CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo **#24-0137**
REGULAR MEETING

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: February 20, 2024

TITLE: First Reading - Ordinance of the City of Fort Lauderdale Florida, Amending Ordinance Number C-69-76 as Amended to Reduce the Minimum Number of Meetings Required for the Community Services Board from Ten (10) to Eight (8) Meetings Per Year - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission consider an amendment to Ordinance Number C-69-76, as amended, to reduce the minimum meeting requirements for the Community Services Board (CSB) to eight (8) meetings per year.

Background

The Community Services Board ("CSB"), in its meeting held on August 14, 2023, unanimously voted to send a communication to the City Commission explaining the benefits of reducing the minimum number of meetings. Exhibit 1.

The Board expressed that it has effectively streamlined the workflow process resulting in the board accomplishing the bulk of its work in the Spring and Fall months.

The CSB recognizes that the number of meetings set forth in the ordinance would be a *minimum.* It is anticipated that the board will still meet in excess of that number each year based on the volume of business that comes before the board. The recommended change would allow the CSB more flexibility in scheduling and reduce any unnecessary burden on the volunteer board members, City staff, and most importantly the funded non-profit partner agencies who typically attend every meeting.

Resource Impact

There is no resource impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item advances *2024 Commission Priority*, Housing Accessibility

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

advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.
- Objective: Ensure a range of affordable housing options

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Community, and We Are Prosperous.

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

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Housing Element
- Goal 1: The Comprehensive Plan shall support the provision of adequate sites for future housing, including affordable workforce housing.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Board Communication
Exhibit 2 – CSB Meeting Minutes
Exhibit 3 – Ordinance No. C-12-01
Exhibit 4 – Ordinance

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