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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 Thursday, October 23, 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 Receives Broward Regional Safety Action Plan Presentation

The City Commission received a presentation from the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on the Broward Regional Safety Action Plan, a countywide initiative funded by a \$5 million U.S. Department of Transportation Safe Streets for All Grant program. The mission of the plan is to eliminate serious and fatal vehicle crashes across the county by focusing on data management, policy recommendations, and a prioritized list of capital improvement projects. Concept plans illustrating the safety improvement projects were developed along three corridors within Fort Lauderdale: Sistrunk Boulevard, Broward Boulevard, and NW 31 Avenue. These projects will be eligible for funding through the Broward MPO in the future. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4o6quPn.

Commission Reviews Business Tax Rate Recommendations

The City Commission received a presentation on Fort Lauderdale's business tax structure and potential rate adjustments. The City's business tax, which has not increased since 2004, applies to all businesses operating within city limits and is limited by state law to a maximum 5 percent increase every other year. HdL Companies, a consulting firm that assists local governments with tax and revenue analysis, conducted a study comparing Fort Lauderdale with similar cities and outlined four rate adjustment options ranging from 1.5 to 5 percent. The City Commission supported staff's recommendation to pursue the 5 percent option to help modernize the business tax system. Staff will prepare a draft ordinance for Commission consideration at a future meeting. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/479PGhW.

Commission Receives Presentation from Fellowship Recovery

The City Commission received a presentation from Fellowship Recovery Community Organization, Inc., a partner agency that provides addiction recovery and support services to individuals experiencing homelessness. The organization works with the City's Police Department Homeless Outreach Team and Community Court program to connect eligible

participants with treatment and rehabilitation resources. The partnership, initially funded by a state grant and now supported through the City's General Fund, advances the City's homelessness response and public safety goals. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/48KriEB.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Approves Agreement with FPL for Melrose Park Street Lighting

The City Commission approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Florida Power & Light Company for the installation of new LED streetlights in the Melrose Park neighborhood. The \$865,887 agreement covers construction and installation costs, with an estimated \$35,939 in monthly maintenance and service fees. The project will install 555 decorative light fixtures throughout the neighborhood using underground directional drilling to reduce disruption. The initiative is expected to be completed by the end of year 2026. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4hqClF7.

Commission Approves Purchase of Mobile Emergency Response Tower

The City Commission approved the purchase of a new Mobile Emergency Response Support (MERS) Portable Tower Trailer from Technology International, Inc. for \$105,510. The tower supports public safety radio communications used by Police, Fire, and other City departments during emergency operations. The new trailer replaces an existing unit purchased in 2009 and ensures continued reliability for mission-critical communications across the City. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/43hgDxR.

Commission Approves Contract Increase for Melrose Manors Stormwater Design

The City Commission approved a \$346,157 increase to the consultant services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Melrose Manors Neighborhood Stormwater Improvements Project under the Fortify Lauderdale initiative. The additional funding will cover design test holes and survey work needed to complete the final design phase and identify potential underground utility conflicts. The project will enhance flood protection and support long-term resilience in the Melrose Manors neighborhood. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4o6qRtf.

Commission Selects Finalist for City Attorney Position

The City Commission unanimously selected Shari L. McCartney for the City Attorney position following interviews with three candidates recommended by the City Attorney Search Committee. The three finalists were Paul G. Bangel, Shari L. McCartney, and Angela "Angel" Rosenberg. The Commission also approved a motion for the Mayor to lead discussions with Ms. McCartney regarding proposed employment terms and bring a contract forward for future Commission consideration. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4nvKppS.

Commission Approves Contract for Victoria Park Stormwater Improvements

The City Commission approved an agreement with David Mancini & Sons, Inc. for construction of the Victoria Park Stormwater Improvements Project under the Fortify Lauderdale program. The \$32.2 million contract includes drainage upgrades, utility relocations, landscape and swale restoration, and road resurfacing to enhance flood protection and resilience throughout the

neighborhood. Construction is expected to begin in early 2026 and take approximately 18 to 24 months to complete. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4nl1sLa.

Commission Accepts FEMA Grant for High-Rise Firefighter Training Program

The City Commission accepted \$1.36 million in federal funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant program to support a new High-Rise Incident Management Training Program for Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue. The program will provide 32 hours of specialized instruction per firefighter over a 24-month period to improve operational readiness, decision-making, and safety during high-rise emergencies. The City will contribute a local cash match of \$123,701, with training scheduled across Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4qqUZAU.

Information

For more information on the October 23, 2025, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Tuesday, November 4, 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.