



LauderBriefs

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. Since Wednesday, December 1, 2021, public participation during all City Commission and Advisory Board meetings has returned 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.

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, the following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. The videos are available at youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale and the vote summary will be available later this week at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

JOINT WORKSHOP WITH CITIZENS' POLICE REVIEW BOARD

City Commission Discusses Citizens' Police Review Board's Updates

The City Commission met with the Citizens' Police Review Board (CPRB) to discuss a number of topics, including changes to the City ordinance that outlines the board's functions. Established in 1994, the Board aims to ensure that allegations of police officer misconduct are investigated by the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's (FLPD) Internal Affairs Division and advises the City Manager on these matters. Following continued discussions between the City Attorney's Office, the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), and the CPRB, the City Commission will discuss the ordinance at the April 5 City Commission Conference Meeting. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3gMc6e3.

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP – ONE STOP SHOP MEETING

City Commission Discusses One Stop Shop Unsolicited Proposal Financial Analysis

The City Commission discussed a report prepared by Ernst & Young (EY) on the financial feasibility of the City potentially entering into a long-term license agreement with One Stop FTL, LLC in response to their unsolicited proposal for the development and operation of a cultural center, marketplace, and community park on the City-owned property that is the site of the former One Stop Shop. The report was intended to include a review of the business model and financials as well as any other facts that EY observed during their review that could pose a business risk to the City. The City Attorney is currently working on a comprehensive agreement and the City Auditor and City Manager will work on additional financial analysis of the proposal. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3uYXLmV.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

Broward County Provides Overview on Transportation Surtax Project Eligibility

Broward County staff led a presentation on Broward County's Mobility Advancement Program (MAP Broward) that is funded by the Penny for Transportation. Now in its third year, the 30-year program aims to create connectivity, improve transit service, manage the traffic system, enhance multimodal options, and ensure economic development and benefits. In the first cycle, Fort Lauderdale was allocated \$9.5 million for nine City-led projects. A total of \$115 million in surtax projects are planned in Fort Lauderdale, not including funding for the City's community shuttle service. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3HVOWOi.

City Commission Receives Update on Status of Habitat Conservation Plan

In collaboration with federal, state, and local stakeholders, City staff has developed a customized habitat conservation plan (HCP) with two primary goals: 1) Align the City's special event process with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) requirements to avoid impacts to sea turtles and their habitat, and 2) Obtain an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) for incidental take of sea turtles. With the City Commission's approval, the ITP application can be submitted to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for review over the next year before the permit can be issued. The plan includes fees for event applicants that are proportional to the estimated impact of each event and will be used to fund mitigation efforts such as increased capacity for lighting code enforcement, dune restoration and enhancement, and coastal property owner education and assistance with small-scale retrofitting projects to make beachside lighting more turtle-friendly. For details, visit ftlcity.info/34L2IVp.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING

CRA Board Approves Agreement Amendment for Thrive Progresso Project

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved a resolution approving an amendment to the Development Incentive Program Development Agreement and an increase in streetscape funding from \$340,374.87 to \$490,374.87 for the Thrive Progresso Project in the area of NW 5 Avenue and NW 7 Street. The project has commenced construction and will bring office, flex, retail, lifestyle, arts, and other uses that will have a positive and transformative impact on the area, increase property values, offer new business opportunities, and improve safety. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3uUhHr0.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Commission Approves 2022 Priorities

The City Commission approved their priorities for 2022 that were developed at the Commission Prioritization Workshop held on January 27, 2022. The list includes the following top priorities: Homelessness and Housing Opportunities, Infrastructure and Resilience, Parks and Public Places, and Transportation and Traffic. Progress on these priorities will be shared monthly in the form of LauderTrac newsletters. The City Commission also identified six additional priorities: Community Response and Safety, Economic Diversification, Historic Preservation,

Smart Growth, Waterway Quality, and Workforce Training and Education. For details, visit ftlcity.info/34EUcHN.

City Commission Defers Decision on Melrose Park Neighborhood Lighting Project Agreement

The City Commission deferred a vote on a resolution to enter into an agreement with Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) for the installation of new light-emitting diode (LED) streetlighting in the Melrose Park neighborhood. The City Commission discussed the public outreach that was performed to determine the community's interest in the project following comments by the neighborhood president. As part of the proposed project, the installation of the 720 new streetlights would be done by FPL at a cost of \$626,839 and would result in increased visibility for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and law enforcement navigating the neighborhood. The City Commission will resume discussions on the project at the next regular City Commission meeting on March 1 after reviewing information about the inception of the project, records from public meetings, and FLPD statistics for the area. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3LGCowC.

