



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#23-0491

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

FROM: D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney

DATE: May 2, 2023

TITLE: **WALK ON – Resolution Empowering the Mayor to Waive all City of Fort Lauderdale Requirements for Public Meetings to be Held and Notices to be Posting at City Hall, and Providing for an Effective Date – (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a Resolution empowering the Mayor to waive all City of Fort Lauderdale requirements for public meetings to be held at City Hall and to waive all City of Fort Lauderdale requirements designating City Hall as the location for notice postings.

Background

On April 12, 2023, the City of Fort Lauderdale experienced record-breaking rainfall of over 25 inches resulting in localized flooding. As a result, City Hall sustained substantial damage which has rendered the building inaccessible. Certain provisions of the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, ordinances, and resolutions require certain public meetings be conducted at and certain public notices be posted at City Hall. Due to the inaccessibility of the building, it has become necessary to identify alternative locations for these functions. Pursuant to Section 2-274(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the event of the proclamation of a local emergency as provided by city ordinance, the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor or the director of the state office of emergency management, or the existence of a state of war emergency, the Mayor is empowered to, among other powers, make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency; and execute all powers conferred upon him by any statute, by an agreement approved by the Commission, and by any other lawful authority. A Proclamation of Local State of Emergency issued by the Mayor Dean J. Trantalis on April 12, 2023, and ratified by the City Commission on April 18, 2023, and Executive Order 23-65 declaring a State of Emergency in Broward County issued by the Governor Ron DeSantis on April 13, 2023 both remain in effect. The proposed resolution will enable the Mayor to waive any and all provisions of the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, ordinances, and resolutions that require a public

meeting be held at City Hall and/or that designate City Hall as the location for the posting of public notices for the duration of the State of Emergency and to designate alternative locations for holding public meetings and for the posting of public notices.

Resource Impact

There will be no current fiscal year impact to the City.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 - Proclamation of Local State of Emergency

Exhibit 2 - Executive Order 23-65

Exhibit 3 - Resolution No. 23-81

Exhibit 4 – Proposed Resolution

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