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Updates from City Commission Meetings

The City of Fort Lauderdale hosts City Commission meetings in-person at various temporary locations. If any person wishes to address the City Commission, the person shall sign up 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 16, 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 MARINE ADVISORY BOARD

Board and Commission Discuss the Navigational Challenges of the New River

Representatives from the Marine Advisory Board provided the City Commission with an overview of concerns regarding navigation along the New River. At the May 2, 2023, City Commission Conference Meeting, the board recommended a one-year suspension of dock waivers of distance limitations, which would require the adoption of an ordinance. The board will seek feedback from the community at a public workshop before an ordinance is brought before the Commission for consideration at a future meeting. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3M8oEeU.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

Commission Hears Details about Proposed Homeless Advisory Committee

City staff provided an overview of the potential structure, goals, and objectives related to the creation of a Homeless Advisory Committee. The purpose of the committee would be to outline gaps and determine additional initiatives to help prevent, mitigate, and address the unsheltered population in Fort Lauderdale. Existing City initiatives focused on homelessness include the Police Homeless Outreach Team, Community Court, Housing Navigation Program, and educational outreach. A resolution regarding the formation of the committee will be brought before the Commission at a future meeting. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3Ob0DGM.

Commission Given Update on Broward County Transit's Premium Mobility Plan

The City Commission heard an update from Broward County Transit about the recent launch of the multi-billion-dollar Premium Mobility Plan (PREMO), intended to improve the transportation landscape in Broward County. This initiative will add more than 200 miles of new premium transit services to its existing service network, create new jobs, stimulate economic development, connect significant points of interest, and provide Broward County residents and visitors with various transit options. The PREMO plan includes 11.5 miles of commuter rail, 23.3 miles of light rail transit, 76 miles of bus rapid transit, and 100 miles of high-frequency bus

service with eight east/west corridors and six north/south corridors. The Commission expressed a desire for full connectivity throughout Broward County in the long term and more transit opportunities, such as the Circuit Micro Mover, in the short term. The Commission also asked about beach transit options and possible alternatives to full-sized buses. For more information about PREMO, visit premo.broward.org. For details about the update before the Commission, visit ftlcity.info/431lwaw.

Commission Sees the Latest Conceptual Plans and Cost Estimates for Lockhart Park

The City Commission was offered a presentation on the development of Lockhart Park, including the latest conceptual rendering and associated cost estimates. The proposed site plan includes a community center, pickleball courts, a playground, a fitness area, and many more amenities. The estimated cost for all proposed features is \$25.4 million. The Commission gave the direction to move forward with the next steps, which include a site evaluation and a 30% design completion. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3Obik9a.

Commission Hears Update about the Status of City Hall and Possible Relocation Options

The City Commission heard an update about the challenges to rehabilitate and renovate City Hall to make it a habitable building. The flood event severely impacted the building and has since been closed. It currently costs about \$1.2 million per month to preserve the building and maintain IT functions. Substantial repairs and renovations are required, including the possibility that a full replacement will be needed for the electrical system, HVAC, IT infrastructure, and emergency generator. Initial estimates suggest a thorough rehabilitation would take at least two years and cost an estimated \$22 million. Damage estimates are being finalized and submitted for an insurance claim, which will help inform the Commission's discussions on the next steps. With approximately 300 City employees displaced from City Hall, the Commission also heard about medium-term options for temporary City Hall relocation solutions, including six primary locations for consideration. For details about the City Hall status update, visit ftlcity.info/3OyjID9. For details about potential relocation options, visit ftlcity.info/3Mifywq.

Commission Moves to Create Relief Program for Flood-Damaged Properties

To assist residents dealing with the recent flood, the City Commission directed staff to develop a program that addresses building permit fees. The program allows for a contribution from the general fund to the building fund for building permit fees that the City will absorb on behalf of impacted residents. Additionally, the program will waive permit requirements for certain types of improvement and rehabilitation work. For details, visit ftlcity.info/43k7wKn.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Supports Submission of Projects to Be Considered in the Transportation Plan

The City Commission adopted a resolution of support for submitting projects to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to be considered as part of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP will identify transportation needs in the Broward County region and include a plan that can be funded with resources expected to be available between now and 2050. The proposed projects include major transportation priorities across the City in need of funding. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3MxVc3l.

Commission Approves Task Order for Fiveash WTP Replacement Project Services

The City Commission approved Task Order No. 2 for \$7.89 million to Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. for owner's representative services for the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant Replacement Project. Task Order No. 1 was issued to Hazen on May 25, 2022, to assist the City in reviewing unsolicited proposals and negotiating performance requirements included in the comprehensive agreement for the replacement of Fiveash. Under Task Order No. 2, Hazen will serve as the City's owner's representative during the 42 months of design and construction. Services include attending and presenting at public meetings; reviewing design, permitting, and technical submittals; conducting public outreach, and project management assistance, among other work. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3MizFuq.

Review Hearing Set for Demolition of a Residence in Sailboat Bend Historic District

The City Commission approved a motion to set a hearing on June 20, 2023, to review the approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of a one-story, single-family residence, a metal shed, and two wood frame sheds. The applicant is proposing to redevelop the property, which is part of the Sailboat Bend Historic District and has been identified as a potential historic landmark. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3MyC1qk.

Commission Approves Resolution to Convey a Right-of-Way to Broward County

The City Commission approved a resolution declaring a notice of intent to convey City interest in the right-of-way located at SE 1st Street to Broward County for the installation and maintenance of improvements in association with the Broward County Main Library plaza restoration. Improvements will include an extension of the pedestrian walkway, the construction of a new stage area, and more. The County will be responsible for all costs related to the improvements and ongoing maintenance. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3pLwYd8.

Information

For more information on the May 16, 2023, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Tuesday, June 6, 2023.