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Updates from City Commission Meetings

The City of Fort Lauderdale will be hosting virtual Commission Meetings using audio/video conferencing software until further notice. The public will be able to listen to and view the virtual meetings at www.fortlauderdale.gov/fltv, as well as on Comcast Channel 78 and AT&T U-verse Channel 99.

To sign up to speak on an agenda item at a future meeting, visit bit.ly/virtualccmeetings.

In case you missed it, following are highlights from the virtual Fort Lauderdale City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, April 21 at 6 p.m. The video and vote summary will be available this week at bit.ly/ftlccagendas.

CRA BOARD MEETING

CRA Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report Approved

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved the Fort Lauderdale CRA Annual Report and Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2019. Both reports will be sent to the local taxing authorities that contribute to the Tax Increment Financing of the CRA, including Broward County, the North Broward Hospital District, and the Children's Services Council of Broward County. Highlights of the FY 2019 CRA Annual Report include: completing Phase I of the Las Olas Beach Improvement Project including opening the Las Olas Parking Garage; moving forward with the renovation of the Aquatic Center; starting construction on The Six13 mixed-use development on Sistrunk Boulevard, breaking ground on the YMCA Mizell Community Center, continuing a rezoning study for mixed-use zoning classifications in the Central City CRA, and providing funding for the renovation and reconfiguration of property at 850 NE 13 Street. For details, visit bit.ly/2VP1mAy.

REGULAR MEETING

The City of Fort Lauderdale continues to monitor the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and maintain close contact with state and local officials. During the Regular Meeting, the City Commission discussed ongoing response efforts and began preliminary conversations regarding future plans to ease restrictions at the appropriate time. For updates regarding City operations, community resources, and business assistance please visit the City website at www.fortlauderdale.gov.

City Commission Approves Municipal Elections in November 2020

The City Commission authorized an Agreement with the Broward County Supervisor of Elections to hold Municipal Elections in the City of Fort Lauderdale on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Under the agreement, the Broward County Supervisor of Elections will select, assign, train, pay, and work directly with the poll workers for the election. For details, visit bit.ly/3cukTx0.

City Commission Approves Deferred Rent Payments for FXE Tenants

The City Commission unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend lease agreements with tenants at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) in order to defer rent payments for two months due to the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The rent deferment amount, totaling approximately \$1.4 million, will be paid over a six-month period from July - December 2020. For details, visit bit.ly/2XUX0uz.

City Commission Approves Grant Application to Florida Inland Navigation District

The City Commission approved a resolution authorizing staff to submit a grant application to the Florida Inland Navigation District in the amount of \$400,000. The grant funding would be used for renovations to the George English Park Boat Ramp. The project would expand and upgrade the boat ramp facility to accommodate larger vessels and trailers, as well as increased use. For details, visit bit.ly/2wWSJLU.

City Commission Approves \$4.9 Million for Upgrades to Wastewater Treatment Plant

The City Commission unanimously approved \$4.9 million for upgrades and enhancements to the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant. Under a contract with Cardinal Contractors, Inc., the project will include rehabilitation of the motor control centers at the plant; replacement of electrical equipment and associated power, signal and control wiring; and installation of new air conditioning units for the sludge holding tank building and pump station. For details, visit bit.ly/2RZfFS9.

City Commission Approves Funding for Enhanced Turf Grass Maintenance

The City Commission unanimously approved \$101,562 in additional funding for enhanced turf grass maintenance services throughout the City and at fire stations. The additional funding will enable staff to provide more frequent turf grass maintenance, as well as grass mowing, and hedge trimming services. For details, visit bit.ly/2VqH3KG

City Commission Approves Recreational Fueling as Essential Activity

The City Commission received an update from the City Manager and the City Attorney regarding the status of the COVID-19 situation. As part of the discussion, the Commission voted to approve recreational fueling as an essential activity. As such, fueling of recreational vessels will be allowed in the City of Fort Lauderdale effective immediately. For details about emergency regulations and COVID-19 updates, visit bit.ly/ftlcovid19.

City Commission Workshop on April 28

The City Commission agreed to continue to meet on a weekly basis to monitor the latest data and updates on COVID-19 and discuss potential opportunities for reopening parts of the City. The Commission will host a virtual workshop on COVID-19 on Tuesday, April 28 at 1:00 p.m. Look for the agenda to be posted prior to the workshop at bit.ly/ftlccagendas.

Next Regular City Commission Meeting on May 5

The next meeting of the City Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5 at 6 p.m. The meeting is expected to take place using audio/video conferencing software. For additional information about the meeting, including details about public participation, visit bit.ly/virtualccmeetings.