



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#22-0517

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: May 17, 2022

TITLE: **WALK ON** - Motion Approving a Music Exemption, Alcohol and Road
Closure for Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc. to Host the City of Fort
Lauderdale/Riverwalk Panther Watch Party - (**Commission District 2**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion approving a music exemption, alcohol and Road Closure for City of Fort Lauderdale/Riverwalk Panther Watch Party being held on Sunday May 22, 2022, Monday, May 23, 2022, and Friday, May 27, 2022 for round 2 of the playoffs. Round 3 dates will be applied following completion of round 2.

Background

On November 2, 2021, the City Commission approved an agreement with Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale for calendar year 2022 events held in the Riverwalk district (CAM 21-0968). Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc. is hosting a series of watch parties for round 2 and likely round 3.

City staff has been working closely with the event organizers regarding event topics, such as logistics, maintenance, and security as detailed below. The Police Department recommends approval of the closing of the City streets where appropriate, and event parking has been satisfactorily arranged. When applicable, amplified music was discussed, and the event organizers were advised of the noise ordinance and possible concerns.

The organizers will pay for all event costs and submit the required certificates of insurance. The event organizers will also secure all other necessary permits and licenses that are required from other agencies. Civic and merchant associations have been notified, as appropriate, regarding events in their respective areas. Specific event details are included in each event application as attached.

Where applicable, the City Commission authorizes amplified music for the events listed below.

Event 1: City of Fort Lauderdale/Riverwalk Panther Watch Party

Applicant: Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc.
Date/Time: Sunday, May 22, 2022 (11:00am – 4:00pm), Monday, May 23, 2022 (6:30pm – 11:00pm) and Friday, May 27, 2022 (6:30pm – 11:00pm)
Location: Esplanade Park
Road Closing: Yes – SW 2nd Street between SW 5th Ave and SW 4th Ave
Alcohol: Yes
Amplified Music: Yes - A digital screen with speakers; a band that plays between periods with speakers. Sunday, May 22, 2022 (11:00am – 4:00 pm), Monday, May 23, 2022 (6:30pm – 11:00pm)* and Friday, May 27, 2022 (6:30pm – 11:00pm)*
Special Permission: Amplified Music/Extended Road Closure - Yes
Insurance Required: Yes
Banners: No
Pending Code Violations: No
Application Fee: \$0

****The event organizer has requested a special exemption for the to allow amplified music for these events until 11:00pm from Monday, May 23, 2022 and Friday, May 27, 2022.**

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2022 Top Commission priority advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Building a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Offer a diverse range of recreational and educational programming

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Here*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – 2022 Riverwalk Agreement
Exhibit 2 - Commission Memo 19-076
Exhibit 3 – Panther’s Watch Party Site Plan

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