



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

#26-0659

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: July 2, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between
City of Fort Lauderdale and Bahia Mar Community Development District to
Extend the Project Completion Date and Update the Project Scope -
(Commission District 2)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Bahia Mar Community Development District (CDD) for the Fort Lauderdale Beach Park Project.

The First Amendment updates the project scope and extends the project completion deadline from January 29, 2027, to January 31, 2030. All other terms of the original agreement, including the CDD's commitment to reimburse the City up to \$1,000,000 for eligible park improvements, remain unchanged.

Background

On January 9, 2024, the City Commission approved an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Bahia Mar Community Development District (CAM #24-0002), which the Parties executed on January 29, 2024. Under the Agreement, the CDD agreed to reimburse the City up to \$1,000,000 for eligible improvements at Fort Lauderdale Beach Park. Per the Agreement, eligible improvements include construction of at least two (2) pickleball courts on the existing basketball courts, outdoor fitness equipment, and relocation of the storage/maintenance yard beneath the Bahia Mar pedestrian bridge. The City agreed to complete the improvements within three (3) years, by January 29, 2027.

Since then, the project scope has been further refined based on public input and City Commission direction. On June 2, 2026, the City Commission authorized the City Manager to proceed with a conceptual site plan that keeps the two (2) existing basketball courts in their current location and includes resurfacing the courts and installing new backboards. The plan also includes four (4) pickleball courts south of the basketball courts, outdoor fitness equipment, two (2) synthetic flex-green passive-use areas, and related site amenities (CAM #26-0528).

The First Amendment makes two (2) primary updates to the Interlocal Agreement:

1. Revised Scope of Improvements: Updates the list of eligible improvements to reflect key elements of the current conceptual site plan, including resurfacing the existing basketball courts, adding four (4) pickleball courts, installing outdoor fitness equipment, creating two (2) synthetic flex-green passive-use areas, and relocating the storage/maintenance yard.
2. Extended Completion Timeline: Extends the project completion deadline from January 29, 2027, to January 31, 2030.

The amendment updates the Interlocal Agreement to reflect key components of the updated conceptual site plan and the revised project timeline presented to the City Commission, the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board, and the Central Beach Alliance. It also responds to the City Commission's direction at its May 5, 2026, Conference Meeting to bring forward an amendment extending the project timeline for consideration on or before July 2, 2026.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing 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, and Open Spaces Element
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Commission Agenda Memo #24-0002

Exhibit 2 – Commission Agenda Memo #26-0528

Exhibit 3 – Executed Interlocal Agreement

Exhibit 4 – First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement

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