

CHARTER REVISION BOARD MEETING
FORT LAUDERDALE EXECUTIVE AIRPORT
RED TAILS CONFERENCE ROOM
6000 NW 21ST AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 5:30 PM

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 1, 2024

IV. CHARTER REVISION SCHEDULE

- Timeline (David Soloman, City Clerk)
- CRB vote on items to be presented to City Commission in April, *if any*, and approval of drafted language (See possible items below)
- Communication to City Commission

V. POSSIBLE ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE CITY COMMISSION IN APRIL:

- Sec. 3.03. (Exhibit A) - Qualification of members; forfeiture of office. (Final language to be approved.)
- Sec. 3.04. (Exhibit B) - Judge of elections and qualifications of members. (Motion to eliminate - 7/6/2023.)
- Sec. 3.05. (Exhibit C) - Designation of vice-mayor. (Final language to be approved.)
- Sec. 3.08. (Exhibit D) - Forfeiture of office. (Final language to be approved.)
- Sec. 3.09. (Exhibit E) - Organization meeting. (Final language to be approved.)
- Sec. 3.10. (Exhibit F) - Special meeting to seat a new member. (Final language to be approved.)
- Sec. 3.13. (Exhibit G) - Meeting place; meetings to be public. (Final language to be approved.)
- Sec. 4.05. (Exhibit H) - City manager; appointment; qualifications; compensation. (Final language to be approved.)

VI. COMMUNICATIONS TO CITY COMMISSION

VII. NEXT STEPS (DRAFTING OF BALLOT LANGUAGE AND ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION)

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- Sec. 3.15. (Exhibit I) - Initiative; petition for proposed ordinance. (Proposed language attached.)
- Sec. 8.01. (Exhibit J) - Sale of personal property; procedure; public notice. (Pending CRB review of proposed revision.)
- Sec. 8.02. (Exhibit K) - Sale of public lands and of public property to public bodies. (Pending CRB review of proposed revision.)
- Sec. 8.04. (Exhibit L) - Sale of real property to private persons, firms or corporations. (Pending CRB review of proposed revision.)
- Sec. 8.09. (Exhibit M) - Leases for more than one year and not more than fifty years. (Pending CRB

review of proposed revision.)

- Sec. 8.21. (Exhibit N) – Disposing of public property. (Pending CRB review of proposed revision)

IX. NEW BUSINESS (Exhibit O):

- Sec. 3.02. - Creation, composition and term of commission.
- Sec. 3.06. - Powers vested in commission; limitations.
- Sec. 3.07. - Not to direct appointment of employees.
- Sec. 3.11. - Regular meetings.
- Sec. 3.12. - Special meetings—How called.
- Sec. 3.14. - Quorum and vote.
- Sec. 3.16. - Circulating petition for an election.
- Sec. 3.17. - Commission required to take action.
- Sec. 3.18. - Time of holding election.
- Sec. 3.19. - Ballots.
- Sec. 3.20. - Referendum elections.
- Sec. 3.21. - Recall.
- Sec. 3.22. - Offenses relating to petitions.

