



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, March 1, 2022. 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 Fort Lauderdale Aviation and Aerospace Training Program

The City Commission discussed the establishment of an aviation and aerospace training program following an overview of the needs assessment and feasibility study performed by Broward College Center for Applied Research. The presentation highlighted the demand for skilled technicians in the aviation industry that includes 27,000 jobs in Broward County. The City's training program could serve adults and high school students with a focus on creating early exposure to aviation careers in middle and elementary school. The City Commission expressed support for partnering with educational providers, including Broward County Public Schools, and industry leaders to launch next phase planning to address the workforce demand. Next steps include assembling a steering committee, solidifying partnerships, and finalizing the program design and budget. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3vvSpzt.

New Water Treatment Plant Proposal Presentations

The City Commission heard 10-minute presentations from each of the four qualifying companies who submitted unsolicited proposals in response to the City's need for a new water treatment plant: Aqualia, FLW, IDE, and NextSpring. The City Commission had an opportunity to ask questions of each of the proposers with a focus on topics such as treatment technology to be used and when their plant could be operational. A comparative evaluation report prepared by Ernst & Young Infrastructure Advisors details the specifics of each proposal and served to guide the City Commission's discussion. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3CcjCsr.

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) BOARD MEETING

OPEB Trust Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending December 31, 2021

The City's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust was established to provide benefits to eligible former City employees and operates in a manner similar to a pension plan whereby the City makes annual contributions to the OPEB Trust and the City's contributions together with interest earnings fund future OPEB benefits. The OPEB Trust returned 4.37% in the first quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, underperforming its policy benchmark return of 4.50% by 0.13%. The City's OPEB Post Retirement Pay Steps Plan returned 3.84% in the first quarter of FY 2022, underperforming its policy benchmark return of 4.50% by 0.66%. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3psVgFR.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Commission Approves Tortuga Music Festival Grant Agreement

The City Commission approved the FY 2022-2024 Beach Business Improvement District (BBID) Grant Participation Agreement with TMF Holdco LLC to produce the Tortuga Music Festival in the amounts of \$150,000 in the first year, \$250,000 in the second year, and \$250,000 in the third year, for a total amount of \$650,000. The three-day beach-front festival will be held on April 8-10, 2022, at Fort Lauderdale Beach Park and will feature live music with at least 30 artists across multiple stages and a conservation village aimed at promoting ocean conservation measures and initiatives. For details, visit ftlcity.info/348iNV2.

City Commission Authorizes Grant Agreement for Durrs Stormwater Improvements Project

The City Commission approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a reimbursable grant agreement from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) in an amount of up to \$10.5 million for the Durrs Stormwater Improvements Project. The Durrs neighborhood qualifies for this grant, which does not require a local match, as it is approximately 220 acres of low to moderate income residences. The proposed project will replace the existing stormwater infrastructure as well as construct new infrastructure systems that will help with flooding in the neighborhood and improve water quality in adjacent waterways. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3vwfJ00.

City Commission Approves Maintenance Agreement with FDOT for Oakland Park Boulevard Access Road RRFBS

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving a Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement (MMOA) with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) on either side of the Oakland Park Boulevard Bridge underpass to improve pedestrian safety. FDOT has agreed to fund the installation of the RRFBS as part of the Oakland Park Transit Corridor Project that includes the addition of bike lanes on portions of NE 32 Street, Middle River Drive, NE 30 Avenue, NE 33 Avenue, NE 30 Street, and North Atlantic Boulevard. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3sxJMTa.

City Commission Approves Agreements for Hauling and Disposal Services of Grits, Rags, Solids, and Biosolids

The City Commission approved two three-year agreements for hauling and disposal services for materials generated at the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant (GTL) as part of the process of treating approximately 40 million gallons of wastewater per day. The first agreement is for grits, rags, and solids with A.J. Panzarella L.L.C. in the amount of \$722,472. The second agreement is for biosolids with Merrell Bros., Inc. in the amount of \$6,557,760. These contracts include transporting pretreatment waste and sludge to an approved disposal location or residuals management facility as defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection so they may be disposed of appropriately. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3tl7xNE.

Fort Lauderdale Air Show Returns Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1

The City Commission approved an event agreement and road closure request for the Fort Lauderdale Air Show that returns to Fort Lauderdale Beach on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Las Olas Oceanside Park. To accommodate the setup, event days, and breakdown, Las Olas Boulevard from Seabreeze Boulevard to A1A will be closed Friday, April 29 at 6 a.m. until Monday, May 2 at 8 a.m. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3ICHmbs. The City Commission also approved a temporary exception to the City's ordinance as it relates to the sale, possession, and consumption of alcohol on a portion of Fort Lauderdale Beach during the event dates. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3pQWktN.

City Commission Defers Decision on One Stop Shop Comprehensive Agreement

Following a discussion that included a presentation by the developer and a public hearing where numerous community members shared comments, the City Commission deferred a decision to enter into a comprehensive agreement with One Stop FTL, LLC to the regular meeting of the City Commission on Tuesday, March 15. One Stop FTL, LLC's unsolicited proposal includes a cultural center and arts park featuring green spaces, gardens, and shade structures on the City-owned property located at 301 N Andrews Avenue. Colliers will be providing a financial analysis prior to the March 15 meeting where there will once again be an opportunity for public comment. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3tFx3NV.

City Commission Ranks IDE Team's Proposal as Highest for New Water Treatment Plant

The City Commission unanimously identified the IDE Team composed of IDE Technologies, Ridgewood Infrastructure, and Kiewit Corporation as the highest-ranked proposer to develop a new water treatment plant. According to an evaluation of the four proposals by the City's Public Works Department that included criteria such as experience constructing water treatment plants of similar size in the US, experience operating water treatment plants in the US, achieving City water quality goals, and ability to meet the City's resilience goals, IDE fully met requirements for all criteria and exceeded requirements in more categories than any other team. Following a 3-2 vote, the City Commission will proceed with IDE's proposal for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of a new water treatment plant and associated system for the City's water utility. Next steps include negotiations to establish a comprehensive agreement. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3MhtDJq.

City Commission Defers Second Reading of Ordinance Relating to Landscaping and Tree Preservation Requirements

The City Commission deferred the second reading of an ordinance amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-21 relating to Landscaping and Tree Preservation Requirements until the regular meeting of the City Commission on Tuesday, May 3. In the meantime, stakeholders will be invited to a meeting to clarify the application of the ordinance and discuss potential refinements. This revision of the code aims to add protections and enhance the City's tree canopy and mitigate the loss of old growth specimen trees. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3KcsWPF.

More Information

For more information on items from the March 1, 2022, Commission meetings, visit the City website at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Next City Commission Meetings on March 15, 2022

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