



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

**#25-1055**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** November 18, 2025

**TITLE:** Resolution Appointing Shari L. McCartney as City Attorney of the City of  
Fort Lauderdale, effective December 15, 2025 - **(Commission Districts 1,  
2, 3, and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

In accordance with the City Commission's decision rendered at the October 23, 2025, City Commission Meeting, staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution appointing Shari L. McCartney as City Attorney of the City of Fort Lauderdale effective December 15, 2025, approving an Employment Contract with Ms. McCartney, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Employment Contract.

**Background**

The City Commission authorized executive search services to recruit a qualified candidate for the position of City Attorney for the City of Fort Lauderdale. As a result of this search, on October 23, 2025 (CAM #25-0920), the City Commission selected Shari L. McCartney to serve as City Attorney and authorized the Mayor to engage in discussions with Ms. McCartney for the purpose of presenting proposed employment contract terms to the City Commission for consideration. The Employment Contract is attached as Exhibit 2.

**Resource Impact**

The City Attorney's Office FY 2026 operating budget includes sufficient funds for the City Attorney Employment Contract.

**Strategic Connections**

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

- Business Growth and Support Focus Area, Goal 6: Build a diverse and attractive economy

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 – Resolution

Exhibit 2 – Employment Contract

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