



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

#26-0163

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: February 17, 2026

TITLE: Second Reading – Ordinance Amending Division 8 of Article VII, Chapter 2, to Establish an Infrastructure Advisory Board - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an ordinance amending Division 8 of Article VII, Chapter 2 of the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances (Code) for the purpose of reconstituting the Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee (ITFAC) to a permanent Infrastructure Advisory Board.

Background

On March 7, 2017, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 17-46 establishing the Infrastructure Task Force (ITF) (CAM #17-0394). The purpose of the ITF is to:

1. Review the existing City of Fort Lauderdale (City) infrastructure, including, but not limited to: roads, sidewalks, airports, seawalls, water and wastewater distribution and collection systems, treatment plants, well fields, parks and all City facilities and structures and examine their current condition;
2. Review and identify the repair and replacement as well as review and identify funding sources and financing alternatives for those infrastructure improvements;
3. Receive input from members of the public interested in infrastructure improvements within the City; and
4. Provide a report with recommendations to the City Commission regarding improvement priorities as well as financing alternatives for said improvements.

The ITFAC consists of nine (9) members appointed by the City Commission, who shall serve without compensation. The ITF was to be comprised of the following members:

1. Each member shall be a resident and property owner in the City;

2. Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Board;
3. Chairperson of the Budget Advisory Board;
4. One (1) member selected by the Fort Lauderdale Council of Civic Associations;
5. One (1) member selected by the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce; and
6. One (1) member selected by the Mayor and by each of the four (4) District Commissioners, one (1) of which shall have a background in civil engineering and one (1) of which shall have a background in public finance.

The ITF was set to terminate eighteen (18) months from the date of adoption of Resolution No. 17-46, expiring on September 7, 2018.

On May 2, 2017, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 17-96, which amended Resolution No. 17-46 to change the requirements of membership to the ITF (CAM #17-0563). Pursuant to Resolution No. 17-96, the ITF was to be comprised of the following members:

1. Each member shall be a resident and property owner in the City;
2. Chairperson or other board member as designated by the Planning and Zoning Board;
3. Chairperson or other board member as designated by the Budget Advisory Board;
4. One (1) member selected by the Fort Lauderdale Council of Civic Associations;
5. One (1) member selected by the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce; and
6. One (1) member selected by the Mayor and by each of the four (4) District Commissioners, one (1) of which shall have a background in civil engineering and one (1) of which shall have a background in public finance.

On December 19, 2017, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 17-281, which amended Resolution No. 17-46 to extend the term of the ITF for an additional eighteen (18) months beyond the original expiration date of September 7, 2018, expiring on March 7, 2020 (CAM #17-1516).

On February 18, 2020, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 20-30, which amended and restated Resolution No. 17-46 to expand the purpose and duties of the ITF, increase the membership, impose additional membership requirements, rename the ITF to the Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee (ITFAC or Committee), and extend the term of the ITFAC (CAM #20-0206).

Pursuant to Resolution No. 20-30, the ITFAC shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed by the City Commission, who shall serve without compensation. The ITFAC is to be comprised of the following members:

1. Each member shall be a resident and property owner in the City; and
2. Two (2) members selected by the Mayor and by each of the four (4) District Commissioners, and one (1) member selected by consensus of the entire City Commission.

Additionally, the duties of ITFAC were expanded to evaluate and provide a recommendation on the feasibility and impact of implementing a moratorium on the acceptance of an application for issuance of a development permit within the City. The ITFAC was set to terminate two (2) years from the date of adoption of Resolution No. 20-30, expiring on February 18, 2022.

On December 21, 2021, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 21-276, which amended Resolution No. 17-46 to extend the term of the ITFAC for an additional three (3) years, expiring on February 18, 2025 (CAM #21-1140).

On January 22, 2025, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 25-12, which amended Resolution No. 17-46 to extend the term of the ITFAC for an additional one (1) year, expiring on February 18, 2026 (CAM #25-0085).

On May 6, 2025, via Communications to the City Commission (CAM #25-0325), the ITFAC requested that the City Commission consider making the ITFAC a permanent Infrastructure Advisory Board (Board) to provide ongoing advisory support on infrastructure-related matters. During the discussion, the City Commission expressed support and directed City staff to bring forward a draft ordinance establishing the ITFAC as a permanent board. The Board will continue the work of the ITFAC and make recommendations to the City Commission concerning infrastructure improvement priorities and financing alternatives.

The purpose of the Board is to review existing City infrastructure, including stormwater infrastructure, water and wastewater (sewer) distribution and collection systems, seawalls, roads, and sidewalks.

The Board shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed by resolution of the City Commission, who shall serve a one (1)-year term, without compensation and at the pleasure of the City Commission. The Board shall be comprised of the following:

1. Each member shall be a resident and property owner in the City; and
2. Two (2) members nominated by the Mayor and by each of the four (4) District Commissioners, and one (1) member nominated by a majority of the entire Commission.

On January 17, 2026, City staff shared the draft ordinance with the ITFAC chair. City staff modified the draft ordinance to reflect the feedback received from the City Commission at its January 20, 2026, City Commission Conference meeting.

At the February 2, 2026, ITFAC meeting, City staff presented the proposed draft ordinance to the Committee. The ITFAC discussed the proposed draft ordinance and proposed recommendations for consideration. With the inclusion of the proposed recommendations, upon approval of the proposed ordinance amendment, the purpose of the Board will be to review existing and proposed City infrastructure, maintenance and improvement programs, including: stormwater infrastructure, water and wastewater (sewer) distribution, and collection and treatment systems, seawalls, bridges, roads, and sidewalks.

On February 3, 2026, the City Commission approved the draft ordinance on First Reading with the direction to incorporate the ITFAC recommendations and that the members of the board shall serve up to three (3) consecutive two (2)-year terms (CAM #26-0161). The second reading includes the modifications as requested by the City Commission.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resiliency initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community

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

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonably protected from flooding, giving due consideration to the City’s natural and built environment.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance

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