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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, September 16, 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 2026 State Legislative Program

The City Commission reviewed the ongoing development of the 2026 State Legislative Program, which defines the City's policy priorities and departmental appropriation requests for the upcoming Legislative Session. Proposed projects will be carefully aligned with state budget interests to maximize support. This program will serve as the foundation for the City's advocacy efforts with the Legislative Delegation, state agencies, contract lobbyists, and other stakeholders. The final draft of the program is expected to be presented for approval at the October 23, 2025 Commission meeting. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3VigqGf.

Commission Receives Update on City Attorney Search

The City Commission received an update on the search for a new City Attorney. The position was advertised from July 23 to August 22, 2025, and 30 applications were submitted. Following interviews, the City Attorney Search Committee recommended three finalists for further consideration: Paul G. Bangel, Shari L. McCartney, and Angela "Angel" Rosenberg. Commissioners will meet with the candidates individually for interviews and plan to make a final selection at their October 23, 2025 meeting. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/46qIQ5Y.

Commission Discusses Public Art and Placemaking Program

The City Commission discussed ways to strengthen the Public Art and Placemaking Program, which was created in 2020 to bring more art and creative spaces into Fort Lauderdale. The program was designed to set aside a portion of large construction projects for public art, but contributions have been limited, and staff presented options to expand participation and ensure more consistent funding. Ideas included requiring art or placemaking features in key areas of the city and creating incentives for private development to contribute. The Fiscal Year 2026 budget already includes funding to support art events, temporary art installations, and program administration. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4goxKCY.

Commission Discusses One Stop Shop Recreational and Cultural Facility Project

The City Commission discussed the status of the One Stop Shop recreational and cultural facility project on Andrews Avenue. Earlier this year, the City issued a Notice of Default to the developer for failing to show full financing and not securing a building permit in a reasonable timeframe. After meetings and document reviews, the Interim City Attorney issued a Notice of Partial Cure and Intent to Waive a Previously Noticed Default in August 2025. Following the receipt of additional information, the City Commission directed staff to prepare a letter terminating the Comprehensive Agreement for approval at the next City Commission meeting. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4nD9ijH.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Approves After-School Snack and Dinner Program Agreement

The City Commission approved a one-year, \$544,500 agreement with All Kids Catering, Inc. to provide after-school snacks and dinners at seven City parks and recreation facilities. The program, which is fully reimbursed through the Florida Department of Health, provides up to 400 children with snacks and up to 550 with dinners in the first year, with capacity to expand in future years. Based on current enrollment, staff estimates serving 72,000 snacks and 99,000 dinners in year one. The agreement includes four one-year renewal options for a potential total of \$2.7 million. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3ln15kA.

Commission Approves Agreement for Las Olas Garage Lighting Façade

The City Commission approved a \$1.16 million agreement with The Luminicos, Corp. to replace the non-operational lighting system at the Las Olas Parking Garage. The project will install a new lighting façade designed to enhance the building's appearance and restore the original dynamic functionality. The contract includes installation, operation, and maintenance of the system through a three-year term, with options to extend for two additional years at \$18,000 annually. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/42ATdTs.

Commission Approves New Vacation Rental Registration Fee Structure

The City Commission approved a new fee structure for the Vacation Rental Registration Program. This change ensures the program can cover the costs of administration, inspections, monitoring software, a dedicated customer service call center, and enforcement. The increase to the fees follows a comprehensive study and reflects growth in the program, from 320 registered rentals in 2017 to more than 1,300 in 2025, along with added monitoring and customer service resources. Under the new structure, the initial registration fee increases from \$350 to \$880, the standard renewal fee from \$160 to \$650, and the owner-occupied renewal fee from \$80 to \$200, with smaller increases for inspections and other services. The changes will make the program self-sustaining while continuing to protect public safety and neighborhood integrity. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3VTKlz8.

Commission Holds First Reading on Rezoning in Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights

The City Commission held the first reading of an ordinance to rezone 1.55 acres between NW 2 Avenue and NW 3 Avenue, north of NW 8 Street, to allow future mixed-use redevelopment. The property, which is currently partially developed with three apartment buildings, is within the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights CRA. The rezoning changes the designation from Residential Multifamily Mid-Rise/Medium High Density to Northwest Regional Activity Center–Mixed Use East, consistent with the area’s master plan to create a walkable neighborhood with housing, shops, and services. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval in May 2025. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4pijaB0.

Information

For more information on the September 16, 2025, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Tuesday, October 7, 2025. These meetings will be held at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in the Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom, 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.