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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 Monday, June 30, 2025. The video is available at youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale, and the vote summary will be available later this week at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

JOINT WORKSHOP WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commission Explores Accessory Dwelling Units to Expand Housing Options

At a joint workshop, the City Commission and the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) reviewed recommendations from the draft Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Action Plan. The plan proposes several strategies to increase Fort Lauderdale's housing supply and affordability, including developing an education guide for homeowners and builders, offering pre-approved building plans, implementing deed restrictions to discourage short-term rentals in city-incentivized units, and creating a tracking system to monitor ADU production and compliance. The discussion is part of the City's broader effort to support long-term housing stability, neighborhood integrity, and affordable living options for residents of all income levels. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/317Avf1.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

Commission Advances Holiday Park Parking Garage Proposals

The City Commission decided to advance both unsolicited proposals to construct a parking garage at Holiday Park. As part of the 2020 Parks Bond, a parking structure was originally envisioned but could not be funded due to reallocations. Since then, demand for parking at the park has surged with the reopening of The Parker and War Memorial Auditorium, the debut of the Baptist Health IcePlex, and the forthcoming YMCA and Broward Health complex. Proposals were submitted by Holiday Park Parking Partners LLC and Park Place Garages LLC. Following a staff presentation, the Commission authorized moving forward with a Notice of Intent to enter into a comprehensive agreement, triggering a 45-day competition period. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4l4rvpn.

Commission Reviews Himmarshee Entertainment District and Considers Code Changes

The City Commission reviewed the status of the Himmarshee Entertainment District and

potential amendments to the City's Special Entertainment Overlay District (SED) ordinance. Staff outlined proposed code updates for the SED regulations to improve oversight, safety, and business diversity. Key proposals include eliminating open container consumption, and allowing districts to form without common ownership if an alternative management structure is established. The Commission chose not to change the hours alcohol can be served within the district. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4etTnkf.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Approves Generator Installation Contract for Lohmeyer Wastewater Plant

The City Commission approved an agreement with Solares Electrical Services, Inc. for \$7.86 million to begin Phase 1 of installing four standby generators at the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project fulfills a requirement in the City's Consent Order with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to provide emergency backup power for effluent pumps. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/45Oqo8L.

Commission Approves Agreement to Support Disaster Recovery Grant Management

The City Commission approved an agreement with IEM International, Inc. for up to \$6.5 million to help implement and manage the City's \$88 million Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program. The funding, allocated following the April 2023 historic flood event, will support housing, infrastructure, planning, and economic recovery efforts. IEM will assist City staff with technical compliance, planning, and execution of eligible projects over the six-year program. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4nqVHwA.

Commission Approves Agreement for New City Hall Owner's Representative

The City Commission approved a \$3.5 million agreement with Jacobs Project Management Co. to serve as the owner's representative for the new City Hall project. The firm will oversee planning, design, construction, and post-construction activities following the demolition of the previous facility in May 2025. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4lb9buW.

Commission Approves Co-Naming Rev. Dr. C.W. Bell Jr. Lane

The City Commission approved the co-naming of Northwest 23 Lane, between NW 22 Street and NW 26 Street, as "Rev. Dr. C.W. Bell Jr. Lane." The honorary designation recognizes the late Rev. Dr. Willie Cleveland Bell Jr., who served as pastor of Greater New Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church for more than 50 years and was a dedicated community leader. The cost of signs and installation is estimated at \$3,000 and will be fully funded by the City. Installation is expected within four months. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3TQl2Cw.

Commission Authorizes Spending Approvals During Summer Recess

The City Commission adopted a resolution waiving the requirement for Commission approval of purchases exceeding the mandatory threshold during its summer recess. The temporary waiver ensures essential operations, services, and infrastructure projects continue without delay while Commission meetings are suspended. The City Manager will report all purchases made under this authority by September 30, 2025. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3I5R62O.

Commission Accepts \$1.1M Grant for Emergency Operations Center Upgrades

The City Commission approved the acceptance of \$1,114,396.85 in grant funding from the Florida Division of Emergency Management for Phase I of planned improvements at the City's Emergency Operations Center. This phase includes design, engineering, and permitting work for a new hurricane safe room and upgraded generator. The City will provide a required \$366,818.25 match. The safe room will eventually provide near-absolute protection during emergencies and be built to withstand winds up to 200 MPH. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3ZYgqOf.

Commission Sets Proposed FY 2026 Millage Rates and Acknowledges Budget Submission

The City Commission adopted a resolution setting the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 millage rate at 4.1193 per \$1,000 of taxable value and a debt service rate of 0.2306. The Commission also set the millage rate for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District at 1.000 and acknowledged receipt of the City Manager's Fiscal Year 2026 proposed budget and budget message. This action reflects Fort Lauderdale's continued fiscal discipline, as the Commission has not raised the millage rate for 19 consecutive years. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/45Q3DBc.

Commission Sets Public Hearing Dates for FY 2026 Budget and Millage Rate

The City Commission approved setting September 3 and September 12, 2025, at 5:01 p.m. at the Broward Center's Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom as the public hearing dates for the proposed FY 2026 millage rate and budget for both the City and the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District. These hearings comply with state requirements and avoid scheduling conflicts with other taxing authorities. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/44GrBxH.

Commission Approves Settlement Framework with Miami Beckham United

The City Commission approved a settlement framework with Miami Beckham United (MBU) to resolve outstanding disputes related to the public-private partnership for a qualified project including a stadium, Lockhart Park training facility and community site. As part of the agreement, MBU will pay the City a \$2.5 million lump sum within 45 days of execution to support the development of the community site. An additional \$1.5 million payment will be made if the City constructs a 260-space North Parking Facility adjacent to the stadium by December 31, 2028, and grants MBU exclusive use of the facility during Major League Soccer events, which includes three hours before kickoff and three hours after. The City has exclusive use and control of the North Parking Facility at all other times and may assign the use of the North Parking Facility subject to the rights of Miami Beckham under this Agreement. The City will be responsible for all future permit fees on the property. Within 90 days, the City and MBU will negotiate a Second Amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement to define future improvements to the community site, which may include a community center, pickleball courts, fitness areas, green spaces, parking, and pathways. Construction on the community site, with the exception of the North Parking Facility, is expected to begin after April 30, 2026, unless conditions allow for an earlier start. The Commission's vote authorizes the execution of a settlement agreement based on these terms. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4npPC3D.

Information

For more information on the June 30, 2025, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in the Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom, 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.