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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 Tuesday, December 15, 2020. The videos are available at youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale and the vote summary will be available later this week at bit.ly/ftlccagendas.

UNIFIED DIRECT PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY (UDPA) MEETING

Joint Government Center Campus Project Moves Forward with P3 Approach

The City Commission met with the Broward County Commission to discuss the Joint Government Center Campus (JGCC) that will be the site of offices and Commission Chambers for both the City and County. The group considered delivery options for the project and unanimously approved moving forward with developing and publishing the solicitation under the Public Private Partnership (P3) statute seeking proposals to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain the JGCC project. The group expects to reconvene by the end of February 2021 to review the solicitation for this unique project that is expected to be a signature feature in the City of Fort Lauderdale. For details, visit bit.ly/3mvXzDP.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

Update on Henry E. Kinney Tunnel Top Park Design

The Director of the City's Transportation and Mobility Department together with a representative from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provided an update to the City Commission on the design of the upcoming Henry E. Kinney Tunnel Top Park Project. Discussion topics included pedestrian safety features, extending work hours to accelerate completion of the project, and a recommendation to reconfigure westbound Las Olas

Boulevard to a single lane at SE 6 Avenue to allow for an expanded pedestrian area. For details, visit, bit.ly/3qUDBWu.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING

CRA Board Approves Forgivable Loan for Omegas In Broward, Inc.

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved a forgivable loan totaling \$350,000 for Omegas In Broward, Inc. for the renovation, modernization, and build-out of their existing community center located at 1108 Sistrunk Boulevard. The modernized structure will offer a large meeting area for events, new accessible restrooms, an outdoor seating area, and office and storage space. For details, visit bit.ly/2LBUmpf.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Fort Lauderdale Recognized for Efforts to Enhance Employee Well-Being

The City of Fort Lauderdale was recognized as the recipient of the 2020 Cigna Well-Being Award for Outstanding Culture of Well-Being. This honor reflects the City's dedication to the health and overall well-being of its employees and specifically the commitment of staff in the City's Human Resources Department who provide numerous opportunities for employees to engage in their health. To view the presentation of the award, visit bit.ly/34fesfs.

City Commission Reimagines Riverwalk Center

The City Commission discussed their vision for the future of the city-owned property known as the Riverwalk Center located at 100 SE 1st Street and 155 SE 2nd Street. Earlier this year, the City Commission accepted a bid by Stiles Corporation to lease the property for up to 55 years and improve it through updates to the garage as well as the opportunity to activate the ground floor and a portion of the rooftop. The City Commission is open to feedback from stakeholders as the City explores creatively reimagining this property in Downtown. For details, visit bit.ly/3qXJQsG.

Change Order Approved for River Oaks Stormwater Park Project

The City Commission approved a change order in the amount of \$90,213.65 for the River Oaks Stormwater Park Project along with an extension of the contract with Continental Construction USA, LLC by 70 calendar days. This change order accounts for additional construction services Continental Construction USA, LLC will need to perform including the installation of sod in upland areas to prevent growth of exotic ground cover and hand-clearing of exotic species within Tree Preservation Area. For details, visit bit.ly/38bY68u.

Water Storage Tank at Fiveash Water Treatment Plant to be Refurbished

The City Commission approved a \$923,000 agreement with Southern Road & Bridge, LLC for the refurbishment of a five-million-gallon steel storage tank at the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant. The tank is one of three that is used to store finished water on-site prior to distribution to customers. It is in sound operating condition, but requires repair and rehabilitation to maintain its proper condition. For details, visit bit.ly/3nq7Pym.

City Commission Approves Design-Build Agreement for Coral Shores Small Water Mains Improvements

The City Commission approve a \$1,280,000 design-build agreement with David Mancini & Sons, Inc. for the Coral Shores Small Water Mains Improvements Project. This project includes the replacement of approximately 6,200 linear feet of aging and deteriorated 6-inch cast iron pipes that were installed as early as 1947. For details, visit bit.ly/37p7Mh0.

Signage Replacement Project Coming to Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport

The City Commission approved a \$901,087 agreement with Southeast Site Services, LLC for the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) Airfield Signage Replacement Project, continuing the incremental transition from incandescent to light emitting diode (LED) technology that began at FXE in 2010. As part of this project, the existing airfield guidance signs south of Runway 9-27 at FXE will be replaced with new LED guidance signs with benefits including energy savings, product longevity, and reduced maintenance. For details, visit bit.ly/3aelzaF.

City Commission Adopts Amended Procurement Ordinance

The City Commission adopted an ordinance on first reading amending Chapter 2 entitled “Administration” of the City’s Code of Ordinances relating to Procurement. The proposed ordinance includes the establishment of definitions of “disadvantaged business enterprise” and “small business” as well as revisions to the Chief Procurement Officer’s duties, responsibilities, and authorizations. For details, visit bit.ly/3gSck2l.

More Information

For more information on items on the December 15, 2020 Commission Meeting agendas, visit the City website at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Next City Commission Meetings on January 5, 2021

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