



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

**#26-0040**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** February 17, 2026

**TITLE:** Motion Approving the Fiscal Year 2027 City Commission Priorities –  
**(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 City Commission Priorities as set forth below and in Exhibit 1.

**Background**

The City Commission Priorities are an important component of the City's planning process. These priorities advance the goals and objectives in the City's five (5)-year Strategic Plan, *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029*, and long-term Vision Plan, *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035*. This process ensures that the City is agile in aligning today's pressing needs with the defined goals and objectives for the next five (5) years and beyond.

At the prioritization Workshop held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, the City Commission discussed their key concerns and priorities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027. Staff summarized the key themes that were articulated and presented them as draft priorities for consideration at the February 3, 2026 City Commission Conference Meeting. The Mayor and City Commission validated the priorities at this meeting.

Commission priorities drive internal planning and help to advance advocacy efforts and collaboration with other governmental entities such as the County and the State.

The City Commission priorities established for FY 2027 include:

- Public Safety
- Homelessness Response
- Infrastructure and Resilience
- Public Spaces and Thriving Communities

The themes that will be considered and incorporated into each priority, based upon discussions during the workshop and conference meeting, have also been included in Exhibit 1. Upon adoption, City staff will incorporate the priorities into the annual budget so

that resources are available to move each priority forward in FY 2027.

As an additional component to the workshop, staff presented information to the City Commission regarding key topics, including items that required City Commission guidance as included in Exhibit 2. The topics presented and the feedback from the City Commission received are memorialized below:

- Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) Update – City staff provided an update on efforts and key milestones to address I&I, as well as the funding that is in place to support improvements. The City Commission requested additional community outreach in this area to share accomplishments as well as an update on milestones and expected completion.
- Broadband Access – City staff presented options to enhance broadband access across the City. The City Commission supported providing opportunities to educate neighbors on available affordable and free broadband programs, train neighbors on how to utilize broadband equipment and services, explore the expansion of the City’s existing internet service program, and increase bandwidth in parks and public buildings.
- Police District IV – City staff presented options to enhance police response through the creation of a fourth police district. The City Commission supported continued exploration for the creation of this police district as a part of the budget development process to better understand costs and resource requirements.
- Disposal of Federal Courthouse – City staff presented options for repurposing the existing federal courthouse, which will be vacant after the new federal courthouse is completed. The City Commission expressed interest in the property for either education, affordable housing, or as a museum.
- One Stop Shop – City staff presented options for utilizing the existing One Stop Shop parcel. The City Commission shared with staff their preferences for the site to include both green space and elements for community activation. The City Commission also discussed the need for a new sewer lift station in the area. The District Commissioner along with staff will engage the community to better understand their desires and needs for the site.
- City Hall – City staff provided an update on considerations for the framework of the interim agreement that will guide the construction and operation of the new City Hall site including cost, financing, and maintenance. The City Commission supported a target budget of \$200 million.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan* and *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan*.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – FY 2027 City Commission Priorities and Themes

Exhibit 2 – FY 2027 Prioritization Workshop Resource Guide

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