

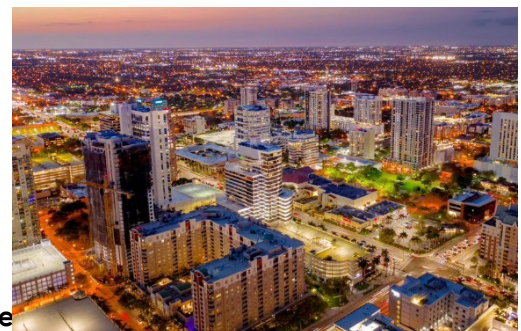
# City Commission Priorities and Accomplishments

## Economic Development

The focus of this initiative is to attract new businesses and encourage economic development.

### Performance-Based Results

- Reimagined the Government Affairs and Economic Development Division as a newly created Public Affairs Division within the City Manager's Office, adding a part-time position and transferring three full-time positions from other areas to better coordinate and address inter-governmental and public services such as education, economic development, and the Beach Business Improvement District
- Guided the City toward the execution of a comprehensive agreement for the development, construction, operation, and maintenance of a full-service movie studio complex
- Through the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), provided multiple incentives to area businesses to eliminate slum and blight and attract new businesses to the CRA totaling more than \$4 million; approximately an additional \$19 million has been encumbered and will be paid out as recipients meet various milestones
- Completed the Checkmate Barbershop, and Junny's Restaurant Project in the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Area through incentives offered by the CRA
- Completed multiple taxiway improvement projects at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport to improve operations and runway efficiencies



Top: Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport; Bottom Left: Public Affairs Team; Bottom Right: Downtown Fort Lauderdale

## Economic Development, continued

- ★ The Community Redevelopment Agency budgets include over \$16.0 million to fund incentive programs to attract new businesses and encourage economic development. Another \$20,000 is included to advertise and promote the incentive programs.
- ★ The Community Redevelopment Agency budgets include \$180,000 to conduct a land use plan amendment that will allow flexible zoning for redevelopment options in the Central City redevelopment area.
- ★ The Development Services Department budget includes \$225,000 for a market analysis of mixed-use developments to encourage more sustainable, long-term growth patterns.
- ★ The Development Services Department budget includes approximately \$143,000 for a new Business Assistance Coordinator to assist local businesses with the building permit process.
- ★ Approximately \$82,000 has been added to the Development Services Department budget for a Graphic Information System (GIS) Analyst to support development analysis and planning.
- ★ Reorganization and rebranding of Government and Economic Affairs to be called Public Affairs. This Division's budget includes \$50,000 for enhanced support through a part-time administrative position for economic development and external affairs in addition to the transfer of one (1) position from the Development Services Department, one (1) position from the Neighbor Support Division, and one (1) position from the Strategic Communications Division to support the expansion of the division.
- The Development Services Department budget includes \$48,000 for 3D development mapping.
- The Development Services Department budget includes approximately \$227,000 for planning and administration of the Historic Preservation Program funded by the General Fund.
- Nonprofit organization funding will continue to support the Fort Lauderdale Historic Society, Inc. in the amount of \$85,000 which contributes to the City's historical life and serves as a resource within the Riverwalk Arts and Entertainment District.



Top Left: Sistrunk Boulevard; Bottom Left: Proposed Movie Studio Complex; Right: Fort Lauderdale Intracoastal

## Housing Accessibility

The focus of this initiative is to address homelessness in the City and create additional, attainable housing opportunities for the City's homeless population by evaluating activities and initiatives that can identify the root cause of homelessness.

### Performance-Based Results

- Expanded the Homeless Outreach Team with 3 additional police officer positions to increase coverage and support
- Launched a Homeless Initiatives website to highlight and inform City services available for those experiencing homelessness
- Launched the Housing Navigation Program in July 2022
- Partnered with Broward County for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeless Symposium; the symposium serves as a community outreach effort aimed at hearing the voices of the homeless community and what services they need
- Adopted a new Affordable Housing Policy that will implement a Citywide affordable workforce housing regulation
- Modified the Northwest Regional Activity Center height bonus review process and affordable housing deed restriction
- Through the Community Redevelopment Agency's contributions, Seven on Seventh opened as an affordable residential housing community in downtown

Since July 2022, the Housing Navigation Program has helped

**30**  
individuals  
in permanent  
housing

**42**  
individuals were  
provided shelter  
placement

**29**  
individuals  
provided critical  
resources

**44**  
permanent  
housing  
referrals



Left: City Manager speaking at the Annual Homeless Symposium; Right: Fort Lauderdale Homeless Outreach Team