City Commission Approves Additional Funds for Bridge Repair, Maintenance, and Painting Contracts

The City Commission approved an increase to the annual continuing contracts for bridge repair, maintenance, and painting with Engineer Control Systems Corporation (ECS) as primary and Lambert Bros., Inc. (Lambert) as the alternate by \$340,350 from \$1,500,000 to \$1,840,350. Originally approved in August 2018, the two-year agreements are for citywide bridge maintenance services with two one-year renewal options that are expiring in August 2022. The additional funds will be used for bridge repairs on Henricks Isle and Bayview Drive. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3BIWUhb.

City Commission Approves Ordinance for Uses in Central Beach

Following a public hearing, the City Commission passed an ordinance on first reading amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-12 relating to Central Beach Districts to revise the process and procedures for uses in the Central Beach zoning districts. The proposed code revisions include design standards that will help to address building scale and mass and support an active pedestrian environment. Additionally, design standards will also focus on open space provisions, more defined building form criteria, setback requirements and streetscape design elements, including promoting active uses along building frontages. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3oUfaJk.

City Commission Approves Ordinance Relating to Landscaping and Tree Preservation Requirements

The City Commission passed an ordinance on first reading amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-21 relating to Landscaping and Tree Preservation Requirements. Staff from the City's Development Services Department and Public Works Department have been collaborating with stakeholders on this effort for over two years with the goal of protecting and enhancing tree canopy throughout Fort Lauderdale and mitigating the loss of old growth specimen trees. This effort to review and address urban forestry concerns in a comprehensive way will result in a more streamlined and consistent

application of the City's landscape regulations while strengthening tree preservation. The recommended revisions to the ordinance are the result of significant public outreach including 27 public meetings. Additional revisions may be made to the ordinance based on the request of a stakeholder group of landscape professionals before the ordinance comes before the City Commission for second reading. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3slOdJY.

Members of the City Commission Approve Resolutions Opposing Six House and Senate Bills (Walk-On Item)

With the 2022 Florida Legislative Session underway, members of the City Commission voted in favor of sending six resolutions to the Florida Legislature and Governor Ron DeSantis expressing the City's position on bills currently under review by the State Legislature:

- Resolution opposing Senate Bill 974 and House Bill 985 that if enacted would increase statutory limits on tort liability claims against local governments.
- Resolution opposing Senate Bill 1300 and House Bill 1467 that would provide for adoption of District School Board procedures for developing library media center collections including the removal or discontinuance of books based on a number of criteria pursuant to a policy requiring objection by a parent or resident of the county.
- Resolution opposing Senate Bill 148 and House Bill 7 which if enacted would make it unlawful to subject an individual as a condition of employment, membership, or licensing to training that compels an individual to believe that certain concepts constitute discrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin.
- Resolution opposing Senate Bill 1834 and 1820 and House Bill 1557 and 747 that if enacted would ban discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity in primary grades and allow healthcare providers and insurers to deny patients care based on religious, moral, or ethical beliefs.
- Resolution opposing Senate Bill 620 and House Bill 569 that would allow business damages to be ascertained against counties and municipalities in certain circumstances if a business can demonstrate that their business has been impacted 15% or more based on local ordinances.
- Resolution opposing Senate Bill 510 and House Bill 301 which if enacted would require all elected officials to file an annual full disclosure of financial interests rather than the currently required limited disclosure.

For details, visit www.myfloridahouse.gov and www.flsenate.gov.

City Commission Considers City Auditor Contract (Walk-On Item)

Citing an opportunity to move in a different direction and a determination to further advance the City Commission's priorities, the City Commission voted to terminate the City Auditor's employment contract.

More Information

For more information on items from the February 15, 2022, Commission meetings, visit the City website at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Next City Commission Meetings on March 1, 2022

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and members of the public are invited to attend meetings in person. *Since Wednesday, December 1, 2021, public participation during all City Commission and Advisory Board meetings has returned to an in-person format only.* 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](https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/citycommissionmeetings).