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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 Wednesday, January 22, 2025. 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 Receives Update on City Manager Recruitment and Finalists

The City Commission received an update on the City Manager recruitment process, including recommendations for interview finalists from the City Manager Search Committee. After reviewing eight candidates, with one candidate withdrawing prior to interviews, the committee recommended three finalists for in-person interviews: Jason Davis, Matthew von der Hayden, and Rickelle Williams. The City Commission will continue the process with in-person interviews scheduled for February 4, 2025. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/40qF5dJ.

Commission Receives Update on Draft Sidewalk Master Plan

The City Commission received a presentation on the draft Sidewalk Master Plan, focusing on identifying and prioritizing gaps in the City's sidewalk network. Developed by Benesch, the consultant team engaged for this project, the plan aims to improve connectivity throughout Fort Lauderdale neighborhoods. It is limited to new sidewalk connections and excludes maintenance or repair of existing sidewalks. The presentation included a review of the technical process, public engagement outcomes, and preliminary results, with projects prioritized based on pedestrian activity, roadway characteristics, and equity considerations. Next steps involve finalizing priority tiers, consolidating project recommendations, and creating an action plan with an implementation guide. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/40vp0Ub.

Commission Receives Update on Holiday Park Parking Design

The City Commission received an update on the Holiday Park parking project, including a presentation of various potential parking concepts. The project consultant developed initial concepts that included a larger garage, a smaller garage, and a pair of surface parking lots to provide at least 600 parking spaces within Holiday Park. The City Commission showed interest in a large parking garage, but given the budgetary limitations, provided direction to proceed with the surface parking lot concepts. City staff will work with the project consultant to reach

30% design for the two parking lots with the anticipation of fully developing the south lot within the next 18 months. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3E2Ro8q.

Commission Discusses ‘I AM SISTRUNK’ Campaign

The City Commission received an update on the “I AM SISTRUNK” initiative, which is a visionary branding campaign supplementing an overarching revitalization project for the historic Sistrunk Corridor. This initiative honors the area's rich African American heritage while fostering economic growth, community pride, and increased homeownership opportunities. The project emphasizes preserving and celebrating the corridor’s historical legacy, fostering stakeholder collaboration, and attracting investment through projects like the Victory Building and The Arcadian. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3Cfqtpz.

CITY COMMISSION COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOAD

Commission Approves Increased Funding for Aldridge and Laramore Affordable Housing Projects

The City Commission approved a resolution to increase funding by \$1,000,000 for the Aldridge and Laramore mixed-use affordable housing developments located at 1204 and 1619 Sistrunk Boulevard. This increase in Development Incentive Program (DIP) forgivable loan funds will help cover a funding gap caused by a significant drop in Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) pricing. The \$1,000,000 in additional funding ensures the continuation of these vital affordable housing projects, which will provide 72 units of affordable housing and commercial space. The projects are aimed at enhancing economic development in the Sistrunk Corridor. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/40H1CEt.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Approves Funding for Fort Lauderdale Community development Corporation Affordable Housing Renovations

The City Commission adopted a resolution waiving formal bid requirements and approving a \$278,600 award to the Fort Lauderdale Community Development Corporation (FLCDC) for the renovation of six rental properties under the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program. The award will support the rehabilitation of affordable rental units in line with the 2022-2025 SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan. The project is part of the City’s ongoing efforts to increase affordable housing options and foster community development. This funding will cover 100% of the project cost, with no contribution from the FLCDC. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4h1UVmj.

Commission Approves Agreement for Purchase and Installation of EV Charging Stations

The City Commission approved an agreement with G & H Electric, Inc. d/b/a Florida Supercharge for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations across the City. The initial two-year term is valued at \$650,967.06, with three one-year renewal options. This initiative aligns with the City’s goal of achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040 and supports the growing demand for EV infrastructure. The funds are available in the FY 2025 Community Investment Plan. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3ClyKlq.

Commission Approves Historic Designation for War Memorial Auditorium

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving the historic designation of the exterior of the War Memorial Auditorium, located at 1000 E. Sunrise Boulevard (also identified at 800 NE 8th Street), as a Historic Landmark. The Historic Preservation Board (HPB) reviewed the application and recommended the designation, which will protect the building's historic character and ensure its preservation. The designation applies only to the exterior of the building and includes a requirement for the property owner to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) before any alterations. The initiative aligns with the City's strategic goals for historic preservation and community revitalization. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4htaVxt.

Commission Approves Rezoning of 200 W Cypress Creek Road to Uptown Urban Village Southeast District

The City Commission passed an ordinance to rezone 133,678 square feet of land located at 200 W Cypress Creek Road from Intense Manufacturing and Industrial (M-3, Broward County) District to Uptown Urban Village Southeast (UUV-SE) District. The rezoning will allow the development of a private club on the property and aligns with the Uptown Master Plan. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval by a vote of 8-0 on November 20, 2024. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4avmCRP.

Information

For more information on the January 22, 2025, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in the Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom, 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.