



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

#26-0381

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 5, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving a Second Amendment to the Recreation License Agreement between the School Board of Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale for the Shared Use and Recreation Improvements to School Sites Owned by the School Board of Broward County to 1) Acknowledge \$1,700,000 from the School Board of Broward County to Enhance Planned Parks Bond Improvements and 2) Remove the Existing City Parks Bond Funding Allocation in the Amount of \$775,000 Associated with the Closure of North Fork Elementary School – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a Motion to accept a Second Amendment to a Recreation License Agreement between the School Board of Broward County (SBBC) and the City of Fort Lauderdale for the shared use and recreational improvements to school sites owned by SBBC to 1) acknowledge \$1,700,000 from SBBC to enhance planned Parks Bond improvements and 2) remove the existing City Parks Bond funding allocation in the amount of \$775,000 associated with the closure of North Fork Elementary School.

Background

On October 25, 1978, the SBBC and the City of Fort Lauderdale entered into a lease agreement allowing the City to improve and utilize a portion of land on several school sites. Over the term of the original lease agreement, the City developed portions of SBBC land into playgrounds and other park and recreational facilities for use by the public and as needed by the schools.

On October 9, 2018, the City Commission approved a new, twenty-five (25)-year Recreation License Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the SBBC (CAM #18-0952).

On December 3, 2024, the City Commission approved the First Amendment to the Recreation License Agreement to provide an overview of the City's investments in Broward County Schools as part of the City's Parks Bond Program in the amount of \$12,025,500

(CAM #24-1088).

On October 14, 2025, SBBC voted to contribute \$1,700,000 to further enhance the City's planned recreational improvements at three (3) SBBC owned school sites, located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City, specifically at Bennett Elementary School, Sunrise Middle School, and Fort Lauderdale High School.

The proposed Second Amendment to the Recreation License Agreement removes the originally planned improvements and the City's contribution of \$775,000 for North Fork Elementary School and adds Bennett Elementary School and Fort Lauderdale High School to the list of schools designated for recreational improvements.

The proposed amendment also includes the SBBC's collective \$1,700,000 contribution toward these schools and outlines the specific recreational improvements to be made at Bennett Elementary School, Sunrise Middle School and Fort Lauderdale High School as follows:

- Bennett Elementary School (\$882,319):
 - Lit Synthetic Turf Youth Soccer Field, Rebound Boards, Corner Posts, Storage Facility, Lit Pavilion
- Sunrise Middle School (\$425,124):
 - Knee Wall Replacement, Replacement Flooring for Indoor Basketball Courts, Chilled Water Fountains (2), Paving, Sod, Trees and Landscaping (13th Street Corner)
- Fort Lauderdale High School (\$392,557)
 - Softball Field Recondition and Restoration Mix, Baseball Field Recondition and Restoration Mix, Pedestrian Gates to Baseball and Football Fields

Resource Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this item. SBBC will directly expend the \$1,700,000 towards Bennett Elementary School, Sunrise Middle School, and Fort Lauderdale High School projects.

It should be noted that the City of Fort Lauderdale previously allocated \$1.7 million toward outdoor improvements at Sunrise Middle School. At its April 7, 2026, Regular Meeting, the City Commission approved the reallocation of \$774,146.88 in Parks General Obligation Bond funds from North Fork Elementary School as a result of the proposed closure by SBBC, transferring \$437,296.88 to Bass Park for construction contingency, \$36,850 to Bass Park for additional preconstruction services, construction inspection services, and special inspections, and \$300,000 to Lauderdale Isles Landing to address an existing funding gap (CAM#26-0299); the funds will remain in the Parks Bond program.

Strategic Connections

This item is a Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Spaces and Cultural Initiatives.

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Element
- Goal 6: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Recreation License Agreement

Exhibit 2 – First Amendment to the Recreation License Agreement

Exhibit 3 – Second Amendment to the Recreation License Agreement

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