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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, February 3, 2026. 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 Spring Break 2026 Operations Presentation

The City Commission received a presentation on the City of Fort Lauderdale's preparation for Spring Break 2026, including coordinated operational plans across City Departments. The presentation outlined the anticipated Spring Break period from late February through mid-April 2026, with peak activity expected in March 2026. City staff shared public safety priorities, high-impact event areas, enforcement strategies, transportation operations, sanitation services, emergency response readiness, and a proactive communications plan to residents, businesses, and visitors. During the discussion, the City Commission requested additional after-hours code enforcement services related to noise complaints and late-night sanitation collection services for areas with entertainment venues open until the early morning. The presentation and operational plan reinforces a coordinated, citywide approach to managing impacts during the Spring Break season. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/45Le9Jb.

Commission Reviews Draft FY 2027 City Commission Priorities

The City Commission received a presentation on the draft Fiscal Year 2027 City Commission Priorities, developed from feedback shared during the January 13, 2026 Commission Prioritization Workshop. City staff organized Commission input into four priority areas: Public Safety, Homelessness Response, Infrastructure and Resilience, and Public Spaces and Thriving Communities. The presentation summarized key topics discussed at the workshop, including broadband access, homelessness response, infrastructure needs, public safety initiatives, and future use of City-owned properties. City staff will incorporate additional Commission feedback and return with a finalized set of priorities for formal consideration at a future City Commission meeting. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4tiDunl.

Commission Receives Grant Program Update

The City Commission received a presentation from the Office of Management and Budget

providing an overview of the City of Fort Lauderdale’s Grants Program. The presentation highlighted Fiscal Year 2025 grant activity, including 35 grants awarded totaling more than \$20.5 million to support public safety, infrastructure, public spaces, housing, and community services. City staff also reviewed how grants are identified, evaluated, and managed to align with Commission priorities and adopted plans, as well as the City’s ongoing approach to pursuing additional funding opportunities. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3NXYjov.

Commission Receives New River Crossing Initiative Update

The City Commission received an update on the New River Crossing Initiative, including project background and efforts completed to date following prior Commission direction reaffirming a tunnel as the locally preferred alternative for a future commuter rail crossing of the New River. City staff reviewed coordination with Broward County, engagement with tunneling industry experts, collaboration with Brightline and the Florida East Coast Railway, and potential grant funding and financial strategies to support construction, operations, and maintenance. The City Commission directed staff to prepare and submit a response to Broward County ahead of the February 13, 2026 deadline. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4bx9oGV.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING

CRA Board Approves Budget Amendment Using Unspent FY 2025 Central City Funds

The Community Redevelopment Agency Board approved a budget amendment appropriating \$898,998 in unspent Fiscal Year 2025 Central City CRA funds for eligible redevelopment activities in FY 2026. The reallocated funding supports several Central City priorities, including \$250,000 for the Property and Business Improvement Program, \$298,998 for the Commercial Façade Improvement Program, \$150,000 toward the CRA office buildout at The Adderley, \$100,000 for advertising and community outreach related to the Central City land use plan amendment, and \$100,000 to support staffing for implementation of the Central City Redevelopment Plan. The action allows existing CRA funds to be reinvested back into Central City programs and projects. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4rzSLPG.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Approves Grant Agreement to Support Summer Youth Workforce Program

The City Commission approved a not-for-profit grant participation agreement with Experience Aviation, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to provide a paid summer pre-apprenticeship and workforce development program for Fort Lauderdale youth ages 16 through 18. The program will offer hands-on learning opportunities in STEM fields, including aviation and marine industries, as part of the City’s Education Enrichment Program. Grant funding will support participant wages, instructional services, materials, and equipment, helping expand workforce exploration and career readiness opportunities for local youth. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4r4EavM.

Commission Approves Acceptance of State Grant to Expand Education Enrichment Program

The City Commission approved a resolution accepting \$350,000 in grant funding from the Florida Department of Education to support and expand the City's Education Enrichment Program. The funding will allow the City to build on its summer academic enrichment program and expand services to include after-school enrichment, workforce exploration, job readiness, internships, and citizenship development for children and youth across Fort Lauderdale. Programs supported by the funding include community summer camps, the PLAY After-School Program, the Teen Recreational Intramural Passport (TRIP) Program, and workforce development initiatives delivered in partnership with organizations such as the YMCA and Experience Aviation. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4thiOfT.

Commission Accepts State Grant to Support Joseph C. Carter Park Improvements

The City Commission approved a resolution accepting \$2,180,314 in grant funding from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program to support improvements at Joseph C. Carter Park. The grant, which requires a dollar-for-dollar City match already included in the project budget, will help fund outdoor recreational upgrades such as a playground with shade, walking trails, fitness stations, a swimming pool and splash pad, parking improvements, and other park amenities as part of the City's larger Carter Park redevelopment project. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4bGOGEF.

Commission Discusses Appeal Related to Historic Landmark Alteration

The City Commission discussed an appeal of the Historic Preservation Board's denial of an after-the-fact Certificate of Appropriateness for major alterations related to the installation of artificial turf within the front outdoor seating area of a designated historic landmark located at 101 S Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard, Case No. UDP-HP25021. Following the discussion, the City Commission approved a resolution setting a de novo hearing for March 3, 2026, at 6 p.m. to review the appeal. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3NVBf9U.

Commission Approves FIND Grant Agreement for Riverwalk North Seawall Project

The City Commission considered a project agreement with the Florida Inland Navigation District to support the replacement and construction of the Riverwalk North Seawall along the New River between Andrews Avenue and the Florida East Coast Railway corridor. The project addresses structural deficiencies in the existing seawall and includes construction of new dock infrastructure, pedestrian improvements, and a living seawall to enhance public access and environmental resilience. Following the discussion, the City Commission approved a resolution delegating authority to the City Manager to execute a project agreement with FIND for grant funding of up to \$1,032,636. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4kAYoed.

Commission Advances Las Olas Mobility Western Corridor Design

The City Commission considered conceptual design options for the Las Olas Mobility Western Corridor from Andrews Avenue to SE 17 Avenue. Following public input and discussion, the City Commission adopted a resolution approving the conceptual designs for the Downtown and Colee Hammock segments and the Retail Shops segment without the median, and directed the City Manager to advance the Las Olas Mobility Western Corridor to 60 % design plans. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3LQtIIX.

Information

For more information on the February 3, 2026, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Tuesday, February 17, 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.