



# 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, February 7, 2023. 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**

#### **Commission Hears Proposals to Assist with City Attorney Search**

The City Commission heard brief presentations from four executive search firms that would assist in the City's recruitment of a new City Attorney. After a review of the external recruiting search firms, the Commission directed the Manager to conduct the search for a new City Attorney internally. City staff will share recruitment plan at a future Conference Meeting. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/40AERQt](http://ftlcity.info/40AERQt).

#### **City Offers Comparison of Vacation Rental Policies to other South Florida Cities**

City staff shared a presentation that outlined the current process for registration, regulation, inspection, and enforcement of vacation rental properties and provided a comparison to the policies of three South Florida cities (Hollywood, Miramar, and Coral Springs). There are currently 1,676 official vacation rental properties in the City, all of which are required to register with the State of Florida and Broward County before submitting an application with the City. The properties are subject to interior and exterior inspections, and property owners may receive citations, have their license suspended, and be issued fees if certain regulations are not met. The Commission, by consensus, provided direction for staff to look into adding a requirement for noise detection devices, adjusting the registration fee, and increasing the fine amounts for violations. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3JRzkz4](http://ftlcity.info/3JRzkz4).

#### **Commission Provided Analysis of Potential Annexation of Unincorporated Neighborhoods**

The City Commission was provided an overview of an analysis performed by a consultant in 2019 to determine the financial costs and benefits of incorporating five areas near current City limits. The unincorporated neighborhoods of Boulevard Gardens, Broadview Park, Franklin Park, Roosevelt Gardens, and Washington Park currently receive municipal services through Broward County. The Commission requested for the City Manager to reach out to the County

and HOA of the unincorporated neighborhoods to determine if there was interest to proceed with the annexing process. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3lkZgbY](https://ftlcity.info/3lkZgbY).

## **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

### **Commission Approves a Motion for Road Closures Along Beach during Upcoming Parade**

The City Commission approved a motion that allows for road closures on Las Olas Boulevard and A1A to accommodate the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival in March. This year's parade was moved from the usual downtown location due to ongoing construction projects. Las Olas Boulevard between Seabreeze Boulevard and A1A will be closed from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 10 and from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 11. A1A between Terramar Street and E. Las Olas Boulevard from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 11. Birch Road from Riomar Street to Auramar Street will be partially closed from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 11. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3HIJKYH](https://ftlcity.info/3HIJKYH).

### **Commission Approves Agreement for Asphalt, Sidewalk, and ADA Improvements**

The City Commission approved an agreement for installation of asphalt, sidewalk repairs, and installation of American Disabilities Act (ADA) access ramp projects, among other work. These projects will take place in Community Development Block Grant qualifying neighborhoods. The initial agreement is in the amount of \$1 million over two years, with two one-year renewal options. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/40Clp4M](https://ftlcity.info/40Clp4M).

### **Commission Approves Agreements for Wastewater Rehabilitation Services**

The City Commission approved agreements with a group of qualified general contractors to provide long-term wastewater rehabilitation services for projects throughout the City. The City will enter into agreements with six general contractors in the in the estimated amount of \$19.5 million over two years. The motion authorizes the City Manager to approve three one-year renewal options if needed. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3li5DNk](https://ftlcity.info/3li5DNk).

### **Commission Adopts Execution of an Agreement for Creation of New Water Treatment Plant**

The City Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the execution of a comprehensive agreement for the development, construction, and operation of the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center (Water Treatment Plant). The initial proposal was submitted in December 2020 and the project has been reviewed and considered over a two-year period. The Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee expressed support for this effort during a special meeting on February 1. The new water treatment plant would replace the 70-year-old Fiveash Water Treatment Plant. The City will maintain ownership of the Prospect Lake Water Treatment Plant throughout construction and the following 30-year operational period, with the project company responsible for on-site operational management, maintenance, and repairs. The new plant, which would be completed by 2026 with an approximate cost of \$666 million, will be located in the northwest section of the city, south of NW 62nd Street between NW 31st Avenue and 35th Avenue. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3DQ3Cys](https://ftlcity.info/3DQ3Cys).

### **More Information**

For more information on the February 7, 2023, Commission meetings, visit

[fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar](https://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar).

**Upcoming City Commission Meetings**

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.