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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, April 4, 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 Provided Update Halfway through the 2023 Legislative Session

The City Commission heard an update from the 2023 Florida Legislative session, including the status of specific bills that could impact the City and potential funding for projects such as education enrichment, street safety, park improvements, and more. The Commission recently adopted the 2023 State Legislative Program, identifying the Commission's fundamental principles, resolutions, legislative priorities, and appropriation priorities. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3maJmly.

Commission Discusses Processes and Planning for Special Events on the Beach

City staff provided an overview of special events held on the beach and barrier island, how other cities handle similar events, and opportunities for the City to improve the overall process for events going forward and the impact they have on the community. The Commission reviewed the current level of special event fees and will explore the future fee structure for these events. The Commission amplified community feedback that the general process for special events on the barrier island should be reviewed and improved, including traffic management, planning, coordination, communication, and overall safety. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3K9nleH.

Commission Hears Citywide Reports following Spring Break Revelry

The Police Department and Fire Rescue gave the City Commission a review of Spring Break season, how the related events and visitors affected the community, and considerations for next year. City staff detailed traffic citations and related issues, labor costs and impact on personnel. The Commission commended the Police Department and Fire Rescue for their extensive efforts to manage large crowds, respond to community concerns, and maintain the safety and security of all involved. The work of the Parks and Recreation Department was praised for the staff's effort clearing and cleaning the beaches each day. The Commission will explore limiting the number of events held during Spring Break season in the years ahead and

reducing the hours of operation for bars, among other topics. For details, visit ftlcity.info/40GPcKr.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Approves Agreement to Purchase Generators for Wastewater Plant

The City Commission approved a motion agreeing to purchase permanent standby generators to provide back-up power at the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant in the event of an electrical power outage. The City is purchasing the four generators in the amount of approximately \$7.7 million to improve efficiency and productivity. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3UbCgcN.

Commission Approves Nearly \$700,000 to Treat Incoming Wastewater

The City Commission approved the purchase of liquid oxygen for use at the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant. The plant uses high-purity oxygen to treat incoming wastewater to the proper level dictated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The reserve oxygen is needed to maintain treatment services in the case of a shutdown at the plant caused by an emergency, planned maintenance, or equipment replacement. The initial two-year term of the purchase is in the amount of \$697,200, with an option for two one-year renewals. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3Mi7Sfg.

Commission Approves Request to Extend Construction Hours for Development Project

The City Commission approved a request to extend construction hours for the Pier Sixty-Six Hotel and Marina development project, located at 2301 SE 17th Street, over the next 12 months. The City's noise ordinance allows construction to be done Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The resolution allows construction hours to be extended to 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Sunday. The longer construction hours will be in effect two or three days per week for work such as concrete pouring. For details, visit ftlcity.info/438wME4.

Commission Approves Plan for a 47-Story Mixed-Use Development Project

The City Commission adopted a resolution authorizing a site plan development permit at 633 SE 3rd Avenue for a mixed-used development project. The proposal includes the redevelopment of the current property at the location with a 47-story mixed-use project consisting of more than 800 residential dwelling units and 12,798 square feet of commercial use. The plan also includes nearly 1,000 parking spaces and room for bike storage. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3GhCc5C.

Commissioner Pam Beasley-Pittman Named City's Vice-Mayor

Commissioner Pam Beasley-Pittman, who represents District 3, was designated as Vice-Mayor by the City Commission. The first Black female Commissioner elected to serve on the Commission is now also the first to be designated Vice-Mayor. The one-year term began upon announcement of the designation on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3nOtJ3o.

More Information

For more information on the April 4, 2023, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.