



# 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. 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](http://fortlauderdale.gov/citycommissionmeetings).*

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In case you missed them, the following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. The videos are available at [youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale](https://youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale) and the vote summary will be available later this week at [fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar](http://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar).

### **CITY COMMISSION JOINT WORKSHOP WITH SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD**

#### **City Commission Discusses Climate Change, Property Insurance, and Mortgages**

Following an introduction by the chair of the Sustainability Advisory Board, the Executive Chairman of the Federal Association for Insurance Reform (FAIR), Jay Neal, made a presentation to the City Commission with a focus on the impacts of climate change on the insurance and mortgage markets nationally and in South Florida and the implications for businesses and homeowners in the City. Mayor Trantalis reinforced that Fort Lauderdale is committed to combatting climate change. He explained measures the City is taking to protect vulnerable properties such as requiring that privately-owned seawalls be elevated as we elevate City-owned seawalls, encouraging development that considers raising properties, and investing in stormwater mitigation projects in flood-prone areas. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/35YFaNy](http://ftlcity.info/35YFaNy).

### **CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**

#### **City Commission Discusses City Auditor Position**

The City Commission discussed the position of City Auditor and appointed Megan Gaillard on a temporary basis to serve as Interim City Auditor.

### **CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING**

#### **City Commission Discusses Redistricting Report Prepared by Florida Atlantic University**

Redistricting consultants from Florida Atlantic University's (FAU) Florida Institute of Government provided an overview of their analysis of Fort Lauderdale's Commission districts using 2020 U.S. Census data as well as population data of the existing City Commission districts

adjusted for future growth to the year 2023. A redistricting workshop will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2022, from 6:00 to 8:00p.m. at City Hall where members of the public can provide suggestions. FAU will consider those suggestions when drawing three district map options that will be submitted to the City the week of March 21. The City Commission will review and discuss the maps at their next regular meeting on April 5. The final map is due to the Broward County Supervisor of Elections by mid-April. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3q7jmGa](https://ftlcity.info/3q7jmGa).

### **City Commission Discusses Bahia Mar Site**

A representative from Colliers International led a presentation summarizing their financial analysis of the proposed new lease and the projections provided by Bahia Mar. As part of their analysis, Colliers performed a review of the existing amended and restated lease agreement, the proposed redevelopment plans, and an appraisal of the site. The City Commission discussed the lease agreement, availability of public use of the site, and access for the annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. The City Commission is expected to vote on this proposal at the April 5 regular meeting. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3wagSeb](https://ftlcity.info/3wagSeb).

## **COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) BOARD MEETING**

### **CRA Board Approves Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report**

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved the Fort Lauderdale CRA Annual Report and Audit Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. Both reports will be sent to the local taxing authorities that contribute to the Tax Increment Financing of the CRA, including Broward County, the North Broward Hospital District, and the Children's Services Council of Broward County. Highlights of the FY 2021 CRA Annual Report include: forgivable loans for 29 small businesses in the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Redevelopment Area through the CRA Emergency Business Investment Program totaling \$300,000; completion of the River Gardens Townhouse Project, where twenty-five affordable for sale units were constructed with a CRA contribution of \$1.5 million; approval of \$1 million in CRA funding to Broward College for community workforce education and training at the new YMCA facility at 1409 Sistrunk Boulevard; and forgivable loans for 11 small businesses in the Central City Redevelopment Area from the CRA Emergency Business Investment Program totaling \$120,000. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/37DNdA1](https://ftlcity.info/37DNdA1).

## **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

### **City Commission Approves 2022 Walk of Fame Inductees**

The City Commission approved a motion accepting the recommendations from the Walk of Fame Committee for the 2022 inductees into the City of Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame: James A. Dallas, Sr., Lisa Scott-Founds, Ivy Cromatie Stranahan, and William Walker. The honorees will be honored at an induction ceremony that is planned for the City's Great American Beach Party celebration. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/36pQ0w1](https://ftlcity.info/36pQ0w1).

### **City Commission Authorizes the Issuance of Stormwater Utility System Special Assessment Revenue Bonds**

The City Commission approved a resolution authorizing the issuance of Stormwater Utility System Special Assessment Revenue Bonds for the purpose of financing and refinancing necessary improvements to the City's stormwater utility system. With this approval of the Master Bond Resolution, the City's Bond Counsel and City Attorney will institute a bond validation proceeding (litigation) that is estimated to take three to four months to complete and will validate approximately \$500 million for stormwater improvement projects. The first series of bonds expected to be issued under the Master Bond Resolution are the Stormwater Utility System Special Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series 2022, for an estimated amount of \$200 million. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3lf2unk](http://ftlcity.info/3lf2unk).

### **City Commission Approves Comprehensive Agreement with One Stop FTL, LLC**

Following a presentation by Colliers International to summarize a financial analysis of the proposal, a presentation by the developer, and a public comment period, the City Commission voted to enter into a comprehensive agreement with One Stop FTL, LLC, whose proposal will bring a cultural center and arts park featuring green spaces, gardens, and shade structures to the City-owned property located at 301 N Andrews Avenue. Next steps for the developer include securing financing, developing the site plan, and following the City's permitting process. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3walekg](http://ftlcity.info/3walekg).

### **City Commission Discusses Parks Improvement Projects at Broward Schools**

The City Commission discussed the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board's recommendation for approval of 12 parks improvement projects: North Fork Elementary School/Park, Sunrise Middle School/Park, Stranahan High School/Park, Stephen Foster Elementary School/Park, Westwood Heights Elementary School/Park, Rock Island Elementary School/Park, Thurgood Marshall Elementary School/Park, Dillard 6-12 School/Park, Harbordale Elementary School/Park, Virginia Shuman Young Elementary School/Park, Sheridan Technical High School/Sunset Park, and George English Pickleball Courts. The City Commission deferred the item to the April 19 regular meeting. In the meantime, City staff will revisit the \$1.7 million allocation for improvements at Sunrise Middle School/Park. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3ia8t23](http://ftlcity.info/3ia8t23).

### **City Commission Approves Ordinance Amendment Related to Motorized Lawn Equipment**

The City Commission passed an ordinance on first reading amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances Section 17-7.7, Specific Restrictions, and Section 17- 8.13, Exemptions, to revise the permissible hours of operation for power tools or motorized equipment used for landscaping and yard maintenance in residential areas. Based on input from a committee made up of members from the public and private sectors, the amended ordinance changes the permissible use time in residential areas from between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. The amended ordinance does not include any changes to the permissible use times on Saturday and Sunday, which are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in any portion of the City. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3lfetkE](http://ftlcity.info/3lfetkE).

### **More Information**

For more information on items from the March 15, 2022, Commission meetings, visit the City website at [fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar](http://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar).

**Next City Commission Meetings on April 5, 2022**

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