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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. Since Wednesday, December 1, 2021, public participation during all City Commission and Advisory Board meetings has returned to an in-person format only. If any person wishes to address the City Commission, the person shall sign up using the online Speaker Card prior to the meeting or sign up in the City Hall lobby using the City Clerk's iPad. The online Speaker Card can be accessed at fortlauderdale.gov/citycommissionmeetings.

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, including how to view agendas and sign up to speak, visit fortlauderdale.gov/citycommissionmeetings.

In case you missed them, following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Tuesday, December 7, 2021. The videos are available at youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale and the vote summary will be available later this week at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

Leaf Blower Report & Update

Commissioner McKinzie presented a report detailing his research on the impact leaf blowers have on the City's neighborhoods. After review of the governing ordinances and general lack of neighbor complaints about leaf blowers received over the last three years, the discussion centered around noise produced by and the business costs of gas versus electric leaf blowers, the sources of debris in storm drains, and greater need for enforcement of the existing ordinances. The City Commission reached a consensus to modify the hours of operation for leaf blowers and all other landscape maintenance equipment in residential areas by shifting the allowable start time from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. For details, visit ftlcity.info/31HKSRz.

Summary of Forensic Examination of Rio Vista Restoration Project

The team from Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI) presented a summary of their examination of the Rio Vista Restoration Project. CRI conducted interviews and reviewed project documents and communication records in an attempt to obtain an understanding of the project as it relates to City policies and procedures. Their report highlighted five key findings along with recommendations for improvement. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3pxGg8U.

CITY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) MEETING

CRA Board Approves \$4M CRA Loan for Mixed-Use Commercial Development Project

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of

Commissioners, voted to approve a \$4 million CRA Development Incentive Program Loan to 909 NW 6th St. LLC. for a mixed-use commercial development project. This project will be located on the former site of Bass Brothers Supermarket, located on the northwest corner of Sistrunk Boulevard and Northwest 9th Avenue. The developer proposed construction of a new four-story commercial mixed-use building including restaurants, retail, offices, common areas, and a parking garage. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3pAlyE3.

CRA Board Approves Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendment of \$413K

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved a resolution to amend the budget by transferring funds in the amount of \$413,676.87 from Central Beach Wayfinding & Information Signage to the Aquatic Complex Renovations. The funds will be used for an onsite chlorine disinfection system for the pools. Staff will work to identify funding for the Wayfinding project. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3ykVqCt.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Commission Approves Event Agreement for Medz Brunch

The City Commission approved an event agreement with Vision Café Restaurant, Inc. for Medz Brunch. This event is tailored toward mortgage brokers, realtors, and community business owners and is scheduled to take place on the roof of the Las Olas Garage on Saturday, January 1, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The idea of modifying the fee structure for special events on City property for residents and non-residents was discussed as well as the applicant's request for amplified music due to previous concerns from nearby residents about excessive noise. For details, visit ftlcity.info/31IFEVw.

City Commission Accepts \$148K Grant from Federal Aviation Administration

The City Commission adopted a resolution accepting grant funds from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the amount of \$148,000. The grant funds come from the American Rescue Grant Program (ARGP) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and will be used for costs related to operations, personnel, debt service payments, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, and air purification devices focused on the prevention of, preparation for, and response to the Coronavirus at Fort Lauderdale Executive (FXE) Airport. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3DCTGW6.

City Commission Accepts \$750K Grant from Florida Department of Environmental Protection

The City Commission approved a \$750,000 grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the NW 21st Avenue Pipe Rehabilitation Stormwater Project. This project includes the rehabilitation of a 54-inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe located along NW 21st Avenue between Sistrunk Boulevard / NW 6th Street and the New River. Acceptance of the grant will not require a local match and will fund approximately 75% of the project's estimated construction costs. All work must be completed by September 30, 2023. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3ozEFjj.

City Commission Approves Grant Participation Agreement with Museum of Discovery and Science

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving a grant participation agreement with the Museum of Discovery and Science in the amount of \$214,800 to provide 2nd and 4th grade students from all nineteen public elementary schools within Fort Lauderdale with access to museum and school instruction. The funding will be used for professional development courses for approximately 130 teachers, two full days of interactive educational activities at each school, and two full school-day field trips to the Museum of Discovery and Science for over 3,000 students with the goal of improving long-term academic success in the critical STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) subjects. Commissioners discussed the possibility of expanding the program to include private schools in the future. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3oxzZuw.

City Commission Approves \$620K Agreement for Tarpon River Dredging

The City Commission approved a \$620,000 agreement with Arbor Tree and Land, Inc. for the Tarpon River Dredging Project. The project includes dredging an estimated 2,000 cubic yards of material over 800 linear feet of the Tarpon River to remove silt and other material from the bottom of the river. This will take place from 100 feet west of the SE 9th Avenue bridge to 700 feet east of the SE 9th Avenue bridge. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3pxfm0A.

City Commission Defers Action on Historical Landmark Designation of New River Castle

After a lengthy discussion that included input from various members of the public, the City Commission deferred action on a resolution approving the historic landmark designation of the “New River Castle” located at 625 SW 5th Place in Tarpon River. The property is adjacent to Ann Murray Greenway and features a miniature castle complete with towers, coral rock, and a view of the New River. The robust discussion centered around historical preservation and property owner rights. This item will be deferred to the Regular Commission Meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3pCcik2.

More Information

For more information on items from the December 7, 2021, Commission meetings, visit the City website at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Next City Commission Meetings on December 21, 2021

The next City Commission meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, December 21, 2021. City Hall is open, and members of the public are invited to attend meetings in person. Since Wednesday, December 1, 2021, public participation during all City Commission and Advisory Board meetings has returned to an in-person format only. The public may also listen to and view the meetings on [FLTV](#), [YouTube](#), Comcast Channel 78, and AT&T U-verse Channel 99. To learn more about City Commission meetings, including how to view agendas and sign up to speak, visit fortlauderdale.gov/citycommissionmeetings.