



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#25-0346

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 6, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road
Closures with Vegan Ventures LLC for Vegan Block Party on July 5, 2025,
at Esplanade Park - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an outdoor event agreement and road closure requests with Vegan Ventures LLC, in substantially the form attached, and authorize execution of the agreement by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.

Background

On February 18, 2025, Vegan Ventures LLC submitted an outdoor event application for the Vegan Block Party event to be held at Esplanade Park. Beginning in 2023, this activation has become an annual event. This year the event is scheduled to take place on July 5, 2025. The application was submitted prior to the 90-day application deadline therefore the outdoor event application fee is \$200. The event impacts begin on July 4, 2025, and are scheduled to end on July 5, 2025, which includes the setup period, event period, and breakdown period.

The event organizer attended the March 12, 2025, outdoor events meeting to review the event details with City staff, including the Parks & Recreation Department, Transportation and Mobility Department, Police Department, and Fire Department. The outdoor events meetings focus on operational logistics, cross departmental coordination, and event organizer requirements.

This event organizer is requesting the following special permissions that require City Commission approval:

Road Closures:

- SW 2nd Street from SW 4th Avenue to SW 5th Avenue on July 5, 2025, starting at 5:00 am and ending at 11:59 pm.

City staff invited the surrounding civic associations to the outdoor events meeting as well as shared a copy of the application and site plan. Upon approval, the City's online events calendar will be updated to reflect this event.

The event agreement defines the responsibilities of the event organizer such as covering the associated event expenses and the required certificates of insurance. The event organizer will also secure all other necessary permits and licenses that are required from other agencies. Authorization for the execution of the event agreement is contingent upon the City Attorney's Office reviewing and approving as to form all documents prior to execution by the City Manager or designee.

Resource Impact

Revenue related to these agreements is included in the FY 2025 operating budget in the accounts listed below.

<i>Funds available as of March 12, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT / ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-6025-574- 347-200-PKR029	Community Events	Charges for Service/ Nonsponsor Charges – Spec Event Fees	\$90,000	\$11,189	\$200
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$200

Strategic Connections

This item supports the 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Here.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Place specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Area
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our city.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Vegan Block Party Event Agreement

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