis will serve in this role for the next year until the first meeting of the City Commission in April 2022. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3moCWLf.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING

CRA Board Approves Establishment of New Economic Development Corporation Board

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved the charter documents – Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Conflict of Interest Policy, and Gift Acceptance Policy – for the Northwest-Progresso Flagler Heights Area (NWPFH) Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Board. The EDC Board, which is an extension of the CRA, will focus on leveraging federal and other capital resources, including private and philanthropic, to create economic development opportunities throughout the present NWPFH. Following the appointment of board members, a business plan will be presented to the CRA Board of Commissioners outlining the organization’s operations. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3fVneFY.

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS BOARD MEETING

Finance Director Provides Update on Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Accounts

The Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust (OPEB Trust) was established in 2014 to provide benefits to eligible former City employees. The City’s Finance Director provided an update on the status of the OPEB Trust accounts, which earned 8.77% for the current quarter and 12.66% over the past 12 months — both above the 7% assumed rate of return. The difference between these amounts goes toward the plan’s unfunded liability and to pay benefits. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3s4OhS1.

More Information

For more information on items on the April 6, 2021 Commission Meeting agendas, visit the City website at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Next City Commission Meetings on April 20, 2021

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