



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

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

**DATE:** March 18, 2025

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving the Termination of the Lease Agreement Between Fort Lauderdale Professional Firefighters, Inc. IAFF Local 765 and the City of Fort Lauderdale – **(Commission District 1)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a termination of the lease agreement between Fort Lauderdale Professional Firefighters, Inc. IAFF Local 765 and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

**Background**

On July 6, 2021, the City of Fort Lauderdale entered into a lease agreement with Fort Lauderdale Professional Firefighters, Inc. IAFF Local 765 (Lessee”), a nonprofit organization, for the Fire Prevention Bureau building located at 2000 NE 16 Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304. The lease covered the 10,030-square-foot property for a term of 50 years at an annual rent of \$1.00.

Built in 1983, the Fire Prevention Bureau was designed by renowned local architect Donald Singer and sits on a lakefront site next to Fire Station 29 in the Poinsettia Heights neighborhood. Positioned along the shoreline, the rear of the building extends over the water. The structure incorporates cast-in-place concrete sunshades, masonry bearing walls, and stucco-plastered exterior walls, creating a distinct white façade that interacts dynamically with sunlight throughout the day.

Under the lease terms, the Lessee was responsible for all improvements, renovations, and necessary additions to support the permitted uses, while preserving the building’s architectural character.

On February 14, 2025, the Lessee formally requested termination of the lease (Exhibit 2). Approving this termination will officially end the lease agreement and release both parties from their obligations.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Existing Lease

Exhibit 2 – Termination Letter

Exhibit 3 – Location Map

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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