



# 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, April 5, 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 NORTHWEST-PROGRESSO-FLAGLER HEIGHTS REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

#### **City Commission Discusses NPF CRA Projects**

The City Commission discussed projects within the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency (NPF CRA) that have received CRA Board approval and CRA funding but have not been completed and are still in pre-development stages. The CRA is scheduled to sunset in November 2025 and the Advisory Board asked the City Commission to consider extending the life of the CRA so that it can continue to benefit the community. The City Commission recognized the positive impact the CRA has had in facilitating the transformation of the area and discussed how project funding would be impacted by the sunset deadline. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3JeoCyP](http://ftlcity.info/3JeoCyP).

### **CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING**

#### **City Commission Discusses City Auditor Recruitment**

The City Commission discussed options for filling the soon-to-be vacant position of City Auditor both on an interim and long-term basis. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3NQVXTS](http://ftlcity.info/3NQVXTS).

#### **City Commission Discusses Redistricting Map Options**

A redistricting consultant from Florida Atlantic University's (FAU) Florida Institute of Government provided an overview of the four maps they developed in response to the need to reestablish Fort Lauderdale's Commission district boundaries to ensure equal population when considering both 2020 U.S. Census data and 2023 population estimates. The City Commission and members of the public provided feedback on the map options with comments focused on

minimizing changes from the current City Commission boundaries and maintaining neighborhood associations within a single district. The consultants will review the maps with these concepts in mind and provide alternative(s) to the City Commission at a special meeting on Tuesday, April 12 at 5 p.m. The final map is due to the Broward County Supervisor of Elections in mid-April. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3Kh0WLd](http://ftlcity.info/3Kh0WLd).

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

### **CRA Board Approves \$30,000 for Finally Friday on Sistrunk**

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved \$30,000 to host a sixth Finally Friday on Sistrunk event in fiscal year 2022. Finally Friday on Sistrunk is a series of free, family-friendly outdoor events held on vacant lots and/or underutilized properties along Sistrunk Boulevard for the purpose of marketing the community redevelopment area. The events feature presentations about the CRA, food trucks, vendors, music, live entertainment, and an interactive kid's zone. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3j5Jhuh](http://ftlcity.info/3j5Jhuh).

## **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

### **City Commission Approves \$3.1 Million Agreement for Wastewater Collection System Project**

The City Commission approved a \$3,100,150 agreement with Murphy Pipeline Contractors, LLC. for the Design-Build Gravity Pipe Improvements to the Downtown Collection System Project. This project replaces approximately 2,120 linear feet of existing gravity sewer pipes in the East Las Olas neighborhood with larger pipes to accommodate projected future flows as identified in the City's Comprehensive Utility Strategic Master Plan. Construction is due to start this summer. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3x6048A](http://ftlcity.info/3x6048A).

### **Mayor Trantalis Recommended to Represent Fort Lauderdale on the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors**

The Florida League of Cities serves as a united voice for Florida's municipalities and aims to promote local self-government. The City of Fort Lauderdale has a seat on the Board of Directors as one of Florida's ten most populous cities. The City Commission voted to recommend Mayor Dean J. Trantalis as the City's representative for a one-year term on the Board. The Nominating Committee will meet in August in conjunction with the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3LAZdkm](http://ftlcity.info/3LAZdkm).

### **Mayor Trantalis Appointed to Represent Fort Lauderdale on the Broward League of Cities Board of Directors**

The Broward League of Cities is a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness and resolving issues facing Broward County's 31 cities and municipalities at the local, county, and state level. According to the League's by-laws, each city shall appoint a Director, Alternate, and Second Alternate to attend and vote at any Board of Directors or General Membership meeting. The City Commission approved a resolution appointing Mayor Dean J.

Trantalis as Director, Commissioner Ben Sorensen as Alternate, and Commissioner Robert McKinzie as Second Alternate for the term beginning on May 13, 2022. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/35IFzDC](http://ftlcity.info/35IFzDC).

### **City Commission Approves 2022-2025 Local Housing Assistance Plan**

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving the City's proposed 2022-2025 State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP). The three-year plan focuses on making affordable residential units available to persons of very low income, low income, or moderate income and to persons with special needs including homeless individuals, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Pending State approval, the new LHAP goes on July 1, 2022, and includes nine housing strategies: 1) Emergency Housing Repair, 2) Rental Development, 3) New Construction-Home Ownership, 4) Rental Assistance for the Elderly & Special Needs, 5) Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation, 6) Demolition/Reconstruction, 7) Purchase Assistance without Rehab, 8) Disaster Repair, and 9) Rapid Re-Housing. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3JkCx6w](http://ftlcity.info/3JkCx6w).

### **City Commission Approves Master Lease for Bahia Mar Site**

Following a presentation by the City's Finance Director and a representative from Colliers International with updated financial projections, comments from representatives of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, and a public hearing, the City Commission approved a master lease between the City of Fort Lauderdale and Rahn Bahia Mar, LLC. The proposed project will bring a new hotel, marina, residential units, restaurants, shops, and a waterfront promenade to the City-owned property located at 801 Seabreeze Boulevard. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3NUnGTx](http://ftlcity.info/3NUnGTx).

### **Ben Sorensen Designated as Vice Mayor**

District 4 Commissioner Ben Sorensen was designated as Vice Mayor. Vice Mayor Sorensen will serve in this role for the next year until the first meeting of the City Commission in April 2023. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3r7Jnpr](http://ftlcity.info/3r7Jnpr).

### **More Information**

For more information on items from the April 5, 2022, Commission meetings, visit the City website at [fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar](http://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar).

### **Upcoming City Commission Meetings**

A special meeting of the City Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 12 at 5 p.m. with a focus on redistricting map options. The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. City Hall is open, and members of the public are invited to attend meetings in person. 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](http://fortlauderdale.gov/citycommissionmeetings).