



# 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, May 6, 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 Receives Update on City Attorney Recruitment Process**

The City Commission received an update on the City Attorney recruitment process, including a recommendation from the City Attorney Search Committee to interview three finalists: Aleksandr Boksner, James Saunders, and D'Wayne Spence. The Commission will meet individually with each finalist and the item will be brought back for discussion at the June 3, 2025, Commission Meeting. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/44sfCUR](http://ftlcity.info/44sfCUR).

#### **Commission Reviews 2025 Storm Season Preparedness Plans**

The City Commission received a presentation outlining the City's preparedness efforts ahead of the 2025 Atlantic hurricane season, which is forecasted to be above average. The update included details on stormwater infrastructure readiness, proactive inspection and cleaning of drainage systems, asset deployment protocols, and interagency coordination. Staff highlighted community preparedness initiatives such as CERT training, full-scale emergency operations exercises, and the upcoming Eye of the Storm public event on May 31, 2025, at the Museum of Science and Discovery. City of Fort Lauderdale residents have access to sandbag distribution events during the first weekend of each month at four locations across the city. City staff shared that City messaging will be distributed through multiple platforms and encouraged residents to register for AlertFTL. The City has a dedicated website for the 2025 Storm Season [fortlauderdale.gov/hurricane](http://fortlauderdale.gov/hurricane). For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/44rD7xt](http://ftlcity.info/44rD7xt).

#### **Commission Receives Update on One Stop Shop Project**

The City Commission received a presentation on the One Stop Shop project, including a review of its history, scope, and current status. The 3.34-acre City-owned site is under a 50-year lease with two optional 25-year extensions. Planned features include a 2,000-seat cultural venue, restaurant and marketplace concepts, and a 2.3-acre community arts park. One Stop FTL, LLC is

privately financing the \$100 million project, with updated financial commitments now totaling \$136 million. The agreement includes up to 12 annual City events at no cost and escalating license fees beginning in year two. The project is currently preparing for Development Review Committee submittal and building permitting. The Commission directed staff to issue a notice of default due to the developer not meeting certain progress milestones. The developer will have 30 days to cure in accordance with the agreement. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4iQ3Rew](https://ftlcity.info/4iQ3Rew).

### **Commission Discusses Draft Ordinance on Lobbyist Appointments to Boards and Committees**

The City Commission discussed a draft ordinance previously requested from the City Attorney's Office proposing restrictions on lobbying by individuals appointed to City boards, committees, task forces, and similar bodies. The ordinance would prohibit members from engaging in lobbying activities with the City during their term and for two years afterward, with removal for cause permitted by majority vote of the Commission. The Commission requested changes prohibiting the appointment of lobbyists and excluding special districts and authorities appointees from the ordinance's requirements. The Commission directed staff to bring the ordinance back for formal consideration at a future Regular Commission Meeting. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/430U5jF](https://ftlcity.info/430U5jF).

## **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

### **Commission Approves Naming of New Park as Abiaka Park**

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving the name "Abiaka Park" for a new City park located at 501 SW 12th Avenue. The name honors the indigenous leader Abiaka and was formally requested by community members Patsy West and Tim Andrews. It received strong support from the Riverside Park Residents Association and unanimous approval by the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board. The park spans 2.165 acres along the north fork of the New River. A \$2,000 allocation for signage is included in the FY 2025 Parks budget. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3GFixQp](https://ftlcity.info/3GFixQp).

### **Commission Approves Ground Lease with GSA for Federal Courthouse Parking Garage**

The City Commission adopted a resolution authorizing a ground lease agreement with the U.S. federal government, through the General Services Administration (GSA), for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a multi-story public parking garage to support the new Fort Lauderdale Federal Courthouse. The lease grants the City control of a 0.6225-acre portion of the courthouse parcel for 30 years, with rent obligations satisfied through a prior exchange agreement. The lease requires the City to construct a garage with no fewer than 275 spaces and assumes full responsibility for its operation and maintenance. The project is estimated to cost between \$10.7 million and \$13.9 million. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3RSTCLL](https://ftlcity.info/3RSTCLL).

### **Commission Approves SHIP Funding for New Affordable Homeownership Project**

The City Commission approved an award of \$700,000 in State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funds to Oasis of Hope Community Development Corporation Inc. to support the construction of seven affordable homes for low- to moderate-income families earning up to

140% of the Area Median Income. The project includes three single-family homes and a four-unit townhouse development, all located in Commission District 3. The funding serves as gap financing and will help advance the Commission's housing accessibility priority while ensuring timely expenditure of FY 2021–2022 SHIP funds as required by the State of Florida. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3RPMBep](https://ftlcity.info/3RPMBep).

### **Commission Approves Agreement for Butler Building Upgrade at George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant**

The City Commission approved an agreement with Walker Design & Construction Co. in the amount of \$2,705,087.82 for the Butler Building Upgrade at the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant. The existing structure, originally built in 1988, was deemed obsolete and uninhabitable and will be demolished and replaced with a new facility to store materials and equipment and house Parks and Recreation Department administrative offices. Walker was selected as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder following a competitive solicitation and offered an additional voluntary price reduction. The total project cost, including construction, project management, and inspection services, is \$3,134,261.82, with funding available in the FY 2025 Community Investment Plan. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3GWuGAd](https://ftlcity.info/3GWuGAd).

### **Commission Approves Grant Agreement for Breakers Avenue Resiliency and Pedestrian Improvements**

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving a \$3,000,000 grant agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the construction of the Breakers Avenue Resiliency and Pedestrian Traffic Improvements Project. The project aims to transform Breakers Avenue into a safer, more connected, and climate-resilient corridor by incorporating streetscape upgrades such as pedestrian lighting, landscaping, shared-use street design, and water and sewer utility improvements. Originally designed in 2019 with community input, the project has secured over \$8.3 million in funding to date and remains a priority under the City's strategic transportation and mobility goals. The design is advancing from 90% to final completion, with construction anticipated to be finished by December 2027, provided remaining funding is secured. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4jJ5AU2](https://ftlcity.info/4jJ5AU2).

### **Information**

For more information on the May 6, 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, May 20, 2025, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in the Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom, 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.