

Vice Mayor and District IV Commissioner Romney Rogers



With summer – and the rainy season – upon us, I wanted to remind you the City Commission will be on recess from July 2 through August 17. My regular Pre-Agenda Meetings will resume on Monday, August 18.

To report flooding – Please call our 24/7 Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000, so your report can be logged and tracked. You may also use Lauderserve to submit new service requests online at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/lauverserv>. The Lauderserve app for iPhone or Android can now be downloaded from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#), respectively.

Setting Priorities – The City continues to implement *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale*, our community's 2035 Vision Plan to be "The City you never want to leave." The City Commission met on June 5 to collaborate and select strategic initiatives for staff to elevate for the upcoming FY 2015 year. This annual action plan is an important component towards implementation of the Vision Plan and *Press Play Fort Lauderdale: Strategic Plan 2018*, the five-year framework and action plan.

Aside from customary City operations, these items generally require new, specialized, project planning and implementation. The City Commission considered the long-term Vision Plan, the five-year strategic plan, the recent 2013 Neighbor Survey results, and any additional new and current items to develop a "short list" of approximately 20 initiatives. This newest annual action plan will be reflected in the proposed budget, with specific resource assignment, as appropriate. The City Manager's proposed budget recommendations are submitted to the City Commission July 1, and the Commission takes action at the **Budget Hearings on Wednesday, September 3 and Wednesday, September 10.**

The current Commission Annual Action Plan contains items, such as the Stormwater Management Plan, Beach Renourishment, a Comprehensive Homeless Strategy, and the Downtown Walkability Plan. The City uses a strategic management "stoplight" approach to project progress. At this time, 62% of these projects are "green," or making good progress; 29% are "yellow," meaning progressing but behind the original milestones; and 9% are "red," or experiencing several challenges. It is important to note that many of these projects are complex and multi-year in nature. The City is committed to providing accurate and transparent reporting and focusing on results that matter to the community. Stay tuned for the FY 2015 priorities that will be presented for formal approval July 1!

Telephone Town Hall – My Telephone Town Hall Meeting is set for Thursday, July 10 from 7 - 8 PM.

- To join in and comment on City issues or to ask a question, please call toll free 1-855-269-4484.
- Audio recordings of past Telephone Town Hall Meetings are at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/tth/index.htm>.

Pedestrian Safety – We are working to improve safety and traffic flow on East Las Olas (ELO). The traffic signal at NE 15 Avenue and ELO has been re-timed to reduce the volume of traffic backing up on 15th to turn left. A flashing crosswalk has been installed at ELO and SE 13 Avenue. When pedestrians press the curbside button, flashing yellow lights embedded in the pavement illuminate to stop traffic. In further "traffic calming" efforts, we have launched a painted intersection initiative Downtown. Thanks to the volunteers, who helped paint the street mural at ELO and SE 1 Avenue. Volunteers are needed on July 12 from 8 AM - 4 PM to help paint the ELO and SE 2 Avenue intersection.

Hurricane Season – Hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30. As residents of South Florida, we are never far from the possible dangers associated with hurricanes. The most important step everyone can take to survive a hurricane is to prepare. If you have not completed your hurricane preparations, the time to do so is now. The City website, <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/hurricane/index.htm>, is a valuable planning resource for neighbors. The site offers safety tips and general information, including a hurricane preparation checklist, planning for those with special needs, securing your property, planning for your pets, generator safety, flood zone information, and information in Spanish and Creole, as well. If you haven't already done so, you can sign up to receive CodeRED emergency alerts from the City here: <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/6360D1C1E914>. You can also become a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Volunteer to help your neighbors and community get back on track after a storm. For more information on CERT, call 954-828-6700.

Recent Recognition – The National Civic League has just named Fort Lauderdale a Top 10 All-American City!

Events –

- **2014 Hurricane Expo:** Saturday, June 21, 10 AM - 2 PM, War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8 Street
- **Free Tree Give-away** (with proof of residency): Saturday, June 28, 8 AM – Noon, Riverland Park, 950 SW 27 Avenue
- **Fourth of July Spectacular:** Friday, July 4, 12:30 - 9:30 PM (fireworks at 9 PM), on the Beach at A1A and ELO

- **My City Hall Office Hours are Mondays from 2 - 5:30 PM and Tuesdays from 9 AM - Noon (in non-Commission weeks).**

In addition to hosting two Pre-Agenda Meetings per month, I am available to attend your neighborhood meetings to update you on what is going on in the City, as well as to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Please contact MJ Matthews at 954-828-5028 or mmatthews@fortlauderdale.gov to schedule.