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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 Wednesday, March 8, 2023. 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

Commission Hears Updates on Several Improvement Projects on Las Olas

City staff provided updates on several projects along Las Olas Boulevard. The initiatives include the Henry E. Kinney Tunnel Top Park, Las Olas Isles crosswalks, addition of a dual left turn from SE 15th Avenue onto Las Olas Boulevard, milling and resurfacing along 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Avenues, Las Olas seawalls, and the Las Olas Mobility Plan. A representative from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) said the tunnel top park is expected to be completed near the end of May. For both the Isles crosswalks and dual left turn at SE 15th Avenue, the design processes were completed, and the projects are currently in the procurement process for construction. The milling and resurfacing projects are scheduled to begin this year or have already been completed. The seawalls on Hendricks Isles are currently under construction, and seawall construction projects on Lido Drive, San Marco Drive, Coral Way, and at Merle Fogg Park are scheduled to begin in the spring of 2023. The Las Olas Mobility Plan is in the procurement phase for the design of Andrews Avenue to SE 17th Avenue and the potential contract award will be brought before the Commission in May or June 2023 for consideration. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3JoSMlY.

Commission Discusses Next Steps for Inter Miami Project at Lockhart Park

In 2019, the City entered into an agreement with Inter Miami to revitalize a 64-acre property that included Lockhart Park. The 18,000-seat DRV PNK Stadium was completed in July 2020 while plans for a community park and additional amenities remain in progress. In July 2022, the Commission approved a one-year extension to the construction timeline and a revised conceptual design has been developed. The City will now issue a task order for development of a design plan from which cost estimates will be generated and present it to the Commission at a future meeting. The City Commission also agreed to enter a mediation process with Inter Miami. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3kZonS0.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Accepts Walk of Fame Committee Recommendations for 2023 Inductees

The City Commission approved a motion to accept recommendations made by the Walk of Fame Committee for the 2023 inductees into the City of Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame. This year's inductees are Frank Adderley, the City's first black Police Chief and longest-serving Police Chief; the late C.A. "Chuck" Black, a community leader who spearheaded the effort to have the U.S.S. Fort Lauderdale named for the City; Michael S. Egan, a businessman who founded several companies in the City, including Alamo Rent a Car; Eula Johnson, an African American activist in the civil rights movement who helped end segregation in the City; and Shane Strum, president and CEO of Broward Health. The induction ceremony for this year's honorees is planned for the Great American Beach Party celebration on May 27. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3mvHvr7.

Commission Adopts a Resolution of Support Endorsing New Municipal Capital Projects

The City Commission adopted a resolution of support for mobility and transportation-related projects as part of the 2023 Mobility Advancement Program. The City is allowed to submit a total of three applications for projects that either create a new roadway, expand an existing roadway or intersection, or implement traffic calming measures. The three submissions are 1). NE 26th Street Complete Streets Project, 2). SW 14th Avenue and Middle Street Capacity Improvements, and 3). the construction of a new roadway segment on SW 19th Avenue between SW 19th Street and SW 20th Street. The projects will compete for funding against other municipalities' applications and awarded projects would be programmed for funding in 2027. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3Yt4mAV.

Commission Gives Support for Naming of Marcia Pinder Way along NW 24th Avenue

The City Commission adopted a resolution of support approving NW 24th Avenue between W. Sunrise Boulevard and Panther Lane to also be known as Marcia Pinder Way. The legendary girls' basketball coach at Dillard High School guided her teams to 996 wins and 10 state championships during her 44-year tenure and was inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2014. Pinder was also honored by the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Citizens' Committee of Recognition as the 2019 Citizen of the Year. "Don't count your time. Make your time count." – Coach Marcia S. Pinder. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3YC9L8J.

Agreements with Broward County Approved for Distribution of Gas Taxes

The City Commission approved a resolution for two agreements with Broward County related to the distribution of gas taxes by the county. Under the two gas tax agreements, cities in Broward County, including the City of Fort Lauderdale, receive a percentage of the gas tax based on population. Both agreements are effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2053. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3mzS9gz.

Commission Approves Boost in Funds for Environmental Assessments on Project Sites

The City Commission approved a motion to increase funds under a continuing contract for general environmental engineering consulting services. The environmental assessments will be performed in the areas between NW 6th Street and NW 8th Court and NW 18th Avenue and

NW 20th Avenue. The increase of approximately \$184,000 in funding allows for the continuation of environmental assessments and site investigations, including the testing of soils and groundwater to determine the suitability of the properties identified for affordable housing. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3ZwKBKa.

Commission Approves Motion for Streetscape Project along A1A

The City Commission approved a motion for Construction Engineering Inspection Services for the State Road A1A Streetscape project from Sunrise Boulevard to the Beach Parking Lot entrance, near SE 5th Street, in the amount of approximately \$369,600. The project will enhance safety by providing lighting for pedestrians as well as provide hardscape and landscape improvements at the intersection of Las Olas Boulevard and A1A. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3mDS4bS.

Commission Approves Construction Manager Contract for New Police Headquarters

The City Commission approved a nearly \$119 million agreement with Moss & Associates to construct the new City of Fort Lauderdale Police Headquarters. The 191,000-square-foot, three-story facility will be situated at 1300 W. Broward Boulevard and will feature training rooms, public meeting areas, and community space where residents and officers can work together on crime prevention and safety initiatives. The project is expected to take approximately 24 months to complete. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3J3vBfB.

Commission Delegates Authority to Approve, Execute Affordable Housing Agreements

The City Commission approved a resolution that delegates authority to the Director of the Development Services Department to approve and execute new and existing affordable housing development agreements. The delegation of authority will result in quicker processing of site plans and may help lower expenses for applicants of the affordable housing projects. The agreements would be subject to review by the City Attorney's office. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3ZCRgT5.

Commission Votes to Accept \$906,510 Grant from the Florida DEO

The City Commission approved a resolution to accept a grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in the amount of \$906,510. Funds from this grant will be used for a wireless broadband pilot project in selected low-income areas and to fund the City's summer Education Enrichment Program. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3kVQC47.

Commission Advances Ordinance to Allow Compliance with New Affordable Housing Policies

The City Commission approved the first reading of an ordinance that amends the City's Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) to comply with updated affordable housing policies in the Broward County Land Use Plan. The ULDR amendments better define locations where additional affordable units are permitted and modifies average affordable housing unit size, among other updates. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3I2LCU8.

More Information

For more information on the March 8, 2023, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Thursday, March 23, 2023.