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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, February 21, 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

Commission Discusses Possible Extension of Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights CRA

The City Commission was provided a summary of what would be required to extend the duration of the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). The plan currently in place is set to expire in late 2025 after 30 years. Without a time-extension, any remaining tax increment financing (TIF) revenues in the plan's trust fund could not be spent by the CRA past the expiration date. The extension is being considered to allow for the completion of CRA-funded redevelopment projects that may still be under construction at that time, as well as the potential to continue the City's TIF, which contributes approximately \$8.4 million each year to the redevelopment efforts. As a result of the discussion, City staff was asked to gauge interest from Broward County, a partner in the plan, for an extension of their TIF. The City Attorney was asked to provide the City Commission with an explanation of the legal requirements for the extension. The Commission discussion of the CRA extension will continue once the request for more information is provided. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3ZcYegU.

Commission Given Overview of Alarm Response Fee Revenue Allocation

The City Commission was presented with an overview of the City's process for assessing alarm fees and how revenues from those fees are allocated. When an alarm is triggered at a residential or nonresidential property, a public safety official is sent to the location. If the alarm is deemed not to have been caused by a legitimate, identifiable call for service, a fee is issued on the second incident within a 12-month period. Fees are assessed for any ensuing false alarms. The alarm response fee is considered a regulatory fee, intended to recover a portion of the costs of the public safety officials responding to the alarms. The revenue is placed in the General Fund, which is the fund where Police and Fire Rescue services are budgeted. The Commission discussed the possibility of directing revenues generated from alarm responses to training for the Police and Fire Rescue Departments. City Management indicated that although

the direct allocation of this fee for training is not allowed under state statute, enhanced funding for public safety training will be included in the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3YQSSZ7.

Commission Hears Next Steps for the Prospect Lake Water Treatment Plant

Following approval of a comprehensive agreement for a new Water Treatment Plant at Prospect Lake, City staff provided an overview of upcoming tasks. Water sampling and testing at Prospect Lake Wellfield is scheduled to begin this week. Next steps for February and March include initiating design reviews, coordinating permitting activities, and start of the Optimal Corrosion Control Treatment study to ensure that the water meets required standards. Additionally, the City will conduct coordination meetings with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and Florida Power & Light (FP&L). Planning work will continue through early June with the groundbreaking at Prospect Lake anticipated for late May 2023. From a financial aspect, upcoming milestones and action items include updating numbers to reflect market changes and alternative financing scenarios. In June 2023, those scenarios will be put before the Infrastructure Task Force for review. Beginning in July 2023, dates for public hearings regarding the rate ordinance and notice of consideration of rate increases will be printed on the back of water bills. The public hearings will be scheduled for September 2023 with the bond closing slated for October 2023. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3In7Let.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Resolution to Submit Grant Application for Portions of Las Olas Mobility Project Advances

The City Commission Staff advanced a resolution that supports the submission of a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The grant, in the amount of \$38.5 million, will support the construction of the western and the Colee Hammock portion of the eastern corridor of the Las Olas Boulevard Mobility Project. Should the grant be awarded, there would be an obligation to direct the funds toward the project, but not necessarily to a specific project design. If awarded, the funds would need to be obligated by end of September 2027. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3IH08A3.

Commission Approves a Motion for Agreements and Road Closures for Several Events

The City Commission approved a motion for agreements and the associated road closures for five events scheduled for March, including the St. Patty's Day Festival, the Las Olas Art Fair, and the Wine, Spirits, and Culinary Celebration, among others. Event organizers are responsible for all event costs and submission of insurance certifications. Commissioner Glassman noted that he heard positive feedback following the Pride of Americas Parade for the efforts by the Police Department to keep traffic flowing safely. The Commissioner also encouraged ramped up efforts to reopen roads in a timely manner following a closure for an event and to provide ample notification to impacted communities. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3IKhwF7.

Commission Approves Agreement for Run-up Expansion at FXE Airport

The City Commission approved an agreement with Weekly Asphalt Paving for work to expand a run-up area at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport from 54,000 square feet to 89,000 square

feet. The agreement, in the amount of nearly \$2.4 million, will also allow for the addition of jet blast detectors. A run-up area is the location where pilots can conduct important tests to ensure the aircraft is operating properly. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3Z9III.

Commission Advances an Agreement for Site Improvements at Temporary Fire Station

The City Commission approved a motion for an agreement and a change order with Waypoint Contracting for the new surface parking lot and other site improvements associated with relocation of a Temporary Fire Station No. 13. This approval enables resumption of construction activities at the site once the agreement is executed. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3Etiwe2.

More Information

For more information on the February 21, 2023, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.