



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#26-0106

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: January 20, 2026

TITLE: Motion Authorizing Purchase of Property Insurance – Underwriters at
Lloyd’s of London, et al. – \$4,442,230 – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and
4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the purchase of one (1)-year property insurance policies in an amount not-to-exceed \$4,442,230.

Background

The City owns over 270 buildings and structures, along with their contents, which have an insurable value of about \$737 million. The property insurance program is scheduled to renew on February 1, 2026. Inasmuch as the competitive solicitation and selection process is inapplicable to the purchase of insurance and insurance-related products pursuant to Subsection 2-176(d)(4), Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the City’s contracted agent, Risk Management Associates, Inc., a/k/a Brown & Brown Public Sector, conducted negotiations with various insurance carriers and/or their agents, in order to structure a layered program, which allows the risk of loss to be spread among multiple carriers.

The carriers included in this layered program are as follows:

- Arch Specialty Insurance Company
- Axis Surplus Insurance Company
- Beazley Excess & Surplus Lines Insurance Company
- Calais Reciprocal Insurance Exchange
- Emerald Bay Specialty Insurance Company
- Everest Indemnity Insurance Company
- Federal Insurance Company
- GeoVera Specialty Insurance Company
- Indian Harbor Insurance Company
- Ironshore Specialty Insurance Company
- MS Transverse Specialty Insurance Company
- MSIG Specialty Insurance USA, Inc.
- National Fire & Marine Insurance Company
- National Fire Insurance of Hartford
- Obsidian Specialty Insurance Company
- Old Republic Union Insurance Company
- Palms Specialty Insurance Company
- Southlake Specialty Insurance Company
- Spinnaker Specialty Insurance Company
- Starr Surplus Lines Insurance Company

- Sutton Insurance Company
- Sutton Specialty Insurance Company
- Travelers Property Casualty Co. of America
- Underwriters at Lloyd's of London
- Wright National Flood Insurance Company
- XL Insurance America

This year's insurable value is \$737 million, an increase of approximately \$177 million compared to last year's insurable values of \$559 million. This increase is primarily due to the anticipated completion of the new Police Headquarters project.

Consistent with the 31.8% increase in insured values, this year's not-to-exceed (NTE) premium of \$4,442,230 reflects an increase of approximately 27.4% over last year's NTE premium of \$3,485,620. The premium quote is a NTE amount as adjustments are anticipated as the final figures are still being negotiated.

The named windstorm utility coverage limit at \$15 million is the same as last year's policy and the non-utility coverage limit at \$30 million is up by \$5 million from last year's policy. The increase in coverage is consistent with the increase in the value of the City's insured properties. These limits also maintain the City's eligibility for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Public Assistance Program.

An update on the property insurance policy renewal was presented at the January 7, 2026, meeting of the Insurance Advisory Board (IAB) (see Exhibit 4). The Board unanimously recommended support of staff's recommendation to increase the non-utility coverage limit to \$30 million and maintain the utility coverage limit at \$15 million. After that meeting, City staff, in conjunction with the City's insurance broker, were able to further reduce the NTE from the \$4,897,369 NTE premium quote shared with the IAB.

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve the purchase of property insurance from Underwriters at Lloyd's of London, et al., in an amount not to exceed \$4,442,230.

Resource Impact

There will be an estimated fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$4,442,230.

<i>Funds available as of January 2, 2026</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-543-9050-519-50-5101	Self-Insurance Claims	Non-Operating / All Risk Property Insurance	\$11,113,589	\$10,147,042	\$4,442,230
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$4,442,230

Strategic Connections

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- Guiding Principles, Fiscal Responsibility

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are United

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Implementation Element
- Goal 1: Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan shall accomplish City's Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan regarding the City's future growth and the six Cylinders of Excellence and shall be the City's primary policy document to guide all of its activities and development.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – 2026-2027 Premium – Not to Exceed Indication

Exhibit 2 – Five Year Historical Summary

Exhibit 3 – Program Illustration

Exhibit 4 – Insurance Advisory Board Final Meeting Minutes

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