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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.

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In case you missed them, following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Tuesday, August 17, 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 Proposed Budget

During a recent meeting, the City's Budget Advisory Board (BAB) unanimously passed a motion recommending approval of the City Manager's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 2022). At that meeting, the BAB expressed support for additional funding related to rent costs for partially relocating staff from the City Clerk's Office to better accommodate the City Commission at City Hall and appropriating funding for the acquisition of a boat that will allow code enforcement officers to inspect properties from the water. In addition to these items, the City Commission discussed funding for additional not-for-profit organizations and staffing for the City's Fire Department. The City Auditor, John Herbst, also presented his review of the City Manager's FY 2022 Proposed Budget and FY 2022-FY 2026 Community Investment Plan. His review concluded that the City Manager's Proposed Budget for the primary government as presented is balanced, the proposed millage is in compliance with Florida Statutes, and the priorities identified by the Commission all show funding allocations in the coming year. The City Commission will hold budget hearings on Wednesday, September 8 and Monday, September 13 to adopt the FY 2022 budget. To review the FY 2022 Proposed Budget, visit fortlauderdale.gov/budget. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3xWvg6S.

City Commission Discusses Funding for New Water Treatment Plant

The City Commission discussed options for funding the construction of the City's new water treatment plant that is expected to cost approximately \$432 million. At a recent meeting, the BAB unanimously supported a recommendation to increase the water rate by an additional 5% annually above the current rate structure for the next five years in order to fund the new water treatment plant. The Commission discussed the recommended change to the rate structure and

options for funding and constructing the plant which include a public-private partnership (3P) or the City building and financing the plant. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3k0JKxF.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

COVID-19 Precautions: Masks Required in City Facilities

The meeting began with a discussion on COVID-19 and preventative measures that the City can take in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations. Masks will be required in City facilities, capacity will be limited in elevators, and sanitation stations will be made available to the public and City employees. At upcoming meetings of the City Commission, seating capacity in Commission Chambers will be limited to encourage social distancing; overflow seating will be available in the 8th floor conference room. City Commissioners and members of the public will be able to participate virtually through Zoom. This option will also be made available to participants in City advisory board, committee, and authority meetings. These requirements and accommodations will be implemented as soon possible and are pursuant to the State of Emergency that is currently in effect in Broward County and is reviewed by the County Administrator every seven days.

Noise Ordinance Overview, Enforcement Challenges, and Recommended Solutions

After listening to input from several members of the public as well as a presentation by Assistant Director of Sustainable Development Porshia Williams, the City Commission discussed the City's current noise ordinance and improvements that can be made to allow residents and visitors to enjoy all that Fort Lauderdale has to offer. The City Commission agreed to form a community task force made up of ten members, including neighbors and representatives from the businesses community, to further explore this topic. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3g6oaqz.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) BOARD MEETING

CRA Board Approves Development Incentive Program Loan for The Pantry Lofts

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved a \$640,000 Development Incentive Program Loan for The Pantry Lofts. Green Mills Holdings, LLC and The Pantry of Broward, Inc. are partnering to co-develop and co-own this proposed mixed-use, affordable/workforce housing community that is expected to feature a new 8-story, 90-unit residential tower. The proposed project will offer affordable senior housing, new facilities for The Pantry of Broward, structured parking, and building amenities in the Progresso Village area of the Northwest portion of the CRA at the corner of Sistrunk Boulevard and NW 3 Avenue. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3ge7MV4.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Commission Accepts Grant Funds for the Preparation of a Strategic Historic Preservation Plan

The City Commission adopted a resolution accepting a \$50,000 grant from the Florida Department of State that will allow the City to procure the services of a consultant to move forward with the preparation of a Strategic Historic Preservation Plan. The Strategic Historic

Preservation Plan intends to engage the community and stakeholders with active interests in historic preservation and archaeology. A plan of action will be developed to initiate public engagement, including leading discussions in internal and external stakeholder meetings and the Historic Preservation Board as well as conducting online surveys. For details visit, ftlcity.info/3yXb4Dr.

City Commission Approves Agreement with FDOT for Bayview Drive Improvements

The City Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Highway Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for improvements to vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle safety along Bayview Drive between Sunrise Boulevard and Commercial Boulevard through the installation sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic calming. Staff anticipates that construction will begin in summer 2022. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3AQp16x.

City Commission Approves Renaming Portion of NW 19 Court to Rev. Dr. J.C. Eubanks Court

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving NW 19 Court to be also known as “Rev. Dr. J.C. Eubanks Court” between NW 14 Avenue and the dead end of the road east of NW 12 Avenue in honor of the late Reverend Dr. James Curtis Eubanks, a Fort Lauderdale resident and Pastor of the Community Church of God. In addition to his life of ministry, Rev. Dr. Eubanks served in the U.S. Air force for 21 years and was awarded several honors during his service. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3gdX8NX.

City Commission Awards Contract to WSP USA Solutions Inc. for Disaster Response and Recovery

The City Commission awarded a contract to WSP USA Solutions Inc. in the estimated aggregate, five-year amount of \$1 million for professional services related to disaster response and recovery for the recovery, improvements, remediation and renovation of City buildings, facilities, and surrounding areas that may be impacted by future disasters, storms, or other emergencies. The services that can be provided as part of this contract include civil engineering, mechanical engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, and electrical engineering. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3CV2jMy.

City Commission Approves Agreement with Broward County for Conservation Pays Program

The City Commission approved an interlocal agreement with Broward County for continued participation in the Water Conservation Incentives Program at an estimated cost not-to-exceed \$365,496.66 for a five-year period beginning in FY 2022. The program, branded Conservation Pays, provides education, outreach, and rebates for installing high efficiency toilets, showerheads, faucet aerators, and pre-rinse spray valves with the goal of encouraging residents and businesses in Broward County to adopt water conservation that supports long-term water resource sustainability. Since 2011, a total of 2,268 rebates have been issued to City residents and businesses and the program has resulted in an estimated savings of more than 107.6 million gallons of water in the City valued at \$364,546.26. This program also assists the City in meeting the regulatory requirements of the Consumptive Use Permit (CUP), issued by the South Florida Water Management District, which requires a water conservation program. For details,

visit ftlcity.info/3xVxi7A. Visit conservationpays.com to learn more and apply for available rebates today.

City Commission Passes Ordinance on Minimum Parking Requirements in Downtown Regional Activity Center

Following a discussion on the importance of adequate parking in the midst of the ongoing redevelopment of the City's downtown, the City Commission passed an ordinance on first reading amending Section 47-20.2 of the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) related to modifying parking and loading requirements in the Downtown Regional Activity Center – City Center District and Downtown Regional Activity Center – Arts and Science District. The amendment establishes the procedure that allows the City Commission to review parking reduction requests in downtown that deviate from the minimum requirement of one parking space per unit. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3z0Nh5t.

More Information

For more information on items on the August 17, 2021 Commission Meeting agendas, visit the City website at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Next City Commission Meetings on September 9, 2021

The next City Commission meetings are scheduled for Thursday, September 9. City Hall is open and members of the public are invited to attend meetings in person. City Commissioners and members of the public will be able to participate virtually through Zoom. 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.