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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, October 15, 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 Reviews and Discusses the Development Review Process

The City Commission was presented with an overview of the Development Review process and discussed opportunities to refine the process. The discussion followed issues related to the application and approval process for the site plan for the project known as 900 Intracoastal Drive (for details, visit ftlcity.info/3Yo7AJ3). A number of proposed code enhancements to the City's Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) section addressing "Development Permits and Procedures" were brought to the Commission for consideration and guidance. The enhancements included:

- Requiring a pre-development meeting for at least any quasi-judicial applications before applying for Development Review Committee (DRC) review.
- Requiring public participation notice 21 days prior to DRC as part of the completeness review.
- Amending the timeframe for the completeness review from 5 to 30 days so that it's consistent with Florida Statute 166.033.
- Setting the DRC date as the completion date and start of 180-day review period.
- Set the City's Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) application deadline based on backing up the process from the 180-day deadline (or face denial).
- Only accepting waivers at application submittal and considering extension at the PZB deadline date. The deadline shall be predicated on any items related to the project (DRC comment report, PZB Staff Report, Commission Agenda Memo, Call-up Memo, etc.).
- Amending Commission Review timeframes.

Implementing the recommendation will require public hearings and adoption by the City Commission. For details, visit ftlcity.info/488K8CR.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Approves Several Outdoor Event Agreements and Related Road Closures

The City Commission approved agreements for five outdoor events, four of which have related road closures. In each instance, City staff sent invitations to the surrounding civic associations to the outdoor events meeting along with a copy of the application and site plan. The event agreements define the responsibilities of the event organizer, such as covering the associated event expenses and the required certificates of insurance. Below is information about the upcoming events:

- **South Florida Exotic Car TOY RALLY.** Scheduled for Saturday, December 14, with a pit stop at the Ferrari and Maserati dealerships from approximately 11:15-11:45 a.m. Two northbound lanes at 5750 N. Federal Highway will be closed from 10:50 a.m. to noon. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3Nq0kGt.
- **Friday Dining in the Streets.** Scheduled to take place every Friday from November 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025, from 6-10 p.m. at 33rd Street between Ocean Boulevard and 33rd Avenue. The south side of NE 33rd Street between A1A and NE 33rd Avenue will be closed from 5-11 p.m. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3Y2mPWZ.
- **Vegan Block Party.** Scheduled for Saturday, November 16, from 5-8 p.m. at Esplanade Park, 400 SW 2nd Street (Himmarshee Street). Himmarshee Street will be closed between SW 4th Avenue to SW 5th Avenue from 5 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3ZZWsDF.
- **Cornucopia of Praise Gospel Concert.** Scheduled for Friday, November 29, from 5-9 p.m. at Esplanade Park, 400 SW 2nd Street. SW 2nd Street from SW 4th Avenue to SW 5th Avenue and SW 4th Avenue from SW 2nd Street to the cul-de-sac will be closed from 7 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. For details, visit ftlcity.info/4f7qauS.
- **Victoria Park Civic Association Annual Halloween Event.** Scheduled for Thursday, October 31, from 4:30-9 p.m. at Holiday Park, adjacent to the Baptist Health IcePlex. There are no road closures associated with this event. For details, visit ftlcity.info/4f41Slj.

Commission Agrees to Extend Project Completion Date for the New Movie Studio Complex

The City Commission approved the first amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement with the Fort Lauderdale Studio Initiative, LLC (FLSI) to extend the project's completion date. The Comprehensive Agreement defined that FLSI develop a movie studio complex at 1400 NW 31st Avenue within three years. FLSI requested an extension to December 31, 2026, as they recently partnered with Infinite Reality, Inc. on the project. Infinite Reality, Inc. has extensive experience in the high-tech content creation space and plans to integrate their expertise into the studio complex design which requires additional time. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3zZFvPa. For details about partnership between FLSI and Infinite, visit ftlcity.info/4eZGVb9.

Commission Approves Adjustments to Galt Ocean Mile Beautification Improvements Project

The City Commission approved a change order to the agreement with Chen Moore and Associates, Inc. for the Galt Ocean Mile Beautification Improvements project. The change order includes additional services to complete the design of the project, adding approximately

\$61,000 in funding and extending the contract term by 114 calendar days. For details, visit ftlcity.info/402ziMK.

Portion of NW 16th Avenue Given Secondary Street Name of Ada Bradley Moore Lane

The City Commission approved a resolution stating that NW 16th Avenue between NW 8th Street and Sunrise Boulevard also be known as Ada Bradley Moore Lane. Ms. Moore was a longtime public servant for the City's Parks and Recreation Department. Over 30 years, she led several programs for people of all ages, becoming a second mother and positive influence on so many in our community. Ms. Moore was honored in 2016 as an Exemplary Former Fort Lauderdale City Employee and received the Outstanding Service Award by the City's Housing Authority. Her work and dedication inspired her son Carlton B. Moore to enter a life of civil service, including more than 20 years as a City Commissioner. For details, visit ftlcity.info/4h6dTzd.

Commission Boosts Homelessness Initiatives with Housing Navigation Program Funding

The City Commission approved a not-for-profit service agreement with the Taskforce Fore Ending Homeless, Inc., for the Fort Lauderdale Housing Navigation Program. Approximately \$315,000 in funding will be used to advance efforts dedicated to homeless outreach and establishing a housing plan. The Fort Lauderdale Housing Navigation Program provides outreach services, assists with the completion of entry assessments, and connects homeless individuals with appropriate services for shelter, transitional, or permanent housing. In addition, referrals are provided for case management, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, reunification programs, veteran's services, referrals to attain identification, food stamps and other basic needs. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3zYgDqS.

Commission Approves a Change Order for Additional Work on the New Police Headquarters

The City Commission approved a change order in the amount of approximately \$996,000 to incorporate additional scopes of work on the new Fort Lauderdale Police Headquarters, located at 1300 W. Broward Boulevard. The latest change order applies to the Community Center Skylight and the expansion of the Level 2 Plaza, among other work. During the value engineering of the project, the skylight and Level 2 Plaza additions were removed from the scope but later requested by the City. This change order also includes items that were not initially in the original design, but were added to the scope per the City request to address critical safety and functional elements after plan revisions were completed. City staff are currently reviewing the roof deflection and other items that may impact the project budget. The additional impact of these items on the project budget and schedule will be provided to the Commission for its action at a future date. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3U7CiDQ.

Information

For more information on the October 5, 2024, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Thursday, November 7, at

the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in the Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom, 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.