



# LauderBriefs

## 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 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.*

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In case you missed them, the following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. The videos are available at [youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale](https://youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale) and the vote summary will be available later this week at [fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar](http://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar).

### **CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING**

#### **Las Olas Improvement Project Update**

The City Auditor provided the City Commission with an update on the Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI) Final Report for the Las Olas Corridor construction projects undertaken by Skanska in the Beach CRA. Due to the lack of final project documentation from Skanska, and open items related to the project within the Beach CRA, CRI was unable to complete their procedures and therefore the City Auditor recommends the audit be closed at this time. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3fuDBrf](http://ftlcity.info/3fuDBrf).

### **COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING**

#### **CRA Board Approves Amended Agreement for the Blue Tree Café**

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved an amendment of the Property and Business Investment Program Agreement for The Blue Tree Café, LLC for a multi-brand virtual kitchen and restaurant proposed at 612 NW 9th Avenue to include cure rights, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the Agreement as amended, subject to the review of the CRA General Counsel. This item was initially approved by the CRA Board on November 17, 2020. The cure rights as requested by the owner are as follows; 1) The CRA will agree not to hold Property Owner in default in the event Blue Tree Café fails or ceases operation, so long as Property Owner is "actively" seeking a successor tenant. Satisfaction of Mortgage to be issued at the end of the term so long as Property Owner is actively seeking a successor. If a successor is found during the unexpired term and the successor tenant signs a lease and signs an assumption of liability in favor of the CRA, then Property Owner would be in compliance. 2) Property Owner will agree to subordinate his Landlord's Lien. 3) The CRA will file a UCC-1 Financing Statement with the Secretary of State. 4) If default by Blue Tree Cafe, the CRA, at its election, can seek to recover possession of assets funded by the CRA. 5) During recovery of property, the CRA will compensate Property Owner for any damage caused by the CRA during the course of recovery. The CRA will not seek to recover any assets which are permanently affixed to the building. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3tZQT11](http://ftlcity.info/3tZQT11).

### **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

#### **City Commission Approves 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brazilian Festival**

The City Commission approved an event agreement and request for extended hours of music for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brazilian Festival on Fort Lauderdale Beach. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 18 – Sunday, September 19 at Fort Lauderdale Beach Park. The event agreement allows for extended hours of music until 11 p.m. on both days. No requests for road closures have been made. For details, visit, [ftlcity.info/2RseoG5](http://ftlcity.info/2RseoG5).

### **City Commission Approves Muhammed Ali Tribute and MASS District Events**

The City Commission approved event agreements for the Muhammed Ali Tribute scheduled for Saturday, June 6 at Esplanade Park, and various Mass District Events to be held each Friday, Saturday and Sunday from May 18, 2021 through August 17, 2021 in the Mass District between NE 5<sup>th</sup> Terrace and 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Street, between NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Street, and between NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave between Flagler Drive-7<sup>th</sup> Street. Both event agreements allow for amplified music and road closures. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3yqjuDi](http://ftlcity.info/3yqjuDi).

### **City Commission Approves Five Year Parking Space Use Agreement**

The City Commission Approves a five year agreement with the Shipyard LLC for 12 parking spaces in the northwest corner of Cox's Landing Boat Launch located at 1784 S.E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Lauderdale Marina serves as one of the major fueling docks on the Intracoastal Waterway and has been managed by the Shipyard, LLC since 1948. The parking space use agreement will have the same business terms as the previous agreement and the Shipyard shall pay \$50.00 plus tax, per month, per space for utilizing 12 spaces at Cox's Landing. The agreement hours are as follows, Mondays - Thursdays 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Fridays 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., excluding holidays. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/2S7n3Og](http://ftlcity.info/2S7n3Og).

### **City Commission Adopts a Resolution of New Community Shuttle Routes**

The City Commission adopted a resolution to support the proposal for funding new Community Shuttle routes and other service changes. In response to Broward County Transit's invitation to apply for the Community Shuttle Program (CSP) funding program, the City submitted a proposal for new and improved routes throughout the City for funding consideration. The requests are as follows; Galt Mile Link Route (reinstate route), Airport Link Route (reinstate route), Midtown Link Route (new service), Sunrise North Link (new service), Midtown Hopper (new service), Beach Link (increase service levels), Las Olas (increase service levels), Downtown and Neighborhood Link (increase service levels). This is the first step in the process and if funding is granted, there will be public outreach efforts to finalize the route and service details. The community shuttle routes serve as a first—last mile option to feed into Broward County Transit, Tri-Rail, Brightline and other inter-city transportation services. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3orEXqQ](http://ftlcity.info/3orEXqQ).

### **City Commission Approves the Sailboat Bend Historic District Architectural Resource Survey Update Report**

The City Commission adopted a resolution supporting staff's recommendation to approve the Sailboat Bend Historic District (SBHD) Architectural Resource Survey Update Report and assigning "Contributing" or Non-Contributing" status to all properties within Sailboat Bend. In response to a City Commission request in July 2018, staff outlined a three-phase approach to amend the historic preservation ordinance and identify potential incentives to enhance preservation efforts. As part of phase three, an updated Architectural Resource Survey of the SBHD was conducted by subject matter experts who meet the Secretary of the Interior's qualifications for professionals in historic preservation. As part of the updated survey, a total of 458 properties were surveyed with 175 identified as contributing, 275 as non-contributing, 35 as either vacant lots or parking lots and 16 identified as park parcels. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3wfBBKd](http://ftlcity.info/3wfBBKd).

### **City Commission Approves Ordinance Amending the ULDR for the Uptown Project Area**

The City Commission approved an ordinance on second reading amending the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) for the Uptown Project Area. On November 5, 2019, the City Commission adopted the Uptown Master Plan (UMP) and associated ULDR amendments. The adopted amendments included the creation of new zoning districts for the Uptown Project Area in order to implement the vision and goals of the UMP. The plan includes a framework of steps to implement the vision for the Uptown area, including the regulatory structure and process for development approval, potential incentives for redevelopment, available public investment programs and implementation techniques. The UMP also identifies the need for future plans to address transit connectivity, land use changes and long term planning concepts. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3fx7bwi](http://ftlcity.info/3fx7bwi).

### **City Commission Approves Rezoning of 0.18 Acres of Commercial Property**

The City Commission approved an ordinance on second reading rezoning 0.18 acres of land generally located north of East Las Olas Boulevard. The applicant, LLC & Mustang Properties, Inc., proposed to redevelop several parcels of land located at 1007 East Las Olas Boulevard to construct a 138 room hotel with 5,698 square feet of ground level retail space and underground parking. The site currently contains an existing one story retail building and surface parking. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3hCszTQ](http://ftlcity.info/3hCszTQ).

For more information on items on the May 18, 2021 Commission Meeting agendas, please visit the City's website at [fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar](http://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar).

### **Next City Commission Meetings on June 1, 2021**

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