



# 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 Thursday, March 19, 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).*

### **COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**

#### **Community Redevelopment Agency Board Approves FY25 Annual Report and Draft Audit**

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board, approved a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report and Draft Audit Report and authorize transmittal to local taxing authorities. The report highlights continued investment and progress within both redevelopment areas. In the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights CRA, the agency supported major mixed-income housing developments, small business growth along the Sistrunk corridor, and arts-focused revitalization projects, while also securing statewide recognition for housing and redevelopment initiatives. In the Central City CRA, improvements included commercial redevelopment, neighborhood façade enhancements, and infrastructure investments such as lighting and streetscape upgrades. Financially, the CRA reported \$31.7 million in total revenue for FY 2025, including \$29.6 million in tax increment financing (TIF), with expenditures totaling \$26.3 million across operations, business incentives, debt service, and capital improvements. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4bz6sl4](http://ftlcity.info/4bz6sl4).

### **CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING**

#### **Commission Receives Presentation on Potential Locations for A-5 Sanitary Sewer Lift Station**

The Commission received a presentation on the proposed A-5 Sanitary Sewer Lift Station, a critical infrastructure project to address capacity limitations in the existing A-7 basin serving the Downtown area. The project will split the current basin into two, allowing the City to support continued development while maintaining system reliability. Without additional capacity, some projects may be delayed or require modification due to permitting constraints tied to sewer system limits. The lift station is included in the Community Investment Plan with an estimated \$11.5 million budget. While preliminary design is underway, final design is pending selection of a suitable site. Staff evaluated multiple locations, including private property, as well as several City-owned sites. At the direction of the Commission, City staff will continue evaluating alternative sites and meet with stakeholders to gather input. Site alternatives will be brought

back to the Commission at a future meeting for consideration. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4sZXQS4](http://ftlcity.info/4sZXQS4).

### **Commission Receives Presentation on Digital Kiosk Unsolicited Proposal**

The Commission received a presentation on the evaluation of an unsolicited proposal from IKE Smart City to design, install, and operate a citywide network of interactive digital kiosks. The proposed kiosks would provide features including wayfinding, local business and event information, public messaging, and potential emergency communication capabilities. The program includes a revenue-sharing model, with the City receiving a percentage of advertising revenue and dedicated kiosk time for City event notices and branding as well as public service messaging. Potential benefits include enhanced communication with residents and visitors, support for local businesses, promotion of City initiatives, and advancement of smart city technology. Staff also identified key considerations related to kiosk placement, impacts to the public realm, ADA accessibility, utilities, and compliance with City regulations. The City Commission provided direction to City staff to bring forward a Resolution to begin the competitive solicitation period for the unsolicited proposal. For more details, [ftlcity.info/4sWrtDJ](http://ftlcity.info/4sWrtDJ).

## **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

### **Commission Approves Recognizing Juneteenth as a City Holiday**

The Commission approved a resolution amending the City's Personnel Rules to recognize Juneteenth (June 19) as an official City holiday. Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and has been recognized as a federal holiday since 2021. The addition aligns the City's holiday schedule with recent updates to collective bargaining agreements and reflects a recommendation from the Civil Service Board. For more details, [ftlcity.info/4rK5rTF](http://ftlcity.info/4rK5rTF).

### **Commission Approves School Zone Speed Detection Camera Program**

The Commission approved an agreement with RedSpeed Florida LLC to implement an Automated School Zone Speed Detection Camera Program to enhance safety in school zones citywide. The program uses automated enforcement technology, including LiDAR, RADAR, and license plate recognition, to detect speeding violations in designated school zones. Phase 1 includes installation at 12 schools, with the ability to expand to additional locations in the future. The program is fully violator-funded, with citation revenue distributed in accordance with state law. RedSpeed will be responsible for installation, operation, maintenance, and processing of violations, while City staff will oversee administration and compliance. The program supports the City's efforts to improve traffic safety and protect students in school zones. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3NsMzum](http://ftlcity.info/3NsMzum).

### **Commission Approves Federal Courthouse Parking Garage**

The Commission approved a design-build agreement with Finrock Enterprises, LLC for the construction of a new Federal Courthouse Parking Garage at 1000 SE 3rd Avenue in the amount

of approximately \$11.87 million. The project includes the design and construction of a five-story precast parking garage with a minimum capacity of 284 spaces to support the new federal courthouse and surrounding area. Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2026, with substantial completion expected in summer 2027. The contractor will submit a detailed project schedule and sequencing plan following execution of the agreement. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3NP3SFZ](https://ftlcity.info/3NP3SFZ).

### **Commission Approves Arts and Science District Parking Facility Operations Transition**

The Commission approved a third amendment to the operations agreement for the Arts and Science District Parking Facility, transferring operational responsibility from the City to the Broward Performing Arts Center Authority (PACA). Under the amendment, PACA will assume responsibility for the day-to-day management, maintenance, staffing, and revenue collection for the parking facility. The City will continue to receive its existing 16% share of revenue, with no changes to the established revenue and cost-sharing structure among the City, PACA, and the Downtown Development Authority. The agreement includes a 120-day transition period to coordinate the transfer of responsibilities. Affected City employees will be considered for reassignment to other City parking facilities based on operational needs. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4rHkU6U](https://ftlcity.info/4rHkU6U).

### **Commission Approves Grant Application for George English Park Dock Improvements**

The Commission approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for up to \$75,000 to design and permit new floating docks at the George English Park Tennis Center. The project will replace an existing deteriorated and non-compliant dock with a new ADA-accessible floating dock system and include the design of an additional dock to improve public access and usability along the waterway. The total estimated project cost is \$150,000, with the City providing a required \$75,000 match if the grant is awarded. Construction is not included in this phase and would be brought forward for Commission approval at a later date. The project supports enhanced waterfront access and improvements to park amenities at George English Park. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4t0eqBe](https://ftlcity.info/4t0eqBe).

### **Commission Approves Grant Application for North Fork Riverfront Park Improvements**

The Commission approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for up to \$85,000 to design and permit an ADA-accessible kayak launch and floating dock at North Fork Riverfront Park. The project will improve waterfront access by adding an ADA-accessible pathway, floating dock, and kayak/canoe launch, along with evaluating opportunities to expand parking to better accommodate park users. The total estimated project cost is \$170,000, with the City providing a required \$85,000 match through the Parks Bond if the grant is awarded. This phase focuses on design and permitting, with construction anticipated in a future phase pending funding. The project supports enhanced public access to the New River and expands recreational opportunities at North Fork Riverfront Park. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4uK4w8w](https://ftlcity.info/4uK4w8w).

### **Commission Approves Update to EMS Transport Fee**

The Commission approved an ordinance updating Emergency Medical Services (EMS) transport user fees to better align with operational costs and regional benchmarks. The approved adjustments include a 10% increase to Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Life Support Level 1 (ALS1), Advanced Life Support Level 2 (ALS2), and per-mile transport charges, effective October 1, 2026. The fee update primarily impacts commercial and self-pay patients, while Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates remain unchanged. The adjustment is projected to generate approximately \$300,000 in additional annual revenue to support Fire Rescue operations and long-term service sustainability. The update supports the City's commitment to maintaining high-quality emergency response services while ensuring financial sustainability. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4t1AMTO](https://ftlcity.info/4t1AMTO).

### **Information**

For more information on the March 19, 2026, Commission meetings, visit [fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar](https://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar).

### **Upcoming City Commission Meetings**

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will occur on Tuesday, April 7, 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.