



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

#18-1338

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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: December 18, 2018

TITLE: Discussion of City Charter Amendments for March Ballot

Background

On October 15, 2018, the City Commission and the Charter Revision Board met jointly to discuss possible revisions to the City of Fort Lauderdale Charter that would potentially be included on a ballot in 2019. As there will now be a ballot for March 12, 2019, the City Commission will need to determine if revisions to the Charter should be included on the ballot.

At the October 15, 2018 Joint Workshop between the City Commission and Charter Revision Board, the members in attendance discussed “clean-up items” (Exhibit 1) that encompassed minor changes to seven sections of the Charter. All clean-up items outlined, with the exclusion of changing the language defining City Corporate Limits, would appear on the ballot on March 12, 2019.

Members in attendance also discussed substantive changes to the City of Fort Lauderdale Election (Exhibit 2). Changes that were discussed included eliminating the primary, changing the date in which the election occurs to November, and providing for four-year terms for the mayor and commissioners beginning in 2020.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Spreadsheet of Clean-Up Items

Exhibit 2 – Meeting Minutes from the Joint Workshop with Charter Revision Board

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