



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#26-0048

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: January 20, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement, Request for Amplified Music Exemption and Request for Road Closure beyond 10:00 a.m. on the Barrier Island with Helping Advance and Nurture the Development of Youth, Inc. for the Handy Moonrise Presented by Moss Foundation on February 7, 2026, at the Bonnet House Private Beach Area - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an outdoor event agreement, request for music exemption and requests for road closure with Helping Advance and Nurture the Development of Youth, Inc., in substantially the form attached, and authorize execution of the agreement by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.

Background

On November 20, 2025, Helping Advance and Nurture the Development of Youth, Inc. submitted an outdoor event application for the Handy Moonrise Presented by Moss Foundation to be held at the Bonnet House private beach area. The event is scheduled to occur on Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. This event has been hosted annually in Fort Lauderdale since 2023. The application was submitted prior to the ninety (90)-day application deadline therefore the outdoor event application fee is \$200. The event impacts begin on Thursday, February 5, 2026, and are scheduled to end on Sunday, February 8, 2026, which includes the setup period, event period, and breakdown period.

The event organizer attended the December 17, 2025, outdoor events meeting to review the event details with City staff, including the Parks and 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.

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

- Amplified Music Exemption – Per Memorandum No. 19-076 (Exhibit 1), special

events are not allowed to have amplified music after 9:00 p.m. (Sunday – Thursday) or after 10:00 p.m. (Friday and Saturday). The event organizer is requesting an exemption to allow amplified music to be played for an additional forty-five (45) minutes on Saturday February 7, 2026.

| Request for Amplified Music Exemption | | |
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| Date | Time Limit | Requested Time |
| Saturday, February 7, 2026 | 10:00 p.m. | 10:45 p.m. |

- Request for Road Closures - Per Memorandum No. 19-076 (Exhibit 1), all outdoor events that block streets anywhere on the Barrier Island must have all streets open no later than 10:00 a.m. The event organizer is requesting an exemption to allow road closures beyond 10:00 a.m. as indicated below and further defined in Exhibit 2:

| Request for Road Closures | | |
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| Date | Time Limit | Requested Time |
| Thursday, February 5, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | 12:00 p.m. |
| Friday, February 6, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, February 7, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | 11:59 p.m. |

- **Set Up:** Partial State Road A1A Closure
 - One (1) lane near sidewalk
 - Thursday, February 5, 2026 (5:00 a.m. – Noon)
 - Friday, February 6, 2026 (Noon – 6:00 p.m.)
- **Event:** Partial State Road A1A Closure
 - One (1) lane near sidewalk
 - Saturday, February 7, 2026 (8:00 a.m. – 11:59 p.m.)
- **Breakdown:** Partial State Road A1A Closure
 - One (1) lane near sidewalk
 - Sunday, February 8, 2026 (Midnight – 8:00 a.m.)

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.

On October 7, 2025, the City Commission approved a five (5)-year agreement with Bonnet House, Inc. for the scheduling of events. The event agreement allows for the event applications associated with Holiday Magic, Music Series/Concerts Under the Stars, and the International Orchid Festival to be administratively approved and do not require additional City Commission approval. The proposed event is not within the event agreement and is being brought forth for City Commission consideration.

Resource Impact

Revenue related to these agreements is included in the FY 2026 Operating Budget in the account listed below.

| <i>Funds available as of December 16, 2025</i> | | | | | |
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| 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 | \$30,000 | \$0 | \$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.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Memorandum No. 19-076

Exhibit 2 – Handy Moonrise Presented by Moss Foundation Event Agreement

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