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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 20, 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

Discussion on Commercial Filming in Fort Lauderdale

The City's nighttime economy manager led a presentation on the City's current process for responding to requests for commercial filming in Fort Lauderdale. These requests are routed to the City through the film office at the Broward County Convention and Visitors Bureau, which also provides information to applicants regarding COVID-19 protocols and regulations that should be observed on-site. The City Commission discussed best practices and improvements to existing guidelines for the film industry including allowable filming hours (8 a.m. to 10 p.m. with the possibility for expanded hours with District Commissioner approval), bullhorn use restrictions, swale parking restrictions, and advanced notification to impacted neighborhoods. The City Commission also agreed to look at ways to expand filming in Fort Lauderdale. For details, visit ftlcity.info/2QjJJKv.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Commission Approves 2021 Walk of Fame Inductees

The City Commission accepted the Walk of Fame Committee's recommendations for the 2021 inductees into the City's Walk of Fame: Sylvia Aldridge, Eugenia Duncan Ellis, Michael E. Hurst, and John D. MacDonald. The induction ceremony for this year's honorees, as well as the honorees selected for 2019, will be at the City's Fourth of July celebration. For details, visit ftlcity.info/2QmHDcT.

City Commission Approves Five-Year Agreement for Tortuga Music Festival

The City Commission approved a five-year agreement, with the option for three additional five-year consecutive renewal terms, with TMF Holdco, LLC for the Tortuga Music Festival. The three-day music event on Fort Lauderdale Beach features performances by country music entertainers and a Conservation Village to educate attendees about preserving the world's oceans. The next Tortuga Music Festival is scheduled to take place November 12-14, 2021. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3ehuslj.

City Commission Approves Agreement for Pump Station D-31 Relocation and Replacement

The City Commission approved a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a development agreement with Las Olas SMI, LLC (Suntex) for the relocation and replacement of pump station D-31 as part of the approved site plan for the new Las Olas Marina located at 240 East Las Olas Circle. City staff has identified this pump station as needing major rehabilitation or replacement and will have Las Olas SMI complete the work as part of their relocation efforts. The City will fund the estimated \$2.5 million cost of the pump station replacement components and Suntex will be responsible for the cost associated with relocating the pump station and underground pipe infrastructure. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3eiqkBl.

City Commission Approves Agreement with FDOT for Taxiway Project at FXE

The City Commission approved a Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and authorized the acceptance of grant funding of up to \$500,000 for the design and construction of the Runway 31 By-Pass Taxiway Project at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) which is expected to improve the overall operational efficiency of the runway. The scope of work includes survey, geotechnical testing and evaluation, design fees, airfield lighting, and new asphalt pavement. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3sCCeeA.

City Commission Approves Purchase of Refuse and Recycling Carts

The City Commission approved a three-year agreement for the purchase of semi-automatic refuse and recycling carts from Schaefer Systems International, Inc. in the estimated amount of \$1,394,642.80. The agreement will allow the City, which manages an inventory of over 111,500 plastic refuse and recycling carts, to purchase carts as needed to replace damaged or aged carts and to place new carts at newly developed properties. The new carts are semi-automated and feature Ultra High Frequency RFID tags and cart inventory tracking services that can be used to determine collection participation rates by route and geographic area. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3dDnlzk.

City Commission Approves Las Olas Marina Lease Agreement Amendment

The City Commission approved the fourth amendment to the ground lease agreement with Las Olas SMI, LLC (Suntex) for the City owned property located at 240 East Las Olas Circle, commonly known as the Las Olas Marina. On July 11, 2017, the City Commission adopted Resolution 17-154 approving the ground lease with Suntex for a 50-year term. With the fourth amendment completed, Suntex will work with the State of Florida for final approvals and anticipates taking occupancy of the site in mid-summer 2021. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3apgMDW. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3apgMDW.

City Commission Approves Project Submissions for Transportation Surtax Funding

The City Commission adopted a resolution supporting the submission of New Municipal Capital Project applications to Broward County through the Transportation Surtax Mobility Advancement Program (MAP). The City previously submitted a list of more than 100 capital projects to the County for consideration of surtax funding in the first application cycle. Out of the initial list of projects, five were awarded for surtax funding in FY21-FY25. The following are a few of the projects that will be submitted as part of the second application cycle: Tunnel Top Pedestrian Plaza, Breakers Avenue Streetscape Project, NE 26th Street Streetscape Project, NE 15th Avenue Streetscape Project, several neighborhood mobility master plans, the installation of new community shuttle bus stops, and the Urban Core Mobility Master Plan. For details, visit ftlcity.info/2RS9xhl.

City Commission Approves Amendment to Code of Ordinances on Cemeteries

The City Commission approved an ordinance on second reading to amend section 10-47 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale entitled “Municipal Cemetery System Funds” to include real property acquisition as an authorized purpose for expenditure of income from the Perpetual Care Trust fund and add language to define the term “corpus”. This amendment was unanimously supported by the Cemetery Board at their January 14, 2021 meeting and will facilitate the expansion of the system as part of the Cemetery Master Plan objectives. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3gq2Ltc.

City Commission Adopts Resolution Urging Florida Legislature to Oppose House Bill 1475 and Senate Bill 2012

The City Commission adopted a resolution urging the Florida Legislature to oppose two bills of the 2021 legislative session that seek to ban transgender students from participating in athletics. To learn more about House Bill 1475 titled Sex-specific Student Athletic Teams or Sports, visit www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=72710. To learn more about Senate Bill 2012 titled Promoting Equality of Athletic Opportunity, visit www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2021/2012.

More Information

For more information on items on the April 20, 2021 Commission Meeting agendas, visit the City website at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Next City Commission Meetings on May 4, 2021

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