



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

**#26-0466**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** May 5, 2026

**TITLE:** Presentation on Charter Revision Ballot Questions – City Attorney's Office  
and City Manager's Office – (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

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On April 7, 2026, a presentation was given at the conference meeting, providing an overview of the Charter Revision Board's (CRB) proposed revisions and a roadmap for proceeding with amending the City Charter *via* referendum on the November 3, 2026, election ballot. During this presentation the City Commission provided feedback on the specific items proposed for revision by the CRB. Out of the twenty-five (25) recommendations presented, the City Commission provided direction for the drafting of ballot questions related to twelve sections of the Charter.

These sections consist of the following:

Article III – Government of City and Form of Government.

- Section 3.03 – Qualification of members; ~~forfeiture of office.~~
- Section 3.04 – Judge of elections and qualifications of members.
- Section 3.05 – Designation of vice-mayor.
- Section 3.09 – Organizational meeting.
- ~~Section 3.10 – Special meeting to seat a new member. (delete)~~
- Section 3.12 – Special meetings – how called.

Article IV – Executive Officers.

- Section 4.06 – ~~Acting city manager upon resignation of or during absence or disability of~~ Designation of interim or acting city manager.
- Section 4.08 – Removal or discharge.

Article VI – Civil Service System.

- Section 6.02 – Classified and nonclassified service.
- Section 6.04 – Civil service board; created; composition.

Article VII – Elections.

- Section 7.16 – Election; tie vote; ~~primary election to fill one vacancy.~~

Article X – Miscellaneous Provisions.

- ~~Section 10.03 – Public hearing and public notice. (delete)~~

At this meeting we will present the proposed ballot questions for consideration by the City Commission. Staff is seeking additional feedback from the City Commission to finalize the ballot questions and complete the proposed ordinance and proposed resolution calling a special election.

Please refer to Exhibits 1 or 2 for the proposed ballot questions.

Next steps:

- May 19, 2026 – City Commission to approve ordinance amending the Charter and prescribing ballot questions on first reading.
- June 2, 2026 – City Commission to adopt ordinance amending the Charter and prescribing ballot questions on second reading.
- June 8, 2026 – Deadline for the City Clerk’s office to submit the adopted ballot questions to the supervisor of elections.
- October 4, 2026 – Deadline to adopt a resolution calling a special election.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Draft Ordinance

Exhibit 2 – Draft Resolution

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