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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 May 5, 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 COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

Commission Approves Property Safety Enhancement Program for CRA Areas

The CRA Board approved the creation of a new Property Safety Enhancement Program to support security improvements for commercial properties in the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights and Central City areas. The program provides reimbursement funding for upgrades such as lighting, cameras and other safety measures to help reduce crime and support business corridors, with \$280,000 allocated for Fiscal Year 2026. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4cVqfU0.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

Commission Receives Update on Broward Solid Waste Authority Master Plan

The Commission received an update from the Broward Solid Waste Authority on its Master Plan and Facilities Amendment, which outline the development of a regional solid waste and recycling system across Broward County. The plan is intended to create a more coordinated approach to waste disposal and recycling among participating cities. The update included next steps for required approvals by Broward County and participating municipalities ahead of the August 2026 deadline. Staff will provide a presentation on May 19 with additional details on disposal cost comparisons between current costs and estimated costs under the SWA, along with next steps. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4ewo1M1.

Commission Receives Presentation on Charter Revision Ballot Questions

The Commission received a presentation on proposed ballot questions related to Charter revisions that may be placed on the November 2026 election ballot. The presentation included five proposed amendments based on prior Commission direction. The Commission requested that the ballot language be refined to be more understandable to the public and directed staff to return with additional ballot questions at a future meeting. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4ux3LPd.

Commission Reviews Conceptual Site Plan for Fort Lauderdale Beach Park

The Commission reviewed a conceptual site plan for the Fort Lauderdale Beach Park project

following prior direction to bring back a revised approach. The plan keeps the basketball courts in place and adds new pickleball courts, an outdoor fitness area, and open green space, along with improved pathways and landscaping. The project is estimated at \$2.5 million. The City Commission directed that the conceptual site plan be presented to the Central Beach Alliance and for staff to return to the City Commission no later than the July 2, 2026 Commission meeting with a recommendation, along with an amendment to the existing agreement with the Bahia Mar Community Development District to extend the agreement. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3OLx8y7.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Commission Approves Amendment to School Board Recreation Agreement

The Commission approved an amendment to its agreement with the Broward County School Board to support recreational improvements at local school sites. The amendment adds \$1.7 million in School Board funding to enhance projects at Bennett Elementary School, Sunrise Middle School and Fort Lauderdale High School, and removes previously planned funding tied to North Fork Elementary School following its closure. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4ewb2dg.

Commission Establishes Living Seawall Permit Fee Assistance Program

The Commission approved a new program to encourage the installation of living seawalls by covering 100% of City permit fees for qualifying projects. Living seawalls are designed to support marine life and improve water quality while also helping reduce wave energy and strengthen shoreline resilience. The program includes \$50,000 in funding, with \$25,000 allocated for residential projects and \$25,000 for commercial properties. The program will be available on a first-come, first-qualified, first-served basis. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4d97ewa.

Commission Approves Mural Installation at Peter Feldman Park

The Commission approved a service agreement to install a mural at Peter Feldman Park by artist Pepe Gaka. The project will transform the exterior of an existing pump station into a public art feature designed to reflect nature and enhance the park environment. The mural is intended to improve the visual appearance of the site and create a more inviting space for park users. Installation is expected to begin in June 2026, with a total project cost of \$50,000. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3Plimya.

Commission Approves Design-Build Agreement for Fire Station No. 13 and EMS Sub-Station No. 88

The Commission approved a design-build agreement with CORE Construction Services of Florida, LLC for the construction of Fire Station No. 13 at 2871 East Sunrise Boulevard and Emergency Medical Sub-Station No. 88 at 507 SE 11 Court. These new facilities are intended to improve emergency response times and expand service coverage in high-demand areas of the city. The total project cost is \$22,745,045. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3P64veU.

Commission Approves Grant for Las Olas Boulevard Safety and Accessibility Improvements

The Commission approved a \$1 million grant agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for safety and ADA improvements along Las Olas Boulevard between Andrews Avenue and SE 17th Avenue. The funding will support improvements that enhance pedestrian

safety and accessibility while advancing the City's mobility vision for the corridor. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4dwvJnt.

Commission Conducts Annual Performance Review of City Manager

The Commission conducted the annual performance review of City Manager Rickelle Williams, including discussion of performance over the past year and progress on Commission priorities. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/4tkngJJ.

Commission Approves Special Election for Commission District 1

The Commission approved a resolution calling a special municipal election on November 3, 2026, to fill the upcoming vacancy in Commission District 1 following the resignation of Commissioner John C. Herbst. The resolution establishes a qualifying period for candidates from any time after 12:00 noon on Monday, June 8, 2026, but no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, June 12, 2026. The elected Commissioner will serve the remainder of the term beginning December 1, 2026. For more details, visit ftlcity.info/3Ro25sO.

Commission Accepts Two Unsolicited Proposals for Melrose Manors and Riverland Stormwater Improvements

The Commission approved two resolutions providing notice of intent to enter into agreements for the Melrose Manors and Riverland stormwater improvements project. The City received and accepted unsolicited proposals from Man-Con, Inc for Melrose Manors and David Mancini & Sons, Inc for Riverland. The proposals offer alternative design-build approaches for drainage and infrastructure upgrades in the neighborhood. The notice also allows the City to seek and consider additional proposals for the same project before moving forward. These improvements will help address flooding and improve stormwater management for residents. For more details on the Melrose Manors stormwater Improvements, visit ftlcity.info/4uwNDgs. For more details on Riverland Stormwater Improvements, visit ftlcity.info/4tVNjrR.

For more information on the May 5, 2026, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

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