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Updates from City Commission Meetings

The City of Fort Lauderdale hosts City Commission meetings in person at various temporary locations. If any person wishes to address the City Commission, the person shall sign up 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 special meetings on Tuesday, September 19, 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 WORKSHOP WITH THE BBID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commission Meets with Beach Business Improvement District Advisory Committee

The City Commission met with members of the Beach Business Improvement District (BBID) Advisory Committee to discuss long-term goals, the committee's vision, and future opportunities. The committee provided updates about a revised grant funding application process, the procurement of software that tracks the impact and outcome of events on the beach, and a feasibility study to evaluate the possible expansion of the BBID boundaries. The study will be discussed in detail at the City Commission Conference Meeting on October 3. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3Lp2ohu.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

Commission Hears Findings from an Audit of Vehicle and Cell Phone Allowances for Staff

The City Commission received an audit report that was completed to determine whether duplicate fringe benefits were provided to City employees relating to vehicles or cell phones. The audit, which covered fiscal years 2020 through 2022, found that 38 of 1,009 employees received both a cell phone allowance and were issued a City cell phone. Additionally, two employees were found to have been assigned a City vehicle while receiving a vehicle allowance. The City Auditor's Office recommended that internal controls for vehicle and cell phone allowances be enhanced, appropriately implemented, and more closely monitored. Management agreed with the audit and will be improving internal controls as presented by the City Auditor. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3LvyrMG.

Commission Provided Status Update about the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center

The City Commission was presented with an update on the progress of the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center project. The update noted that all design, permitting, and procurement activities are moving forward, including a comprehensive agreement for pre-treatment and booster pump work that has been completed. Additionally, a preliminary design report was submitted,

several permit applications are active, and a critical infrastructure agreement between the City and Broward County is expected to be approved this month. Proposals and negotiations with several subcontractors for a wide scope of work are ongoing, while a piping/valves early works package was awarded to a subcontractor. Work to clear and grade the site is expected to begin in late October, with plans to install a new 48-inch plant effluent line in late November. Initial concrete work is expected to begin in late December. For details, visit ftlcity.info/450RCoi. For a deep dive into the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center project, visit Fortlauderdale.gov/watertreatment.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING

CRA Board of Commissioners Approves a Transfer of Property at 515 NW 15th Avenue

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners passed a motion to approve the transfer of property at 515 NW 15th Avenue. The property will be transferred from the CRA to the City for the construction of a stormwater pump station that will be part of the Dorsey Riverbend Stormwater Improvement Project. The new pump station aims to help drain both the Dorsey Riverbend and Durrs neighborhoods and discharge into the North Fork New River. All plans and permitting for the project have been completed, and construction is expected to begin later this year. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3PMoRHT.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Approves Two Agreements with the Fraternal Order of Police

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving and ratifying a collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 31 – Police Officers and Sergeants. The previous agreement expired on September 30, 2022, and the City and Fraternal Order of Police came to two tentative agreements – a one-year agreement from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, and a three-year agreement from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026. The City Commission offered praise to the Fort Lauderdale Police Department as well as City staff involved in the negotiations. The agreements continue to provide competitive pay and benefits to our first responders, who provide an invaluable service to the community.

For details about the 2022-2023 collective bargaining agreement, visit ftlcity.info/3ZqyuPA.
For details about the 2023-2026 collective bargaining agreement, visit ftlcity.info/3ZsBQ4M.

Commission Approves Notice of Intent for a New Water Taxi Terminal

The City Commission approved a resolution providing notice of intent to enter into a comprehensive agreement for an unsolicited proposal to construct, operate, and maintain a Water Taxi terminal at 1001 Seabreeze Boulevard. The notice of intent includes a 45-day period to accept other proposals. For details, visit ftlcity.info/453IQ9c.

Commission Agrees to Authorize Issuance of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds

The City Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$550 million. The bonds will provide financing for

the construction of the new Prospect Lake Water Treatment Plant and related efforts. The Prospect Lake Water Treatment Plant project has an aggregate, fixed project cost of \$485 million. Connecting the project to the City's existing water system requires the City to make an additional investment of approximately \$189 million for infrastructure elements and improvements. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3rIH8SN.

Commission Approves Effort to Help Finance Stormwater Improvements in Neighborhoods

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving and authorizing the execution of the Water and Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency. The agreement will finance a portion of the cost of construction for stormwater improvements in seven neighborhoods – River Oaks, Dorsey Riverbend, Durrs, Progresso Village, Victoria Park, Melrose Manors, and Southeast Isles. Several of these neighborhoods were greatly impacted by the flood event in April 2023, highlighting the need for such improvements. Total construction costs are estimated at approximately \$244.89 million, and up to nearly \$120 million can be financed through the loan agreement. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3PLCerR.

Commission Approves Agreement to Expand International Swimming Hall of Fame Complex

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving a comprehensive agreement with Hall of Fame Partners LLC, in substantially the form as written, for a project that includes the construction, maintenance, and operation of east and west buildings at the International Swimming Hall of Fame Complex, located at 501 Seabreeze Boulevard. The comprehensive agreement is a framework that allows the City to move forward with further discussion to come and not a final analysis of the status of the project in its entirety. The east building will include a welcome center, retail and office space, a rooftop terrace, and more amenities. The west building will house an ISHOF museum, aquarium, teaching pool, dryland training, diving grandstand seating, parking event and office space, a rooftop restaurant, and more. The project also calls for a proposed Ocean Rescue building, seawall improvements, and a promenade. The overall project would be constructed in phases, with the first phase including the seawall improvements, infrastructure, and Ocean Rescue facility. The City and Hall of Fame Partners LLC will continue formulating the overall plan for the second phase and any subsequent phases. Total project costs are estimated at \$190 million, resulting in a maximum annual commitment for the City of \$11 million per year. That obligation will be offset by revenues generated from leased space in the buildings and other projects. For details, visit ftlcity.info/451fE2u.

Information

For more information on the September 19, 2023, Commission special meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Tuesday, October 3, 2023.