



# 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 17, 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).*

### **JOINT WORKSHOP WITH BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD**

#### **Commission Reviews Preliminary Fiscal Year 2026 Budget**

The City Commission and Budget Advisory Board (BAB) held a joint workshop to review the Preliminary FY 2026 Budget, which is based on an 8.15% increase in taxable property value and provides key investments in public safety, homelessness response, infrastructure, and cultural initiatives. Staff also presented changes in revenue and expenditures, proposed adjustments to the fire assessment fee, and updates to the Community Investment Plan. The workshop provided an opportunity for the BAB to share insights ahead of the City Commission's decision on the maximum millage rate and fire assessment fee later this summer. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/442wIMz](http://ftlcity.info/442wIMz).

### **CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING**

#### **Commission Receives Presentation on Sailboat Bend Vision Plan**

The City Commission received a presentation on the Sailboat Bend Vision Plan, developed in partnership with Dover, Kohl & Partners to guide future improvements in Fort Lauderdale's only residential historic district. The plan was shaped by input from residents through open houses, an online survey, and several meetings, and highlights opportunities to improve the overall streetscape, calm traffic, enhance local parks, and protect the neighborhood's historic charm. It also explores ways to manage new development and improve connections to surrounding areas while preserving Sailboat Bend's unique identity. The plan offers a foundation for future decision-making and potential funding priorities. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3TsvPCC](http://ftlcity.info/3TsvPCC).

#### **Commission Receives Update on Mixed-Use Code Project**

The City Commission received an update on the Mixed-Use Code Project, which aims to revise Section 47-18.21 of the City's Unified Land Development Regulations to address redevelopment along major transit corridors. Staff shared results from initial public outreach, highlighting concerns about development scale, infrastructure, and the impacts of the Live Local Act. The presentation included potential code amendments to address building length, podium stepbacks, floorplate size, transitions to residential neighborhoods and removing outdated code requirements. City Commission directed staff to move forward with the proposed code amendments. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3I2L7vp](https://ftlcity.info/3I2L7vp).

### **Commission Reviews Code Enforcement Lien Recovery Efforts**

The City Commission received a presentation on efforts to recover outstanding code enforcement liens, which total about \$66 million across nearly 2,000 cases. Staff shared the results of past strategies like third-party collections, lien foreclosures, and reduction and amnesty programs, which have helped collect over \$13 million since 2015. The presentation also compared Fort Lauderdale's results to other cities and outlined next steps, including changes to the current amnesty program, a possible restart of lien foreclosures, and updates to how uncollectible debt is handled. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/463tGVv](https://ftlcity.info/463tGVv).

### **Commission Reviews Next Steps for Net Zero Plan**

The City Commission received a presentation outlining the next steps for implementing the City's Net Zero Plan, which targets net zero greenhouse gas emissions for government operations by 2040 and community-wide by 2050. Staff shared an overview of 32 initiatives already underway and introduced new short-term actions focused on solar installations, electric fleet conversions, and mobility improvements. The presentation also highlighted a five-year implementation schedule, estimated costs, and long-term strategies to support sustainability, infrastructure resilience, and emissions reduction. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3G2QPNh](https://ftlcity.info/3G2QPNh).

## **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

### **Commission Approves Increase to Sewer Repairs Contract Capacity**

The City Commission approved a \$1,000,000 increase to the contract capacity for Annual Sewer Repairs and Replacement Agreements with Southern Underground Industries, Inc. and David Mancini & Sons, Inc., raising the initial two-year total from \$3 million to \$4 million and increasing the annual renewal options from \$1.5 million to \$2 million each. The adjustment brings the total potential four-year contract amount to \$8 million and will allow staff to address a backlog of 28 additional projects across the City. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4n70vXV](https://ftlcity.info/4n70vXV).

### **Commission Approves Transfer of Parks Bond Funds to Support YMCA Pool Project**

The City Commission approved the transfer of \$1 million each from Commission Districts 1 and 2 Parks Bond land acquisition funds, totaling \$2 million, to support construction of a public pool at the YMCA facility planned for Holiday Park. The funding will close a financial gap in the \$3.35 million project, which includes a 25-yard, six-lane pool, a teaching pool, and accessible community amenities. The YMCA will offer free weekend access to Fort Lauderdale residents,

discounted memberships, lifeguard training, and swim safety programs as part of its community partnership. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3ZB1zZW](http://ftlcity.info/3ZB1zZW).

### **Commission Considers Ordinance to Prohibit Lobbyists from Serving on City Boards**

The City Commission held a first reading of a proposed ordinance that would prohibit lobbyists from serving on City advisory boards and committees and prevent current members from engaging in lobbying activities while serving. The ordinance includes exemptions for state-created entities and the Citizens' Committee of Recognition, which has a unique membership structure. The Walk of Fame Committee will be added to the exemption before adoption. Design professionals like architects and engineers are also exempt. The ordinance also allows the Commission to remove members who violate the policy. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4e5hs0G](http://ftlcity.info/4e5hs0G).

### **Commission Holds First Reading of Waterway Noise Ordinance**

The City Commission held first reading of a proposed ordinance to limit loud music and other noise coming from boats on Fort Lauderdale's public waterways. While the current code addresses engine noise, it does not cover amplified sound like music. This update would create similar rules to those already in place for loud music from cars on city streets. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/446Aiy](http://ftlcity.info/446Aiy).

### **Commission Amends Remote Participation Policy for Meetings**

The City Commission adopted a walk-on resolution to amend its remote participation policy, allowing City Commission and advisory board members to participate virtually in quasi-judicial proceedings and public hearings. The change removes a previous restriction that barred remote participation in those types of meetings. This amendment updates the City's policy to reflect evolving legal views that communication technology can satisfy public access and transparency standards in these meetings. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4e5sOlc](http://ftlcity.info/4e5sOlc).

### **Information**

For more information on the June 17, 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 Monday, June 30, 2025, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in the Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom, 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.