



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

#25-0060

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: February 4, 2025

TITLE: City Manager Candidate Interviews - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

The purpose of this item on the Conference Meeting Agenda is for the Commission to interview the top City Manager candidates recommended by the City Manager Search Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”).

The City contracted with MGT of America Consulting, LLC to provide executive search services in partnership with City staff and the Committee. The position was posted October 14, 2024, to November 15, 2024, and received a total of 84 applications. MGT narrowed down the list and performed due diligence on top candidates, presenting 13 candidates to the Committee on December 19, 2024. The Committee conducted virtual interviews with 7 candidates on January 9, 2025.

At the City Commission Conference Meeting on January 22, 2025, Chair Melinda Bowker provided the Committee’s recommendation to interview 3 candidates: Jason Davis, Matthew von der Hayden, and Rickelle Williams. The Commission accepted the recommendation; however, Matthew von der Hayden withdrew his name from consideration on Friday, January 24, 2025. The following are scheduled for interview on February 4, 2025:

- 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.: Jason Davis
- 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.: Rickelle Williams
- 3:15 p.m.: Deliberation 3:15

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

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.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Interview Portfolio

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