



# 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, August 19, 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 WORKSHOP WITH BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD**

#### **Commission Reviews Fiscal Year 2026 Tentative Budget Highlights**

The City Commission and Budget Advisory Board (BAB) held their final joint workshop to review the Fiscal Year 2026 Tentative Budget, which totals \$1.2 billion and reflects an 8.5% increase in taxable property value. The budget remains structurally balanced, maintains strong reserves, and prioritizes public safety, homelessness response, infrastructure improvements, and cultural initiatives. The budget introduces new departments utilizing existing resources to improve accountability, visibility, and service delivery. The BAB presented its support of the budget as part of this review, and the Commission will hold its first budget hearing on September 3 and its second hearing on September 12. During the meeting, the City Auditor presented the audit of the Proposed Budget concluding that the Proposed Budget is balanced and that funding is allocated to support all of the FY 2026 City Commission Priorities. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4mrG5rS](http://ftlcity.info/4mrG5rS).

### **CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING**

#### **Commission Receives Presentation on Outdoor Event Ordinance**

The City Commission received a presentation on proposed updates to the outdoor event ordinance, including a new fee matrix to recover costs based on event impacts. The Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board supported the matrix but recommended capping outdoor events at 400 per year and opposed ticket surcharges or reduced fees for large events. Feedback from the Central Beach Alliance and Beach Business Improvement District also supported the matrix, with suggestions for fee caps on high-impact events. Staff recommended adopting the matrix on October 1, adding a guaranteed monthly "quiet weekend" on the barrier island, and limiting major-impact events. The Commission directed staff to conduct additional research, including the possibility of a joint workshop with stakeholders. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3HL3GV8](http://ftlcity.info/3HL3GV8).

### **Commission Reviews Disaster Recovery Needs Assessment Survey**

The City Commission reviewed the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) needs assessment survey, which will help shape the City's Action Plan for \$88 million in federal recovery funds awarded after the April 2023 flood. The survey is designed to identify unmet needs and priorities for housing, infrastructure, and mitigation projects, and will be available to residents electronically and in person from August 20 - 31, 2025. Input gathered through the survey, along with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Small Business Administration (SBA) data, will guide how funds are allocated in the City's Action Plan, which must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by October 21, 2025. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/45p1qw2](https://ftlcity.info/45p1qw2).

### **COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING**

#### **CRA Board Approves Reorganization of Invest Fort Lauderdale**

The CRA Board approved amendments to the charter documents of Invest Fort Lauderdale, Inc., a nonprofit economic development corporation established to support revitalization in the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights area. The changes are required for the organization to secure nonprofit status and will expand the board to include community representatives nominated by neighborhood associations such as the Historic Dorsey-Riverbend Homeowners Association and Home Beautiful Park, along with at-large members with expertise in areas like housing and finance. This restructuring will reduce CRA control, broaden community input, and position Invest Fort Lauderdale to attract outside investment and funding for housing and economic development initiatives. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4mQrINy](https://ftlcity.info/4mQrINy).

### **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

#### **Commission Approves Florida Department of Health EMS Matching Grant Award**

The City Commission approved acceptance of a \$14,850 grant from the Florida Department of Health's EMS Matching Program to purchase first aid kits for Fort Lauderdale Police Department patrol officers. The kits include tourniquets, gauze, and chest seals, so officers can provide life-saving treatment before paramedics arrive. The City will provide the required 25 percent cash match of \$4,950, bringing the total project cost to \$19,800. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4mjZHOx](https://ftlcity.info/4mjZHOx).

#### **Commission Approves Agreement for School Crossing Guard Services**

The City Commission approved an agreement with GTOPSS LP to provide school crossing guard services at 18 public schools across Fort Lauderdale. The two-year contract is valued at \$3,165,372, with three optional one-year renewals for an approximate total of \$7.9 million. The agreement will cover nearly 80,000 hours annually for crossing guards and 3,780 hours for supervisors, ensuring approximately 95 trained guards are available each school day to help students and families safely cross major intersections. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4mtORHA](https://ftlcity.info/4mtORHA).

### **Commission Approves Transfer of Parks Bond Funds to Floyd Hull Stadium**

The City Commission approved reallocating \$414,750 in Parks Bond funds from Hortt Park to Floyd Hull Stadium. Hortt Park had received more than its originally anticipated funding allocation, creating an overfunding that could be redirected without affecting its planned improvements. The transfer will fund the initial planning and design phase for Floyd Hull Stadium, advancing a project recommended by the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board and supported by the surrounding neighborhood. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4fler7f](http://ftlcity.info/4fler7f).

### **Commission Holds First Reading on Repeal of Residency Requirement for Department Directors**

The City Commission held the first reading of an ordinance to repeal the requirement that department directors reside within Fort Lauderdale city limits. The change is intended to improve recruitment and retention by allowing the City to attract highly qualified candidates from across South Florida, noting that most current department directors live outside city limits and that neighboring municipalities do not impose similar restrictions. A second reading will be scheduled for final adoption. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4oRzDMv](http://ftlcity.info/4oRzDMv).

### **Information**

For more information on the August 19, 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 Wednesday, September 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.