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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 18, 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

Mayor Provides Update of Recovery Efforts following Record Storm

Mayor Trantalis offered details about the City's recovery efforts after a record-setting rainstorm hit the area on Wednesday, April 12. City staff has been working diligently to respond to the situation, and the City has received support and resources from agencies and cities across Broward County and beyond, from the initial rescue operations to the ongoing cleanup work. Crews continue clearing standing water and debris from impacted areas, and comfort stations remain open and ready to support the community. The Commission discussed the challenges of responding to the unprecedented storm and opportunities in preparation for and response to potential future emergencies. The full summary of the recovery effort is available online at ftlcity.info/recovery. For more information and details about the recovery effort, visit fortlauderdale.gov/stormupdates.

Commission Hears Update of the Status of City Hall Building's Condition

Staff provided a status update on the condition of City Hall, which is currently closed, and the damage the building sustained as a result of the storm. Severe flooding caused extensive damage to electrical and HVAC systems. Auxiliary generators are supporting the electrical and HVAC systems of City Hall. Costs to keep the building operational are estimated to be approximately \$175,000 per day, which was determined to be neither practical nor sustainable. The Commission agreed to relocate staff to other locations and develop a strategy for a new City Hall at a future meeting.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Approves a Motion for Turf Grass Maintenance across the City

The City Commission approved a motion for turf grass maintenance in all four quadrants of the City (NW, SW, NE, and SE). The motion allows for an agreement with VisualScape, Inc., for an

initial one-year contract in the amount of \$1.58 million and authorizes the City Manager to approve three additional one-year renewal options. For details, visit ftlcity.info/40nj7WZ.

Commission Advances a Proposal for Development of 16-story building in Flagler Village

The City Commission approved a resolution that authorizes the issuance of a development permit for a proposed 16-story mixed-use and mixed-income development. The project, to be located at 600 N. Andrews Avenue, would consist of 263 residential units and 2,394 square feet of commercial use. Of the 263 residential units, 53 units will be restricted to residents whose household income does not exceed 50% of the Broward County median family income (MFI), 97 units will be restricted to residents whose household income does not exceed 120% of the MFI. The affordability restrictions are for 75 years, the length of the land use lease agreement. The development deviates from the Downtown Master Plan standards for maximum podium height, maximum building height, minimum building tower step-back, and maximum floorplate size. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3GUIJDK.

Commission Approves a Motion for DRV PNK Stadium for the Florida Beach Bowl

The City Commission authorized the use of DRV PNK Stadium for the Florida Beach Bowl, a postseason college football game that will feature one Historically Black College or University (HBCU) and one mid-major Division One football program. The game is scheduled for December 28, 2023. For details, visit <https://ftlcity.info/3GQczcj>.

Commission Approves Change to Agreement with Circuit for LauderGO! Micro Mover

The City Commission approved a motion to terminate an expiring piggyback agreement with Circuit Transit, Inc., and enter into a similar agreement with the same company. Circuit partnered with the City to create an alternate transit operation called the LauderGO! Micro Mover, a free, eco-friendly pilot program. The service recently expanded its area of operation and currently averages more than 10,000 riders each month. The new agreement has service-cost reductions, an increase in revenue sharing, and continues with the same general operating parameters with the funding that was appropriated in January 2023. Additionally, the agreement allows for one dedicated Circuit vehicle to operate in the Galt Mile area through the end of September 2023. For details, visit ftlcity.info/40eTiZa.

More Information

For more information on the April 18, 2023, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.