



# 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 April 7, 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 Presentation on Charter Revision Board Recommendations**

The Commission considered proposed Charter amendment revisions and the process for placing amendments on the November 2026 ballot. The Commission focused on Charter “clean-up” items for placement on the ballot and set aside others for future review and community input. Items discussed include updates to commissioner qualifications, vice mayor designation, organizational meetings, and special meeting requirements, among others. These items will be brought back to the Commission in the form of ballot questions for further consideration of placement on the November 2026 ballot. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4sqgvpt](http://ftlcity.info/4sqgvpt).

#### **Commission Receives Special Entertainment Overlay District Ordinance Update**

The Commission received a presentation on proposed amendments to the Special Entertainment Overlay District (SED) ordinance. The updates establish a permit process for individual establishments and define district boundaries, while strengthening safety, security, and maintenance requirements. The proposed changes also include retention of existing incentives such as extended hours, and a stepped enforcement approach that would include fines, permit suspension, or potential revocation for noncompliant establishments to improve accountability within SED areas. The Commission provided direction to staff to move forward with ordinance development focused on the Himmarshee area, including changes to its SED designation and the implementation of an establishment-based accountability model, while maintaining existing SEDs in other areas of the city. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4c7T1R7](http://ftlcity.info/4c7T1R7).

### **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

#### **Commission Provides Notice of Intent for Citywide Digital Kiosk Program**

The Commission approved a resolution providing notice of intent to enter into a comprehensive agreement for a citywide interactive digital kiosk program and accepted an unsolicited proposal from IKE Smart City. The kiosks would provide wayfinding, local business and event information, public messaging, emergency communications, and access to City services, and initiate a 21-day

period to solicit additional proposals for the same project. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4sm5KV6](https://ftlcity.info/4sm5KV6).

### **Commission Approves Reallocation of Parks Bond Funds**

The Commission approved the reallocation of \$774,146.88 in Parks General Obligation Bond funds from the North Fork Elementary School project after the project was discontinued due to the planned school closure. The funding includes \$474,146.88 for Bass Park to cover construction contingency and additional project services, and \$300,000 returned to District 4 to support the Lauderdale Isles Landing project. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4ty7JXd](https://ftlcity.info/4ty7JXd).

### **Commission Denies Waiver for Finger Piers Extending into Waterway**

The Commission denied a request for a waiver to allow two finger piers and mooring piles to extend beyond the allowable limits into the adjacent waterway. The request included one pier extending 36.5 feet and another extending 56.5 feet, exceeding the maximum permitted under the Unified Land Development Regulations, with concerns raised about potential obstruction of the waterway and impacts to navigation. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/4sk1a9O](https://ftlcity.info/4sk1a9O).

### **Commission Designates Ben Sorensen as Vice Mayor**

The Commission adopted a resolution designating Commissioner Ben Sorensen as Vice Mayor for a one-year term beginning April 7, 2026, in accordance with the City Charter, which requires the Commission to designate a Vice Mayor annually at its first meeting in April. For more details, visit [ftlcity.info/3OaXI8I](https://ftlcity.info/3OaXI8I).

### **Information**

For more information on the April 7, 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 21, 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.