



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

#26-0360

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: April 21, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Amplified Music Exemption with Fort Taco LTD. for Cinco De Mayo 2026 on May 5, 2026, at Rocco's Tacos & Tequila Bar, located at 1313 E Las Olas Boulevard - **(Commission District 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an outdoor event agreement and request for amplified music exemption with Fort Taco LTD., in substantially the form attached, and authorize execution of the agreement by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.

Background

On March 2, 2026, Fort Taco LTD. D/B/A Rocco's Tacos & Tequila Bar submitted an outdoor event application for Cinco De Mayo 2026 to be held at Rocco's Tacos, located at 1313 E Las Olas Boulevard. The event is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. – 11:59 p.m. The Cinco De Mayo Event began in 2011 and continues to be held annually. The application was submitted within the ninety (90)-day application deadline therefore the outdoor event application fee is \$1,000. The event impacts will begin Tuesday, May 5, 2026, and are scheduled to end Wednesday, May 6, 2026, which includes the setup period, event period, and breakdown period.

The event organizer attended the March 18, 2026, outdoor events meeting to review the event details with City staff including the Parks and Recreation Department, Transportation and Mobility Department, Public Works Department, Police Department, and Fire Department. The outdoor events meetings focus on operational logistics, cross departmental coordination, and event organizer requirements.

The event organizer is requesting the following special permission that requires City Commission approval:

- Amplified Music Exemption – Memorandum No. 19-076 (Exhibit 1) states that special events are not allowed to have amplified music after 9:00 p.m. (Sunday – Thursday) or after 10:00 p.m. (Friday and Saturday). The event organizer is

requesting an exemption to allow amplified music to be played for an additional three (3) hours on May 5, 2026.

Amplified Music Exemption Request		
Date	Time Limit	Special Permission Request
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	9:00 p.m.	11:59 p.m.

City staff invited the surrounding civic associations to the outdoor events meeting as well as shared a copy of the application and site plan. No representatives from the surrounding or affected civic associations were present at the meeting. Upon approval, the City's online events calendar will be updated to reflect this event.

The event agreement defines the responsibilities of the event organizer such as covering the associated event expenses and the required certificates of insurance. The event organizer will also secure all other necessary permits and licenses that are required from other agencies. Authorization for the execution of the event agreement is contingent upon the City Attorney's Office reviewing and approving as to form all documents prior to execution by the City Manager or designee.

Resource Impact

Revenue related to this agreement is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Operating Budget in the account listed below.

Funds available as of March 24, 2026					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT / ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-6025-574-347-200-PKR029	Community Events	Charges for Service/ Nonsponsor Charges – Spec Event Fees	\$30,000	\$45,823.50	\$1,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$1,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a 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 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Memorandum No. 19-076

Exhibit 2 – Cinco De Mayo Event Agreement

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