



# 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, November 18, 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 CONFERENCE MEETING**

#### **Commission Receives Update on Fortify Lauderdale Phase II Project Rankings**

The City Commission received an update on Fortify Lauderdale Phase II, the City's long-term effort to improve drainage and reduce flooding in vulnerable neighborhoods. Staff presented project rankings based on qualitative criteria such as spatial distribution, functional interaction, and construction impacts. After a brief discussion it was determined to keep the original rankings based on the quantitative criteria. The twelve recommended Phase II priority areas, led by Melrose Park, will guide future planning and investment in stormwater improvements. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4r2xcaN](http://ftlcity.info/4r2xcaN).

#### **Commission Reviews Urban Forestry Master Plan**

The City Commission reviewed the Urban Forestry Master Plan, highlighting the City's focus on protecting its trees while laying out a plan to increase the tree canopy to 33 percent by 2040. The plan reflects the community's strong support for trees and outlines steps to increase shade, improve neighborhood beautification, reduce stormwater impacts, and strengthen environmental resilience. It evaluates current conditions, sets priorities for planting and maintenance, and guides future policies and investments. The plan was developed with extensive public input through workshops, meetings, and a citywide survey. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4ibMXsb](http://ftlcity.info/4ibMXsb).

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

#### **CRA Board Approves Donation of Property for Affordable Housing**

The CRA Board held a public hearing and approved donating four CRA-owned properties in the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights area to Broward County Habitat Community Housing Development Corporation to develop new permanent owner-occupied affordable housing. The organization was selected through a competitive process and will build homes for income-

eligible families using Habitat for Humanity's model, which includes homeowner education, sweat equity, and low-interest mortgages. The project supports long-term neighborhood revitalization and expands homeownership opportunities without requiring additional CRA financial incentives. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/486SMCz](http://ftlcity.info/486SMCz).

## **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

### **Commission Approves Grant Agreement with Museum of Discovery and Science**

The City Commission approved a Fiscal Year 2026 Not-for-Profit Grant Participation Agreement with the Museum of Discovery and Science in the amount of \$214,800. The funding will support STEM education for kindergarten through fifth-grade students at 19 public elementary schools in Fort Lauderdale, with additional opportunities for students in Parks and Recreation camp programs to participate in museum-based learning and field trips. The program aims to strengthen early academic success in science, technology, engineering, and math. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4pidx4W](http://ftlcity.info/4pidx4W).

### **Commission Approves Grant Agreement with NSU Art Museum**

The City Commission approved a Fiscal Year 2026 Not-for-Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Nova Southeastern University for the NSU Art Museum in the amount of \$500,000. The funding will support exhibitions and cultural, educational, and enrichment programs for Fort Lauderdale residents and visitors. In return, the museum will offer a monthly Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Day, a 10 percent discount on museum catalogs for City residents, and up to nine free auditorium rentals for City events. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4pn9vsj](http://ftlcity.info/4pn9vsj).

### **Commission Approves Agreement to Launch Aviation and STEM Workforce Program**

The City Commission approved a Not-for-Profit Service Agreement with Experience Aviation, Inc. for \$216,000 to launch the Barrington Irving Technical Training School at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport. The program will provide aviation, automotive, and marine pre-apprenticeship and workforce training for students and adults, helping expand access to high-demand career paths and supporting local industry needs. The initiative is backed by the City's Education Advisory Board and aims to create new job opportunities for Fort Lauderdale residents. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4oJd77X](http://ftlcity.info/4oJd77X).

### **Commission Approves Funding for Student Scholarship Program**

The City Commission approved the First Amendment to the Scholarship Fund Agreement with the Broward Education Foundation to provide \$13,300 for twelve new scholarships for the class of 2026. The program awards two Florida Pre-Paid scholarships to each of Fort Lauderdale's six public high schools, covering 30 credit hours of tuition for selected students. The scholarships build on the City's partnership with the Foundation and continue its support for educational opportunities for Fort Lauderdale students. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4pjPaUH](http://ftlcity.info/4pjPaUH).

### **Commission Approves Contract for Hendricks Isle Water Main Replacement**

The City Commission approved an agreement with Murphy Pipeline Contractors, LLC for \$6,081,451 to replace the small water main along Hendricks Isle, where aging infrastructure

have created service reliability concerns. The project will install approximately 3,500 feet of a new eight-inch water main and upgrade connections to properties throughout the neighborhood. The work also includes permit, contingency, and repair allowances, bringing the total project cost to \$7.58 million with engineering and project management. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3LWwDPL](https://ftlcity.info/3LWwDPL).

### **Commission Approves Agreements to Advance Parks Bond Project**

The City Commission approved agreements with Perkins & Will Architects Inc and CES Consultants, Inc. for Parks Bond and Master Plan design and program management services. The award will help accelerate delivery of park improvements across the City by adding capacity for planning, design, permitting, and construction oversight. The firms were selected through a competitive RFQ process and will support projects funded by the 2019 Parks Bond and the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4pnmv12](https://ftlcity.info/4pnmv12).

### **Commission Appoints Shari L. McCartney as City Attorney**

The City Commission appointed Shari L. McCartney as City Attorney, effective December 15, 2025. The appointment follows the Commission's earlier selection of Ms. McCartney as the top candidate after a competitive recruitment and interview process. The Commission also approved her Employment Contract and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4oNlf2n](https://ftlcity.info/4oNlf2n).

### **Commission Accepts State Housing Initiatives Partnership Funding**

The City Commission accepted \$1,321,921 in State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funding for the 2025–2026 program year, along with an estimated \$50,000 in program income. The funds will support a range of affordable housing initiatives outlined in the City's Local Housing Assistance Plan, including emergency home repairs, owner-occupied rehabilitation, new construction for homeownership, purchase assistance, rental assistance for seniors, and rapid rehousing. The Commission also authorized the use of up to 10 percent for administrative costs and approved the required public notices to begin the application process. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4o8VDAS](https://ftlcity.info/4o8VDAS).

### **Commission Advances Swimming Hall of Fame Project**

The City Commission approved a walk-on motion authorizing staff to negotiate updates to the Comprehensive Agreement and related documents for the Swimming Hall of Fame project. The direction reflects feedback provided at the November 18, 2025 City Commission Conference Meeting and allows staff to work with Hall of Fame Partners on revisions related to grant funding, updated project costs, lease terms, revenue sharing, and refinements to the East Building and elevated promenade design. All negotiated amendments will return to the City Commission for future consideration. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3LQ2HEY](https://ftlcity.info/3LQ2HEY).

## **Information**

For more information on the November 18, 2025, Commission meetings, visit [fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar](https://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar).

**Upcoming City Commission Meetings**

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Tuesday, December 2, 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.