



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

#25-0175

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: February 18, 2025

TITLE: Draft FY 2026 City Commission Priorities – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

At the Prioritization Workshop held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, the City Commission discussed their key concerns and priorities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. Staff compiled the feedback and organized the ideas into priority categories for consideration by the Commission. A brief presentation will be provided to outline the draft FY 2026 City Commission Priorities, solicit further feedback, and prepare the finalized listing of priorities for a Commission vote at the City Commission Regular Meeting on March 4, 2025.

As an additional component to the workshop, staff presented information on key topics that required City Commission guidance. The topics presented and the feedback from the City Commission are memorialized below.

- Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Extension – The City Commission directed staff to continue allocating 50% of the City's Tax Increment Funding (TIF) contribution to the Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights CRA for the next 10 years with a review of the TIF contribution every two (2) years. Emphasis was placed on using the funds for affordable and workforce housing.
- City Hall – The City Commission directed staff to prioritize the existing City Hall site as the location for the new City Hall, with an alternative option to utilize the site adjacent to the new Police Headquarters.
- Infrastructure Funding – The City Commission directed staff to move forward with plans for \$60 million in revenue bonds to jumpstart needed infrastructure improvements (i.e., roads, sidewalks, seawalls, and tidal valves). Funds currently allocated for cash-funded General Fund investments through the Community Investment Plan (CIP) would be used to fund the ongoing debt service payments associated with the bond.
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Taxing District – The City Commission directed staff to create the framework for establishing the taxing district, at which point they would make a final determination on whether to move forward with this funding approach to support emergency medical services. Subsequent to the prioritization workshop, staff learned that a referendum may be required to establish the EMS taxing district, and the item is not moving forward at this time.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan* and *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Draft FY 2026 City Commission Priorities and Themes

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