



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

**#26-0062**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** April 7, 2026

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year  
2026 – Appropriation - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Operating Budget and the FY 2026 – FY 2030 Community Investment Plan (CIP), and abandoning the Public Works Administration Building AC Ductwork Replacement, 1161 SW 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue Stormwater Improvements, and NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage Improvements projects.

**Background**

Examples of recommended actions within the budget amendment are:

- transfer between funds;
- transfer between capital and operating budgets;
- transfer between capital projects;
- acceptance and appropriation of grant funding;
- appropriation from fund balance; and
- appropriation for modified revenue and related expenditures.

Staff recommends the City Commission amend the FY 2026 Final Budget and the FY 2026 – FY 2030 Community Investment Plan by approving the following transfers and appropriations, and abandon the Public Works Administration Building AC Ductwork Replacement, 1161 SW 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue Stormwater Improvements, and NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage Improvements projects:

**Utility Services**

**A. Transfer between Capital Projects – Central Regional Wastewater System – Remediation of Three (3) Liquid Oxygen Tanks at GTL – \$250,000 (District 4)**

The City’s George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant (GTL) utilizes high-purity oxygen as an essential component in its treatment process. This oxygen is added to the GTL reactors to support beneficial bacteria in cleansing the water. The original system, which produced liquid oxygen, had surpassed its useful life and was replaced in 2021 with a new system designed to produce gaseous high-purity oxygen.

Although the new system began initial start-up in August 2023, several issues were identified, and it did not perform as anticipated. Efforts to resolve these issues were unsuccessful, leading to the system being shut down in April 2024 for further adjustments.

Since the shutdown, the City has been purchasing liquid oxygen via tanker truck deliveries, approximately eight (8) to nine (9) trucks weekly, to maintain treatment operations. This oxygen is stored in tanks and used in the treatment process, resulting in increased wear and tear on the storage tanks and the need for frequent maintenance. A recent inspection revealed multiple leaks and required repairs. While a permanent solution for the system is expected by April 2028, repairing the tanks is essential in the interim.

Funding for these repairs is available through the Regional Renewal/Replacement Project, which supports various repairs and replacements at the GTL Facility.

Staff recommends that the City Commission amend the FY 2026 – FY 2030 Community Investment Plan to allocate \$250,000 for the repair of the GTL liquid oxygen storage tanks.

**Source:**

<b><i>Funds available as of March 6, 2026</i></b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER NAME</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-455-7999-536-60-6599-P00401	Regional Renewal/ Replacement	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$5,342,054	\$654,020	\$250,000
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$250,000</b>

**Use:**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-455-7999-536-60-6599-P13063	Remediation of Three Liquid Oxygen Tanks at GTL	Capital Outlay/ Construction	N/A	N/A	\$250,000
				<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

**B. Transfer between Capital Projects – Water and Sewer General Capital Projects – Utility Services Administration Building Renovations – \$795,000 (District 1)**

***Abandoning the Public Works Administration Building AC Ductwork Replacement Project***

The Utility Services Department currently has a shortage of office and conference room space in the Utility Services Administration Building located at 949 NW 38 Street. The building's infrastructure, including restrooms, also needs renovation.

This project will renovate the Utility Services Administration Building by constructing new offices and conference rooms, updating bathrooms, replacing flooring, renovating the breakroom, repairing the roof, and completing other necessary repairs.

Funding of \$795,000 is available due to the recommended cancellation of the Public Works Administration Building AC Ductwork Replacement Project.

Staff recommends that the City Commission amend the FY 2026 – FY 2030 Community Investment Plan in the amount of \$795,000 for the Utility Services Administration Building renovations and abandon the Public Works Administration Building AC Ductwork Replacement Project.

