



# 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, July 5, 2022. The video is 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 Food and Beverage Service on the Beach**

The City Commission expressed interest in a proposed program that would allow Fort Lauderdale Beach hoteliers to offer food and beverage service, including alcohol, on the beach to their guests and members of the public who are sitting on the sand in front of their hotel. The program would enable hoteliers between Bahia Mar and Sunrise Boulevard to better meet the high standards of service requested by their guests and the public when visiting our world-class beach. Over the next few weeks, City staff will consult with Central Beach Alliance neighbors to seek their input before moving forward with drafting an ordinance that would allow this amenity to be provided. The City Commission could vote on this topic as soon as Tuesday, August 16. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/30QePT2](http://ftlcity.info/30QePT2).

#### **City Commission Discusses Reimagining of Huizenga Park**

The Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (DDA) provided an update on the reimagining of Huizenga Park, which is located across 4.4 acres near Las Olas Boulevard and Andrews Avenue. The proposed design calls for revisions to the way people move around the park and the inclusion of concessions, a restaurant, and public restrooms. The site plan also includes improvements to the iconic Spirit of Fort Lauderdale fountain, a large civic lawn, shaded areas, and a series of spaces for leisure and activities. The DDA's proposed funding plan for the \$15 million project includes major contributions from the DDA, the City of Fort Lauderdale, and private donations. The City Commission is reviewing the DDA's request for a City contribution of \$5 million over a seven-year period and may provide further direction when they return to the dais in August following the summer recess. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3ynDyqZ](http://ftlcity.info/3ynDyqZ).

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

### **CRA Board Approves Amendment to Project Agreement for The Aldridge and The Laramore**

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, adopted a resolution approving an amended Development Incentive Program (DIP) Letter of Intent for the The Aldridge and The Laramore mixed-use affordable housing projects located at 1204 Sistrunk Boulevard and 1620 NW 6 Court. In November 2021, the CRA Board approved a donation of CRA property and an \$8 million CRA DIP Loan to Sistrunk Apartments, LLC for this initiative. Since then, the developer has secured construction bids and the construction cost has increased to a projected \$22 million, resulting in the developer seeking an alternative funding program to implement the project. With the new proposed financing structure, the development will become more affordable and for a longer period. Instead of 80% of the housing units affordable at 80% Area Median Income (AMI) with a 15-year affordability term, the project will now have 100% of the units affordable at 60% AMI with a 30-year affordability term. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3Rc3IFv](http://ftlcity.info/3Rc3IFv).

### **CRA Board Approves Amendment to Thrive Progresso Project Agreement**

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, adopted a resolution approving a second amendment to the Development Incentive Program (DIP) development agreement for the Thrive Progresso project, which is 60% complete. Since July 2019, the CRA Board has approved a \$2.5 million CRA DIP forgivable loan and a CRA Streetscape Enhancement Program forgivable loan in the amount of over \$490,000 for the renovation of five properties in the area of NW 5 Avenue and NW 7 Street that will bring office, flex, retail, lifestyle, arts, and other uses. In order to expedite construction, the CRA Board agreed to waive the stipulation in the development agreement that limited reimbursement of cost to twice per fiscal year. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3afC21S](http://ftlcity.info/3afC21S).

## **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

### **City Commission Authorizes Negotiation of OSCA Grant for Community Court Expenses**

The City Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a settlement grant agreement from the Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA) for an amount not to exceed \$224,387 to fund the operational expenses of the weekly Community Court sessions held between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2022. The Community Court addresses the City Commission's 2022 top priority on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities by reducing non-violent crimes, supporting public safety, and reducing homelessness. Read recent newsletters summarizing progress on this City Commission top priority at [www.fortlauderdale.gov/laudetrac](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/laudetrac). For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3afUjMv](http://ftlcity.info/3afUjMv).

### **City Commission Approves Agreements for Utility Relocation Related to New Federal Courthouse**

The City Commission approved a \$2,725,570 agreement with David Mancini & Sons, Inc. for the construction of Pump Station A-16 and supporting sewer infrastructure. The City Commission also approved a \$1,881,743 agreement with David Mancini & Sons, Inc. for the construction of 1,000 linear feet of 30-inch water main and required control valves. Relocating these City-

owned and operated water and sewer utilities is necessary in order to accommodate the construction of the new federal courthouse at SE 4 Avenue and SE 11 Street. These projects, which are expected to begin construction later this year, will increase capacity and enhance service reliability. For details on the pump station project, visit [ftlcity.info/3yeWZ54](https://ftlcity.info/3yeWZ54). For details on the water main project, visit [ftlcity.info/3yJd3NS](https://ftlcity.info/3yJd3NS).

