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Updates from City Commission Meetings

The City of Fort Lauderdale is hosting Commission Meetings in both a virtual and in-person format. Any member of the public that is interested in speaking before the Commission virtually is required to complete the virtual speaker card. Any member of the public that is interested in speaking before the Commission in-person may sign up to speak at the meeting or by using the virtual speaker card. Due to COVID-19 distance requirements, there is very limited seating available at City Hall; therefore, we encourage members of the public to participate virtually when possible.

The public can listen to and view Commission meetings on [FLTV](#), [YouTube](#), Zoom, Comcast Channel 78, and AT&T U-verse Channel 99. To learn more about City Commission meetings, including how to view agendas and sign up to speak, visit fortlauderdale.gov/vcmeetings.

In case you missed them, following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. The videos are available at youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale and the vote summary will be available later this week at bit.ly/ftlccagendas.

CITY COMMISSION SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The December 2, 2020 Commission Meetings kicked off at 10:45 a.m. with a brief Special Meeting to adopt an ordinance that allowed the elected officials to take office at the first Regular Meeting in December 2020. Afterwards, the City hosted a Swearing-In Ceremony during which Mayor Dean J. Trantalis, Vice Mayor Steven Glassman (District II), and Commissioners Heather Moraitis (District I), Robert L. McKinzie (District III), and Ben Sorensen (District IV) all took the oath of office for their next term, which will run through 2024. To see the Special Meeting or Swearing-In Ceremony visit youtu.be/v_LcztA_vFM.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

Discussion Regarding 2021 State Legislative Priorities and Funding Requests

The City Commission discussed Fort Lauderdale's 2021 legislative priorities with State Senators and Representatives and Daphnee Sainvil, the City's new Government and External Affairs Manager. Consultants from Ericks Consultants, Inc.; Ronald L. Book, P.A.; and The August Company, LLC will represent the City's interests, support the City's official positions, advocate for legislation, and seek funding requests. Priorities for 2021 will focus on: improving water quality and resiliency, enhancing infrastructure, public safety initiatives, promoting economic development, and improving quality of life. For details, visit bit.ly/2l1Gtil.

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS BOARD (OPEB) MEETING

Trust Quarterly Investment Report

The City Commission, acting as the Board of Trustees for the OPEB Trust, received a quarterly investment report for the period ending September 30, 2020. Susan Grant, the City's Finance Director and Trust Administrator, advised that the OPEB Trust fund's yield for the quarter was 4.93% and 9.1% for the fiscal year to date, which is higher than the assumed rate of return. For details, visit bit.ly/39CNCBw.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING

Broward College Bringing Free Workforce Education and Training to Sistrunk Boulevard

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved a \$500,000 Property and Business Improvement Program Loan and a \$500,000 Quality of Life Program/Community Initiative Loan to Broward College. The loans will allow Broward College to provide free community workforce education and training at the new YMCA facility, located at 1409 Sistrunk Boulevard. The funds will be used for equipment, furnishings, network wiring, and training costs at the site where Broward College will provide job readiness training and job placement services for 150-250 students annually in high-demand industries such as film technology, business, hospitality, and information technology, beginning as early as spring 2021. For details, visit bit.ly/3mzAj8F.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Commission Approves Application for Marine Law Enforcement

The City Commission approved a motion to allow staff to apply for an Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant for \$145,255. The grant is intended to improve boating safety in Broward County. If awarded, grant funds will be used to support enforcement activities on the City's waterways by implementing 2,944 hours of additional waterway law enforcement patrols. For details, visit bit.ly/2JMvkCP.

City Commission Supports Legislation to Prohibit Smoking on Public Beaches

The City Commission approved an item to urge the Florida Legislature to enact legislation to prohibit tobacco smoking on public beaches. The City also supports the idea that Florida cities and counties be given the authority to issue civil penalties and citations to those who violate the legislation after it is adopted. For details, visit bit.ly/3qoGFdj.

Site Plan Approved for Redevelopment Project on Harbor Drive

The City Commission approved a site plan for the redevelopment of 3001 Harbor Drive on the barrier island. The proposed development includes a 124-room hotel, six multi-family residential units, and 4,790 square feet of restaurant space. For details, visit bit.ly/3ocaXOy.

More Information

For more information on items on the December 2, 2020 Commission Meeting agendas, visit the City website at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Next City Commission Meetings on December 15, 2020

The next City Commission meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, December 15. The public can listen to and view the meetings on [FLTV](#), [YouTube](#), Zoom, Comcast Channel 78, and AT&T U-verse Channel 99. To learn more about City Commission meetings, including how to view agendas and sign up to speak, visit [fortlauderdale.gov/vcmeetings](https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/vcmeetings).