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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, February 4, 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 Conducts Interviews for City Manager Candidates

The City Commission conducted interviews for the top City Manager candidates recommended by the City Manager Search Committee. Following an extensive recruitment process led by MGT of America Consulting, LLC, the Commission interviewed Jason Davis and Rickelle Williams, both seasoned municipal executives. Originally, three finalists were selected, but one withdrew from consideration. The interviews, held on February 4, 2025, provided an opportunity for Commissioners to assess leadership experience, strategic vision, and alignment with the City's goals. The Commission unanimously selected Rickelle Williams as the next City Manager following the interviews. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3PZyYbD.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Selects Finalist for City Manager Position

The City Commission selected Rickelle Williams for the City Manager position following the interview process. Commissioners also designated Mayor Dean Trantalis to negotiate terms for a proposed employment contract with the selected finalist. The executive search, conducted in partnership with MGT Impact Solutions, LLC, began with 84 applications, which were narrowed down through rigorous screening and interviews. The final selection marks a key step toward securing the City's next chief executive. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4hDUSgc.

Commission Approves License Agreement for Bahia Mar Beach Resort

The City Commission approved a license application and agreement with Rahn Bahia Mar, LLC, d/b/a Bahia Mar Beach Resort, allowing the sale, service, and consumption of food and alcoholic beverages on the public beach in front of the upland hotel. This approval follows the adoption of an ordinance on November 21, 2023, permitting such activities for qualifying hotels along State Road A1A. Under the agreement, the resort will pay an annual fee of \$7,400,

calculated based on its 296 guest rooms. Revenue from this agreement will contribute to the City's Parks and Recreation budget. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/42zZtfc.

Commission Approves Agreement for Progresso Village Stormwater Improvements

The City Commission approved an agreement with Man-Con, Incorporated for the Progresso Village Stormwater Improvements project, totaling \$39,579,918. The project aims to address flooding concerns by installing new stormwater infrastructure, repairing existing systems, and enhancing neighborhood roadways. The agreement includes allowances for permits, licenses, and other associated costs. An additional \$3 million will be allocated for in-house project management, bringing the total project cost to \$42,579,918. Funding for this project has been fully approved in the FY 2025 Community Investment Plan. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3CANecm.

Commission Approves Design Services Agreement for Fire Rescue Facilities

The City Commission approved an agreement with H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc. for design services related to Fire Rescue Station No. 13 and Emergency Medical Substation No. 88. The agreement, valued at \$1,096,299.07, includes the development of a design criteria package for both facilities. Fire Rescue Station No. 13, to be located at 2871 East Sunrise Boulevard, is part of the voter-approved Fire Rescue Construction Bond program. Emergency Medical Substation No. 88, planned for 507 SE 11th Court, will enhance emergency response capabilities in the downtown area and along South Federal Highway. The total project cost, including in-house project management, is \$1,423,467.07, with funding allocated through the FY 2025 Community Investment Plan. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4aGXo37.

Commission Approves Change Order for New Police Headquarters Project

The City Commission approved Change Order No. 4 to Task Order No. 6 for consultant services related to the new Fort Lauderdale Police Headquarters. The \$946,915.78 change order extends construction administration and post-occupancy services under AECOM Technical Services, Inc., aligning with the revised 36-month construction schedule. The original agreement, executed in 2020, has undergone prior amendments to address additional design needs, site modifications, and structural considerations. Funding for this change order is available within the existing project budget. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/40CDjpY.

Information

For more information on the February 4, 2025, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in the Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom, 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.