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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, March 18, 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 Homelessness Initiatives

The City Commission received an update on ongoing homelessness initiatives, including enforcement actions, outreach efforts, and new programs aimed at addressing the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness. The update detailed the impact of HB 1365 and City Ordinance Sec. 16-32, which prohibit camping on public property and establish enforcement measures. Since implementation, the City has increased outreach efforts, including the expansion of the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) to six officers, providing shelter placements, reunification assistance, and service referrals. The Commission also reviewed updates on Community Court operations, the expansion of mental health and substance abuse treatment programs funded through state grants, and upcoming initiatives supported by federal funding. Additional efforts include safe parking proposals, increased police and fire rescue response at key locations, and new signage addressing panhandling concerns. The City continues to engage community stakeholders, nonprofits, and regional partners to enhance services and develop long-term solutions. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3FDbhE5.

Commission Discusses New River Crossing and Broward Commuter Rail

The City Commission discussed the New River Crossing and Broward Commuter Rail following a letter from Broward County Mayor Furr to Mayor Trantalis. The Commission examined key points from the letter, including the County's position on the project and potential impacts on transportation infrastructure. The Commission directed staff to work with the County to look for a path forward for the tunnel option. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/43SPsu0.

CITY COMMISSION COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Commission Approves CRA Forgivable Loan

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board, approved a \$225,000 Property and Business Improvement Program (PBIP) Forgivable Loan, a \$125,000 Non-Residential Façade Improvement Program (NRFIP) Forgivable Loan, and a \$54,562 Streetscape Enhancement Program (SEP) Forgivable Loan to Call of Africa Realty, Inc. for the renovation of a property at 920 NE 13th Street in the Central City CRA. The project will modernize an existing structure to create six commercial bays, including four retail spaces on the ground floor and two office/storage spaces on the second floor, with improvements such as impact windows and doors, electrical and plumbing upgrades, HVAC system installation, and landscaping enhancements. The total project cost is approximately \$1,456,901, with the developer contributing \$1,052,339. The project supports economic growth, job creation, and business retention along the NE 13th Street corridor and was unanimously recommended for approval by the Central City Redevelopment Advisory Board. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4hitNP8.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Adopts Grant Agreement for Runway 9 Taxiways Extension at FXE

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and accepting \$1,886,440 in grant funding for the construction of the Runway 9 Parallel Taxiways Extension at Fort Lauderdale Executive (FXE) Airport. The project, identified in the 2019 Airport Master Plan, aims to improve airport capacity, reduce payload penalties for larger aircraft, and enhance overall airfield efficiency. The estimated construction cost for the project is \$6,108,100. FDOT funding will be allocated in multiple phases, with additional grant funding anticipated in fiscal year 2026. The Aviation Advisory Board supported the grant approval at its January 23, 2025, meeting. This initiative aligns with the City's strategic goals for infrastructure, resilience, and economic development. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4ktEiSF.

Commission Authorizes Grant Application for Riverwalk North Seawall Replacement

The City Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the Acting City Manager to submit a \$4,000,000 grant application to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) – Waterways Assistance Program. The grant requires a 50% City funding match, which will be covered by the Riverwalk Seawall Replacement Project CIP. The project aims to replace the aging seawall along Riverwalk North between the Andrews Avenue Bridge and the Florida East Coast Railway tracks. Improvements include a climate-resilient seawall, a floating dock for public access, and infrastructure to support water taxi services. Additionally, the project will serve as a pilot for a living seawall to enhance water quality and marine life. If awarded, the grant will return to the City Commission for execution and appropriation. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4bzP3i9.

Commission Approves Design Services for Tarpon River and Shady Banks Improvements

The City Commission approved an agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for design and professional engineering services for the Tarpon River and Shady Banks Neighborhood Improvements in the amount of \$372,164.37. The project is part of the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Local Agency Program and will implement priority mobility enhancements identified in the Neighborhood Mobility Master Plans. The Shady Banks

improvements include pedestrian lighting, raised intersections, sidewalk enhancements, and a bulb-out installation. The Tarpon River improvements include a mini roundabout, a raised table intersection, sidewalks, and additional pedestrian lighting. The consultant will provide project management, preliminary design, environmental documentation, permitting assistance, and final design in compliance with FDOT requirements. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4iyrOY0.

Commission Approves Agreements for Plan Review and Inspection Services

The City Commission approved agreements with C.A.P. Government, Inc. and Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. for plan review and inspection services in an estimated aggregate amount of \$6,223,275 over an initial three-year term. The agreements include one two-year renewal option, bringing the potential total contract amount to \$10,372,125, contingent on budget appropriations. These services support the Building Services, Urban Engineering, and Zoning and Landscaping Divisions, ensuring compliance with the Florida Building Code and maintaining timely review of permit applications. The contracts will allow Development Services to match operational demands for plan reviews and inspections while maintaining service expectations. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3FyF3d9.

Commission Approves Construction Agreement for Mills Pond Park Improvements

The City Commission approved a construction agreement with Sky Living Co. Inc. for restroom and concession improvements at Mills Pond Park in the amount of \$2,521,976.90. This project, part of the Parks Bond Program, was prioritized through public engagement and advisory board recommendations. The improvements include new concession and restroom facilities with updated plumbing, HVAC, electrical systems, structural enhancements, and site improvements such as new water, sanitary, irrigation, paving, and landscaping. The project aims to enhance park amenities and visitor experience while supporting long-term community recreation goals. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3Rhw0j7.

Commission Approves Agreement for NW 15th Avenue Roadway Improvements

The City Commission approved an agreement with FG Construction, LLC for the NW 15th Avenue Roadway Improvements (Surtax Project) in the amount of \$2,804,524. The project, funded through an interlocal agreement with Broward County, will enhance multimodal connectivity and improve roadway safety along NW 15th Avenue from East Sunrise Boulevard to Mills Pond Park. The improvements include new crosswalks, traffic calming measures, ADA enhancements, drainage upgrades, sidewalk installation, new roadway signs and pavement markings, street lighting, and landscaping. This initiative supports the City's commitment to expanding safe and efficient transportation infrastructure. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3Rfo1mD.

Commission Considers Review of Flowing Waters Development

The City Commission considered a City Commission Request for Review (CRR) of the Flowing Waters project, a proposed 129-unit mixed-use development at 3000 E. Oakland Park Blvd. The project, submitted by Claridge Homes 3000 Waterside, LP, was approved (4-3) by the Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) on February 19, 2025, subject to a 30-day CRR period expiring March 21, 2025. A statement of intent filed by Mayor Dean Trantalis initiated the CRR process; however, the Commission found no basis

in code criteria for setting a de novo hearing, allowing the PZB's approval to stand. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4hHDMxx.

Information

For more information on the March 18, 2025, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in the Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom, 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.