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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, December 17, 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 Provided a Presentation on Emergency Medical Services Special Taxing District

The City Commission received a presentation summarizing the findings of a study conducted by Stantec Consulting and City staff regarding the feasibility of establishing a dependent Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Special Taxing District. The proposed district would create a dedicated millage to fund EMS services, including future expansions. The presentation outlined statutory requirements, potential financial impacts on the City's General Fund, and a sample implementation timeline. The Commission highlighted the need to gauge community interest and preferences through outreach efforts, with further discussions planned during the City's goal-setting sessions. Staff was also encouraged to begin drafting preliminary ordinances as part of the exploratory process. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4iFLnON.

Commission Provided with an Update on City Homeless Initiatives

City Staff provided an update on efforts to address homelessness in alignment with the City Commission's priority. The presentation reviewed service requests under HB1365, outcomes from FIXITFTL submissions, and the results of recent town halls. Key initiatives included expanding shelter capacity, collaborating with service providers, and targeting homelessness hotspots through coordinated strategies among City departments. Future plans include joint state funding requests with United Way, the development of transitional housing, and ongoing evaluations of service effectiveness. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3OYzJB7.

Commission Provided with a New River Crossing 2024 Summary

City staff presented an overview of the New River Crossing initiative, summarizing key milestones from 2024. The update highlighted two reports, one for the tunnel concept and one for a bridge concept, which included projected cost estimates from BDO and TY Lin. Staff also discussed the timeline, funding pursuits, and potential next steps. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3ZV1d0C.

CITY COMMISSION COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Commission Approves CRA Property Conveyance for Affordable Housing

The City Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the conveyance of two properties located at 1200 NW 3 Street and 1145 NW 5 Avenue from the City to the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for affordable housing development. The properties, zoned for residential multifamily use, will be transferred by Quit Claim Deed with all costs borne by the CRA. The CRA will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for development, ensuring eligibility criteria requiring residents' incomes not to exceed 80% of the area median income and a seven-year residency minimum. The Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights and Central City Redevelopment Advisory Boards unanimously supported the conveyance.

For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4iwFnYG.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Approves Tri-Party Agreement for SE/SW 17th Street Mobility Hub Project The City Commission approved a resolution authorizing a tri-party agreement among the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the City of Fort Lauderdale, and the Metropolitan Transportation Engineering & Construction Cooperative (MTECC) to administer the design and construction of the SE/SW 17th Street Mobility Hub Project. The project, valued at \$6,804,000, will be funded through a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant. Under the agreement, MTECC will oversee project management, including design, permitting, and construction. The City will contribute \$35,000 for administrative costs and advance funds for project phases, reimbursable upon project completion. Design is set to begin in Q2 FY2025, with project completion expected by Q1 FY2029. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/49EzDrQ.

Commission Approves Property Transfer for Affordable Housing Development

The City Commission approved a resolution finalizing the transfer of City-owned properties located at 1200 NW 3 Street and 1145 NW 5 Avenue to the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for affordable housing development. This action follows the Commission's prior approval on November 7, 2024, through Resolution 24-222, which declared the intent to transfer the properties. The CRA will manage redevelopment in compliance with established plans, covering all associated costs while ensuring occupancy is restricted to families with low-to-moderate incomes, not exceeding 80% of the area median income. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3BuzBWY.

Commission Approves Grant Agreement for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Housing Program

The City Commission adopted a resolution accepting a FY 2025 Grant Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families (DCF), in the amount of \$250,000 for a Mental Health and Substance Abuse Housing Program. Funds will be used to engage local service providers offering treatment and support for homeless individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues. The program will promote long-term stability and well-being through facility-based treatment and community-focused care. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3ZG8jVr.

Commission Approves Extension of Fire-Rescue Advisory Committee

The City Commission approved a resolution extending the termination date of the Fire-Rescue Advisory Committee (FRAC) to December 31, 2026. Originally created on December 20, 2022, for a 24-month term, the committee provides community-driven feedback and advises on future planning, industry standards, and department performance measures. Following a unanimous vote by the FRAC on September 9, 2024, and support from the City Commission during the November 7, 2024, Commission Conference meeting, the term extension allows the FRAC to continue its advisory role. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/49EnanU.

Commission Adopts a Resolution Establishing City Attorney Search Committee

The City Commission adopted a resolution abolishing the previous City Attorney Search Committee and establishing a new City Attorney Search Committee to assist with the selection process for the City Attorney position. The five-member committee will review applications, conduct interviews, and create a shortlist of candidates for the City Commission's consideration. Each City Commissioner, including the Mayor and Vice Mayor, will nominate one committee member. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3ZCKuy2.

Commission Approves Annual Stormwater Cleaning, Inspection, and Surveying Contracts

The City Commission approved agreements with Flotech Environmental, LLC and National Water Main Cleaning Company for annual stormwater cleaning, inspection, and surveying continuing services. The five-year term has an estimated aggregate amount of \$15,935,000 (\$3,187,000 per year), with two additional two-year renewal options for a potential total contract amount of \$28,683,000. The services include cleaning, inspections, condition assessments, and surveying approximately 190 miles of underground stormwater pipes and 14,500 stormwater assets. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3ByV556.

Commission Passes Ordinance Establishing Notice Procedure for Public Camping Violations

The City Commission passed on first reading a new subsection of the City's Code of Ordinances, 16-33: Public Camping or Sleeping; Notice, establishing a formal notice procedure for reporting violations of public camping and sleeping on public property. This action ensures compliance with Florida House Bill 1365, which prohibits unauthorized camping on public property. The ordinance requires the City Manager to set up an online submission system for reporting violations, detailing the location, date, description, and complainant contact information. The City Commission will consider adoption of the ordinance during their January 7, 2025, meeting. The City's FIXITFTL platform currently supports this process. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3ZFRFp2

Commission Adopts a Resolution for New River Tunnel Crossing

The City Commission adopted a resolution urging Broward County, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Florida Department of Transportation to recommend the construction of a tunnel as the Locally Preferred Alternative for the commuter rail crossing the New River and directing the City's lobbyists to advocate for the same. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4gCaz74

Information

For more information on the December 17, 2024, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in the Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom, 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.