**Source:**

<b>Funds available as of March 6, 2026</b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER NAME</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-454-7999-536-60-6534-P12947	Public Works Administration Building AC Ductwork Replacement	Capital Outlay/ Consultant Engineering Fees	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
10-454-7999-536-60-6599-P12947	Public Works Administration Building AC Ductwork Replacement	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
10-454-7999-536-60-6501-P12947	Public Works Administration Building AC Ductwork Replacement	Capital Outlay/ Internal Engineering Allocation	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$795,000</b>

**Use:**

<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER NAME</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-454-7999-536-60-6599-P13064	Utility Services Administration Building Renovations	Capital Outlay/ Construction	N/A	N/A	\$795,000
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$795,000</b>

**C. Transfer Between Capital Projects – Water and Sewer General Capital Projects Fund – Public Works Administration Building Air Conditioning Project – \$182,920.40 (District 1)**

The Public Works Administration Building Air Conditioning Project provided for the replacement of aging air conditioning units serving the building now utilized by the Utility Services Department. The project scope included the replacement and repair of five (5) rooftop air conditioning units and five (5) interior units to ensure reliable cooling for the facility.

Additional funding is recommended to support continued implementation of measures to improve the air quality in the building. Portions of the building are approximately forty (40) and fifty (50) years old and new issues are identified as modifications and repairs are performed. This budget amendment will fund additional building improvements and remediation necessary to address air-quality concerns and maintain the functionality of the facility.

Funding to support this initiative is available in the SW 29<sup>th</sup> Street Small Watermains Project, which was completed under budget.

Staff recommends that the City Commission amend the FY 2026 – FY 2030 Community Investment Plan in the amount of \$182,920.40 for the Public Works Administration Building Air Conditioning Project.

**Source:**

<b>Funds available as of March 11, 2026</b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER NAME</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-454-7999-536-60-6599-P12802	SW 29th Street Small Watermains	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$881,005.00	\$182,920.40	\$182,920.40
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$182,920.40</b>

**Use:**

<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER NAME</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-454-7999-536-60-6599-P12259	Public Works Administration Building Air Conditioning	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$2,573,250.00	(\$26,241.90)	\$182,920.40
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$182,920.40</b>

**Public Works**

**D. Appropriation from Bond Proceeds – 2026 Stormwater Special Assessment Revenue Bonds Fund - Dorsey Riverbend Stormwater Improvements - \$1,900,000 (District 3)**

The Dorsey Riverbend Neighborhood Stormwater Improvements project involves the replacement of existing stormwater infrastructure and the construction of new systems to address flooding issues and enhance water quality in nearby waterways. The current

infrastructure, installed over fifty (50) years ago, is undersized and has surpassed its useful lifespan. The ongoing improvements aim to mitigate the frequency, intensity, and duration of flooding events, providing enhanced protection against significant storm incidents and future sea-level rise.

Additional funding is needed for Change Order No. 3, Change Order No. 4, and in-house project management fees. Change Order No. 3 includes an expanded scope with revisions to the pump station slab and driveway, now requiring a reinforced concrete slab of 4,000 pounds per square inch (PSI) instead of the previously assumed 3,000 PSI non-reinforced concrete. It also encompasses further GIS data collection covering mechanical, electrical, and structural pump station assets for long-term asset management and maintenance tracking.

Change Order No. 4 entails additional scope such as the abandonment of an existing 54-inch drainage pipe, the installation of supplemental drainage structures and piping to address localized flooding reported by residents. It also includes the installation of a 24-inch gate valve to prevent reverse flow into the Durrs and Dorsey neighborhoods during pump station maintenance.

Staff recommends that the City Commission amend the FY 2026 – FY 2030 Community Investment Plan by \$1,900,000 to cover Change Orders No. 3 and 4, and project management fees, bringing the total budget to \$29.1 million, ensuring the Dorsey Riverbend Stormwater Improvements project is fully funded.

