



# LauderBriefs

## 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](http://fortlauderdale.gov/citycommissionmeetings).*

In case you missed them, the following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. The video is available at [youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale](https://youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale), and the vote summary will be available later this week at [fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar](http://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar).

### **CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING**

#### **Commission Holds Joint Workshop with Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)**

The City Commission participated in a Joint Workshop with the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) to discuss incentives from the 2024 Affordable Housing Incentive Report. The report, approved on October 15, 2024, outlines eleven state-required and additional incentives to support affordable housing initiatives. During the workshop, AHAC members presented their top three priority recommendations: Expedited Permitting, Modification of Impact Fee Requirements, and Reduction of Parking Requirements. The Commission provided feedback on the implementation of these incentives, which will play a key role in advancing affordable housing goals and addressing Fort Lauderdale's ongoing housing challenges. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4gK3FfH](http://ftlcity.info/4gK3FfH).

### **CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING**

#### **Commission Receives Update on Police Department Headquarters Project**

The City Commission received an update on the Police Department Headquarters project, focusing on the progress of construction and a peer review conducted by Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE). The update covered findings related to structural deflections, roof beams, and the next steps for Phase 2 of the review. Subject to the contractor installing all structural enhancements identified by WJE and the Engineer of Record, the building is anticipated to perform as originally intended and per industry standards. The project is currently 80% complete, with critical items such as the generator installation and HVAC system nearing completion. The anticipated move-in date for the headquarters is set for Fall 2025. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4hCOlmm](http://ftlcity.info/4hCOlmm).

#### **Commission Receives Presentation on Motor Vehicle Noise and Enforcement Efforts**

The City Commission received a presentation on motor vehicle noise, including an overview of current state statutes and local ordinances governing vehicle noise in Fort Lauderdale. The presentation covered the City's efforts to enforce these regulations through the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Motor Unit and identified challenges in enforcement. Recommendations were made to improve enforcement, including the addition of officers to the Motor Unit. The discussion also highlighted comparisons with other Florida municipalities' vehicle noise ordinances. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4313M3a](http://ftlcity.info/4313M3a).

### **Commission Receives Performance Audit of Cemeteries Administration**

The City Commission received a performance audit of the Cemeteries Administration, conducted by the City Auditor's Office. The audit focused on internal controls, recordkeeping, and financial operations, with a particular emphasis on the Perpetual Care Trust Fund and the Preneed Trust Fund. The findings highlighted weaknesses, including the absence of a comprehensive internal controls system, inadequate recordkeeping practices, unfulfilled managerial duties, and untimely price reviews. Specific recommendations were made to improve oversight and compliance, including the development of more robust internal controls and the timely implementation of necessary software systems. The audit also raised concerns regarding the timely transfer of funds from the Preneed Trust Fund and compliance with state laws. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4b79xOY](http://ftlcity.info/4b79xOY).

## **COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD**

### **Commission Approves Second Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Complete Street Project**

The City Commission approved a second amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the NE 4th Avenue Complete Street Project between the City of Fort Lauderdale, the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), and Broward County. This amendment extends the termination date of the agreement from December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025, to accommodate the completion of lighting installation. The project, funded through a \$1,000,000 grant from Broward County, aims to improve pedestrian safety and enhance the NE 4th Avenue corridor with wider sidewalks, street trees, and lighting. The extension will ensure the project meets its full scope and allows time for procurement and installation. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/413EVJB](http://ftlcity.info/413EVJB).

## **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

### **Commission Approves License Agreement for Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach**

The City Commission approved a license application and agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and FLB Hotel, LLC d/b/a Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach, allowing the sale, service, and consumption of food and alcoholic beverages on the public beach at the Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach Hotel. This agreement follows the City's adoption of an ordinance in 2022 and 2023 permitting such services on the beach by upland hotels facing A1A. The license application fee for the Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach, which has 290 rooms, is \$7,250 annually. This revenue will be allocated to the FY 2025 operating budget. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4gLunVq](http://ftlcity.info/4gLunVq).

### **Commission Approves Resolution Amending Remote Participation Policies**

The City Commission adopted a resolution amending the policies for absent City Commission, Board, and Committee members to participate in meetings through communications technology. The amendment adds military service as an exception for remote participation, reduces the minimum time required to provide written notice of an absence, and rescinds the previous Resolution No. 20-214. The change reflects the Commission's ongoing efforts to accommodate members' participation while ensuring efficient governance. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3CSRQGj](https://ftlcity.info/3CSRQGj).

### **Commission Approves Change Order No. 9 for Prospect Lake Clean Water Center**

The City Commission approved Change Order No. 9 for the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center (PLCWC) project with Prospect Lake Water L.P. in the amount of \$6,952,000. This change order covers the construction of water, sewer, and communication infrastructure needed to support the PLCWC. It includes the installation of a 12-inch diameter water main, a new sanitary sewer pumping station, and communication lines. The project is part of the ongoing effort to replace the Charles W. Fiveash Water Treatment Plant and enhance water treatment capacity. The funds are available in the FY2025 Community Investment Plan, and the project's cost is within the engineer's cost estimate range. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4b3e0ST](https://ftlcity.info/4b3e0ST).

### **Commission Considers First Reading of Ordinance Amending Sidewalk Installation Requirements**

The City Commission considered the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 25 of the City's Code of Ordinances regarding sidewalk installation requirements. The proposed amendments aim to streamline the process for requesting exceptions to sidewalk installation and introduce new criteria for developments that may be exempt from installing sidewalks. Key changes include shifting the review of sidewalk exceptions from the Board of Adjustment (BOA) to the Development Review Committee (DRC), with the option to appeal to the BOA if needed. The new regulations also include updated exceptions, such as properties located on dead-end streets or certain zoning districts. The ordinance is part of the City's ongoing efforts to improve infrastructure and enhance the multimodal transportation network. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4k7JvPB](https://ftlcity.info/4k7JvPB).

### **Information**

For more information on the February 18, 2025, Commission meetings, visit [fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar](https://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar).

### **Upcoming City Commission Meetings**

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Tuesday, March 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.