



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#25-0492

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 6, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving a Second Amendment to a Lease Agreement Between
Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale for Lake Lauderdale, Joint
Park Site, also known as Mills Pond Park - **(Commission District 3)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a second amendment to the lease agreement between Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale, in substantially the form attached, for an additional one (1)-year period, for the City's use and maintenance of Lake Lauderdale, Joint Park Site, also known as Mills Pond Park.

Background

For the past 40 years (1985- 2025), Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale have been committed to providing a regional park, located in the City of Fort Lauderdale, currently known as Mills Pond Park. Mills Pond Park is home to a five (5)-field state-of-the-art softball complex, four (4) multipurpose fields used for football and soccer, playgrounds, pavilions, open play area, and a water ski lake.

On May 21, 1985, the City entered into a 30-year lease agreement with Broward County for the use and maintenance of Mills Pond Park, with an option to renew the lease for two (2) successive five (5)-year terms, and subject to and conditioned upon certain terms and conditions. On June 17, 2014, pursuant to Article 5.2 of the Lease Agreement, the City Commission approved extending the lease term for two (2) successive five (5)-year periods. The first period commenced on May 21, 2015, and will expire on May 21, 2025. The parties now desire to extend the lease term for an additional one (1)-year period, subject to the same terms and conditions as provided in the Lease Agreement, so the parties may engage in long-term contract negotiations for the City's continued use and maintenance of Mills Pond Park. However, it should be noted that during the proposed one-year extension, City staff is interested in exploring all options including, but not limited to, an extended long-term lease period and property conveyance.

The first amendment to the lease agreement, dated January 11, 1996, updated the park site masterplan to provide a portion of the park for a batting cage facility, miniature golf

course, family entertainment center, and associated concession facilities for public recreation purposes.

The proposed second amendment, if approved, will modify Section 5.2 of the lease agreement to create a renewal term. The renewal term will automatically renew the agreement for an additional one (1)-year period which shall terminate on May 21, 2026.

Resource Impact

There are no new fiscal impacts associated with this item as the City's obligations remain the same.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2025 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Spaces and Community Initiatives.

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.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Original Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Term Extension Letter

Exhibit 3 – Second Amendment

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