



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

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

**FROM:** Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

**DATE:** September 17, 2024

**TITLE:** Joint Workshop with the Charter Revision Board – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Background**

The purpose of this workshop is to provide an opportunity for the Charter Revision Board (CRB) and City Commission to discuss recommendations and actions for amending the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, (Charter). The CRB is seeking direction on proposed amendments, prioritization of Charter articles, community outreach, and expectations of timing on implementation of Charter recommendations moving forward.

**Agenda:**

1. Introductions
2. Overview of CRB Activity
3. Review of Current CRB Recommendations
4. Additional Community Outreach Discussion
5. Referendum Timeline
6. General Discussion and Direction
7. Questions
8. Adjournment

Staff will lead the conversation by providing a presentation based on the agenda outlined above, along with background on previous Charter revision efforts, and recommendations for the City Commission to consider moving forward. The CRB will be present to provide context, respond to questions, and offer feedback on the direction provided by the City Commission.

Exhibit 1 includes memo 23-013 dated February 22, 2023, from the City Attorney's Office (CAO) listing charter sections suggested for revision.

Exhibit 2 includes a report issued by the CRB which provides an overview of the articles and sections recommended for amendment that was provided to the City Commission at the May 21, 2024, Joint Workshop with the CRB.

Exhibit 3 includes a comparison of the charter sections suggested for revision by the CAO and those recommended for amendment by the CRB as detailed in Exhibits 1 & 2.

The current Charter, available at

[https://library.municode.com/fl/fort\\_lauderdale/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=CHFOLAFL](https://library.municode.com/fl/fort_lauderdale/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CHFOLAFL), is divided as follows:

- Article I. – Creation and Powers
- Article II. – Corporate Limits
- Article III. – Government of City and Form of Government
- Article IV. – Executive Officers
- Article V. – Administrative Organization
- Article VI. – Civil Service System
- Article VII. – Elections
- Article VIII. – Public Property
- Article IX. – Annual Budget and Levy
- Article X. – Miscellaneous Provisions
- Article XI. – Transition Schedule

#### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

#### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Memo 23-013

Exhibit 2 – Charter Revision Board Report to the City Commission

Exhibit 3 – Charter Section Revision Comparison

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