



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#26-0570

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 2, 2026

TITLE: Resolution Amending Resolution No. 23-123, as Amended by Resolution
No. 25-38, Providing for an Extension for the Homeless Advisory Committee
(HAC) through June 20, 2027 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 23-123, as amended by Resolution No. 25-38 to extend the term of the Homeless Advisory Committee (HAC) through June 20, 2027.

Background

On May 26, 2023, the City Commission directed that a Homeless Advisory Committee (HAC) be formed. On June 20, 2023, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 23-123 (Exhibit 1), which outlined membership qualifications, and set the Committee's duration to terminate twenty-four (24) months from the date of adoption. The Committee's purpose is to advise the City Commission on the creation and implementation of a strategic plan to prevent, reduce, and address homelessness; assist in identifying funding for homelessness initiatives, review best practices in addressing homelessness; help raise awareness regarding the City's actions in addressing homelessness; and determine any gaps in programs that address homelessness and develop performance indicators.

On July 5, 2023, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 23-130 (Exhibit 2), amending the original resolution to clarify the membership appointment process and terms.

On March 4, 2025, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 25-38 (Exhibit 3), extending the Committee's term to June 20, 2026.

At the March 12, 2026, HAC meeting, the Committee requested an additional one (1)-year extension to continue the Committee's work through June 20, 2027 (Exhibit 4).

Summary of the HAC's Performance

Following the City Commission's creation of the HAC in 2023, the Committee's discussions were focused on the development of a strategic framework to address homelessness. Additionally, the Committee was tasked with providing the City Commission with recommendations and guidance regarding homelessness-related policies and initiatives.

Initial discussions by the Committee identified three (3) primary focus areas as:

- Emergency shelter;
- Stable housing; and
- Funding for homeless programs.

Since the HACs inception, the Committee has reviewed several key policy initiatives and provided City staff and the City Commission with feedback on proposed homeless assistance programs including:

- Advocating for an increase in shelter capacity at the Broward Partnership Central Homeless Assistance Center;
- Uses for the Community Court location;
- The City's ordinance in response to House Bill 1365 (public camping)
- City agreements for shelter space with the Caring Place, HomesUnited, and Fellowship Recovery Residences;
- Safe Parking Pilot Program policy and scope;
- Panhandling signage and related public communication efforts;
- Rotary Connection transportation and homeless assistance program; and
- Opportunities to remove barriers to access shelter and housing.

City staff has supported the HAC by inviting outside agencies, subject matter experts, program managers, and other homeless assistance professionals to provide the Committee with information and insights into the programs, services, and processes available to the homeless community.

Overall, since its inception, the HAC has consistently focused on homelessness policy development, shelter capacity, housing solutions, funding strategies, Community Court expansion, and supportive service initiatives, while continuing to advocate for both operational and legislative changes intended to strengthen the City's homelessness response framework. The Committee would like to continue their work towards developing strategies to address homelessness and to provide guidance and recommendations on City-led initiatives.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing Homelessness Response

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Housing Focus area, Goal 2: Enable housing options for all income levels.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are FTL.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Resolution No. 23-123

Exhibit 2 – Resolution No. 23-130

Exhibit 3 – Resolution No. 25-38

Exhibit 4 – March 12, 2026, Homeless Advisory Draft Meeting Minutes

Exhibit 5 – Resolution

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