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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, March 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 Presentation on Public Engagement in the Budget Process

The City Commission received a presentation from the Office of Management and Budget and the Strategic Communications Department on how residents can participate in the City's upcoming budget development cycle. Staff provided an overview of the budget calendar and identified opportunities for public input at various stages of the process, including Commission workshops, Budget Advisory Board meetings, public hearings, and online engagement tools available through the City's website. The presentation also highlighted resources that promote transparency, including real-time financial data and interactive budget tools that allow residents to review information and share feedback. The presentation closed with a discussion of the City's plans for an educational campaign focused on property taxes. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4sJ2HXJ.

Commission Receives Uptown Urban Village Implementation Status Update

The City Commission received a presentation from the Development Services Department on the Uptown Urban Village planning initiative, located east of Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport between Interstate 95 and Powerline Road. Staff provided an update on development activity since adoption of the Master Plan and form-based zoning in 2019, including projects that are completed, under construction, approved, or in review. These projects represent 2,321 residential units, including 373 affordable units and new commercial space including an 89,000 square-foot Target store. The presentation also reviewed planned mobility improvements and branding efforts intended to strengthen the Uptown identity. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3MXFD8g.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

CM-6 Commission Approves Grant Application for Marine Unit Vessel

The City Commission approved a motion authorizing the submission of a grant application to

the Fiscal Year 2026 Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program in the amount of \$460,770 to support the purchase of a new vessel for the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Marine Unit. If awarded, the grant will provide up to \$125,000, with a required City match of \$335,770 from the General Fund. The new vessel will expand fleet capacity and enhance waterway patrols, emergency response, and public safety operations across the City's 165 miles of navigable waterways and seven miles of coastline. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4u88447.

CM-9 Commission Approves Fortify Lauderdale Phase II Project Prioritization

The City Commission approved a motion accepting the quantitative rankings for the twelve Fortify Lauderdale Phase II stormwater improvement projects. Fortify Lauderdale is the City's resilience program focused on reducing flooding impacts caused by intense rainfall and high tidal conditions in vulnerable neighborhoods. This action establishes the order in which Phase II projects will move forward for design and construction based on the adopted scoring methodology. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4rR6xOr.

CR-2 Commission Accepts Grant Funding for Bal Harbour Park

The City Commission adopted a resolution accepting \$626,414 in grant funding from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the Florida Communities Trust Florida Forever Parks and Open Space Grant Program for Bal Harbour Park in Commission District 1. The grant reimburses a portion of the City's acquisition cost for the property at 2201 NE 19 Street, which was purchased in October 2024 using voter-approved Parks Bond funds. The City's required grant match was satisfied at the time of purchase. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4r8JoWs.

M-1 Commission Approves Award for Prospect Lake Clean Water Center Chemicals

The City Commission approved a motion awarding Invitation to Bid No. 540 to Chemrite Inc., Brenntag Mid-South LLC, Morton Salt Inc., and Hawkins Water Treatment Group d/b/a Hawkins Inc. for chemicals required to operate the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center. The Prospect Lake Clean Water Center is the City's new water treatment facility currently under construction to replace the aging Fiveash Water Treatment Plant. The contract includes an initial one-year term in an estimated aggregate amount of \$1,312,538, with three (3) one (1)-year renewal options, for a potential total of \$5,250,152, contingent upon appropriation of funds. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3OFck6e.

R-2 Commission Authorizes Grant Application for Riverwalk North Seawall Replacement

The City Commission adopted a resolution delegating authority to the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Florida Inland Navigation District for up to \$2,967,364 to support the replacement and reconstruction of approximately 510 linear feet of the Riverwalk North seawall along the New River between Andrews Avenue and the Florida East Coast Railway corridor. The project will address structural deficiencies in the existing seawall and catwalk and includes construction of a new seawall, floating dock, access ramps, living seawall features, and related improvements to enhance public safety, resiliency, and waterfront access. The grant requires a 50 percent City match funded through the adopted Community Investment Plan. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4rbtrPd.

R-3 Commission Authorizes Grant Application for Sebastian and Seville Seawall Replacement Projects

The City Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Florida Inland Navigation District for up to \$840,107 to support replacement of structurally deficient seawalls along Sebastian Street and Seville Street on the Intracoastal Waterway. The project will replace approximately 110 linear feet of aging seawalls with marine-grade steel sheet piling and a reinforced concrete cap elevated to meet the City's sea level rise standards. Improvements also include upgraded drainage infrastructure and roadway restoration to help reduce tidal flooding and strengthen coastal resilience in the area. The grant requires a 50 percent City match funded through the adopted Community Investment Plan. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4rNOSXA.

R-4 Commission Approves Amendment to FDOT Grant Agreement for Runway 9 Parallel Taxiways Extension

The City Commission adopted a resolution approving an amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to accept an additional \$3,000,000 in grant funding for the Runway 9 Parallel Taxiways Extension Project at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport and delegated authority to the City Manager to execute the agreement. Combined with previously approved funding, the total FDOT contribution is \$4,886,440, covering 80 percent of the estimated \$6,108,100 construction cost. The City will provide the required 20 percent match from Airport funds. Approval of this amendment allows the City to secure funding in advance of the Environmental Assessment process and does not constitute approval of the Runway 9 extension. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4ct1eQf.

R-5 Commission Approves Central Beach Development Permit for ISHOF West Building

The City Commission adopted a quasi-judicial resolution approving a Site Plan Level IV Central Beach Development Permit for a six-story, 203,907 square-foot multipurpose building at 501 Seabreeze Boulevard as part of the redevelopment of the International Swimming Hall of Fame complex. The project includes event space, a museum, an aquarium, restaurant use, and an associated parking reduction. The approval includes conditions requiring revisions to loading access plans and execution of a parking agreement with the City prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4u8gW9V.

OSR-1 Commission Adopts Ordinance Updating Vehicle for Hire Regulations

The City Commission adopted an ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances to establish an administrative application process for vehicle for hire permits, define vehicle for hire services, and update operating standards. The ordinance adds definitions for low-speed vehicles, establishes permit and renewal fees, creates an annual permit capacity of 100 rental cars with chauffeurs including low-speed vehicles, and reinforces operational requirements related to insurance, driver registration, traffic safety compliance, and posted fare transparency. At second reading, the City Commission amended the ordinance to revise insurance coverage requirements. Staff will implement a 90-day educational period prior to enforcement. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3P1C01D.

Information

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

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Thursday, March 19, 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.