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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.

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, November 2, 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

Discussion on the Office of the City Clerk

At the request of the City Commission, staff gave an overview of the succession plan for the City Clerk's Office upon the departure of the City Clerk in January 2022. The commission and staff discussed the advantages and disadvantages between hiring a clerk from outside the City versus appointing an internal candidate. The City Commission agreed to promote from within, offering the current Deputy City Clerk the position, citing the importance of continuity of operations and institutional knowledge an internal appointee would provide. For details, visit <https://ftlcity.info/3GKE59v>.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

CRA Board Accepts Seven Residential Properties for Affordable Housing

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, passed a resolution to accept the instruments of conveyance for seven residential properties owned by the City of Fort Lauderdale to be used for affordable housing. The resolution authorizes the Executive Director to execute all related actions associated with the seven properties including, contract with companies for appraisal, title, survey, demolition, site cleanup and related services, and authorize the issuance of Request for Proposals for the development of the properties. The properties that will be deeded for public use are in the following

neighborhoods: Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Area, Dorsey Riverbend, Durrs and Middle River Terrace. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3mBsuBN.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Commission Approves Lease Amendment with FDOT for the Henry E. Kinney Tunnel Project

The City Commission approved a lease amendment with the Florida Department of Transportation for right-of-way above the Henry E. Kinney Tunnel to restrict public access and begin construction. The construction on the Henry E. Kinney Tunnel Top Pedestrian Plaza begins in early 2022, and the anticipated completion date is early 2023. This item is a Top 2021 Commission Priority, advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3k0jLqY.

City Commission Accepts Florida Department of Transportation Grant

The City Commission approved the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$30,000 from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The funding will help establish a motorcycle safety program to reduce the frequency of traffic safety concerns in identified hot spots. Education and enforcement activities will focus on improving awareness of risky behaviors that contribute to motorcycle traffic violations and accidents. The grant reimburses overtime costs for officers who participate in the public awareness and enforcement campaign. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3nVUcZz.

City Commission Adopts Resolution Authorizing Florida Power & Light

The City Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute three Florida Power & Light (FPL) easements over city-owned property for utilities at the DRV PNK Stadium. The resolution will allow FPL the right to ingress and egress, and maintenance of overhead and underground electric utility facilities to be installed within city-owned property. The resolution will give the City Manager authority to grant FPL access to maintain overhead and underground utility facilities and install electrical infrastructure. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3mEaRkU.

City Commission Amends Grant Agreement with War Memorial Benefit Corporation

The City Commission approved to amend the grant with War Memorial Benefit Corporation (WMBC) by extending the completion deadline to July 1, 2022. The extension was requested due to the impact of COVID-19 significantly delaying the construction timeline. The City entered into the lease agreement with WMBC in 2019 to enhance the War Memorial Auditorium. The grant agreement is for capital improvements in the amount of \$800,000. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3byXLiv.

Event Agreement for Friendsgiving Weekend Get Together

The City Commission approved an event agreement with American Social, Inc. for a Friendsgiving Weekend Get Together scheduled for Friday, November 26 through Sunday, November 28 at American Social on East Las Olas Boulevard. The event agreement allows for

amplified music until 12 a.m. (10 p.m. on Sunday) and road closures. This event was rescheduled from 2020 due to COVID. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3waJHoT.

City Commission Considers Site Plan Review for 808 SE 4th Residence

After listening to public comment, the City Commission approved in a 3-2 vote, a motion approving a de-novo hearing to further review the application for a proposed site plan for the project known as “808 SE 4th Residence.” The Planning and Zoning Board approved the project subject to the 30-day City Commission request for review and improvements proffered by the applicant. The site is in a RAC zoning area and the applicant, SE Fourth, LLC., proposed to redevelop the existing residential building consisting of 34 units into a new 77-unit residential building. The hearing is set to go before the City Commission on December 7, 2021. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3q6JfHj.

City Commission Approves an Ordinance Amending Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures

The City Commission approved an ordinance on first reading to amend the City’s Code of Ordinances relating to year-round landscape irrigation conservation measures. The amended ordinance will reduce irrigation from three to two days per week, potentially saving up to one billion gallons of water a year. The mandatory ordinance is consistent with the South Florida Water Management District’s Florida Administrative Code, and implements procedures to protect water resources and promote water conservation through the efficient use of landscape irrigation. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3mzStcJ.

Honoring Our Veterans

Neighborhood activist, Dennis Ulmer gave a neighbor presentation to honor veterans of United States Military. On Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the Nininger Statue on the Riverwalk. The City, in partnership with the American Legion 36, will host a ceremony to recognize veterans from all branches of the armed services. All neighbors are encouraged to attend. For details, visit ftlcity.info/veteransday2021.

More Information

For more information on items on the November 2, 2021 Commission Meeting agendas, visit the City website at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Next City Commission Meetings on November 16, 2021

The next City Commission meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2021. 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.