



# 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 in the City Hall lobby using the City Clerk's iPad.*

*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, visit [fortlauderdale.gov/citycommissionmeetings](http://fortlauderdale.gov/citycommissionmeetings).*

In case you missed them, the following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Tuesday, April 19, 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 CONFERENCE MEETING**

#### **City Commission Discusses Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Medical Director & Future Plans**

In March 2021, the City executed a contract with Dr. James Roach, D.O. for medical director services. Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (FLFR) Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr and Assistant Chief Stephen Shaw presented a summary of the improvements, involvements, and initiatives that have occurred under Dr. Roach's direction over the past year, including updates to FLFR's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) protocols that are available at [flfremprotocols.org](http://flfremprotocols.org). The presentation led to a discussion on response times and, after recognizing FLFR's commitment to ensuring a speedy response, the City Commission directed the City Manager's Office to engage in an analysis of the cost to establish an emergency dispatch center to potentially further enhance the department's efficiency. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3OmBWou](http://ftlcity.info/3OmBWou).

#### **City Commission Discusses Street Lighting Master Plan**

Staff from Kimley-Horn presented an update on the City's proposed Street Lighting Master Plan that aims to establish light level standards, standardize light assembly styles, increase energy efficiency, and improve safety for all street users. These goals were identified based on public input and coordination with multiple City departments. The master plan aims to provide guidance for future development and includes thirteen pilot location recommendations that were selected based on crime and traffic data. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3vxzGC2](http://ftlcity.info/3vxzGC2).

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

#### **CRA Board Approves Development Incentive Program Loan for Dale's Wheels & Tires Direct, Inc.**

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved the award of a Development Incentive Program forgivable loan in the

amount of \$727,000 for Dale's Wheels & Tires Direct, Inc. The proposed development at 200-250 West Sunrise Boulevard includes the renovation and modernization of the existing wheel and tire business, the construction of a new two-story showroom, customer lounge, and warehouse, as well as the build-out of an existing building into four rentable commercial units and storefronts. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3MgfYBM](http://ftlcity.info/3MgfYBM).

## **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

### **City Commission Adopts New City Commission District Map**

The City Commission reviewed various maps developed by redistricting consultants from Florida Atlantic University's (FAU) Florida Institute of Government in response to the need to reestablish Fort Lauderdale's Commission district boundaries to ensure population equity based on 2020 U.S. Census data. The City Commission passed an ordinance on first reading adopting Alternative 6 with a revision to the boundary between Districts 1 and 2 along Federal Highway south of NE 14 Court to keep the Lake Ridge neighborhood together within District 2. The selected map maintains all City neighborhoods within a single Commission district. Additionally, only two neighborhoods will be in new districts: Riverland Village moves from District 4 to District 3 and Poinsettia Heights moves from District 2 to District 1. The City Commission will meet on Wednesday, April 27 at 4 p.m. for the second reading of the ordinance before the final map is sent to the Broward County Supervisor of Elections. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3JZkVxh](http://ftlcity.info/3JZkVxh).

### **City Commission Approves Agreement for Rehabilitation of SW 11th Avenue Swing Bridge**

The City Commission approved an agreement with Engineer Control Systems Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$262,800 for the rehabilitation of the SW 11th Avenue Swing Bridge. The historical bridge is at risk as a result of sea level rise. Cyclical high tides in the New River are causing corrosion and electrical short-circuiting of the bridge's mechanical and electrical components. This project includes removing corrosion from the bridge's mechanical gears, applying corrosion inhibitors, and relocating the bridge's electrical box. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3JY9ntW](http://ftlcity.info/3JY9ntW).

### **City Commission Approves Agreement for Hendricks Isle Seawall Replacement**

The City Commission approved a \$1,471,590 agreement with Ebsary Foundation Co. for the Hendricks Isle Seawall Replacement Project. This project will replace two seawalls located on the northern end of Hendricks Isle. The existing seawalls are 260 and 60 linear feet for a total of 320 linear feet. The new seawalls will be constructed with new sheet pile and a new concrete cap. Additionally, the project includes new stormwater infrastructure as well as pavement and landscaping restoration. Construction is expected to begin this summer. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/37wvKts](http://ftlcity.info/37wvKts).

### **City Commission Approves Agreement for Purchase of Water Meter Reading and Related Services**

The City Commission approved an agreement with Bermex, Inc. for the initial two-year estimated amount of \$1,538,062 for the purchase of water meter reading and related services and authorized the City Manager to approve two one-year renewal options in the estimated

annual amount of \$769,031 for a potential total contract amount of \$3,076,124. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3uXYOmu](http://ftlcity.info/3uXYOmu).

### **City Commission Appoints Interim City Auditor**

The City Commission appointed Patrick Reilly as interim City Auditor. Mr. Reilly, who was most recently Chief Auditor for Broward County Public Schools for 20 years, will begin his service with the City once a contract outlining the terms of his employment is finalized. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3xFOCRj](http://ftlcity.info/3xFOCRj).

### **City Commission Adopts Resolution Supporting Projects for Transportation Surtax Funding**

After extensive interaction with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the City's Transportation and Mobility Department submitted 14 municipal capital project applications to move forward to the County's ranking process for Transportation Surtax funding. The projects were required to either create a new roadway, expand a roadway or intersection, or implement traffic calming measures. The 2022 project applications will compete for funding against applications submitted by other municipalities and if awarded the funding, they would be programmed in 2027. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3MhCD0t](http://ftlcity.info/3MhCD0t).

### **Special Municipal Election to be Held on November 8, 2022**

The City Commission adopted a resolution calling a November 8, 2022, special municipal election to elect a City Commissioner for District I. This seat will become available upon the resignation of District I Commissioner Heather Moraitis who submitted her resignation notice on Friday, April 1, 2022. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3vrSSRT](http://ftlcity.info/3vrSSRT).

### **More Information**

For more information on items from the April 19, 2022, Commission meetings, visit [fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar](http://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar).

### **Upcoming City Commission Meetings**

A special meeting of the City Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 27 at 4 p.m. for the second reading of the ordinance to adopt a new Commission District Map. The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Tuesday, May 3, 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, visit [fortlauderdale.gov/citycommissionmeetings](http://fortlauderdale.gov/citycommissionmeetings).