X. CHARTER REVISION BOARD DISCUSSION

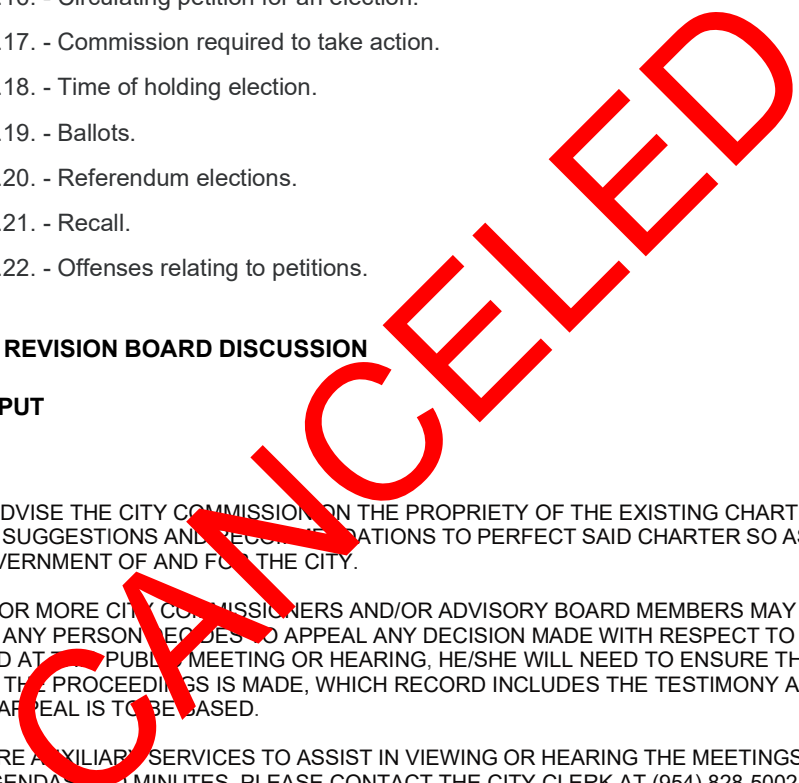
XI. PUBLIC INPUT

ADJOURN

PURPOSE: ADVISE THE CITY COMMISSION ON THE PROPRIETY OF THE EXISTING CHARTER AND, FURTHER, TO MAKE SUCH SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO PERFECT SAID CHARTER SO AS TO ESTABLISH A BETTER GOVERNMENT OF AND FOR THE CITY.

NOTE: TWO OR MORE CITY COMMISSIONERS AND/OR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS MAY BE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING. IF ANY PERSON DESIRES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS PUBLIC MEETING OR HEARING, HE/SHE WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

IF YOU DESIRE AUXILIARY SERVICES TO ASSIST IN VIEWING OR HEARING THE MEETINGS, OR READING MEETING AGENDAS AND MINUTES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK AT (954) 828-5002 AND ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES.



V. POSSIBLE ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE CITY COMMISSION

Chart Review Board

Agenda

March 7, 2024

CANCELLED

Current Charter Language:

Sec. 3.03. Qualification of members; forfeiture of office.

To be eligible to hold the office of mayor of the City of Fort Lauderdale, or to qualify for nomination or election as such, the candidate shall have resided in the City of Fort Lauderdale for six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the election, shall continuously reside in the City of Fort Lauderdale, and shall be a resident of the State of Florida and a citizen of the United States of America; shall be duly qualified to vote at city, state and national elections; shall be over the age of twenty-one (21) years; shall be otherwise qualified as in this charter provided; shall hold no other public elective office; and shall not be an officer, employee or serving any capacity with the city government, except that a city commissioner serving may qualify for election to the office of mayor. Candidates for nomination or election as mayor shall comply with all the rules and regulations set out in the charter as to their conduct. Any candidate for mayor or any mayor who shall cease to possess the qualifications required herein shall forthwith forfeit his or her office.

To be eligible to hold the office of city commissioner of the City of Fort Lauderdale, or to qualify for nomination or election as such, the candidate shall have resided in the City of Fort Lauderdale for six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the election, and shall reside in the commission district from which he or she seeks election on the day he or she qualifies as a candidate for that office, shall continuously reside in that district and shall be a resident of the State of Florida, and a citizen of the United States of America, shall be duly qualified to vote at city, state and national elections; shall be over the age of twenty-one (21) years; and shall be otherwise qualified as in this charter provided; shall hold no other public elective office; and shall not be an officer, employee or serving in any capacity with the city government, except that a city commissioner serving may qualify for reelection. Candidates for nomination or election for the office of city commissioner shall comply with all the rules and regulations set out in the charter as to their conduct. Any candidate for city commissioner or any city commissioner who shall cease to possess the qualifications required herein shall forthwith forfeit his or her office or candidacy.

