



# 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, January 6, 2026. 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 Broward County Schools Redefining Our Schools Initiative**

The City Commission received an update on Broward County Public Schools' Redefining Our Schools Initiative, which is evaluating school consolidations, closures, and repurposing to address excess classroom capacity. The update outlined Phase 2 recommendations affecting Fort Lauderdale, including the proposed consolidation of Seagull Alternative High School into Whiddon-Rogers Education Center and North Fork Elementary School into nearby elementary schools, with both campuses to be transitioned to other uses. City staff and the City's Education Advisory Board have participated in the process, and the Commission discussed potential future use of the Seagull campus as a public safety training facility and requested additional research on the North Fork Elementary site. The School Board is scheduled to consider the recommendations at a January 21, 2026, meeting. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4svtORC](http://ftlcity.info/4svtORC).

#### **Commission Discusses Fireworks and Drone Show Options for City Events**

The City Commission received a presentation on fireworks and drone show options for City-produced events, including the Fourth of July Spectacular and Downtown Countdown. City staff outlined cost, safety, operational, and environmental considerations for traditional fireworks, drone shows, and a combination of both. The City Commission discussed the 250th anniversary of the nation, expressed interest in a combined fireworks and drone show for the Fourth of July, and directed staff to explore sponsorship opportunities. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4sMa3dR](http://ftlcity.info/4sMa3dR).

#### **Commission Reviews Financial Integrity Principles and Policies Update**

The City Commission received a presentation on proposed updates to the City's Financial Integrity Principles and Policies and provided feedback on the recommended changes. The update reflects current best practices in financial governance and incorporates guidelines for

the City's newly established Emergency Reserve Fund, which was created as part of the FY 2026 budget. City staff shared that the draft updates were reviewed by the Budget Advisory Board and the City Auditor, with the Budget Advisory Board recommending adoption. City staff will make any necessary revisions and return with the finalized principles for approval at a future City Commission meeting. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4juuis5](https://ftlcity.info/4juuis5).

## **COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING**

### **CRA Board Approves Forgivable Loan Increase for Sistrunk Boulevard Project**

The Community Redevelopment Agency Board approved a \$475,000 increase in forgivable loan funding for V&R Family Enterprises, Corp. through the Property and Business Improvement Program to support continued renovation and build-out of the property at 1227 Sistrunk Boulevard. The additional funding addresses unforeseen construction and structural issues and brings the CRA's total investment in the project to \$1.22 million. The project will transform a long-vacant building into a mixed-use development featuring a ground-floor event space and five affordable rental housing units, with an extended affordability period to fifteen years. The action supports ongoing revitalization efforts along Sistrunk Boulevard and advances the CRA's community and economic development goals. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3N5loFr](https://ftlcity.info/3N5loFr).

## **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

### **Commission Approves FDOT Grant to Support Aggressive Driving Enforcement**

The City Commission approved a \$51,000 subgrant agreement from the Florida Department of Transportation to support a public awareness and enforcement campaign focused on reducing aggressive driving. The funding will allow the Fort Lauderdale Police Department to conduct targeted enforcement and education efforts in identified high-risk areas and may also be used to purchase speed measurement equipment for the Police Department's Motor Unit. The grant does not require a City match and will remain in effect through September 30, 2026, supporting the City's public safety priorities. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4qJGw2t](https://ftlcity.info/4qJGw2t).

### **Commission Accepts Urban Forestry Master Plan**

The City Commission accepted the City of Fort Lauderdale's Urban Forestry Master Plan, which provides a long-term framework for managing, protecting, and expanding the City's tree canopy. The plan outlines strategies to guide tree planting, preservation, maintenance, and regulation across public and private properties, supporting the City's goal of increasing tree canopy coverage to thirty-three percent by 2040. Acceptance of the plan establishes a framework to guide future urban forestry efforts. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4jsfj1X](https://ftlcity.info/4jsfj1X).

### **Commission Approves Amendment to International Swimming Hall of Fame Project Agreement**

The City Commission approved the first amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement with Hall of Fame Partners, LLC for the International Swimming Hall of Fame project at 501 Seabreeze Boulevard. The amendment updates the agreement to reflect changes to the project scope and budget, allows grant funding to be used as an eligible funding source, and revises the

revenue-sharing structure to better protect the City from potential financial risk. The changes account for rising construction costs, interest rate increases, and the addition of new project elements, while maintaining City oversight and long-term financial safeguards. The amendment supports continued progress on the Hall of Fame redevelopment and aligns with the City's public places priorities. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3N6Ooww](https://ftlcity.info/3N6Ooww).

### **Commission Selects Highest-Ranked Proposal and for Holiday Park Parking Project**

The City Commission adopted a resolution selecting the highest-ranked unsolicited proposal submitted by Holiday Park Parking Partners LLC for a multi-use project at Holiday Park, which would include a public parking garage with a rooftop vertiport, a surface parking lot, and a Fire Rescue/EMS substation, and authorized the City Manager to begin negotiations. The ranking was based on a standardized evaluation comparing project scope, costs, and delivery assumptions across three proposals submitted for the project. Any negotiated agreement will return to the City Commission at a future meeting for review and consideration. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4qtKw7H](https://ftlcity.info/4qtKw7H).

### **Commission Approves First Reading of High Impact Beach Events Ordinance Update**

The City Commission approved the first reading of an ordinance amending City Code provisions related to high impact events on beach property to strengthen the City's ability to protect public safety and public property. The proposed changes would authorize the City Manager or designee to implement additional temporary measures during declared high impact events, including juvenile curfews in designated areas, suspension of sidewalk café permits with removal of café equipment, and modification of operating hours for parks and City facilities. The update is intended to improve enforcement, crowd management, and safety during major events such as Spring Break and large festivals. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4jr72uS](https://ftlcity.info/4jr72uS).

### **Commission Approves First Reading of School Zone Speed Enforcement Ordinance**

The City Commission approved the first reading of an ordinance establishing a School Zone Speed Enforcement Act to allow the use of speed detection systems in designated school zones where traffic data shows a heightened safety risk. The ordinance would authorize automated enforcement for vehicles traveling more than ten miles per hour over the posted school zone speed limit during the school session, based on data collected at twelve Phase 1 schools across the City. The proposed framework outlines implementation, public awareness, reporting requirements, and hearing procedures, with future expansion to additional schools subject to further data review and Commission approval. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4qL1RZt](https://ftlcity.info/4qL1RZt).

### **Information**

For more information on the January 6, 2026, Commission meetings, visit [fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar](https://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar).

### **Upcoming City Commission Meetings**

The City Commission will hold a Commission Prioritization Workshop on Tuesday, January 13,

2026. The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Tuesday, January 20, 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.