



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

**#26-0299**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** April 7, 2026

**TITLE:** Public Hearing - Resolution Approving the Re-Allocation of Funds from the Parks General Obligation Bond in the Amount of \$774,146.88 from North Fork Elementary School Improvement Project, by Allocating and Transferring \$474,146.88 to the Bass Park Improvement Project and Allocating and Transferring \$300,000 to the Lauderdale Isles Landing Improvement Project - **(Commission Districts 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the reallocation of \$774,146.88 in Parks General Obligation Bond funds from the North Fork Elementary School project as follows: (1) transfer \$437,296.88 to Bass Park for construction contingency; (2) transfer \$36,850 to Bass Park for additional preconstruction services, construction inspection services, and special inspections; and (3) return \$300,000 to District 4 to be applied to Lauderdale Isles Landing to address an existing funding gap.

**Background**

On March 12, 2019, Fort Lauderdale voters approved a Parks General Obligation Bond (Parks Bond) referendum authorizing up to \$200 million for parks and recreational facilities (Exhibit 1). On May 3, 2022, the City Commission directed staff to fund approved school and park improvement projects under the Parks Bond Program, as well as additional projects not originally included (Exhibit 2). This action created a funding gap of \$1,087,500, which was addressed using Parks Bond land acquisition funds assigned to District 4 (Exhibit 3 and 4).

North Fork Elementary School was one of the approved school park projects, with a total budget of \$785,000. This included \$300,000 from District 4 land acquisition funds and \$485,000 from District 3 Parks Bond project funds. The school is now scheduled to close at the end of the 2026–2027 school year. After completion of planning and conceptual design services for the project, a remaining balance of \$774,146.88 is available in the project budget.

As the project will no longer move forward, staff recommends reallocating the remaining \$774,146.88 to active Parks Bond projects. Of that amount, \$437,296.88 would be

allocated to Bass Park for construction contingency, representing 6.8% of the construction value, and \$36,850 would be allocated to Bass Park for additional preconstruction, construction inspection, and special inspection services, for which no funding is currently budgeted. The remaining \$300,000 would be returned to District 4 to help address the existing funding gap for the Lauderdale Isles Landing project.

On February 25, 2026, the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board reviewed and supported the proposed reallocation (Exhibit 5).

If approved by the City Commission, the total project budget for Bass Park will increase to \$637,914.57, and the total project budget for Lauderdale Isles Landing will increase to \$2,344,064.52.

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the reallocation of \$774,146.88 in Parks General Obligation Bond funds from the North Fork Elementary School project. Of that amount, \$474,146.88 would go to Bass Park, including \$437,296.88 for construction contingency and \$36,850 for additional preconstruction, construction inspection, and special inspection services to support project delivery and reduce construction risk. The remaining \$300,000 would be returned to District 4 to help close the current funding gap for the Lauderdale Isles Landing project.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this action. The transfer of funding from North Fork Elementary School is contingent on approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment on the April 7, 2026, City Commission Regular Meeting agenda (CAM #26-0062).

**Source:**

<b>Funds available as of March 3, 2026</b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER NAME</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-353-6999-572-60-6599-P12776	North Fork School Park Improvements	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$785,000	\$774,146.88	\$774,146.88
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$774,146.88</b>

**Use:**

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10-353-6999-572-60-6599-P12644	Bass Park	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$7,240,000	\$163,767.69	\$474,146.88

10-353-6999- 572-60-6599- P12907	Lauderdale Isles Landing (formerly Riverland Woods)	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$2,362,500	\$2,044,064.52	\$300,000.00
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$ 774,146.88</b>

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority advancing the Public Spaces and Cultural Initiatives.

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 – Resolution 18-261

Exhibit 2 – Resolution 22-97

Exhibit 3 – Commission Agenda Memo 22-0888

Exhibit 4 – Additional Funds Allocation Spreadsheet

Exhibit 5 – February 26, 2026, Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board Draft Minutes

Exhibit 6 – Resolution

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