### **City Commission Approves Purchase of Transportation Circulator Services from Circuit Transit, Inc.**

The City Commission approved a \$350,000 agreement with Circuit Transit, Inc. for the purchase of transportation circulator service during a six-month pilot period. This pilot program will utilize electric low-speed vehicles that can seat up to five passengers to provide free on-demand service for the downtown urban core and free fixed-route service connecting parking facilities on the barrier island. Learn more about the City's mobility services at [www.fortlauderdale.gov/laudergo](https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/laudergo). For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3yGICZP](https://ftlcity.info/3yGICZP).

### **City Commission Approves \$23.3M Agreement for Fleet Maintenance and Management Services**

The City Commission approved a five-year agreement with Vector Fleet Management, LLC (VFM) for the purchase of Fleet Maintenance and Management Services in the initial five-year contract term fixed amount of \$25,336,405 and authorized the City Manager to approve two two-year renewal options in the estimated four-year amount of \$22,012,662 for a potential total contract amount of \$47,349,067. The award-winning Fleet Services Program of the City's Public Works Department will oversee VFM throughout the contract term to ensure timely and efficient maintenance of the City's 1750+ vehicles and equipment and the City's fueling infrastructure. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3nJxxzG](https://ftlcity.info/3nJxxzG).

### **City Commission Approves Agreement for DC Alexander Park Improvement Project**

The City Commission approved a \$9,098,926.87 agreement with Shiff Construction & Development, Inc. for the DC Alexander Park Improvement Project. The proposed project aims to create a 1.2-acre oceanfront park that includes a signature playground installation, elevated viewing platform overlooking the ocean, elevated ramp/walkway with play elements, and terraced walls with landscape beautification. Construction is expected to begin this summer and be completed by summer 2023. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3bTTXvC](https://ftlcity.info/3bTTXvC).

### **City Commission Extends Agreement for Park at Lockhart Park**

The City Commission approved a motion to enter into a first amendment to the comprehensive agreement between the City and Miami Beckham United, LLC. The amendment extends the deadline for the completion of the park at Lockhart Park until July 2023. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3ljMRMZ](https://ftlcity.info/3ljMRMZ).

### **City Commission Approves Development Permit Application for The Arcadian**

The City Commission approved a development permit application for The Arcadian, a proposed eight-story mixed-use development containing 480 residential units with 15,235 square feet of ground commercial space at 640 NW 7 Avenue. The applicant, Sunshine Shipyard LLC, requested 20 feet of additional height through the Northwest Regional Activity Center

(NWRAC) affordable housing height bonus incentive as well as approval of an alternative design that deviates from the maximum floorplate requirements and tower stepback requirements of the City's Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR). The applicant is providing 48 affordable units to be rented to residents with incomes at or below 100% of the median family income (MFI) in perpetuity. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3nHONp7](http://ftlcity.info/3nHONp7).

### **City Commission Sets Proposed Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2023**

The City Commission adopted a resolution acknowledging receipt of the City Manager's budget message, estimates, and recommendations together with a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. The resolution also sets the proposed millage rate for the FY 2023 Budget at 4.1193 per \$1,000 of taxable value for the 16th consecutive year and sets the debt service rate at .2833 per \$1,000 of taxable value. Public hearings for the consideration of the proposed FY 2023 millage rate and budget are set for Tuesday, September 6, 2022, and Monday, September 12, 2022, at 5:01 P.M. or soon thereafter at City Hall. The Proposed Budget and Community Investment Plan documents can be found on the City's website at: [fortlauderdale.gov/budget](http://fortlauderdale.gov/budget). For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3yke4L5](http://ftlcity.info/3yke4L5) and [ftlcity.info/3lp6XWb](http://ftlcity.info/3lp6XWb).

### **More Information**

For more information on the July 5, 2022, Commission meetings, visit [fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar](http://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar).

### **Upcoming City Commission Meetings**

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Tuesday, August 16, 2022.