



# LauderBriefs

## 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](http://fortlauderdale.gov/citycommissionmeetings).*

In case you missed them, the following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Tuesday, October 17, 2023. The video is available at [youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale](https://youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale), and the vote summary will be available later this week at [fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar](http://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar).

### **CITY COMMISSION JOINT WORKSHOP WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

#### **Commission Discusses Fort Lauderdale's Efforts to End Homelessness**

The City Commission heard from the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) members during a discussion that included an overview of how State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program funding is used to address homelessness in Fort Lauderdale. As of June 2023, the City has committed \$6.3 million in state and federal funding to address homelessness through various programs, including rapid rehousing, rental assistance, and case management services to provide holistic support to help individuals gain employment. This year, the City's programs have served 779 households, including individuals at risk of becoming homeless, such as seniors aged 62 and older and youth aged out of the foster care system. Committee staff also shared recommendations for replenishing the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund and increasing the availability of affordable housing units. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/406qOT2](http://ftlcity.info/406qOT2).

### **CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING**

#### **Commission Presented with Findings of Soundscape and Noise Ordinance Study**

Representatives from Siebein Associates, Inc. presented the findings of a Soundscape Noise Ordinance Study they conducted to analyze noise, ambient sounds, and amplified music in residential and commercial settings throughout Fort Lauderdale. The presentation included proposed strategies to adopt standards for measuring sound and strategies for detecting and enforcing violations. The study's results will help the City find a balance between its vibrant urban nightlife and quality of life for residents. The City Commission expressed an interest in continuing to collaborate with City staff and the City's Noise Control Advisory Committee to explore this topic at a future meeting and identify opportunities to update the City's Code of Ordinances based on the study findings. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3tJamf5](http://ftlcity.info/3tJamf5).

#### **Commission Receives Draft of Public-Private Partnerships Ordinance**

The City Attorney shared a draft ordinance addressing public-private partnerships within Fort Lauderdale. Public-private partnerships are agreements between public and private entities to allow for greater private sector participation in the delivery and financing of public building and infrastructure projects. The draft ordinance proposes to amend the City's Procurement Code to add a procedure for these partnerships, which may be solicited or unsolicited and includes language related to the initial solicitation by the Chief Procurement Officer of the City (for solicited proposals), review by the City Manager, evaluation of long-term financing by the City's Finance Department, public notice, and final award by the City Commission. The City Commission will review the draft ordinance and recommendations from the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations and provide feedback to the City Manager and City Attorney for incorporation into the draft ordinance. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3M0GuS0](https://ftlcity.info/3M0GuS0).

## **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

### **City Commission Approves Agreement for Downtown Mobility Hub Expansion**

The City Commission approved a sub-recipient agreement with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the north expansion of the Downtown Mobility Hub for \$222,978, subject to the Federal Transit Administration's grant award to the MPO. The funds are part of the remaining balance from an original grant award of \$3,465,000 for Streetscape Improvements for the Downtown Mobility Hub project. The proposed project area extends the northern boundary of the existing Mobility Hub from NW 4 Street to NW 5 Street. The funding will cover a portion of the construction cost, approximately \$510,000, with the LauderTrail project funding the remaining costs. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3rUHUXc](https://ftlcity.info/3rUHUXc).

### **City Commission Approves Agreement for Go Riverwalk Magazine**

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving a Not for Profit Service Agreement with Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc. for \$50,400 for space in the monthly Go Riverwalk Magazine. Through this agreement, the magazine will feature a one-page message from the Mayor or a City Commissioner and two pages with information about City announcements, events, projects, awards, or other content each month. Riverwalk will also share City information online and through social media. To read the latest edition of Go Riverwalk Magazine, visit [www.goriverwalk.com](http://www.goriverwalk.com). For details, visit [ftlcity.info/46xwdVj](https://ftlcity.info/46xwdVj).

