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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.

In case you missed them, the following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. The video is 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 City Hall Options

Ken Krasnow, a representative from Colliers, presented the City Commission with alternatives to the Joint Governmental Center Campus (JGCC) with Broward County to serve as a new City Hall for the City of Fort Lauderdale. The options Mr. Krasnow presented include building on City-owned land, building on a privately-owned site, or purchasing an existing building. The City Commission determined that the \$356 million cost of the JGCC project is too high. City Manager Chris Lagerbloom will coordinate with County officials to set a meeting with the Unified Direct Procurement Authority (UDPA) where both parties can discuss the JGCC project and officially agree not to move forward. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3Mstxh4.

City Commission Appoints Greg Chavarria as Next City Manager Effective July 23

The City Commission appointed Assistant City Manager Greg Chavarria to assume the role of City Manager on Sunday, July 23. Over the coming weeks, Mayor Trantalis will act on behalf of the City Commission to negotiate a formal employment contract with Mr. Chavarria, as is required for a charter officer position. Mayor Trantalis will also meet with Assistant City Manager and Human Resources Director Tarlesha Smith to explore the possibility of transitioning her to the role of Deputy City Manager. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3MtRnsA.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) BOARD MEETING

CRA Board Approves \$70,695 in Forgivable Loan Funding for Blue Tree Café

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, adopted a resolution to waive the maximum forgivable loan award under the Property and Business Improvement Incentive Program (PBIP) and approve \$70,695 in

additional PBIP funding to The Blue Tree Café, LLC to cover costs including a sewage pump, roof work, additional permitting, and increased labor and material costs. The CRA Board originally approved \$225,000 in funding in November 2020 for the build-out of The Blue Tree Café, a multi-brand virtual kitchen and restaurant located at 612 NW 9 Avenue. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3zmFpyc.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Commission Approves \$3 Million for Water and Wastewater System Consulting Services

The City Commission approved \$3 million in funding for consulting services on a variety of projects related to water and wastewater including utility design, engineering studies for the Utilities Engineering Operations and Distribution and Collection Operations divisions, Gravity Pipe Improvements to the Downtown Collection System, and the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant Disinfection Improvements projects. Task orders will be awarded on a rotational basis, evenly, and as available to Chen Moore and Associates, Inc., Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., Tetra Tech, Inc., Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc., Craven, Thompson & Associates, Inc., EAC Consulting, Inc., CDM Smith, Inc., Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., and Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3MyWxDQ.

City Commission Authorizes \$11.3 Million in Additional Funding for Parks Bond and Parks Master Plan Design and Implementation Services

The City Commission authorized \$11.3 million in additional funding for the Parks Bond and Parks Master Plan Design and Implementation Services Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., amending the total estimated value for services from \$4 million to \$15.3 million. The additional funding will be used for task orders related to design services; program management; and Construction, Engineering, and Inspection (CEI) services for Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects as well as design and construction related services for signature park projects. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3aCenJ1.

City Commission Approves Agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation for AMI Consultant Services

The City Commission approved a two-year service agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation in the amount of \$237,138 for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Solution Consultant Services. In this role, Black & Veatch Corporation will help the City develop the Request for Proposal (RFP) for AMI implementation and will act as “owner’s representative” to ensure the City implements AMI successfully. An AMI system has the potential to reduce inaccurate meter readings and inconsistencies in water billing, provide more reliable equipment, and improve overall neighbor satisfaction among other benefits. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3MyBAZE.

City Commission Approves Interim Agreement for Las Olas Loop

The City Commission approved an interim agreement with The Boring Company that authorizes the firm to proceed with feasibility studies for the Las Olas Loop, a tunnel system connecting

Downtown Fort Lauderdale to Fort Lauderdale Beach. The information gained from these studies will be used to design the loop's alignment and stations and determine the cost to move forward through construction and into operation and maintenance. Following completion of the studies, the City Commission will decide whether to negotiate a comprehensive agreement with The Boring Company. For details, visit ftlcity.info/390cwx7 and ftlcity.info/3Nulj9x.

City Commission Approves Site Plan Level IV Development Permit for Ocean Park Hotel and Residences

The City Commission approved a Site Plan Level IV development permit for Sunrise FTL Ventures, LLLP, for their proposal to develop the Ocean Park Hotel and Residences at 2851 and 2901 NE 9 Court. The proposed development includes two buildings: an 11-story residential building with 54 units (western building) and a 12-story hotel with 100 rooms (eastern building). For details, visit ftlcity.info/3xh1J9M.

City Commission Approves Resolution to Proceed with Fort Lauderdale Studio Initiative LLC Proposal

The City Commission adopted a resolution providing notice of their decision to proceed with the unsolicited proposal submitted by Fort Lauderdale Studio Initiative LLC to develop, construct, operate, and maintain a full-service movie studio complex on city-owned property located at 1400 NW 31 Avenue and authorizing negotiations of a proposed interim and/or comprehensive agreement. The next step in the process is the development of a comprehensive agreement that could come before the City Commission as soon as July 2022. In the meantime, the proposer intends to continue outreach to nearby stakeholders and neighborhood associations. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3NzcH1e.

City Commission Approves Resolution to Proceed with My Park Initiative, LLC Proposal

The City Commission adopted a resolution providing notice of their decision to proceed with the unsolicited proposal submitted by My Park Initiative, LLC to develop, operate, and maintain a pickleball facility on the southwest portion of Snyder Park located at 3299 SW 4 Avenue and authorizing negotiations of a proposed interim and/or comprehensive agreement. The next step in the process is the development of an agreement. In the meantime, the proposer looks forward to reaching out to the community and sharing information about their proposal. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3zph5fh.

Ordinance Relating to Landscaping and Tree Preservation Requirements Does Not Pass on Second Reading

The City Commission voted against an ordinance on second 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. The ordinance would

have been the first step toward the development of an Urban Forestry Master Plan. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3O52ART.

Walk-On: Special Municipal Election on November 8, 2022

The City Commission adopted resolutions calling a special municipal election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, to elect a City Commissioner for District 3 and District 4. This date coincides with the previously set special municipal election to elect a City Commissioner for District 1.

More Information

For more information on the June 7, 2022, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.