## Housing Accessibility, continued

### Funding Included in the FY 2024 Budget to Continue Success (★ Newly funded initiatives)

- ★ The Neighbor Support Division budget includes approximately \$315,000 to double last year's funding for the Housing Navigation Program in partnership with the Taskforce Fore Ending Homelessness.
- ★ The Police Department continues its efforts toward homeless support in the amount of approximately \$1.1 million for the Homeless Outreach Unit, including three new Police Officers to enhance services for nights and weekends, and the Reunification Travel Voucher Program.
- The Neighbor Support Division budget includes approximately \$138,000 for the continuation of the Community Court Program.
- The Homeless Intervention Administrator position continues to be funded in the Neighbor Support Division budget in the amount of approximately \$109,000.
- Entitlement grant funding will continue to support homelessness and housing opportunity initiatives and is managed by the Housing and Community Development Division:
  - HOME Investment Partnerships funding will provide approximately \$202,000 to be used in part to support affordable housing initiatives.
  - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding will provide approximately \$226,000 to support local organizations' homelessness assistance and prevention programs.
  - Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding will provide \$7.6 million to assist with facility-based housing, various rent programs, mortgage assistance, and utilities.
  - HOME Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan CDBG funding will provide \$2.1 million to be used in part to assist those experiencing homelessness and to prevent homelessness.
  - State Housing Initiative Partnership funding will provide \$2.0 million to be used in part to assist those experiencing homelessness and to prevent homelessness.
- The Development Services Department budget includes approximately \$5.3 million for the enforcement of code concerns, including vacation rental regulations.



## Infrastructure and Resilience

The focus of this initiative is to identify and implement improvements that will address infrastructure needs relating to water, wastewater, stormwater, and the public right-of-way as well as resilience needs relating to extreme weather events, greenhouse gas reductions, and sea level rise.

### Performance-Based Results

- Guided the City toward the execution of a comprehensive agreement for the new Prospect Lake Clean Water Center
- Began undergrounding of utility lines in the Las Olas Neighborhood
- Continued construction of the River Oaks and Edgewood neighborhood stormwater projects which will improve the infrastructure and mitigate chronic flooding in those neighborhoods
- Initiated the design of stormwater improvement projects in the Melrose Manors Neighborhood to address chronic flooding issues; these projects will address the severe flooding resulting from recent natural disasters and tropical storms
- Began construction of a new wastewater pump station, Pump Station A-24, to redirect half of the existing gravity system in the area to a new pumpstation; project is valued at approximately \$4 million



Top Left: Crews identifying underground pipes; Top Right: Undergrounding utilities in Las Olas; Bottom: Rendering for Water Treatment Plant

## Infrastructure and Resilience, continued

### Funding Included in the FY 2024 Budget to Continue Success (★ Newly funded initiatives)

- ★ The CIP includes \$7.8 million in cash funded Stormwater capital projects.
- ★ The Public Works Department budget includes \$105,000 for drainage wells cleaning services for the Victoria Park neighborhood to ensure proper discharge of stormwater runoff from streets.
- ★ Approximately \$165,000 has been added to the Public Works Department budget for a Senior Project Manager to manage the construction of the new Prospect Lake Water Treatment Plant.
- ★ The CIP includes \$45.8 million for advanced metering infrastructure which will improve water billing accuracy, provide advanced tools for monitoring, and remotely turn off and on services. The Public Works Department budget includes approximately \$1.0 million for the operation and maintenance of the new advanced metering infrastructure.
- ★ The CIP includes \$1.3 million in funding for the restoration and replacement of seawalls.
- The Public Works Department will address water quality through the following initiatives:
  - ★ The Public Works Department Stormwater Operations budget includes \$75,000 for an assessment of impaired waterbodies.
  - The Public Works Department Water & Sewer Fund budget includes \$100,000 in funding for the Waterway Quality Monitoring Program.
  - The Public Works Department budget includes approximately \$395,000 for the Canal Cleaning Program.
- The Water/Sewer Revenue Bond was issued in FY 2018 in the amount of \$200.0 million to fund priority projects; another \$200.0 million will be issued in FY 2024 for consent order and other priority water and sewer infrastructure projects. Many of these projects have a multi-year implementation cycle and are ongoing. The CIP includes over \$31 million in unspent project balances.
- The CIP Water/Sewer Master Plan includes \$30.9 million in new cash funded capital projects in addition to over \$70.0 million in unspent project balances. The Central Region Wastewater budget includes \$19.4 million in new cash funded capital projects prioritized based upon a renewal and replacement study in addition to over \$56.1 million in unspent project balances.
- The CIP includes \$8.2 million in unspent project balances for an owner's representative for the new Prospect Lake Water Treatment Plant. It is anticipated that after the owner's representative completes their work, the City will issue debt to support required site work and other obligations under the Comprehensive Agreement.
- A Stormwater Bond in the amount of \$210.0 million is planned to support improvements in eight neighborhoods identified as high priority areas.
- The Public Works Department Stormwater Operations budget includes \$1.3 million to support asset inventory improvements and implementation of a Watershed Asset Management Plan.
- The CIP includes \$6.6 million for the repair and replacement of bridges.
- The CIP includes \$3.5 million for the repair and maintenance of sidewalks and roadways.
  - ★ An additional \$250,000 is included in the CIP for FY 2024 for new (gap) sidewalks.