### **City Commission Appoints Thomas J. Ansbro as City Attorney**

The City Commission appointed Thomas J. Ansbro as City Attorney of Fort Lauderdale, effective October 30, 2023. The City Attorney Search Committee recommended the Commission consider Mr. Ansbro for the role after reviewing applications submitted for the position and conducting interviews with top candidates. Mr. Ansbro graduated from the University of Florida School of Law and most recently served as the City Attorney in Dania Beach. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/4026y4S](https://ftlcity.info/4026y4S).

### **Commission Approves Addendum to Contract for Lighting at City Parks**

The City Commission approved a third addendum to a contract with Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, for the purchase, delivery, and installation of additional equipment at George English and Holiday Parks for an estimated amount of \$165,000. At George English Park, existing pickleball

court lighting will be retrofitted on new pickleball courts with new LED fixtures and control systems. Recently installed LED field lights from Huizenga Park will be relocated to Holiday Park to illuminate the beach volleyball court and future dog park location. The proposal for the improvements at Holiday Park also includes retrofitting the existing basketball court lighting with new LED lights and control systems. These improvements will modernize the athletic lighting at these parks, enhance playing conditions, increase efficiency, and ensure that replacement fixtures are available when needed. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/45Fya00](https://ftlcity.info/45Fya00).

### **City Commission Approves Agreement for Swimming Pool Resurfacing**

The City Commission approved a \$364,332 agreement with Electro-Mechanic, Inc. d/b/a Vermana for swimming pool resurfacing services at the Riverland Pool and the Lauderdale Manors Pool. As part of this project, the Riverland Pool and Lauderdale Manors Pool, which opened in the early 2000s, will be resurfaced for the first time, revitalizing the pool surfaces. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/45vjv8s](https://ftlcity.info/45vjv8s).

### **City Commission Approves Agreement for Sewer Force Main Replacement Projects**

The City Commission approved a \$38,597,800 design-build agreement with David Mancini and Sons, Inc. to design and construct sewer force main replacement projects. The NE 25 Avenue 24-Inch Force Main Replacement Project (\$10,688,500) includes replacing approximately 5,820 linear feet of sewer force main along NE 25 Avenue from Commercial Boulevard to Repump Station B, located within the Coral Ridge Country Club Golf Course. The NE 38 Street 42-Inch Force Main / NE 19 Avenue 24-Inch Force Main Replacement Project (\$27,909,300) includes replacing approximately 7,900 linear feet of sewer force main along NE 38 Street from NE 12 Avenue to Repump Station B. This project also includes installing 3,750 linear feet of new sewer force main along NE 50 Court and NE 51 Street from NE 13 Avenue to NE 18 Avenue. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/46UjBHS](https://ftlcity.info/46UjBHS).

### **City Commission Approves Agreement to Replace Effluent Force Main at GTL**

The City Commission approved a \$45,967,219 design-build agreement with Ric-Man Construction Florida, Inc. (RCMF) for the design and construction of the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant (GTL) Effluent Force Main Replacement Project, which includes the installation of a new 60-inch effluent force main between GTL and the City's deep injection well site. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3M6Hrlx](https://ftlcity.info/3M6Hrlx). Before approving the agreement, the City Commission participated in a discussion on the procurement process and the qualifications of RCMF. It denied a protest submitted by Lanzo Construction Company, the second-ranked firm. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3tzNZZE](https://ftlcity.info/3tzNZZE).

### **City Commission Adopts Resolution in Support of the State of Israel**

The City Commission adopted a resolution introduced by Commissioner Glassman condemning the brutal, barbaric, inhumane, and unprovoked attack on the State of Israel by Hamas, supporting the State of Israel's right to defend itself and urging the President and Congress to provide emergency assistance to the State of Israel. Before adopting the resolution, the City Commission heard from members of the community who expressed support for the resolution. Commissioner Glassman invited the City Commission and meeting attendees to express

appreciation for Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Captain Jason Friedman, who is serving alongside first responders in Israel. For details, visit [ftlcity.info/3tCgndA](https://ftlcity.info/3tCgndA).

### **Information**

For more information on the October 17, 2023, Commission meetings, visit [fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar](https://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar).

### **Upcoming City Commission Meetings**

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.