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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, January 23, 2024. 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 Begins Discussion Regarding a 2024-26 Federal Legislative Program

The City Commission engaged in a preliminary discussion about developing a 2024-26 Federal Legislative Program to provide direction for developing an effective course of action for advocacy of City-related issues at the federal level. The draft Federal Legislative Program will include fundamental principle statements, policy priorities, and appropriation requests. Staff are planning a workshop with the Commission in late February and will bring the program to the Commission for approval during the first regular meeting in March. The draft also will be used for advocacy during the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce's Washington Summit in May 2024. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3StDktt.

FLPD Provides Overview of Its School Resource Officer Program

The City Commission heard details about the Fort Lauderdale Police Department School Resource Officer Program, which assigns 10 police officers to nine schools to help ensure a safe environment, with two officers assigned to Dillard High School. The duties of a school resource officer include protecting and securing the school site and its occupants during regular hours and special events. The current contract runs through June 2026 at a total cost of \$3.1 million, approximately 58% of which is covered by the City, with the remainder covered by the School Board of Broward County. FLPD will return to the Commission in 60 days to provide additional funding and resource options details. For details, visit ftlcity.info/4b4pVzf.

Presentation Outlines Upcoming Implementation of *Good Jobs, Great Cities Academy*

The City Commission was provided with a presentation about the *Good Jobs, Great Cities Academy*, a partnership between the National League of Cities (NLC) and the U.S. Department of Labor. Fort Lauderdale was one of 16 cities nationwide to be selected to participate in the academy, which aims to develop innovative and scalable solutions to provide work skills for high-demand jobs in infrastructure, clean energy, and advanced manufacturing. Through the Academy, the City is working with education, workforce, and industry partners to address

critical vacancies in the Public Works sector and evaluate the need for expanded or new training to prepare workers for water and wastewater treatment, stormwater management, and resilience engineering jobs. For details, visit ftlcity.info/4b7bEBQ.

Commission Hears Update of the City's Grant Program

The City Commission heard updates about the City's grants programs, which aim to identify funding sources for enhanced programs and services while supporting the City's strategic plan and the Commission's priorities. When obtained, grants allow flexibility so that City funds can be redirected to other high-priority needs such as facility maintenance, transportation enhancements, and neighbor services. In Fiscal Year 2023, the City was awarded a total of 28 grants in the amount of \$31.87 million, nearly \$30 million of which was directed toward infrastructure projects. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3Si5re2.

Commission Explores Options for Meaningful Community Engagement in the Budget Process

The City Commission was offered an outline of the various ways Fort Lauderdale residents can meaningfully engage in the City's upcoming budget development cycle and make their voices heard. The presentation provided a general overview of the budget calendar and detailed many opportunities for public engagement at different stages throughout the process. The presentation serves as part of the kickoff of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget development cycle. For details, visit ftlcity.info/494etBR.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Extends Inspection Period for a Project with Parking, a Fire Substation, and Retail

The City Commission approved an amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement with Las Olas Parking Solutions, LLC for the development, operation, and maintenance of a multi-use structure that will house public parking, a Fire-Rescue and EMS substation, and retail. The amendment to the agreement extends the inspection period from January 31, 2024, to March 7, 2024, and is not expected to impact the overall project timeline. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3Ht292e.

Commission Agrees to Continue Providing Fitness and Wellness Classes at Community Center

The City Commission approved an amendment to extend the service agreement for an additional two-year term with North Broward Hospital District to provide fitness and wellness classes at the Beach Community Center. An agreement was executed in 2019, and the agreement has been extended twice. There is no cost to the City for these classes as Broward Health provides all program instructional staff, related equipment, and liability insurance. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3StG6yT.

Commission Approves an Amendment to the CBA between the City and Teamsters Union

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving and ratifying an amendment to the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between the City and Teamsters Local Union 769. In a previous agreement, the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) had been eliminated for Teamsters members. However, the union requested the program be reinstated. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3UdTXLa.

Commission Agrees to Amend the Master Lease Agreement for Bahia Mar Property

The City Commission approved a resolution to amend the master lease agreement between the City and Rahn Bahi Mar, LLC, pertaining to the City-owned property at 801 Seabreeze Boulevard. The resolution allows for the approval of the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants, the Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of the Bahia Mar Master Association, Inc., revisions to the Quit Claim Deed, and the ratification of the Interlocal Agreement by and between the City, Rahn Bahia Mar, LLC, and the Bahia Mar Community Development District (CDD). For details, visit ftlcity.info/492k63A.

Commission Approves Amendment to Development Permit for Olakino House

The City Commission adopted a resolution amending a Site Plan Level IV permit for the Olakino House development at 551 Bayshore Drive. The amendment allows for an additional 18 residential units and 27 parking spaces and an increase in the structure height from 120 feet to 142 feet. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3OdYV6G.

Commission Approves Sublease with ISHOF for City-Owned Property at 501 Seabreeze Blvd.

The City Commission approved a sublease agreement for the City-owned property at 501 Seabreeze Boulevard to ISHOF Peninsula, LLC. The sublease, which currently has a term set for 30 years, includes direction to the lessee to incorporate recreational, sporting, and educational facilities available to the public. For details, visit ftlcity.info/48KfYWg.

Information

For more information on the January 23, 2024, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom, 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.