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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 17, 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 JOINT WORKSHOP

Commission Holds Joint Workshop on Affordable Housing Incentives

The City Commission held a joint workshop with the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to discuss the City of Fort Lauderdale's Affordable Housing Incentive Report and potential policy initiatives to expand affordable housing opportunities. The workshop included discussion of recommended incentives related to public awareness and education, use of City-owned land for affordable housing, development of an Affordable Housing Master Plan, Accessory Dwelling Unit policy and the potential waiver of impact fees for affordable housing developments. The City Commission provided feedback and direction on the proposed incentives and next steps for further refinement and future consideration. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3MvHi4K.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING

CRA Board Approves Incentive Forgivable Loans for The Art of Tea Build-Out

The Community Redevelopment Agency Board approved a Central City Community Redevelopment Area Property and Business Improvement Program forgivable loan in the amount of \$225,000 and a Non-Residential Façade Program forgivable loan in the amount of \$125,000 to The Art of Tea, LLC, for the build-out and renovation of a commercial warehouse located at 900 NE 13 Street. The project will consolidate retail, warehousing, and operational functions into a single East Coast distribution facility within the Central City CRA. The Board also authorized the Executive Director to execute all related agreements and delegated authority to take necessary actions to implement the incentives. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4aFvbwW.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

Commission Receives 2026 State Legislative Mid-Session Update

The City Commission received a mid-session update on the 2026 State Legislative Session,

including proposed bills and budget items that may impact City operations and Fort Lauderdale residents. Staff reviewed legislation related to property taxes, housing and infrastructure funding, public safety, insurance, land use, and municipal home rule authority. The update helps ensure the City's legislative priorities are represented at the state level and that potential impacts to the community are identified and addressed as the session progresses. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4kEYLEj.

Commission Receives Presentation on Managing Your Water Bill

The City Commission received a presentation from the Finance Department on managing water bills, including an overview of residential water and sewer rate structures, recent rate adjustments, and common causes of high-water consumption. The presentation outlined tools available to help customers monitor usage, prevent high bills, and request adjustments when applicable, including meter testing, consumption credits, pool sewer credits, structured payment arrangements, and the Municipal Services Affordability Program for eligible residents. Staff also provided an update on the City's Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project, which replaces older water meters with smart meters that allow for more accurate readings, faster leak detection, and improved access to real-time usage data. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4cxZLYO.

Commission Receives City Hall Interim Agreement Term Sheet Update

The City Commission received a presentation providing an overview of the proposed Interim Agreement Term Sheet related to the development of a new City Hall at 100 N Andrews Avenue. The proposed non-binding term sheet outlines the potential structure for a future Interim Agreement. The Interim Agreement would allow pre-development activities to proceed while negotiations toward a Comprehensive Agreement continue, including design development, due diligence, site remediation coordination, financial structuring, and defined termination and reimbursement provisions. The City Commission provided feedback on the public-private partnership developer fee structure, financing comparisons and rate of return assumptions, allowable pre-development expenses, and potential revisions to developer fee provisions in the event of termination. City staff will integrate the City Commission feedback into the Interim Agreement negotiations and plans to present the final Interim Agreement to the City Commission in or before April 2026. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4tCkgcZ.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Accepts Additional Grant Funding for Coordinated Opioid Recovery Program

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving an amendment to the Coordinated Opioid Recovery Program Services Agreement with Broward Behavioral Health Coalition and accepting \$375,000 in additional grant funding to support the City's opioid response efforts. The funding will continue to support Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue's Coordinated Opioid Recovery Program, including the Community Health Coordinator position and services that connect individuals at risk of overdose to treatment and follow-up care. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4cy0N78.

Commission Approves Agreement for Installation and Maintenance of Public Art at Huizenga Park

The City Commission approved a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Downtown Development Authority for the installation and ongoing maintenance of Manolo Valdés' sculpture, *Cabeza con Mariposas* (Head with Butterflies), at Huizenga Park. The sculpture was acquired through a donation from the James Winder Laird Estate and was installed in January 2026. The agreement outlines responsibilities for installation, access, inspection, and long-term maintenance of the artwork. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4rRGdTK.

Commission Approves Agreement for Summer Youth Employment Program

The City Commission approved a motion authorizing an agreement with CareerSource Broward for the City of Fort Lauderdale's 2026 Summer Youth Employment Program in an amount not to exceed \$150,000. The program provides paid summer work experience for eligible Fort Lauderdale residents ages 16 through 18, who will work up to 30 hours per week for up to eight weeks beginning June 8, 2026. Participants will be placed in various City departments and receive additional career development workshops and training. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4rzUJ2A.

Commission Approves Purchase of Sewage Pump Out Vessel

The City Commission approved a motion awarding Invitation to Bid No. 548 to Pump Out USA in the amount of \$158,959 for the purchase of a sewage pump out vessel and aluminum trailer. The vessel will travel to boats on City waterways to safely remove sewage from onboard holding tanks and transport it for proper disposal, providing boaters with a convenient and environmentally responsible waste management option. The purchase is supported in part by grant funding through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Clean Vessel Act Program. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4tNDM6G.

Commission Approves Agreement for FXE Airport Apron Pavement Rehabilitation

The City Commission approved a motion authorizing an agreement with Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$389,193.90 for pavement rehabilitation of the Aviation Equipment & Service (AES) facility apron at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport. The 60,000 square-foot apron, constructed in 2011, serves as a staging area for airport maintenance equipment and emergency relief aircraft. The project includes milling, paving, drainage improvements, and related work to extend the pavement's service life and maintain safe operating conditions. The rehabilitation is supported by Florida Department of Transportation grant funding covering up to 80 percent of eligible costs, with the remaining balance funded through the Airport Fund. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4kGJOSd.

Commission Approves Amendment to MicroTransit Services Agreement

The City Commission approved a motion authorizing an amendment to the MicroTransit Pilot Services Agreement with Circuit Transit Inc. in the amount of \$1,157,165 to transition Downtown and Galt Mile services from the City of Pompano Beach piggyback agreement to the City's competitively procured contract pursuant to RFP No. 161. The amendment increases the initial two-year estimated amount from \$440,000 to \$1,597,165 but does not expand existing service areas or increase the City's overall MicroTransit expenditures, as it reflects a transfer of

services to the City's own agreement to ensure continuity of service. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4kExpU.

Commission Conducts Annual Performance Review of City Clerk

The City Commission conducted the annual performance review of City Clerk David R. Soloman in accordance with his employment contract. The review included a summary of the City Clerk's Office operations in 2025, including public records management, elections coordination, advisory board administration, legislative processing, records retention, meeting support, and audio-visual services. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4tHRI1H.

Information

For more information on the February 17, 2026, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Tuesday, March 3, 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.