



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

#24-1073

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: November 7, 2024

TITLE: City Attorney Recruitment - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)**

The purpose of this item on the Conference Meeting Agenda is to allow the Mayor and the Commissioners to discuss the recent City Attorney vacancy and to provide directions to Staff for the recruitment and selection of a new City Attorney.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there is a vacancy for the City Attorney position. The City Attorney is one of four Charter Officers and is responsible for providing sound and confidential legal advice to the Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, and each of the City's departments.

The Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Section 4.10, establishes the minimum qualifications for the position stating in part, "The city commission shall appoint a city attorney who shall be employed under such terms and conditions as it may deem advisable. The city attorney shall be a lawyer of at least two (2) years' experience and practice in the courts of the State of Florida." The duties of the City Attorney are specified in Section 4.12 of Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale (Exhibit 1).

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 - Section 4.12 of the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale

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