



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

#23-0065

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: February 7, 2023

TITLE: First Reading - Ordinance Ratifying and Approving the Transfer of the
Lauderdale Isle Water Management District into the City of Fort
Lauderdale and Providing for the Modification of the District's Charter and
Boundary – (**Commission District 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt an ordinance, on First Reading, ratifying and approving the transfer of the Lauderdale Isle Water Management District into the City and adopting a modified Charter and district boundaries.

Background

The Lauderdale Isle Water Management District (District) is a Dependent Special District established in 1970 through the adoption of a resolution by Broward County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the Water Resources Act, Chapter 61-1969, Laws of Florida, Special Acts of 1961. The historic core focus of the District has been aquatic weed control and water quality improvement. The City annexed the former Riverland unincorporated area, in which the District was located, in September 2002. Broward County subsequently transferred the District to the jurisdiction of the City of Fort Lauderdale through the adoption of Broward County Resolution 2003-483. While recently addressing a shoreline issue, it was discovered that the southern boundary of the District, as legally described in the Broward County Resolution 2003-483, extends beyond the corporate limits of the City.

Commission Memorandum No: 21-015 on February 23, 2021, had requested to research and correct the boundaries that extend beyond the area annexed into the City from the initial Broward County Resolution (2003-483).

The District presently operates under a charter with provisions that recognize Broward County as the local governing authority. Since the transfer of the district, the City has in practice interpreted all references to the county as being applicable to the city as the local governing authority for the District. The proposed ordinance corrects this by ratifying and approving the transfer of the District and adopting charter amendments, including boundary modifications, determined to be necessary and desirable by the District's governing board and City staff.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2022 Commission Priority*, advancing the Waterway Quality initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community.
- Objective: Improve water quality and our natural environment.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan* specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Conservation Element
- Goal 1: Protect and monitor water resources to improve water quality and quantity.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Lauderdale Isle Water Management District Map

Exhibit 2 – Commission Memorandum No: 21-015

Exhibit 3 – Special Acts and Resolutions

Exhibit 4 – Proposed Ordinance Charter

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