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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. **Starting Wednesday, December 1, 2021, public participation during all City Commission and Advisory Board meetings will return to an in-person format only.** 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, November 16, 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 WORKSHOP

Bahia Mar Discussion

At the March 16, 2021, City Commission Conference Meeting, the Commission selected Mayor Trantalis and Commissioner Glassman to serve as liaisons to lead the discussion regarding the city-owned 39-acres of prime coastal land located just south of Las Olas Boulevard. The property, known as Bahia Mar, is a resort and yachting center and is home to the annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show.

After months of meeting with the selected liaisons, the development group and boat show organizers returned to the City Commission to discuss the future development of Bahia Mar, including the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show. Representatives of Rahn Bahia Mar, LLC., the current lessee of the property, unveiled the new plans for the proposed Bahia Mar development project. The proposal for the revised project includes 8 buildings. The developer is asking for a new 50 year lease, with a 50 year extension, giving Rahn Bahia Mar control of the city-owned property for another 100 years. Boat show organizers from the Marine Industries Association and Informa expressed concerns that the new plans for Bahia Mar will reduce their show capacity and revenue from past years if the Commission decides to move forward. The Marine Industries Association made a request to be direct tenants of the City, not a tenant to a developer, as they are now, or to a future condo association. The City will take the request of the Marine Industry Association into consideration and review the lease agreement with the Marine Industries, and agreed to discuss during a future meeting.

The Commission has not set a date for a final vote. There will be a second workshop on Monday, November 29, 2021 to continue the discussion on the future of Bahia Mar. To view the commission workshop in its entirety, please visit ftlcity.info/3r1C3N9.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

Leaf Blower Update

The City Manager advised the City Commission at the request of Commissioner McKinzie that the leaf blower item be deferred. The request was made to allow committee members who wanted to be present during the update the opportunity to attend. The Leaf Blower Update will be heard at the Tuesday, December 7th during the Conference Meeting.

CITY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) MEETING

CRA Board Defers Action on a CRA Loan for a Mixed-Use Commercial Development Project

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, deferred action on a \$4,000,000 CRA Development Incentive Program Loan to 909 NW 6th St. LLC. for a mixed-use commercial development project to the next CRA meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 2021. The developer proposes to construct a new four-story commercial mixed-use building including restaurants, retail, offices, common areas, and a parking garage. This project would be located on the former site of Bass Brothers Supermarket, located on the northwest corner of Sistrunk Boulevard and Northwest 9th Avenue. For details, visit <https://ftlcity.info/3wZldiS>.

CRA Board Approves Funds for the Relocation of FP&L Company Transmission Facilities

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved a resolution for an expense of \$1,846,789.02 to fund the relocation of the Florida Power and Light Company transmission facilities that crosses City property at 543 NW 5th Avenue to facilitate the redevelopment of a nearby property. The redevelopment project located at the intersection of NW 7th Avenue and Sistrunk Boulevard is an eight-story mixed-use development including residential units, swimming pool, deck area, health club room, administrative offices, ground floor retail and a parking garage. For details, visit <https://ftlcity.info/3nnUDwg>.

CRA Board Approves Development Incentive Program Loan for an Entertainment Complex

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved the sale of CRA-owned property at 1017 Sistrunk Boulevard and 606 NW 10th Terrace to Northeast 6th Development, LLC for development. The CRA Board also approved a request for a \$2,450,000 CRA Development Incentive Program (DIP) loan to Northeast 6th Development, LLC for the Victory Entertainment Complex. The property is

currently vacant land; the proposal is a 3-story commercial building and entertainment complex including a craft distillery, “Old Sistrunk Distillery,” restaurant, cigar lounge, wine bar and lounge, and meeting space. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3wUnXxl.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Commission Approves Agreement with David Mancini & Sons, Inc.

The City Commission approved a License Agreement with David Mancini & Sons, Inc. to utilize city-owned property at 3110 SW 8th Avenue as a staging site for the Edgewood Stormwater Improvement Project. The property is located within the Edgewood neighborhood and will be used to store staging materials and construction equipment to allow construction of this important project to begin. The license agreement will allow David Mancini & Sons, Inc. to utilize a portion of the property for 24-months. It will be responsible for properly securing the premises with site fencing, keeping the area clean from any debris and trash, and preserving and protecting surrounding trees. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3Dpb0hY.

City Commission Approves Agreement with Winterfest Inc.

The City Commission approved an agreement with Winterfest Inc., authorizing the use of the New River/Riverwalk dockage facility. Winterfest is the sponsor of the 2021 Winterfest Boat Parade and is a signature event in the City. This year the show will celebrate its 50th Anniversary showcasing the “Best Show on H2O.” Winterfest, Inc. will rent the dockage facilities along New River and Riverwalk to facilitate the staging of vessels and the creation of a viewing area for attendees to enjoy the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade on Saturday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3wU6xkL.

City Commission Adopts Resolution for Landscape Maintenance Dixie Highway Right-of-Way

The City Commission adopted a resolution authorizing an amendment to the Landscape Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement (MMOA) with the Florida Department of Transportation for improvements within the right-of-way on Dixie Highway/NE 4th Avenue with Plaza Street Fund 90, LLC. The MMOA includes provisions allowing the property owner to improve or modify the area. The resolution comprises of an Assumption of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement meaning Plaza Street Fund 90, LLC agrees to assume the City’s obligation to maintain the improvements installed in the right-of-way. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3wRuk4W.

City Commission Approves Funding for Bayview Drive Improvements

The City Commission adopted a resolution to rescind, approve, and authorize the City Manager to execute a Local Funding Agreement and a Three-Party Escrow Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the amount of \$637,014 for the installation of sidewalks, traffic calming, missing bike lanes and associated drainage due to improvements on Bayview Drive between Sunrise Boulevard and Commercial Boulevard. The previous resolution was rescinded due to the scope of the project being modified, as FDOT was not able to secure the necessary approvals to install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at the new

crosswalk locations. Standard pedestrian crossing signs will be installed instead of RRFBs. The agreement needs to be amended to remove any reference to the RRFBs being replaced with a new resolution, including the revised scope of work. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3l4LoQv.

City Commission Approves Stormwater Master Plan Modeling and Design Contract

The City Commission approved and reaffirmed the second option of a five-year renewal and an increase to the Stormwater Master Plan Modeling and Design Implementation Contract with Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. by \$5.4 million to \$23,200,000. The additional funds provided by through the FY 2022 FY2026 Community Investment Plan will support services for the construction of the stormwater projects in Durrs, Dorsey Riverbend, Southeast Isles neighborhoods, replacement of the Hendricks Isle seawall, and drainage canal dredging at the Osceola Canal. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3kHBfIY.

More Information

For more information on items from the November 16, 2021, Commission meetings, visit the City website at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Next City Commission Meetings on December 7, 2021

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