



# 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, April 1, 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 CONFERENCE MEETING**

#### **Commission Discusses New River Crossing and Broward Commuter Rail**

The City Commission continued its discussion on the Broward Commuter Rail project and the New River Crossing, following a March 3, 2025, letter from Broward County Mayor Beam Furr to Mayor Dean Trantalis. City staff provided an update on recent conversations with County staff and shared a draft resolution outlining a potential response. The Commission shared their feedback, recommended resolution modifications, and requested that the resolution be brought back for consideration at the April 15 meeting. The resolution emphasizes the City's belief that a tunnel is the best way to minimize impacts on the marine industry, pedestrian and vehicle traffic, and city residents. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4jdc0j](http://ftlcity.info/4jdc0j).

### **CITY COMMISSION COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**

#### **Commission Approves CRA Forgivable Loan**

The City Commission approved a \$1,000,000 Development Incentive Program (DIP) Forgivable Loan to Right Consulting, LLC for the Nexus live/work mixed-use development at 2219 Sistrunk Boulevard in the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights CRA. The project includes a three-story building with approximately 2,500 square feet of commercial space and seven residential units, five of which will be offered at affordable rental rates ranging from 50% to 80% AMI (Area Median Income). The development will provide on-site workspace for small business owners and entrepreneurs, supporting housing and economic development goals in the area. The total project cost is approximately \$4.7 million, with CRA funds applied toward construction hard costs. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/446R2IQ](http://ftlcity.info/446R2IQ).

### **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

#### **Commission Approves Amended Agreement for Oceans of Soul Jazz Festival**

The City Commission approved a first amendment to the temporary beach license and outdoor event agreement with Royal Recordings, LLC for the 2025 Oceans of Soul Jazz Festival on Fort

Lauderdale Beach. The amendment reschedules the event to December 6–7, 2025, with setup from December 2–5 and breakdown from December 8–10. The amendment also includes approval for an additional hour of amplified music until 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 7. The organizer will cover all event-related costs and meet required permitting, insurance, and escrow conditions. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3QWsvl](https://ftlcity.info/3QWsvl).

### **Commission Approves Tri-Party Agreement to Support Capital Improvements at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts**

The City Commission approved a resolution authorizing a Tri-Party Grant Agreement, a City Supplemental Grant Agreement, and an Escrow Agreement with Broward County and the Performing Arts Center Authority (PACA). These agreements support capital improvements at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts through a \$5 million County grant and a \$2.1 million in-kind land contribution from the City. Two City-owned parcels, previously leased by PACA, will be transferred via escrow upon PACA demonstrating \$2.5 million in reimbursed expenses. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3XDipGD](https://ftlcity.info/3XDipGD).

### **Commission Approves Agreement for Odor Control Improvements at Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant**

The City Commission approved an agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for \$20,675,000 to design and construct odor control improvements at the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project replaces two odor treatment facilities and upgrades-related infrastructure that has exceeded its useful life. The agreement includes allowances for permitting and contingency costs. Total project costs, including construction services and project management, amount to \$21,191,848. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/42txxJm](https://ftlcity.info/42txxJm).

### **Commission to Restart Solicitation for School Zone Camera Program**

The City Commission has decided to restart the solicitation process for the implementation of an Automated School Zone Speed Detection Camera Program, rather than move forward with an agreement. The proposed program aimed to install and operate speed detection cameras in designated school zones, with citation processing, maintenance, and data reporting services provided at no upfront cost to the City. During the discussion, the Commission reviewed the procurement process and vendor rankings. The Commission ultimately directed staff to re-advertise the solicitation. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4cbq6JY](https://ftlcity.info/4cbq6JY).

### **Commission Approves Agreement for Parks and Recreation Equipment and Amenities**

The City Commission approved a \$6,000,000 piggyback agreement with Rep Services, Inc. for the purchase and installation of equipment and amenities for parks and recreation projects across the city. The agreement utilizes pricing and terms from a Clay County contract and will support improvements at multiple parks funded by the City's General Obligation Bonds. Items include artificial turf, surfacing, shade structures, playgrounds, pavilions, and field equipment. The contract runs through July 23, 2027, with two optional one-year renewals. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4lidTri](https://ftlcity.info/4lidTri).

### **Commission Authorizes Grant Application for ISHOF Peninsula Seawall Replacement**

The City Commission approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Waterways Assistance Program for up to \$8,041,538 to support seawall replacement at the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) peninsula. The project will stabilize 1,424 linear feet of seawall at 501 Seabreeze Boulevard. If awarded, the grant will require a 50% match, which will be provided through private funding by Hall of Fame Partners LLC. The Commission will consider amendments to the ISHOF agreement at a future meeting to allow grant funds to be used for the project. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3FPuulY](http://ftlcity.info/3FPuulY).

### **Commission Approves Historic Landmark Designation for Frank Croissant House**

The City Commission approved the designation of the Frank Croissant House, located at 1313 South Andrews Avenue, as a Historic Landmark. The designation applies solely to the structure and does not include the surrounding land or the adjacent commercial building on the parcel. The application was submitted by the Broward Trust for Historic Preservation and reviewed by the Historic Preservation Board on January 6, 2025, which recommended approval by a vote of 4-1. The designation recognizes the building's architectural and historical significance under multiple criteria of the City's Unified Land Development Regulations. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3E3G4t8](http://ftlcity.info/3E3G4t8).

### **Commission Designates Vice-Mayor for 2025–2026 Term**

The City Commission adopted a resolution designating Commissioner John Herbst to serve as Vice-Mayor for a term beginning April 1, 2025, through the Commission's first meeting in April 2026. This annual designation is required under Section 3.05 of the City Charter, which outlines the responsibilities and succession role of the Vice-Mayor. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4i3hXJ9](http://ftlcity.info/4i3hXJ9).

### **Information**

For more information on the April 1, 2025, Commission meetings, visit [fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar](http://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar).

### **Upcoming City Commission Meetings**

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in the Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom, 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.