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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, May 20, 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 Discusses Proposed Amendment to Code on Employment of Relatives

The City Commission discussed a proposed amendment to Chapter 2, Section 2-43 of the City's Code of Ordinances to revise restrictions on the employment of relatives. The changes would remove the blanket prohibition against related employees working in the same department and instead prohibit relatives from working within the same chain of command or supervisory relationship. The amendment aims to better align with Florida law, support modern hiring practices, and address a 2021 City Auditor recommendation to clarify ambiguity around internal promotion versus external appointment. The current ordinance is more restrictive than state law and has created recruitment challenges. A proposed ordinance change will be brought back to the Commission at a later date. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4moSvkH.

Commission Receives Update on FIXIT FTL Request Management System

The City Commission received a presentation on FIXIT FTL, the City's request management system, which launched in March 2024 to replace LauderServ. The system allows neighbors to report issues like code enforcement, street maintenance, and solid waste concerns through the City's website or mobile app. During the first year of operation, the platform has received over 39,000 requests, with more than 37,000 completed and over 22,000 unique users. Staff shared data by district and category, along with system updates made in response to user feedback such as improved visibility, streamlined categories, and updated request naming. The presentation also included a step-by-step guide for submitting service requests. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4knqx7D.

Commission Receives Update on Holiday Park Parking and Unsolicited Proposals

The City Commission received an update on the Holiday Park parking project, which included background on the previously discussed surface parking lot concepts, and two unsolicited

proposals received in 2025. With increased activity from parks and recreation programming, the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center renovation and from facilities like the Baptist Health IcePlex, The Parker, War Memorial Auditorium, and the upcoming YMCA, parking demand has grown. The Commission directed staff to continue moving forward with the surface lot using City resources and to review the unsolicited proposals for potential future consideration by the Commission. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3Zp8llk.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Commission Approves CRA Agreement to Extend NPF Community Redevelopment Area

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners to extend the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Area (NPF-CRA) through November 7, 2035. Under the agreement, the extension will include City-only Tax Increment Funding (TIF). The extension is intended to support the continued implementation of affordable housing, business development, and infrastructure investments in the area. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/43FF4W4.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Approves License for Food and Beverage Service at Pelican Grand Beach Resort

The City Commission approved a license agreement with Jefast Pelican Grand I, LLC to allow the sale, service, and consumption of food and alcoholic beverages on the public beach directly in front of The Pelican Grand Beach Resort at 2000 North Ocean Boulevard. This is the resort's first renewal under Section 8-55.4 of the City Code, which permits eligible hotels to apply for beachside food and beverage service. The agreement includes an annual fee based on the number of guest rooms, totaling \$3,925 for the resort's 157 rooms, and is valid through December 31, 2025. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4mptLZx.

Commission Approves Five-Year Extension for Tortuga Music Festival Agreement

The City Commission approved a First Amendment and five-year extension to the agreement with TMF Holdco, LLC to continue hosting the annual three-day Tortuga Music Festival on Fort Lauderdale Beach. The extension is the first of three potential five-year renewals and allows the event to continue through December 31, 2030, subject to mutual agreement. The organizer will remain responsible for all event costs, securing permits, providing insurance, and posting escrow or a bond equal to 110% of the City's estimated service costs. The 2026 event is tentatively scheduled for April 10-12, with setup beginning March 23 and breakdown ending April 18. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4kIGKJK.

Commission Holds First Reading of Ordinance to Consolidate Business Tax Categories

The City Commission held a first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the City's Code of Ordinances to consolidate local business tax categories. The proposed changes would reduce the number of business tax categories from 636 to 245, grouping similar business types under shared rate structures to streamline the application and renewal process. The

consolidation follows a review conducted by HdL Companies, Inc. and supports the City's strategic goal of creating a more business-friendly environment. The ordinance does not change current business tax rates. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/44HxJX5.

Information

For more information on the May 20, 2025, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in the Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom, 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.