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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, May 2, 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 JOINT WORKSHOP WITH BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD

Commission Hears Updates Regarding FY 2024 Budget

The Budget Advisory Board (BAB) provided the City Commission with an overview of developments important to planning efforts for the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. The advisory board reviewed revenue and expense estimates for the upcoming fiscal year that have been presented to the BAB to date by staff. The BAB asked for input from the Commission regarding service levels and priorities for the FY 2024 budget. The Commission requested that potential cost savings be identified for the upcoming Budget process. Public safety service levels will be priorities for the Commission when developing the FY 2024 budget and they stressed that all current infrastructure projects should continue without interruption. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3AMQckl.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

Commission Provided an Update on April 12-13 Flood Event and Recovery Operations

The City Commission was provided a day-by-day review of how the City responded to the storms and flooding that took place April 12-13, when more than 26 inches of rain fell on Fort Lauderdale. A Local State of Emergency was issued on the evening of April 12th, and recovery operations began early in the morning on April 13, with a focus on the most-impacted neighborhoods. More rainstorms moved through the area in the following days as crews worked to remove water from pockets of flooded areas. By April 19, all roads were open and passable. During this time, relief stations and support resources for residents were established, debris and muck removal was underway, as were property damage assessments. These recovery efforts continued as President Biden declared a major disaster in Florida on April 28, allowing for the availability of individual federal aid for residents affected in Broward County. Earlier in the meeting, the Commission heard an update from FEMA, whose outreach crews are currently working in the community to help residents apply for and answer questions about assistance.

- Those in need of assistance can call FEMA at 800-621-FEMA (3362) or visit [disasterassistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov).
- For more details on recovery efforts, visit [fortlauderdale.gov/stormupdates](https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/stormupdates).
- To volunteer with United Way, visit [fortlauderdale.gov/floodvolunteer](https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/floodvolunteer).

Commission Given a Report on the Status of City Hall and an Overview of Next Steps

Following the April flood emergency, City Hall was forced to shut down due to storm-related damage and remains closed. Damage to the building primarily occurred in the basement, with some damage on the 7th and 8th floors. Repairs to the roof and a structural assessment have been completed, while the HVAC system remains damaged and the electrical system largely inoperable. Water has been removed and the building has been cleaned to prevent mold. Costs to maintain current conditions are estimated to be approximately \$68,000 per day. The City has two flood coverage policies in place for City Hall and qualifies for FEMA's Public Assistance Program. Moving forward, the Commission will consider whether rehabilitation of the current building is feasible or if a new location is needed. For details, visit ftlcity.info/44xR36G.

Commission Discusses Status of Lockhart Park and Agreement with Inter Miami

The City Commission discussed the status of projects at Lockhart Park and opportunities to move forward with the agreement between the City and Inter Miami for additional improvements. As mediation process between the City and Inter Miami moves forward, members of the Commission were open on extending the agreement for parking services at the Lockhart Park portion of DRV PNK Stadium for 60 days, with the expectation that Inter Miami pays approximately \$1.4 million in permit fees. The current parking agreement is scheduled to expire May 6, 2023.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING

CRA Board Approves a Transfer of \$20,000 to the NE 4th Avenue Complete Streets Project

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners approved a transfer of \$20,000 to The Northeast (NE) 4th Avenue Complete Street Project. The NE 4th Avenue Complete Street Project will be a catalyst for job creation as the project will result in new businesses opening along the corridor, an increase in new private investment, and an increase in sales volume in existing businesses resulting in new hires. For details, visit ftlcity.info/44pjC6d.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Approves Agreement for Improvements at Three City Parks

The City Commission approved an agreement with Sagaris Corp. for the Bayview, Hortt, and Riverside Parks Improvements projects in the amount of \$1.7 million. The Commission approved mentioned improvements in May 2021 as part of the Parks Bond Program Phase I. This work, while not the same at all three parks, includes improvements to sidewalks and landscaping, concession and restroom renovations, lighting, and fitness park enhancements, among others. For details, visit ftlcity.info/42k6ld4.

Commission Authorizes Agreement for a Summer Youth Employment Program

The City Commission approved an agreement with CareerSource Broward for a three-year term for the City of Fort Lauderdale Summer Youth Employment Program. For the past 19 years, the City has participated in the program, which serves at-risk youth in the community. All the students are residents of Fort Lauderdale who meet an established income threshold. The proposed program will be open to residents between 16-18 years of age, and as many as 63 students will have the opportunity to work at various City departments. For details, visit ftlcity.info/44nH5V5.

Commission Advances the SE/SW 17th Street Complete Streets Project

The City Commission adopted a resolution supporting the Broward Metropolitan Organization (MPO) Complete Streets Master Plan priority project on SE/SW 17th Street from Federal Highway (US-1) to SW 9th Avenue. The project intends to provide improved vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle access to and from the future Broward Commuter Rail station at the Florida East Coast Railroad tracks. City staff has conducted several outreach activities in area neighborhoods. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3VqBs4A.

Commission Supports Submitting a Federal Grant for Electric Vehicle Charger Infrastructure

The City Commission approved a resolution supporting the submission of a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Opportunity (CFI) Grant. Any funding would be directed to upgrading existing parking facilities to accommodate the demand for electric vehicle charging stations. The reimbursable grant funding can be awarded in an amount from \$500,000 to \$15 million and requires a 20% local match. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3HtOrNi.

Commission Approves Agreement for Plumbing Services and Maintenance

The City Commission approved an agreement for plumbing services and maintenance with Pipeline Plumbing Services of Broward, Inc. The initial one-year contract is in the amount of \$325,000, and the agreement allows for the approval of three additional one-year renewal options, a potential total contract award amount of \$1.3 million. The agreement provides support for major troubleshooting work, repairs and replacements, after-hour emergencies, and assistance with daily work orders. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3NAHs8X.

More Information

For more information on the May 2, 2023, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.