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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. If any person wishes to address the City Commission, the person shall sign up in the City Hall lobby 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, December 6, 2022. 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 SPECIAL MEETING

City Commission Receives New Commissioners for Districts 1, 3, and 4

Following the certification of election results by the Broward County Supervisor of Elections, three new Commissioners were received by the City Commission – John C. Herbst in District 1, Pamela Beasley-Pittman in District 3, and Warren Sturman in District 4. The new Commissioners join Mayor Dean J. Trantalis and Commissioner Steven Glassman in District 2. A quasi-judicial proceeding regarding the qualification of one of the Commissioners was removed from the agenda after it was determined the challenger was not present in Commission chambers.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

City Commission Hears Update about Proposed Water Treatment Plant

City staff provided an update on the Prospect Lake Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Proposal, a Public Private Partnership under consideration to replace the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant due to its age and condition. The Fiveash WTP is close to 70-years old, needs more than \$200 million in repairs and upgrades, is limited in removing color in the water, and is at risk of failure during a major weather event. The Commission discussed the proposed costs associated with the Prospect Lake Water Treatment Plant, including \$485 million for the plant and the \$181 million cost estimate for enabling works, resulting in a projected 143% increase in water rates over the next 10 years. The Commission proposed further discussion about the plant, including a public workshop, additional public outreach, and having an independent expert provide a third opinion regarding the current public-private partnership, all tentatively planned for January and February 2023. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3FvW4ls.

City Commission Discusses Delay in Swearing-in for New Commissioners

During the City Commission reports, Commissioner Herbst said he believed the City was in violation of the City Charter when the newly elected Commissioners were not sworn in to office

on the first Tuesday after the election. Commissioner Herbst proposed a motion to discuss the contract of the City Manager and City Attorney at the evening meeting. Mayor Trantalis stated that the delay of the swearing-in ceremony was a result of when the certified results became available, scheduling availability, along with a unique circumstance never experienced before in the City.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

CRA Board Approves a Forgivable Loan Funding Increase for Mixed-Use Development

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners approved a forgivable loan funding increase to Wright Dynasty, LLC, from \$3 million to \$3.5 million from the Development Incentive Program, for the construction of a mixed-use development located on the 1200 block of Sistrunk Boulevard. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3Hic8sE.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Commission Adopts a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

City Commissioners approved a resolution amending the fiscal year 2023 budget and rejected a proposed amendment to remove language that would reprioritize funding for the A1A Streetscape Improvements Project. Commissioner Herbst proposed removing a section of the resolution that would transfer \$2.3 million in funding currently slated for the Galt Ocean Mile Beautification Project to the A1A Streetscape Improvements Project. Additional funding was required to award a contract for construction of the A1A Streetscape Improvements Project, which was also approved on the agenda (CP3) and noted as a priority by Commissioner Glassman. The Commission noted that funding the Galt Ocean Mile Beautification Project remains a priority and intends to propose future funding during the budget development process. The Galt Ocean Mile Beautification Project requires a design to determine the definitive project construction cost. Sufficient funding was left in the project account to move forward with the design of the Galt Ocean Mile Beautification Project in the current fiscal year. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3h4pkGC.

City Commission Approves Selling of Potable Water to the Town of Davie

The City Commission approved a resolution agreeing to sell potable water between the City of Fort Lauderdale and Town of Davie for a 25-year period. The agreement notes that the water is sold to the Town of Davie, which it then later distributes to its customers. In the last fiscal year, the City billed the Town of Davie \$298,000 for potable water, an amount that will vary in fiscal year 2023 based on usage and the City's water rate structure. For details, view ftlcity.info/3HikMHC.

Commissioner Sturman Named Vice-Mayor

The City Commission agreed to appoint Commissioner Sturman from District 4 as Vice-Mayor, replacing the previous representative from that district who resigned in November 2022. Vice Mayor Sturman will serve in that role until April 2023. The Vice Mayor presides over any meeting of the City Commission when the Mayor is absent. Additionally, should the Mayor

resign or be unable to continue in office, the Vice-Mayor would assume the role of Mayor until the vacancy is filled. For details, view ftlcity.info/3Fys099.

City Commission Agrees to Review the Performance of the City Attorney

The City Commission agreed to review the performance of City Attorney Alain Boileau during the December 20 Conference Meeting. The performance review was raised by Commissioner Herbst to discuss concerns regarding the delay of the swearing-in ceremony for the then-Commissioners-elect from Districts 3 and 4. Commissioner Herbst stated that the delay violated the City Charter.

More Information

For more information on the December 6, 2022, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Tuesday, December 20, 2022.