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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, December 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 Reviews Holiday Park Parking Unsolicited Proposals

The City Commission received an update on three unsolicited proposals for parking improvements at Holiday Park. City staff and the City's consultant, PFM Financial Advisors, presented the project background and evaluation findings, and each proposer shared information on qualifications, experience, project scope, costs, and methodology. The unsolicited proposals submitted by Holiday Park Parking Partners LLC, Park Place Garages LLC, and G3 Development included a 1,000-space parking garage, a 300-space parking lot and a fire station. The City Commission directed staff to further evaluate the proposals, meet with each proposer to further define the proposal contents to create a comparative matrix and prepare an item for City Commission consideration at the January 6 Commission Regular Meeting. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/49g1fVx.

Commission Reviews Proposed Living Seawall Permit Fee Assistance Program

The City Commission received a presentation on a proposed Living Seawall Permit Fee Assistance Program intended to encourage the use of living seawalls instead of traditional concrete seawalls. City staff outlined the environmental benefits of living seawalls, including improved water quality, enhanced marine habitat, and increased biodiversity, as well as cost comparisons showing living seawalls are now comparable in price to standard seawalls. The presentation reviewed recent permitting data showing limited adoption of living seawalls and proposed a fee assistance program that would cover 100% of the base permit fee, with maximum assistance amounts based on residential and commercial property types. City staff will bring a resolution to the City Commission at a future meeting for consideration to establish the program. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/48lc1E3.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING

CRA Board Approves Lease Extension for Current Office Space

The Community Redevelopment Agency Board approved a second lease amendment with FPA II, LLC to extend the lease for the CRA's current office space at 914 NW 6 Street through May 31, 2026. The six-month extension aligns with the CRA's planned relocation to office space at The Adderley and allows continued occupancy during the transition period. The total cost for the extension is \$130,821.24, which includes base rent and common area maintenance charges, with the City reimbursing the CRA for the portion of space occupied by the Housing and Community Development Division. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4oZSNhQ.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Approves Whole Blood Exchange Program Partnership with Broward Health

The City Commission approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the North Broward Hospital District, doing business as Broward Health, to implement a Whole Blood Exchange Program in partnership with Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue. The agreement allows Fire Rescue personnel to administer whole blood to critically injured trauma patients before they reach the hospital, improving survival outcomes for patients experiencing severe blood loss. Under the agreement Broward Health will restock whole blood on a one-for-one basis at no cost to the City following emergency use. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4aRqCy7.

Commission Accepts 2025 SHIP Affordable Housing Incentive Strategies Report

The City Commission approved the 2025 State Housing Initiatives Partnership Affordable Housing Incentive Strategies Report and authorized its submission to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. The annual report reviews the City's affordable housing incentives required by state law and includes recommendations from the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to support housing options for low, very low, and moderate income residents. Approval allows City staff to submit the report to the state and use the recommendations to guide future affordable housing programs and policies. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4j3jeSr.

Commission Discusses Fort Lauderdale Beach Park Site Plan Advancement

The City Commission considered a proposed resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to proceed with Site Plan Alternative 1A for the Fort Lauderdale Beach Park Project, an approved Parks Bond improvement project. The proposed site plan includes playground replacement, fitness equipment enhancements, pickleball courts, and relocation of the basketball courts. After discussion, the City Commission deferred the item and designated the Mayor, alongside the City Manager and City Attorney, to engage the Bahia Mar Community Development District to determine potential next steps. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4iXGkK6.

Commission Approves First Reading of Beach Food and Alcohol License Ordinance Update

The City Commission approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 8 of the City

Code related to the sale, service, and consumption of food and alcoholic beverages on the public beach. The proposed changes would create an administrative review process for annual license renewals, allowing City staff to approve renewals after the initial license term is approved by the City Commission, and would increase license application fees. In addition, there will be an amendment to include a 30-day commission call up which will allow discussion with commission in the event there are concerns with the licensee and its operation. The updates are intended to streamline the renewal process, reduce the need for repeat Commission approvals, and generate additional revenue. Initial license applications would continue to require City Commission approval. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4qerdP8.

Commission Approves First Reading of Vehicle for Hire Ordinance Update

The City Commission approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the City Code to update the permitting and regulation of vehicle for hire services. The proposed changes would establish an administrative application and renewal process, set permit fees, and define vehicle for hire services and operating standards, including low-speed vehicles providing private shuttle services. The ordinance is intended to address safety, noise, advertising, and operational concerns, align City regulations with state law, and include a ninety (90)-day education period prior to enforcement, if adopted. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/44yGRfM.

Commission Approves Increase in Contract Capacity for Talent Booking Services

The City Commission approved a \$290,000 increase in contract cost capacity for the Talent Booking Agent Pre-Qualified Pool, which includes AEG Presents SE, LLC, Omega14 Incorporated, and Next Weekend Productions, Inc. The increase supports the City's ability to secure national entertainment talent for major community events, including the Fourth of July, Sistrunk Festival, Summer Jamz, and New Year's Eve, as well as other City events. The additional funding increases the potential total contract amount from \$840,000 to \$1.71 million and reflects rising talent costs, while remaining within the approved FY 2026 budget. For more details, visit <https://ftlcity.info/4qdiZXl>.

Information

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

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. 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.