City-Produced Events: Sponsorships & Hospitality Areas

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING AUGUST 19, 2025



City-Produced Events Overview

Signature Events	Community Events	
Fourth of July Extravaganza	Carter Park Jamz	
Great American Beach Party	Fort Lauderboo	
Jazz Brunch	Light Up Sistrunk	
Starlight Musicals	Light Up the Galt	
New Year's Eve Downtown Countdown	Light Up the Beach	
Sistrunk Parade and Festival	Labor Day Festival	
Summer Jamz	Get Lit - Riverwalk	
King Holiday Parade & Multicultural Festival	Viernes Musicales	
St. Patrick's Day Parade	Diwali	
The Parks & Recreation Department produces approximately 60 events annually		



Sponsorship Program Overview

- Outsourcing Sponsorship Program:
 - Advertise for a Sponsorship Consultant
 - Proactive Approach
 - Leverage Industry Experts & Relationships
 - Anticipate vendor onboarding in January 2026
- Delegate Authority to City Manager for:
 - Agreements less than \$100,000
 - Agreements limited to one year
- Commission Approval for:
 - Agreements over \$100,000
 - Multi-year Agreements
 - Agreements would come before PRBAB for recommendation



Sponsorship Approval Processes

Agreements over \$100,000 and/or multi-year agreements

City Receives
Sponsorship
Inquiry

Staff Review

Staff Review

Advisory Board

City
Commission
Approval

Execute
Agreement

Agreements less than \$100,000 and single-year agreements

City Receives Sponsorship Inquiry



Staff Review



City Manager Executes Agreement

Hospitality Area Amenities

Commission Direction from March 18, 2025, City Commission Conference Meeting:

- 1. Seek a recommendation from the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board (PRBAB) to standardize the hospitality area experience for 50 attendees:
 - PRBAB Recommended Hospitality Experience:
 - Food, assorted beverages, and a cash bar (\$1,500 budget per activation). Tents, tables, and chairs to be provided by the City.

^{*} Alcoholic beverages included only if a sponsor is identified. If a sponsor is not identified, a cash bar is recommended.

Hospitality Area Events

- 2. Seek a recommendation from the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board (PRBAB) to identify which events should include a hospitality area.
 - PRBAB recommends the following events:
 - 1. New Year's Eve Downtown Countdown
 - 2. Sistrunk Parade and Festival
 - 3. St. Patrick's Day Parade
 - 4. 4th of July
 - 5. Summer Jamz

City Staff Recommendations

1. Hospitality Area Amenities

Budget of \$2,000 per event

2. Hospitality Area Events

- Add sixth event Great American Beach Party
- Hospitality Area Events Approval Process
 - Annual Budget
 - Formal Commission Action (with funding)

Seeking Commission Feedback

	PRBAB Recommendations	City Staff Recommendations
Hospitality Area Amenities	 \$1,500 Budget Cash Bar Option 	 \$2,000 Budget Cash Bar Option
Hospitality Area Events	 New Year's Eve Sistrunk Parade and Festival St. Patrick's Day Parade 4th of July Extravaganza Summer Jamz 	 New Year's Eve Sistrunk Parade and Festival St. Patrick's Day Parade Great American Beach Party 4th of July Extravaganza Summer Jamz
Hospitality Area Approval Process	(Not Discussed with PRBAB)	 Annual Budget Formal Commission Action