



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#25-0976

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: October 7, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Amplified Music Exemption with Chabad Lubavitch of Fort Lauderdale, Inc. for Celebrating 36 Years of Jewish Life in Fort Lauderdale – Chabad Lubavitch Gala on January 13, 2026, at 3515 Galt Ocean Drive - **(Commission District 1)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an outdoor event agreement and request for amplified music exemption, in substantially the form attached, with Chabad Lubavitch of Fort Lauderdale, Inc. and authorize execution of the agreement by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.

Background

On July 1, 2025, Chabad Lubavitch of Fort Lauderdale, Inc. submitted an outdoor event application for Celebrating 36 Years of Jewish Life in Fort Lauderdale – Chabad Lubavitch Gala to be held at 3515 Galt Ocean Drive. If approved, this will be the inaugural event. The event is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The application was submitted prior to the 90-day application deadline therefore the outdoor event application fee is \$200. The event impacts are limited to January 13, 2026, which includes the setup period, event period, and breakdown period.

The event organizers attended the September 10, 2025, outdoor events meeting to review the event details with City staff including the Parks & Recreation Department, Transportation and Mobility Department, Police Department, and Fire Department. The outdoor events meeting focuses 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 two (2) additional hours on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

| Amplified Music Exemption | | |
|---------------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Date | Time Limit | Special Permission Request |
| Tuesday, January 13, 2025 | 9:00 p.m. | 11:00 p.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.

Resource Impact

Revenue related to these agreements is included in the FY 2026 operating budget in the accounts listed below.

| <i>Funds available as of October 1, 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 – Celebrating 36 Years of Jewish Life in Fort Lauderdale – Chabad Lubavitch
Gala Agreement

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