



# 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 Monday, October 3, 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 Receives Update on Potential Hardy Park Historic District Designation**

City staff provided a presentation regarding the potential designation of the Hardy Park Historic District. As originally proposed in a Neighbor Presentation by Reed Tolber, the district would include three structures that are currently designated as historic landmarks; South Side School, the South Side Fire Station, and the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant, as well as the vacant lot northwest of Florence C. Hardy Park, Hardy Park, and the right-of-way in the intersection of South Andrews Avenue and SW 7th Street. An evaluation by City staff found that the area could qualify for designation as a historic district; however, the designation would exclude the vacant lot at the northwest corner and the right-of-way. The City Commission will further discuss the matter during the October 18 conference meeting. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3rpb9gY](http://ftlcity.info/3rpb9gY).

### **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

#### **City Commission Accepts Grants from the State of Florida Division of Arts and Culture**

The City Commission approved a motion to accept a Specific Cultural Grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the State of Florida Division of Arts and Culture. The grant funds specific cultural projects, exhibitions, or series. The grant money will support the City of Fort Lauderdale's Jazz Brunch live performance music series. The Sunday Jazz Brunch is ideal for relaxing and enjoying Fort Lauderdale's scenic Riverwalk. The free, live outdoor concert series features the area's best local jazz artists, where residents and visitors can listen to music on three different stages on the first Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3C6Sagb](http://ftlcity.info/3C6Sagb).

#### **City Commission Approves Secondary Street Name of NW 18<sup>th</sup> Street**

The City Commission adopted a resolution changing the secondary street name of NW 18<sup>th</sup>

Street to “Vivian Dempsey Path” between NW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Vivian Dempsey was a resident of 67 years and an active member of the South Middle River Civic Association (SMRCA). She served as chair of the neighborhood’s Beautification Committee and was responsible for planting over 1,500 trees throughout SMRCA, earning her the nickname “The Tree Lady”. Her known commitment to the neighborhood is the reason why community members wanted to memorialize Ms. Dempsey’s legacy. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3fBn8p2](http://ftlcity.info/3fBn8p2).

#### **City Commission Approves Purchasing Agreement for Landscaping and Maintenance Services**

The City Commission approved an agreement awarding a contract in the amount of \$641,900 to Aquatic Control Group Inc. for the landscaping and maintenance of stormwater facilities at River Oaks Stormwater Preserve and Melrose Drainage Ditch and authorized the City Manager to approve two one-year renewal options. The contractor is required to follow the Public Works’ Stormwater Operations Program which requires mowing, and line trimming, litter removal, weed control (mechanical and chemical), tree trimming and removal, and the removal of any illegally dumped debris. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3fFPH4L](http://ftlcity.info/3fFPH4L).

#### **City Commission Approves Proprietary Purchases for Infrastructure Needs**

The City Commission approved the purchase of proprietary items for the estimated amount of \$6,577,000. The Department of Public Works relies on a variety of equipment throughout the year to meet service demands related to water distribution, wastewater collection, stormwater system infrastructures, and treatment facilities. The Utilities Division operates two water treatment facilities, one regional wastewater treatment facility, 186 sanitary sewer pump stations, and four stormwater stations and maintains over 1,400 miles of underground infrastructure. Each year, over 14 billion gallons of potable water are delivered to approximately 250,000 neighbors and visitors. Additionally, over 14 billion gallons of wastewater are collected and treated. The Sustainability Division operates and maintains the stormwater management system, which includes 8,903 catch basins, 1,039 outfalls, and 184 miles of storm pipe. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3e0TXLL](http://ftlcity.info/3e0TXLL).

#### **City Commission Withdraws Proposal for Project Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE)**

The City Commission approved the withdrawal of a proposal for development submitted by Midgard Group Inc. and refunding of the deposit of \$33,000. The Midgard Group submitted a proposal to develop lot 20/21, which is a 5.42-acre vacant site located in the Airport Industrial Park at FXE. Following negotiations, Midgard realized the cost to construct the project was miscalculated in the bid packet submitted. The site is designated as an Employment Center area by Broward County’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3SPF7GH](http://ftlcity.info/3SPF7GH).

#### **City Commission Approves Rezoning of Land as Parks, Recreation and Open Space**

The City Commission approved the rezoning of seven properties to Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (P) on second reading. By doing so, the City Commission, per the City’s Charter, has provided additional certainty of these parks’ future use by limiting the sale, transfer, or lease for more than one year without a unanimous vote of the entire City Commission. The properties are as follows:

- Rezoned from Business Boulevard:
  - **2750 NW 19th Street and 2770 NW 19th Street** - 21,602 square feet (0.49 acres) of land rezoned will ensure consistency and continuity with the existing use of Bass Park. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3SREdJF](http://ftlcity.info/3SREdJF).
- Rezoned from Planned Unit Development:
  - **1621 SW 24<sup>th</sup> Street** - 47,586 square feet (1.09 acres) of land rezoned to ensure consistency and continuity with the existing use of Esterre Davis Wright Park. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3Rzd9Of](http://ftlcity.info/3Rzd9Of).
- Rezoned from Airport Industrial Park
  - **6200 NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue** - 355,121 square feet (8.15 acres) of land from Airport Industrial Park (AIP) District to Parks, Recreation and Open Space (P) District to ensure consistency and continuity with the existing use of Cypress Creek Sand Pine Preserve open space. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3EabfRf](http://ftlcity.info/3EabfRf).
- Rezoned from Regional Activity Center–City Center:
  - **25 SW 9th Street and 701 S. Andrews Avenue** - 341,909 square feet (7.8 acres) of land rezoned to ensure consistency and continuity with the existing use of Florence C. Hardy Park. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3e1UWLw](http://ftlcity.info/3e1UWLw).
- Rezoned from Residential Single Family/Low Medium Density
  - **2401 NE 8th Street** - 20,900 square feet (0.47 acres) of land rezoned to ensure consistency and continuity with the existing use of Greenfield Park. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3M4Ghfp](http://ftlcity.info/3M4Ghfp).
  - **2 North Victoria Park Road** - 41,046 square feet (0.94 acres) of land rezoned to ensure consistency and continuity with the existing use, which is Victoria Park. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3SNQEpK](http://ftlcity.info/3SNQEpK).
- Rezoned from One-Family Detached Dwelling – County District:
  - **4600 Twin Lakes Boulevard** - 9,068 square feet (0.20 acres) of land rezoned to ensure consistency and continuity with the existing use of Twin Lakes North Park. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3SP6C3H](http://ftlcity.info/3SP6C3H).

### **City Commission Adopts Ordinance to Ban Smoking and Vaping in Public Parks and Beaches**

The City Commission adopted an ordinance on second reading prohibiting smoking or vaping in public parks and on public beaches in conjunction with the Florida Clean Air Act. The ordinance does not include smoking of unfiltered cigars. The ordinance addresses the pollution issue associated with discarded cigarette butts and toxic chemicals that adversely affect the environment. An educational campaign will be forthcoming to bring awareness to the approved City ordinance. **For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3rqpVUy](http://ftlcity.info/3rqpVUy).**

### **More Information**

For more information on the October 3, 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, October 18, 2022.