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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. City Commissioners and members of the public are also able to participate virtually through Zoom. 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 Thursday, September 9, 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

City Commission Discusses Henry E. Tunnel Construction Update

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provided the City Commission with an update on the Henry E. Kinney Tunnel Improvements and Pedestrian Plaza Project. The purpose of the project is to update the tunnel and build a pedestrian plaza. The work will include the rehabilitation of the structural, mechanical, electrical, architectural and life safety components of the tunnel. FDOT plans to install an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) along US1 from I-595 to Broward Boulevard, mill and resurface US1 from Rio Vista Boulevard to south of the Tunnel, reconstruct the intersection of Las Olas Boulevard at the SE 6th Avenue and extend the tunnel top to the north of Las Olas Boulevard to include new fountains, seating, brick pavers, artificial turf and landscaping. In addition, FDOT shared the phased detour plans which include ongoing lane and sidewalk closures, and will monitor traffic conditions throughout the project. The estimated completion date of the project is scheduled for, late 2023. For details, visit ftlcity.info/38PotBY.

City Commission Discusses Future Development of Lockhart Park

The City Commission continued the discussion of the use for the remainder of the property at Lockhart Park. The City has an agreement with Inter Miami to develop the land. That includes the soccer stadium and facilities that have already been built, and a park to be built before the end of a three year agreement. Mayor Dean Trantalis made a presentation regarding his concerns over information shared with the media. He also explained his understanding of the agreement and InterMiami's commitment to the City to construct a park at the site. After input from other Commissioners and the public, the Mayor asked the City Manager to return to the

Commission with a plan. The hope is to discuss that plan at an upcoming meeting. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3hb3qOX.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) BOARD MEETING

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, adopted a resolution appointing the law firm, Greenberg Traurig, LLP as Special Counsel to the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency. The law firm will act as Special Counsel to the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency in connection with closing on a taxable loan from Truist Bank in the amount of \$23,100, 000 to fund the Series 2021 Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Project (the "Series 2021 Project"). The purpose of the taxable loan is to cover the costs of issuance and costs related to the design and construction of the Series 2021 Project, including reimbursing the CRA for funds advanced from the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler-Heights CRA Redevelopment Trust Fund, and to refinance the Series 2015 Note. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3BW6mGY.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Commission Approves Agreement with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

The City Commission approves a Fourth Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO) and the City Fort Lauderdale to extend the term of the agreement to March 30, 2022 for the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Mobility Hub Project. The extension of this agreement is due to the action taken by the City Commission to terminate the contract with the existing contractor due to delays and lack of completion upon the due date. For details visit, ftlcity.info/3nffcvv.

City Commission Approves a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with FDOT

The City Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), for funding up to the amount of \$946,200 for the construction of the Mid-Field Taxiway Extension and Run-up Area project at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport. The scope of work for the recommended expansion of the mid-field run-up area includes survey and geotechnical costs, consultant and design fees, an airfield lighting system, signage improvements, mobilization and demobilization, and construction inspections. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3l7wOXz.

City Commission Approves Agreement for Purchase of Liquid Chlorine

The City Commission approves a one-year agreement for the purchase of liquid chlorine from Allied Universal Corp., and authorizes the City Manager to approve three one-year options contingent upon the appropriation of funds. Chlorine is used during the water treatment process, which provides a disinfectant function that is sustained throughout the distribution system. The disinfectant quality must be maintained per the Department of Environmental Protection regulations. Additionally, chlorine is used for maintenance activities throughout the water and wastewater treatment plants. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3ngcMNa.

City Commission Ratified the Default Under Lease Agreement with Broward Maritime Institute, Inc.

The City Commission moved to ratify the default under the Lease Agreement with Broward Maritime Institute, Inc. (“Broward Maritime” or Lessee”) and authorized the City Attorney to secure any and all other legal remedies, including seeking a writ of possession, if the lessee does not cure the default within 90 days. The City received a letter from the Department of Environmental Engineering and Permitting Division of Broward County outlining the impacts to the unlicensed wetland on the leased property. In response to the Broward County letter, the lessee was notified of default and given 20 days to remedy. There are also questions regarding the Lessee’s apparent failure to comply with the purpose of the lease pursuant to Section 8.13 of the City Charter. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3laUI4n.

City Commission Approves Ordinance Requesting a Reduced Setback of the Intracoastal Overlook Area District

A public hearing was held to discuss an ordinance to approve a request for reduced setbacks of a 65 unit residential development known as “Olakino House”, located at 551 Bayshore Drive. The vacant parcel of land is approximately 1.54 acres and is zoned in the Intracoastal Overlook Area District. The City Commission approved the ordinance for the proposed development that will include the construction of two 11 story residential buildings that will connect via an above-grade garage. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3z2PFI2.

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

The City Commission passed an ordinance on second 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 authorizes 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/3yZKWH5.

More Information

For more information on items on the September 9, 2021 Commission Meeting agendas, visit the City website at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Next City Commission Meetings on September 21, 2021

The next City Commission meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, September 21. City Hall is open and members of the public are 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

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