



# 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, June 3, 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 Hall Project and Unsolicited Proposal**

The City Commission received an update on the Fort Lauderdale City Hall project, including recent progress, upcoming procurement steps, and funding considerations. Staff also referenced an unsolicited proposal from Meridiam Infrastructure North America, offering to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain a new City Hall. The Commission directed staff to accept the unsolicited proposal in addition to advancing the project as a City-led initiative by finalizing negotiations for the Owner's Representative contract. Staff will also issue a Design Criteria Package solicitation through the City's standard procurement process. An associated walk-on item was brought forward for consideration at the Regular Commission Meeting to begin the next steps. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/43ucmra](http://ftlcity.info/43ucmra).

#### **Commission Receives Update on Fort Lauderdale Police Headquarters Phase 2 Peer Review**

The City Commission was given a presentation on the Fort Lauderdale Police Headquarters project following a third-party peer review of the building's structural design. Phase 2 of the review, conducted by Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates (WJE), identified multiple findings grouped into life safety, serviceability, and documentation categories. Key items identified include insufficient shear wall strength, overstressed columns, and discrepancies in roof beam loading. When asked by the City Commission if these issues can be corrected, WJE stated that if properly addressed, all items identified can be corrected and the building can be safely occupied. City staff and the design team are working on corrective measures and documentation updates, which will need to be implemented prior to building occupation. Next steps include developing final proposals, determining associated costs, and recovering costs tied to validated design errors. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3T8uCjK](http://ftlcity.info/3T8uCjK).

#### **Commission Discusses City Attorney Finalists**

The City Commission discussed the three finalists for the City Attorney position following one-on-one interviews: Aleksandr Boksner, James E. Saunders III, and D'Wayne Spence. After thoughtful discussion, the Commission directed staff to engage a search firm and reopen the process to expand the applicant pool. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3Hpa6J4](https://ftlcity.info/3Hpa6J4).

## **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

### **Commission Approves License for Beachside Food and Beverage Service at Atlantic Hotel and Spa**

The City Commission approved a license agreement with Atlantic Hotel Group Assets, LLC to allow the sale, service, and consumption of food and alcoholic beverages on the public beach directly in front of the Atlantic Hotel and Spa, located at 601 North Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard. This marks the hotel's first renewal under Section 8-55.4 of the City Code, which permits eligible hotels to apply for beachside service. The license includes an annual fee based on the number of guest rooms, totaling \$3,100 for 124 rooms, and is valid through December 31, 2025. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4kAMMqo](https://ftlcity.info/4kAMMqo).

### **Commission Approves Agreement with Broward County for Irrigation Services and Rebates**

The City Commission approved an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for the NatureScape Irrigation Services Program and Residential Irrigation Rebate Program, totaling \$165,786.55 over five years. The programs aim to reduce water consumption by providing efficiency evaluations at commercial and municipal sites, as well as rebates of \$200 to \$600 for residents upgrading their irrigation systems. The City has partnered with the County on these programs for 15 years, achieving an average annual savings of 5.2 million gallons. The programs support the City's water conservation goals under its Water Use Permit and strategic initiatives for sustainability and resilience. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3TbygcA](https://ftlcity.info/3TbygcA).

### **Commission Adopts Resolution to Support Potential Panthers Championship Event**

The City Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Temporary Beach License, Outdoor Event Agreement, or both, with the Florida Panthers Hockey Club or the Florida Panthers Foundation to support a potential 2025 post-season celebration in Fort Lauderdale. The resolution includes up to \$200,000 in in-kind City services, subject to the completion and approval of required applications and agreements. If held, the event would be coordinated with the Florida Panthers and could take place in June or July 2025. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/442xJzW](https://ftlcity.info/442xJzW).

### **Commission Authorizes Solicitation of Proposals for New City Hall Facility**

The City Commission adopted a resolution expressing its intent to enter into a comprehensive agreement with Meridiam Infrastructure North America for the design, development, financing, construction, operation, and maintenance of a new City Hall facility, following an unsolicited proposal submitted by the company. The resolution also provided a 60-day period for the City to receive other proposals for the same project. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4krJpSX](https://ftlcity.info/4krJpSX).

**Information**

For more information on the June 3, 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, June 17, 2025, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in the Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom, 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.