## Public Places

The focus of this initiative is to ensure our City continues to develop public places and expand and enhance our parks to be inviting and accessible to all neighbors and visitors.

### Performance-Based Results

- Continued the Parks Bond Program to improve parks and facilities within the City
- Completed renovations to the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center
- Guided the City toward the execution of a comprehensive agreement for a pickleball facility at Snyder Park
- Rezoned a property at SW 5<sup>th</sup> Court and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue as parks, recreation, and open space
- Continued progress on Tunnel Top Parks
- Enhanced accountability for City sponsored special events to include a designated budgeted amount for each event
- Secured a donation for the James Winder Laird Arts Park at Tunnel Top Park for artwork
- Launched a new partnership with Americans for the Arts to participate in an economic impact study of the arts and culture in Fort Lauderdale



*Aquatic Center dive tower*

### Funding Included in the FY 2024 Budget to Continue Success (★ Newly funded initiatives)

- The first \$140 million of the voter-approved \$200 million in General Obligation Bonds for improvements to the City's Parks and Recreation System have been issued and projects are underway in parks throughout the City.
- The CIP includes \$2.0 million for the repair and maintenance of City-owned facilities.
- The Parks and Recreation Department budget includes \$19.6 million for the maintenance of parks.
- The CIP includes approximately \$4.1 million in unspent project balances for streetscape improvements.
- The CIP includes \$3.0 million of unspent project balance for the Galt Ocean Mile beautification project.
- The Parks and Recreation Department budget includes \$1.6 million for special events.
- Nonprofit organization funding will continue to support:
  - ★ The FY 2024 Proposed Budget includes \$100,000 to enhance lighting and beautification along Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, in addition to \$225,000 for the activation of Riverwalk Park.
  - The Parks and Recreation Department's budget includes \$115,500 for beach open space activation.
  - The Proposed FY 2024 budget includes approximately \$714,000 for the second year of funding towards a total \$5 million commitment for the Huizenga Park project.

## Public Safety

The focus of this initiative is to reduce crime and increase the safety of our City by providing the necessary resources to our first responders with Police and Fire Rescue.

### Performance-Based Results

- Broke ground on the long-awaited new police headquarters; the facility will have sufficient space for our police force and will be equipped with state-of-the-art technology and resources to help in crime-fighting efforts
  - Due to construction disturbances at the existing Police Headquarters site, acquired alternative workspace and moved staff to 1515 W Cypress Creek Road to serve as a temporary Police Headquarters until the new building is completed
- Developed a budget that responds to growing public concern of crime, both nationally and locally; a total of 35 officers — 14 officers in this new fiscal year and 21 last fiscal year – were added; once hired, these recruits will allow us to add patrols, respond better to calls for help and ensure our streets are safe
- Expanding the coverage area of the ShotSpotter Program; this innovative technology detects the location of gunfire and directs response by officers
- Moved forward with building a full-service police substation in the YMCA on Sistrunk Boulevard and advancing the City's partnership with other law enforcement agencies to increase crime clearance rates by sharing violent crimes intelligence information through the processing of bullet shell casings into a national database
- Reassigned officers to create a new Community Support Unit to address neighborhood concerns
- Implemented a high-tech camera system that has enhanced the documentation of crime scenes so investigators and juries can virtually place themselves in the location
- Placed tactical analysts in the City's Real Time Crime Center to better relay pertinent information to responding officers
- At the Fire Department, nearing the end of the long effort to upgrade stations and add new ones; eight stations have been built to date
- Continued construction of the temporary Station 13 on the barrier island with completion anticipated by the end of the year; the new station at Birch State Park is being designed
- Working toward the completion of the rehabilitation of Station 54 off Oakland Park Boulevard and the construction of Emergency Medical Substation 88 south of the New River within the next year; work should soon be underway on the privately owned Heron Garage off Las Olas Boulevard that will house an EMS substation
- Increased the Fire Rescue Department's personnel by 26 positions over the last two years — 10 in this new fiscal year and 16 last fiscal year – increasing the number of rescue units manned by three firefighters; this is important because it allows fire engines to operate separately from the rescue unit and as a result, a fire engine can respond to a fire call while the rescue unit is addressing an EMS situation



