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Updates from City Commission Meetings

The City of Fort Lauderdale is hosting City Commission meetings in-person at City Hall located at 100 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. If any person wishes to address the City Commission, the person shall sign up using the online Speaker Card prior to the meeting or sign up in the City Hall lobby using the City Clerk's iPad. The online Speaker Card can be accessed at fortlauderdale.gov/citycommissionmeetings.

The public can listen to and view City Commission meetings on [FLTV](#), [YouTube](#), 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/citycommissionmeetings.

In case you missed them, following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Tuesday, June 15, 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 JOINT WORKSHOP WITH BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD

City Commission Discusses FY 2022 Budget

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom and Budget Advisory Board Chair Brian Donaldson presented an update on the City's budget for fiscal year (FY) 2022. The workshop also featured a presentation by representatives from Stantec Consulting Services Inc. who partner with staff to develop a 10-year forecast to anticipate future conditions in each of the City's major funds. The preliminary FY 2022 budget includes over \$19 million in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan that will allow the City to advance capital improvement projects such as the repair and replacement of seawalls, bridges, roadways, and sidewalks; the replacement of Fire Rescue Station 13 in Birch State Park; and beach nourishment. The Budget Advisory Board expressed unanimous support for the City Manager's proposal to maintain the millage rate at 4.1193 for FY 2022. The City Commission is scheduled to set the ad valorem and non-ad valorem rates to be included on the TRIM Notice at their regularly scheduled Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 6 at 6 p.m. The next workshop between the City Commission and the Budget Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3iJk49S.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

City Commission Discusses Diversity Recruitment Hiring for Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue

The City of Fort Lauderdale entered into a consent decree with the United States Department of Justice in 1980 to increase the diversity in the recruitment of black and female police officers and firefighters. Since then, the City has made significant efforts to recruit and hire individuals that represent the diverse community that we serve and portions of the decree related to the recruitment of black and female police officers and female firefighters have been dissolved. As

the City looks ahead to the dissolution of the decree as it relates to black firefighters, Assistant City Manager and Human Resources Director Tarlesha Smith presented proposed strategies to attract a broad range of candidates to the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department including revising requirements for hiring eligibility, investing in a community-engaged recruitment team, and expanding the current Explorer program to encourage youth interest in firefighting as a career. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3wyaCKK.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) BOARD MEETING

CRA Board Approves Land Donation and Award of Scattered Site Infill Housing Development Project

Following a public hearing, the City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved the donation of land and the award of the Scattered Site Infill Housing Development Project to WWA Development LLC, Fort Lauderdale Community Development Corporation, Ges Mac Development Inc, Lemon City Development LLC, and Oasis of Hope Community Development Corporation Inc. The companies will build single-family homes on 43 vacant CRA-owned properties with certain standard design features including energy-efficient appliances and impact windows and doors. Cost savings from the land donation are expected to be passed on to homebuyers. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3vo4xiB.

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS BOARD (OPEB) MEETING

OPEB Trust Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending March 31, 2021

The City's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust was established to provide benefits to eligible former City employees and operates in a manner similar to a pension plan whereby the City makes annual contributions to the OPEB Trust and the City's contributions together with interest earnings fund future OPEB benefits. The OPEB Trust returned 2.29% in the 1st quarter of 2021, outperforming its policy benchmark return of 1.99% by 0.30%. The City's OPEB Post Retirement Pay Steps Plan returned 2.11% in the 1st quarter of 2021, outperforming its policy benchmark return of 1.99% by 0.12%. For details, visit ftlcity.info/2SBbRtL.

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP - LAS OLAS BOULEVARD VISION PLAN

City Commission Discusses Las Olas Boulevard Vision Plan

As a follow-up to the June 1 regular City Commission meeting where the Commission heard extensive public feedback regarding the Las Olas Boulevard vision plan, the City Commission reviewed an updated plan that incorporated their feedback. The original plan was split into two corridor plans: a western corridor consisting of the area between Andrews Avenue and SE 12 Avenue and an eastern corridor consisting of the area between SE 12 Avenue and A1A. These two plans included the modifications that were requested at the June 1 meeting. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3gHKITA.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Commission Approves Purchase and Installation of Sports Lighting

The City Commission approved an agreement with Musco Sports Lighting, LLC in the estimated amount of \$4,124,495 for the purchase and installation of sports lighting for the athletic fields at eight City parks: Bayview, Croissant, Floranada, Florence C. Hardy, Holiday, Mills Pond, Osswald, and Sunset. The upgraded LED lighting will result in an up to 60% decrease in electricity usage, increased lighting levels and safety, and reduced maintenance costs. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3pVUxMe.

City Commission Approves Agreement for Owner's Representative Services for the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant Replacement

The City Commission approved a \$2.5 million agreement with Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. for Owner's Representative Services for the Replacement of the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant. This amount is to be awarded to the consultant in phases following the task order approval process. The first phase of the work includes validating the recommended treatment methods for the proposed water treatment plant and assisting the City in the selection of the project delivery method. For details, visit ftlcity.info/2Tu9eKl.

City Commission Approves Rubin Stacy Memorial Boulevard as Secondary Name for Segment of Davie Boulevard

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving Rubin Stacy Memorial Boulevard as a secondary name for Davie Boulevard between I-95 and US-441. In 1935, Mr. Stacy, a black man who was about 29 years old, was lynched in Fort Lauderdale without the opportunity to have legal counsel or a trial after being accused of threatening the life of a white woman. The City of Fort Lauderdale seeks to memorialize this injustice and bring awareness to the negative impacts of systemic racism on our society. City staff and Broward County staff have developed a signage plan that includes modifying or replacing approximately 60 signs. The estimated timeline for installation is 12-16 weeks. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3gCvolx.

City Commission Accepts Las Olas Vision Plan

The City Commission accepted the Las Olas Vision Plan and expressed support for improving each of the five distinct character areas along the corridor: Downtown, the Shops, Colee Hammock, the Isles, and the Beach. Looking ahead, efforts will focus on additional traffic studies, financial methodology studies, design, and engineering with an emphasis on integrating infrastructure improvements. For details on the western corridor from Andrews Avenue to SE 12 Avenue, visit ftlcity.info/3iM4Y3A. For details on the eastern corridor from SE 12 Avenue to A1A, visit ftlcity.info/3cKEawu.

City Commission Adopts Ordinance Establishing Special Event Parking Rate

The City Commission approved an ordinance on first reading amending Section 26-161 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale to establish a cost for event organizers to utilize public parking areas before, during, and after special events in a way that makes them unavailable to the public. The amendment goes into effect August 1, 2021. It establishes the

definition of a special event and creates a fixed maximum daily rate of \$30. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3gFsKeG.

More Information

For more information on items on the June 15, 2021 Commission Meeting agendas, visit the City website at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Next City Commission Meetings on July 6, 2021

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