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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, July 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 JOINT WORKSHOP – BAHIA MAR

City Commission Discusses Bahia Mar

As a follow-up to the City Commission Workshop held in March 2021, the leaseholders of the Bahia Mar property shared an updated plan to redevelop the site that includes residences, green open space, a multi-purpose promenade, and a world-class resort and marina. The City Commission's priorities for this public property include ensuring that there are public-use opportunities and that the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS) can continue to thrive at the site. The City Commission plans to come together for another workshop following the summer break to include representatives from FLIBS. For details, visit ftlcity.info/2TyZBut.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

City Commission Discusses Lockhart Community Park

The City Commission discussed plans for a community park at the south end of the Lockhart Park property. Key elements of the preliminary design include two large soccer fields, restrooms, shaded playgrounds, splash pads, and two dog parks. The City Commission will move forward with discussions with Inter Miami regarding building the park and the inclusion of specific elements such as lighting and landscaping. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3jQakLG.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) BOARD MEETING

CRA Board Approves Partial Release of Mortgage for 200 South Market Street LLC

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved a partial release of mortgage of the Property and Business

Investment Improvement Program (PBIP) Agreement and the Façade Improvement Agreement for 200 South Market Street LLC in exchange for a partial payment of \$42,500. 200 South Market Street LLC was granted CRA funding totaling \$170,000 in 2019 for four commercial properties. The owners requested a partial release of mortgage because they plan to sell the property located at 520-530 NE 13 Street. For details, visit ftlcity.info/36fjidi.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Commission Approves Amendment to Lease Agreement with Ivy Tower 101 Property, LLC

The City Commission approved an amendment to the lease agreement with Ivy Tower 101 Property, LLC for 19,320 square feet of office space on the 11th and 14th floor of Tower 101. The space is currently occupied by the City Auditor's Office, the Office of Management and Budget, Strategic Communications, Public Works Department Division of Sustainability, Consent Order Team, and Stormwater and Water/Sewer teams. Under the new agreement, additional office space will be utilized by the City Clerk's Office and the lease will be simplified to include a single rate of \$22.05 per square foot resulting in savings of \$48,408 from 2021 to 2025. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3AzqtLb.

City Commission Accepts Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Funds

The City Commission approved the acceptance of a \$454,516 grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS) and the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management. Funds will be used towards a variety of initiatives including Emergency Operations Center Sustainment and Resiliency Project (\$68,219); Fire Rescue – radiological monitors (\$174,960); and Regional Citizen Corp training, symposium, and drills (\$100,000). For details, visit ftlcity.info/3dPeRKC.

City Commission Approves Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for Transportation Surtax Funding

The City Commission approved an interlocal agreement with Broward County for the demolition and reconstruction of the South Ocean Drive Bridge, which was awarded \$2,176,937 in transportation surtax funding. With the execution of the proposed interlocal agreement, the Public Works Department anticipates starting construction by the end of 2021. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3AA6nRb.

City Commission Approves Subaward Agreement with Broward County for Funding of COVID-19 Non-Congregant Hotel Program

The City Commission approved a subaward agreement with Broward County for funding of the City's COVID-19 non-congregate hotel program. A total of 144 unsheltered homeless individuals have participated in the program that was established to provide assistance to those who are unable to comply with social distancing requirements and recommendations in place to combat the spread of COVID-19. In addition to shelter, the program provides food services, 24-hour security, case management, routine COVID-19 testing, health care screenings, and access to COVID-19 vaccinations. Case Management continues to work with clients to identify needs and provide support through the transition into other housing programs. For details, visit ftlcity.info/36wyRxz.

City Commission Affirms Interest in Tunnel Projecting Connecting Downtown to the Beach

On June 21, 2021, the City received an unsolicited proposal to design, construct, operate, and maintain a subsurface public transportation system connecting downtown Fort Lauderdale with Fort Lauderdale beach. The City Commission approved a resolution providing notice of intent to enter into a Comprehensive Agreement for the project and notice of intent to accept other proposals for the same project. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3hJPB9p.

City Commission Passed an Ordinance to Simplify the Administration of Water and Wastewater Credits

The City Commission passed an ordinance on first reading amending several sections of Division 3. – Rate and Charges of Chapter 28 - Water, Wastewater and Stormwater of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale related to credits for water leaks and unexplained usage in an attempt to simplify the process for utility billing customers and provide meaningful credits to neighbors who experience billing irregularities. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3dRgXt9.

City Commission Passed an Ordinance on First Reading to Allow Parklets in the Regional Activity Center Transitional Mixed Use Zoning Districts

The City Commission passed an ordinance on first reading that expands parklet locations to the Regional Activity Center – Transitional Mixed Use (RAC -TMU) zoning districts. A parklet is a platform installed within existing parallel on-street parking allowing tables and chairs to be used beyond the sidewalk into a parking lane, thereby allowing adjacent business owners to utilize outdoor space without the need for permanent street redesign and construction. Parklets support a wide range of shopping services, employment opportunities, and local cultural benefits. The ordinance is scheduled to be approved and adopted upon second reading at the next City Commission meeting on August 17, 2021. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3AE8ZxA.

More Information

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

Next City Commission Meetings on August 17, 2021

The next City Commission meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, August 17. City Hall is open and members of the public are invited to attend meetings in person. The public may also listen to and view the 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.