




CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#23-0536

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager 
Greg Chavarria (May 16, 2023 15:07 EDT)

DATE: May 16, 2023

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 Thursday, May 18, 2023, Saturday, May 20, 2023, Monday, May 22, 2023, Wednesday, May 24, 2023, Friday, May 26, 2023, and Sunday, May 28, 2023.

Background

On November 1, 2022, the City Commission approved an agreement with Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale for calendar year 2023 events held in the Riverwalk district (CAM 22-0985). Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc. is hosting a series of watch parties for round 3 and round 4 of the Stanley Cup finals.

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: Thursday, May 18, 2023, Saturday, May 20, 2023, Monday, May 22, 2023, Wednesday, May 24, 2023, Friday, May 26, 2023 and Sunday, May 28, 2023 (6:00pm – 11:00pm)
Location: Americas Backyard, Huizenga Park and Esplanade Park
Road Closing: Yes – SW 3rd Ave between SW 2nd Ave and Broward Blvd
Alcohol: Yes
Amplified Music: Yes - A digital screen with speakers; a band that plays between periods with speakers. Thursday, May 18, 2023, Saturday, May 20, 2023, Monday, May 22, 2023, Wednesday, May 24, 2023, Friday, May 26, 2023 and Sunday, May 28, 2023 (6:00pm – 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 Thursday, May 18, 2023, Saturday, May 20, 2023, Monday, May 22, 2023, Wednesday, May 24, 2023, Friday, May 26, 2023 and Sunday, May 28, 2023**

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 – 2023 Riverwalk Agreement
Exhibit 2 - Commission Memo 19-076
Exhibit 3 – Panther’s Watch Party Site Plan

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