



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

#26-0527

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 19, 2026

TITLE: First Reading – Ordinances Amending the Charter of the City of Fort
Lauderdale, Florida, Article VIII, Public Property – (**Commission Districts 1,
2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommend the City Commission adopt ordinances amending the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Article III, Public Property, conditioned on approval by a majority of the electors of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Background

On May 5, 2026, City staff provided the City Commission with a presentation of draft ballot questions associated with various sections of the City of Fort Lauderdale Charter (Charter).

These sections included:

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 action 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)~~

After additional public input and further deliberation, the City Commission directed City staff to include additional sections of the proposed amendments to the Charter related to the disposition of public property.

These sections include:

- Section 8.01 – Sale of personal property; ~~procedure; public notice.~~
- Section 8.02 – Sale or lease of city public lands and public property to public bodies.
- Section 8.04 – Sale of real property to private parties ~~persons, firms or corporations.~~
- ~~Section 8.07 – Civil service board; created; composition.~~
- Section 8.09 – Leases, licenses, concessions, and use agreements for more than one year ~~and not more than fifty years.~~
- Section 8.21 – Disposing of ~~public~~park property.

These recommendations are part of an overall amendment proposal by the Charter Revision Board (CRB). The following is a list of communications to the City Commission relating to the recommendations from the CRB:

- May 21, 2024 – CRB/City Commission Joint Workshop (CAM #24-0535)
- September 17, 2024 – CRB/City Commission Joint Workshop (CAM #24-0887)
- August 8, 2025 – Commission Memorandum No. 25-138
- September 3, 2025 – Communication to the City Commission with open discussion between the chair / vice-chair of the CRB and the City Commission (CAM #25-0841)
- October 7, 2025 – City Commission Conference Item (CAM #25-0993)
- March 20, 2026 – Letter to the Commission No. 26-080
- April 7, 2026 – Charter Revision Board Recommendations & Updates (CAM #26-0382)
- May 5, 2026 – Presentation Charter Revision Ballot Questions (CAM #26-0466)

If the corresponding ballot measure is approved by a majority of the electors of the City of Fort Lauderdale, the proposed ordinance would amend the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to:

- Require a referendum for the sale of city-owned park land;
- Require a vote of at least four (4) members of the City Commission for any lease, license agreement, concession agreement, facility use agreement, or the type of use agreement for more than one year for the use of city-owned park land;

- Simplify the sale of city-owned personal property such as vehicles, furniture, and equipment, and city-owned land other than parks;
- Add limitations on lease, license, concession, or other types of agreements with private parties for use of city-owned land; and
- Add limitations on the sale or lease of city-owned land to other governments.

To review the revised text of the proposed amendments, along with the questions to be placed on the 2026 ballot, please refer to Exhibits 1 and 2.

Related CAM

26-0526

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Draft Ordinance - Disposition of City Land - Non-Parks

Exhibit 2 - Draft Ordinance - Disposition of Park Land

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