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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, September 6, 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 Water Plant Replacement Project

In March 2022, the City Commission voted in favor of moving forward with a public-private partnership (P3) with IDE-Ridgewood to jointly design, build, and operate a replacement for the City's aging Fiveash water treatment plant at the Prospect Wellfields. Utilizing the P3 approach to accomplish this major infrastructure initiative will expedite construction and enable the City to continue producing safe drinking water using the latest water production technology while reducing the City's risks related to rising construction and operational costs. Through this partnership, the City will maintain ownership of the plant, which will be staffed by City employees, as well as responsibility for operations as part of the City's treatment and distribution system. Over the past several months, City staff has been collaborating with IDE-Ridgewood staff on a revised agreement that would result in the plant being delivered within 42 months from when the notice to proceed is issued. In order to fund this project, water rates are expected to increase by approximately 139% percent over a ten-year period, bringing an average water bill of a 5,000 gallon/month household to \$73 per month in 2032. Drafts of the comprehensive agreement and labor services agreement are expected to be complete for review and approval by the City Commission at the October 18, 2022, City Commission meeting. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3QINBUc.

City Commission Discusses Special Events

The City Commission expressed concerns about the Summer Jamz concert held on Friday, August 19 at Mills Pond Park. The event, which was attended by between 8,000 and 10,000 people, cost an estimated \$432,010. City Manager Greg Chavarria provided an overview of how City-sponsored events are planned and shared recommendations for consistent event delivery such as establishing a maximum budget per event and better defining the event planning process. City Manager Chavarria will continue to collaborate with the City Auditor and City

Attorney to further analyze the Summer Jamz event and ensure that all future events adhere to the City's charter and policies with the goal of enhancing transparency and accountability.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) BOARD MEETING

CRA Board Approves \$285,000 for Seven on Seventh Mixed-Use Affordable Housing Project

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners approved \$285,000 in Streetscape Enhancement Program funding for Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc.'s Seven on Seventh, a mixed-use affordable housing project located at 920 NW 7 Avenue. The project is currently over 50% complete and features an eight-story residential tower with 72 rental units, amenities, and a structured parking garage. The development will also include new case worker offices, retail and open promenade space, and professional on-site third-party property management. This will be an affordable housing community where 50% of the units will be reserved for individuals who formerly experienced homelessness, many of whom are clients of Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc. Rents are targeted to tenants that make between 28% and 60% of the Area Media Income (AMI) with projected rents as low as \$377 per month for a studio apartment. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3KVxWtF.

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) BOARD MEETING

OPEB Trust Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending June 30, 2022

The City's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust was established to provide benefits to eligible former City employees and operates in a manner similar to a pension plan whereby the City makes annual contributions to the OPEB Trust and the City's contributions together with interest earnings fund future OPEB benefits. The OPEB Trust returned -11.43% in the quarter that ended on June 30, 2022, outperforming its policy benchmark return of -11.48% by 0.05%. The City's OPEB Post Retirement Pay Steps Plan returned -11.33% in the quarter that ended on June 30, 2022, outperforming its policy benchmark return of -11.48% by 0.15%. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3CYM7wd.

CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING – FIRST BUDGET HEARING

City Commission Approves Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2023

The City Commission adopted on first reading the tentative budget for fiscal year (FY) 2023, beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023. The tentative all funds budget of \$985,053,597 includes maintaining the millage rate of \$4.1193 per \$1,000 of taxable value and increasing the annual Fire Assessment Fee by \$10 to a total of \$321 per residential unit. The tentative budget allocates funding to advance City Commission's top priorities: Homelessness and Housing Opportunities, Infrastructure and Resilience, Parks and Public Places, and Transportation and Traffic. The proposed budget also funds community investment plan projects and increases in personnel wages while maintaining a healthy fund balance. The City Commission will hold a final budget hearing on Monday, September 12 at 5:01 p.m. To review the FY 2023 proposed budget, visit fortlauderdale.gov/budget. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3RYW4hB.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Commission Approves Agreement with FDOT for Signal Control Box Wrap Projects

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving the design, installation, and maintenance of signal control box wraps along Davie Boulevard, State Road A1A, and SE 17 Street within Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) rights-of-way. Since the City's program was initiated in 2015, 46 traffic control boxes have been wrapped in seven neighborhoods, beautifying the City while transforming traffic control boxes into pieces of art. City staff works closely with neighborhood civic associations to tailor the context and character of each location. This next phase includes 20 boxes featuring floral designs along A1A, a combination of floral and beach designs along Davie Boulevard, and artwork by Guy Harvey along SE 17 Street. The City Commission approved the execution of a community aesthetic feature agreement with FDOT to bring the proposed designs to reality. Once installed, the City's Transportation and Mobility Department will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the box wraps. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3etLVKZ.

City Commission Approves Grant Application Submittal for Cooley's Landing Marina Renovations

The City Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to Broward County for grant funding of \$600,000 through the Broward Boating Improvement Program (BBIP). The grant funds will be used to renovate the Cooley's Landing Marina. City staff also intends to apply for a \$600,000 grant from the Florida Inland Navigation District to fund this project. Construction is expected to begin in early 2024. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3D4aWqG.

City Commission Approves \$477,666 Grant for Public Safety Initiatives

The City Commission approved the acceptance of grants funds in the amount of \$477,666 from the United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS) and the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management through the FY 2021 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program. Funds will be used towards training and drills, equipment for public safety first responders, improvements to the City's emergency operations center and the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Real Time Crime Center. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3RIQqG5.

City Commission Approves \$3.6 Million Agreement for Wastewater Infrastructure in Flagler Village

The City Commission approved a \$3,615,000 agreement with David Mancini & Sons, Inc. for the design and construction of Pump Station A-24 and supporting sewer infrastructure. This design-build project will bring a new wastewater pump station to the intersection of NE 6 Street and NE 3 Avenue in Flagler Village, where a new pump station is needed to accommodate the increased demand associated with new developments in the area. The project also includes the installation of a standby generator to provide power in the event of an outage and the construction of a new sewer force main connecting the new pump station to the existing sewer force main on NE 5 Street. Construction is expected to begin in summer 2023. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3D2XnaM.

City Commission Passes Ordinance That Aims to Improve Pedestrian and Vehicular Safety

The City Commission passed an ordinance on second reading repealing Ordinance No. C-12-10 and deleting and replacing Section 16-82 of the City's Code of Ordinances with a proposed ordinance entitled "Obstructing Public Streets and Rights-of-Way." The ordinance intends to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety within the City's rights-of-way including streets, sidewalks, driveways, and swale areas. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3D3IGEp.

More Information

For more information on the September 6, 2022, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The City Commission will hold a final budget hearing on Monday, September 12. The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Thursday, September 22.