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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, December 20, 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 Considered Request for Raising McNab Road Bridge

City Commissioners considered a request to contribute \$500,000 to the City of Pompano Beach for a project to raise the McNab Road Bridge near Cypress Club Drive by 4 feet. The bridge is just north of the City's limit and raising it would provide the benefit of increasing height clearance for vessels. The City Commission did not reach consensus on determining that contributing to the project served a public purpose. Members of the City Commission proposed prioritizing funds for needed repairs and improvements of City bridges. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3Vg2xFX.

City Commission Proposes Review of the City Charter

The City Commission requested the Charter Revision Board reconvene in the new year for the purpose of recommending revisions to the City Charter. The charter is the foundation of how the City's government functions in terms of distribution of powers and checks and balances. The charter can be viewed online: ftlcity.info/3YxQZAR.

COMMUNITY REDEVOLPMENT AGENCY BOARD

Board Passes Motion to Transfer City-owned Property to the CRA

The CRA Board of Commissioners passed a motion to transfer City-owned property to the Community Redevelopment Agency for public purposes. The property is located east of Powerline Road and south of Sistrunk Boulevard in District 3. The motion also delegated authority to the Executive Director to take certain actions, among other items. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3hN8I6B.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Resolution Approves the Naming of JoAnn Smith Botanical Garden

Following a request from members of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc., the City Commission approved a resolution to name the Botanical Garden at Stranahan Park as the JoAnn Smith Botanical Garden. JoAnn Smith is a member of the Citizen's Volunteer Corps, a member of the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club, and, since 2005, she has been one of the master gardeners of the Botanical Garden and the driving force in the selection, planting, and maintenance of the unique and rare plants that continue to adorn the garden. Ms. Smith was also named the City of Fort Lauderdale Citizen of the Year in 2018. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3PK33ee.

Ordinance to Streamline Alarm Registration and Fee Collection Moves Forward

The City Commission approved the first reading of an ordinance to streamline the alarm registration and fee collection process for residential and commercial alarm users by using an outside vendor. Staff aims to improve the alarm registration and collection processes with the new ordinance structure. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3v9xDEK.

Application to Rezone Site at 1700 N. Andrews Ave. Advances

The City Commission approved the second reading of an ordinance to rezone 0.77 acres of land located on the east portion of 1700 N. Andrews Ave. The land will be rezoned from Community Facility (CF) District to Residential Multifamily Low Rise/Medium Density (RM-15) District. In a separate ordinance, the Commission approved to rezone an additional 0.42 acres of land on the same site from Community Facility (CF) District to Community Business (CB) District. The applicant has proposed to construct 11 townhouses on the currently vacant site that is now zoned RM-15. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3BRIQgZ.

City Commission Names New Interim City Attorney

Members of City Commission voted 3-2 to terminate the City Attorney's contract. Mr. Alain Boileau served as City Attorney since 2018. The contract separation terms required to place Mr. Boileau on a 60-day administrative leave and to be issued a severance of 20 weeks of pay with benefits. Assistant City Attorney D'Wayne Spence was named Interim City Attorney, effective immediately. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3Ga3XNU.

More Information

For more information on the December 20, 2022, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.