**Funding Included in the FY 2024 Budget to Continue Success (★Newly funded initiatives)**

- ★ The Police Department budget includes approximately \$2.8 million for the addition of 14 new officers to enhance patrol and homeless support.
- ★ The Fire Rescue Department budget includes \$912,000 for nine (9) additional fire rescue staff, beginning in April 2024, to increase the number of third-person rescue units. Third person staffing decreases the amount of time that units are offline and allows engines to address a non-EMS simultaneous event.
- ★ To address the fire rescue service needs of downtown, the FY 2024 Proposed Budget includes \$1.5 million in funding for fourteen (14) fire rescue personnel, who will eventually staff the new downtown Emergency Medical Substation 88 which is expected to open in FY 2025.
- ★ The Fire Rescue Department budget includes approximately \$5.2 million for the replacement of equipment such as extrication equipment and bunker gear.
- ★ The Fire Rescue Department budget includes approximately \$1.2 million for a fire engine that will be assigned to the new Heron Garage-Las Olas EMS Substation, which is anticipated to be operational in FY 2025.
- ★ The Fire Rescue Department budget includes approximately \$130,000 for the addition of a Public Information Officer.
- ★ The Fleet Services budget includes \$10.8 million for the replacement of 104 Public Safety vehicles, per the vehicle replacement schedule, including three Fire Rescue apparatuses.
- The CIP includes \$136.6 million of unspent project balance for the Police Headquarters Replacement Project.
- The Police Department budget continues to fund the staffing of the Real Time Crime Center in the amount of approximately \$381,000.
- The Police Department budget includes \$237,900 for the continuation of the ShotSpotter Program. An additional geographic area will be added to the ShotSpotter Program through the Department of Justice for an Illegal Gun Crime Reduction Campaign.
- The Police Department budget includes approximately \$738,000 for the replacement of police equipment such as bulletproof vests and license plate readers.
- The CIP includes \$250,000 for a temporary trailer to serve as the Ocean Rescue Headquarters.
- The CIP includes approximately \$183,000 for the replacement of lifeguard towers.



*Rendering for new Police Headquarters*

## Transportation and Traffic

The focus of this initiative is to develop programs and implement strategies to improve traffic flow and to evaluate new solutions that will alleviate congestion within the City.

### Performance-Based Results

- Implemented LauderGO! Micro Mover as a pilot microtransit service in downtown, Las Olas, the beach, Galt Mile, and most of the Dorsey Riverbend neighborhood; funding is included in the FY 2024 budget to continue the program
- Submitted three surtax project applications to Broward County's Mobility Advancement Program for additional funding for transportation improvements
  - SW 26<sup>th</sup> Street – Complete streets project
  - SW 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Middle Street – Capacity increase and added parking lane
  - SW 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and SW 20<sup>th</sup> Street – New road construction

### Funding Included in the FY 2024 Budget to Continue Success (★Newly funded initiatives)

- ★ The Transportation and Mobility Department budget includes \$1,750,000 for the Microtransit Program.
- ★ The Transportation and Mobility Department budget includes approximately \$46,000 for variable message boards which will provide traffic alerts for road closures and other traffic events.
- Municipal Transportation Surtax Grants are anticipated in the amount of approximately \$2.8 million for the One-Way Pairs Feasibility Review and Implementation Project.
- The CIP includes \$2.5 million to continue the implementation of the Las Olas Mobility Plan.
- The CIP includes approximately \$500,000 for traffic flow improvements.
- The Transportation and Mobility Department General Fund budget includes \$50,000 to continue the Speed Radar Program to collect traffic data for potential synchronization improvements.
- The Transportation and Mobility Department General Fund budget includes approximately \$61,000 for Bluetooth sensors that collect traffic data for analysis.

LauderGO! Micro Mover	FY 2023 (Pilot)	FY 2024
Funding Allocation	\$770,000	\$1,750,000
Vehicles in Service	9 vehicles	20 vehicles
Operating Hours	665 hours/ week	1,565 hours/ week



Left: LauderGO! Micro Mover; Right: 17th Street Bridge