



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

**#26-0471**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** June 16, 2026

**TITLE:** Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement with DW Consultants Inc  
for I Love Cabo Verde on June 20, 2026, at Esplanade Park - **(Commission  
District 2)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an outdoor event agreement with DW Consultants Inc, in substantially the form attached, and authorize execution of the agreement by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.

**Background**

On April 9, 2026, DW Consultants Inc submitted an outdoor event application for I Love Cabo Verde to be held at Esplanade Park on Saturday, June 20, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. I Love Cabo Verde began in 2010 and has been held in multiple locations including Boston, Chicago, and The Republic of Cabo Verde. This will be the first time the event will be held in Fort Lauderdale as Cabo Verde is participating in the 2026 World Cup. The event blends culture, gastronomy, networking, VIP experiences, and nightlife, with strong potential for visibility, community impact, and meaningful connections between brands, institutions, and the diaspora.

The application was submitted within the ninety (90)-day application deadline therefore the outdoor event application fee is \$1,000. The event impacts are limited to Saturday, June 20, 2026, which includes the setup period, event period, and breakdown period.

The event organizer attended the April 15, 2026, outdoor events meeting to review the event details with City staff including the Parks and Recreation Department, Transportation and Mobility Department, Police Department, and Fire Department. The outdoor events meeting focuses on operational logistics, cross departmental coordination, and event organizer requirements. The event organizer is not requesting special permissions that require additional City Commission approval.

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.

<i>Funds available as of May 27, 2026</i>					
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	\$38,353.50	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>					\$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 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.

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – I Love Cabo Verde Event Agreement

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