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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, April 15, 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 JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING

Commission Participates in Joint Workshop with Budget Advisory Board

The City Commission held the first of three joint workshops with the Budget Advisory Board (BAB) as part of the FY 2026 budget development process. During the meeting, the BAB requested input from the Commission on priority areas for the upcoming budget cycle. The next workshop is scheduled for June 17, 2025, and will include a review of the FY 2026 Preliminary Budget and updated long-term financial forecasts. A final workshop will take place on August 19, 2025, prior to the September budget hearings. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3RmSSOu.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

Commission Receives Update on Fortify Lauderdale

The City Commission received an update on Fortify Lauderdale, a program aimed at improving infrastructure, resilience, and flood prevention in vulnerable neighborhoods. City staff and consultants from Hazen and Sawyer, focused on Phase 2 of the stormwater improvement program and introduced the proposed methodology for prioritizing 12 neighborhood projects. The approach combines model-driven flood analysis with community feedback to rank projects, grouped into three phases. Projects will be scored using factors such as flood modeling results, levels of service, the number of impacted structures and roads, FEMA repetitive loss data, and spatial distribution. The Commission discussed the update and provided input, including suggestions to better define project areas and incorporate additional detail into the prioritization process. A follow-up presentation is anticipated. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/42zIBVl.

CITY COMMISSION COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Commission Approves CRA Funding for Lateral Sewer Connections

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving \$500,000 in CRA funding to support the installation of lateral sewer connections for CRA-owned infill housing lots in the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights (NPF) CRA. The funding will address infrastructure gaps that hinder affordable housing development, with costs per property ranging from \$25,000 to over \$60,000. The CRA will coordinate with the City's Public Works Department to carry out the installations using licensed contractors, and the improvements are expected to serve 7 to 10 properties. The project supports long-term redevelopment goals and was unanimously recommended for approval by the NPF CRA Advisory Board. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/42hb0j4.

Commission Approves Sale of CRA Property for Legacy Village Affordable Housing

The City Commission approved the sale of seven CRA-owned parcels in the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights CRA to the Central County Community Development Corporation, in partnership with Ellavoz Impact Capital, LLC and the Broward County Minority Builders Coalition, Inc. The development team will create Legacy Village, a \$20.88 million affordable housing project featuring 64 apartment units, including live-work spaces and ground-floor commercial uses across four sites. The proposal includes housing options at 50%, 60%, and 80% of AMI (Area Median Income) and will integrate community-serving amenities like a wellness center and urban garden space. The developer is not seeking CRA funding and will acquire the properties for a nominal \$40 as part of a public benefit agreement. Construction is expected to be completed by 2027. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/42W5vFF.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Approves Lease for Community Court Program Facility

The City Commission approved a five-year lease agreement with MI-3 Property, LLC for continued use of approximately 3,115 square feet at 18 NW 1 Avenue to support the City's Community Court program. Since 2019, Community Court has provided a service-based alternative to incarceration for low-level offenses, connecting participants experiencing or at risk of homelessness with housing, healthcare, and support services. The lease is retroactive to April 1, 2025, and totals \$624,258 over the five-year term, with annual 4% increases and two one-year renewal options at market rate. The lease ensures continued program operations and enables expanded use of the space for housing navigation, outreach, and related services. It includes two one-year renewal options and allows the City to terminate after 36 months of lease commencement if relocating to a City-owned facility. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4jfHwbl.

Commission Approves Construction Agreement for FXE Equipment Facility Expansion

The City Commission approved an agreement with Vercetti Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$2,308,862 for the expansion of the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) Aviation Equipment & Service Facility. The project includes construction of two new apparatus bays, office space,

and various site upgrades such as flooring, painting, landscaping, irrigation, drainage, and LED lighting. The expanded facility will accommodate FXE's growing inventory of vehicles and equipment, helping to extend service life and reduce maintenance costs. Vercetti was selected as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder following a competitive solicitation process. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3EqLn6a.

Commission Reaffirms Tunnel as Locally Preferred Alternative for New River Crossing

The City Commission adopted a resolution reaffirming the tunnel as the locally preferred alternative for the commuter rail crossing of the New River. The resolution reflects the City's continued commitment to advancing the tunnel concept and includes general next steps such as engaging industry experts, exploring funding opportunities, and coordinating with regional stakeholders. It 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/3GcRqvK.

Information

For more information on the April 15, 2025, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in the Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom, 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.