



City of Fort Lauderdale

DRAFT FY 2026 City Commission Priorities and Themes

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- Public Safety
- Homelessness Response
- Infrastructure and Resilience
- Public Enjoyment of Waterways
- Public Spaces and Cultural Initiatives
- Bolster Thriving Communities

Public Safety

- Complete and open the new Police Headquarters ensuring continued building quality and maintenance
- Leverage technology to enhance public safety efforts (e.g., additional cameras, license plate readers)
- Explore areas that could accommodate a new Fire Rescue station in response to population growth in the broader Flagler Village area
- Enhance the visible presence of law enforcement

Homelessness Response

- Consider appropriate enforcement actions for individuals violating municipal ordinances
- Evaluate existing programs to validate success or shift resources for new efforts to maximize outcomes
- Partner with existing service providers and nonprofit organizations to increase the availability of shelter beds
- Partner with existing facilities and service providers to support individuals transitioning out of homelessness to permanent supportive housing
- Partner with governmental and nonprofit organizations to improve booking and release processes from hospitals and jails
- Explore how a municipal detention facility could be used to enhance public safety operations and address homelessness
- Evaluate any necessary changes to the City's Unauthorized Public Camping Ordinance to align with Broward County's ordinance

Infrastructure and Resilience

Transportation Infrastructure

- Improve roadways and paving
- Connect and improve the maintenance of sidewalks
- Develop a process that allows neighborhoods to choose whether they would like new sidewalks
- Advance efforts toward a tunnel for the New River Crossing
- Position the City to maximize funding from the Mobility Advancement Program (i.e., Transportation Surtax)

Stormwater Infrastructure

- Improve stormwater infrastructure and consider neighborhoods for future masterplan expansion
- Strengthen the City's resilience to flooding and sea level rise
- Explore incentivizing developers to assist with climate change mitigation (e.g., solar, electric vehicle chargers)

Water and Sewer Initiatives

- Implement the Automatic Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project, prioritizing District I
- Continue efforts to reduce Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) increasing capacity in the wastewater treatment system



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- Partner with neighborhoods and the State to address appropriate locations for mooring
- Enhance canal cleaning efforts
- Enhance efforts to ensure appropriate pumpout practices for visiting vessels
- Continue waterway quality testing and public communication
- Consider pollution source tracing to inform future action plans
- Review ordinances and enforcement actions for recreational waterway activities

Public Spaces and Cultural Initiatives

- Improve the beauty, aesthetics, and maintenance of the City (e.g., along roadways, medians, landscaping)
- Enhance spaces under bridges to create safe and welcoming community gathering places (e.g., benches, public art, lighting)
- Advance Parks Bond projects
- Create and implement plans for future parks (e.g., Tequesta Park, Lockhart Park)
- Identify opportunities to create additional green space
- Centralize the arts and cultural efforts of the City and revisit the public arts ordinance
- Advance the planning for a new City Hall including finalizing site selection (i.e., the existing site, the site adjacent to the public safety headquarters)

Bolster Thriving Communities

- Support equitable access to reliable internet services throughout the City
- Enable additional opportunities for low-income and workforce housing
- Re-activate and beautify the Himmarshee Entertainment District
- Upskill and reskill workers into quality, high-demand jobs (e.g., continuation of *Good Jobs, Great Cities*, Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency scholarships through Broward College)
- Offer scholarship opportunities to City youth in partnership with the Broward County School Board
- Preserve the historic areas of the City considering financial incentives and appropriate policy exemptions