



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#26-0506

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 19, 2026

TITLE: Presentation on Parks Bond Program Prioritization Plan - City Manager's Office (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

City staff will provide an overview of the Parks Bond Program and present the proposed Parks Bond Program Prioritization Plan (Plan) for City Commission feedback. The plan organizes the remaining park improvement projects across upcoming fiscal years to provide a clearer roadmap for project delivery, resource allocation, and stakeholder communication.

The Parks Bond Program is rooted in the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan, approved by the City Commission in 2016 following extensive public input. In 2019, City voters approved \$200 million in general obligation bond funding for improvements at more than ninety (90) parks citywide. Program implementation began in fall 2020, followed by additional community engagement in early 2021 to help confirm and prioritize park-specific improvements.

The proposed Plan provides a structured and transparent approach for advancing the remaining Parks Bond projects. Project timing is based on objective delivery criteria, including design and permitting status, available funding, grant deadlines, project dependencies, and balanced investment across the City.

The presentation includes completed projects to date, grant-funded projects, current project status, anticipated construction starts by fiscal year, and other key program updates. Staff is seeking City Commission feedback on the proposed sequencing approach and recommend returning in spring 2027 with a progress report and any necessary major updates to the Plan. Parks Bond status updates will continue to be issued monthly via Letters to the Commission.

The Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board reviewed the proposed Parks Bond Program Prioritization Plan on April 22, 2026, and expressed support for the overall approach. The Plan was also presented at the May 12, 2026, Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations meeting.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Spaces and Cultural Initiatives.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 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 Plan, specifically advancing:

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Presentation

Exhibit 2 – Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board Draft Meeting Minutes

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