**Source:**

<i>Funds available as of March 16, 2026</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-474-9000-517-70-7201-TBD	2026 Stormwater Special Assessment Revenue Bonds	Debt Service/ Bond Interest	N/A	N/A	\$1,900,000
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$1,900,000</b>

**Use:**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-474-7999-538-60-6999-P11845	Dorsey Riverbend Stormwater Improvements	Capital Outlay/ Construction	N/A	N/A	\$1,900,000
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$1,900,000</b>

**E. Transfer between Capital Projects - Water and Sewer General Capital Projects Fund - North Andrews FEC Railway Watermain Replacement - \$1,546,438.47 (District 2)**

This project proposes replacing approximately 400 linear feet of a sixteen (16)-inch water main beneath the Florida East Coast (FEC) railway at North Andrews Avenue due to leakage. The work includes installing a new sixteen (16)-inch water main using jack-and-bore techniques in accordance with FEC standards. Additional funding is requested for construction costs, engineering and inspection fees, and in-house project management expenses.

Funding is available from the Public Works Joint Facility project, which has had a scope reduction in the water and sewer portion of the project.

Staff recommends that the City Commission amend the FY 2026 – FY 2030 Community Investment Plan in the amount of \$1,546,438.47 to finance the North Andrews FEC Railway Watermain Replacement project.

**Source:**

<i>Funds available as of March 6, 2026</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-454-7999-536-60-6599-P12446	Public Works Joint Facility	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$1,599,732.00	\$1,546,438.47	\$1,546,438.47
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$1,546,438.47</b>

**Use:**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-454-7999-536-60-6599-P12808	North Andrews FEC Railway Watermain Replacement	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$380,366	\$153,683	\$1,546,438.47
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$1,546,438.47</b>

**F. Transfer between Capital Projects - Stormwater Capital Funds - NE 32nd Avenue and NE 30th Street Stormwater Improvement - \$1,045,397 (District 2)**

***Abandoning the 1161 SW 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue Stormwater Improvements and NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage Improvements projects***

The NE 32nd Avenue and NE 30th Street Stormwater Improvement project involves stormwater improvements for NE 32 Avenue, NE 30 Street, and adjacent streets in the Middle River Terrace Neighborhood. The scope includes designing and constructing new stormwater infrastructure to reduce flooding within the neighborhood. Currently, the project is in the design phase, with additional funding requested due to anticipated costs from changes in the design scope. These changes will include resizing existing stormwater pipes, adding a pump station, and meeting additional permitting requirements.

Funding for these design modifications is available from the following sources.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Commission District(s)</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status</b>
1161 SW 30 <sup>th</sup> Ave Stormwater Improvements (P12957)	III	\$536,782	Project will be addressed under the Melrose Manors Neighborhood Improvements Project (P12719). The current project (P12957) will be canceled.
NE 4 <sup>th</sup> St Drainage Improvements (P12887)	II	\$508,615	Project will be addressed under the NE 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Improvements Project (P12318) The current project (P12887) will be canceled.

Staff recommends that the City Commission amend the FY 2026 – FY 2030 Community Investment Plan in the amount of \$1,045,397 for the design change order for NE 32nd Avenue and NE 30th Street Stormwater Improvements project.

**Source:**

<b><i>Funds available as of March 6, 2026</i></b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER NAME</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-471-7999-538-60-6534-P12957	1161 SW 30th Avenue Stormwater Improvements	Capital Outlay/ Consultant Engineering Fees	\$536,782	\$536,782	\$536,782
10-471-7999-538-60-6534-P12887	NE 4th Street Drainage Improvements	Capital Outlay/ Consultant Engineering Fees	\$508,844	\$508,615	\$508,615
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$1,045,397</b>

**Use:**

<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER NAME</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-471-7999-538-60-6534-P12815	NE 32nd Avenue and NE 30th Street Stormwater Improvements	Capital Outlay/ Consultant Engineering Fees	\$710,204	\$588,089	\$1,045,397
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$1,045,397</b>

**Capital Projects**

**G. Transfer Between Capital Projects – GO Bonds, Series 2020A (Parks and Recreation Projects) – North Fork Elementary School to Bass Park and Lauderdale Isles Landings – \$774,146.88 (Districts 3 and 4)**

On March 12, 2019, Fort Lauderdale voters approved a General Obligation (GO) Bond referendum authorizing up to \$200 million for the acquisition, construction, renovation, and improvement of parks and recreational facilities. On May 3, 2022, the City Commission conducted a public hearing and directed staff to fund approved school and park improvement projects under the Parks Bond Program, as well as additional projects not originally included. This action created a funding gap of \$1,087,500, which was covered using Parks Bond land acquisition funds assigned to District 4.

North Fork Elementary School was one of the approved school park projects, with planned improvements totaling \$785,000, including \$300,000 from District 4 land acquisition funds and \$485,000 from District 3 Parks Bond project funds. North Fork Elementary School is scheduled to close at the end of the current school year. Following completion of a task order for planning and conceptual design services, a remaining balance of \$774,146.88 is available.

As no further improvements can be advanced at the school site, staff proposes reallocating the remaining \$774,146.88 in Parks Bond funds to active capital projects. Specifically, \$474,146.88 is recommended to be transferred to Bass Park to support project delivery needs, including contingency and construction inspection services, and \$300,000 is recommended to be transferred to address a funding gap for the Lauderdale Isles Landings project. On February 25, 2026, the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board reviewed and supported the proposed reallocations.

If approved by the City Commission, the total project budget for Bass Park will increase to \$7,714,146.88, and the total project budget for Lauderdale Isles Landings will increase to \$2,662,500.

Staff recommends the City Commission amend the FY 2026 – FY 2030 Community Investment Plan by transferring \$474,146.88 to Bass Park and \$300,000 to the Lauderdale Isles Landings project. An associated item (CAM #26-0299) is included on the April 7, 2026, City Commission Regular Meeting agenda.

**Source:**

<b>Funds available as of March 2, 2026</b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER NAME</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-353-6999-572-60-6599-P12776	North Fork School Park Improvements	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$785,000.00	\$774,146.88	\$774,146.88
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$774,146.88</b>

**Use:**

<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER NAME</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-353-6999-572-60-6599-P12644	Bass Park	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$7,240,000	\$163,767.69	\$474,146.88
10-353-6999-572-60-6599-P12907	Lauderdale Isles Landing (formerly Riverland Woods)	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$2,362,500	\$2,044,064.52	\$300,000.00
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$774,146.88</b>

**Community Services**

**H. Appropriation of Grant Funds – State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program Fund – Additional Program Income for FY 2024-2025 - \$131,009 (Citywide)**

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) allocated a total of \$1,432,920 to the City of Fort Lauderdale in State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025. Program income may be used for any strategy approved in the current SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP), subject to Commission budgetary approval and in compliance with all applicable statutes, administrative rules, and City policies.

The City previously appropriated \$229,155 in program income. However, the City received \$360,164 in program income in FY 2025 from loan repayments, which allows for funding additional approved initiatives. The remaining \$131,009 of additional income received is recommended to be appropriated in FY 2026 to be utilized for Homeownership-Purchase Assistance projects.

Staff recommends the City Commission amend the FY 2026 Operating Budget in the amount of \$131,009 to appropriate the additional income received for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program to fund Homeownership-Purchase Assistance projects.

**Source:**

<b>Funds available as of March 2, 2026</b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER NAME</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-130-9300-559-369-900-25SHPI	SHIP FY 24-25 Program Income	Miscellaneous Revenue/ Other Miscellaneous Revenue	\$229,155	\$360,164	\$131,009
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$131,009</b>

**Use:**

<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER NAME</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-130-9300-559-80-8001-25SHPI	SHIP FY 24-25 Program Income	Grant Service/ Program Funds	\$145,343	\$145,343	\$131,009
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$131,009</b>

**Strategic Connections**

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

- Guiding Principle: Fiscal Responsibility

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

**Related CAMs**

CAM #26-0299

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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