Strike and Underline Amendment Language:

Sec. 3.03. Qualification of members; forfeiture of office.

To be eligible to hold the office of mayor of the City of Fort Lauderdale, or to qualify for nomination or election as such, a the candidate shall have resided continuously in the City of Fort Lauderdale as a permanent resident for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of qualification for such office, the election, shall continuously reside in the City of Fort Lauderdale, and shall be a resident of the State of Florida and a citizen of the United States of America and an elector of the City of Fort Lauderdale at the time of qualification for such office, ~~shall be duly qualified to vote at city, state and national elections;~~ shall be over the age of twenty-one (21) years; shall be otherwise qualified for such office as provided in this charter ~~provided;~~ shall hold no other public elective office; ~~and shall not be an officer, employee, or serving any capacity with~~ in the city government of the City of Fort Lauderdale at the time of filing a candidate oath in accordance with Section 7.14 of this charter, and shall reside continuously as a permanent resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale during the term of office, ~~except that a city commissioner serving may qualify for election to the office of mayor.~~ Candidates for ~~nomination or election as mayor~~ shall comply with all the rules and regulations set forth ~~out~~ in the charter as to their conduct. Any candidate for mayor or any mayor who shall cease to possess the qualifications required herein shall forthwith forfeit his or her office or candidacy.

To be eligible to hold the office of city commissioner, ~~of the City of Fort Lauderdale, or to qualify for nomination or election as such,~~ a the candidate shall have resided continuously in the City of Fort Lauderdale as a permanent resident for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of qualification the election for such office, except that in any year in which there has been a reestablishment of city commission districts (a "Reestablishment"), and

~~shall reside in the commission district from which he or she seeks election on the day he or she qualifies as a candidate for that the office of city commission whose permanent residence in the City of Fort Lauderdale is in a different city commission district as a result of the Reestablishment may seek office as a city commissioner in the city commission district of his or her permanent residence that results from the Reestablishment, shall continuously reside in that district and shall be a resident of the State of Florida, and a citizen of the United States of America; shall be duly qualified to vote at city, state and national elections; shall be over the age of twenty one (21) years; and shall be otherwise qualified as in this charter provided; shall hold no other public elective office; and shall not be an officer, employee or serving in any capacity with the city government, except that a city commissioner serving may qualify for reelection. In addition, to be eligible to hold the office of city commission, a candidate shall be a citizen of the United States of America and an elector of the City of Fort Lauderdale at the time of qualification for such office, shall be otherwise qualified for such office as provided in this charter, shall hold no other public elective office, shall not be an officer, employee, or serving in any capacity in the government of the City of Fort Lauderdale at the time of filing a candidate oath in accordance with section 7.14 of this charter, and shall reside continuously as a permanent resident of the district to which such commissioner is elected during the term of office. Candidates for nomination or election for the office of as city commissioner shall comply with all the rules and regulations set out in the charter as to their conduct. Any candidate for city commission or any city commissioner who shall cease to possess the qualifications required herein shall forthwith forfeit his or her office or candidacy.~~

Clean Amendment Language:

Sec. 3.03. Qualification of members; forfeiture of office.

To be eligible to hold the office of mayor, a candidate shall have resided continuously in the City of Fort Lauderdale as a permanent resident for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of qualification for such office, shall be a citizen of the United States of America and an elector of the City of Fort Lauderdale at the time of qualification for such office, shall be otherwise qualified for such office as provided for in this charter, shall hold no other public elective office, shall not be an officer, employee, or serving any capacity with the city government of the City of Fort Lauderdale at the time of filing a candidate oath in accordance with Section 7.14 of this charter, and shall reside continuously as a permanent resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale during the term of office. Candidates for election as mayor shall comply with all the rules and regulations set forth in the charter as to their conduct. Any candidate for mayor or any mayor who shall cease to possess the qualifications required herein shall forthwith forfeit his or her office or candidacy.

To be eligible to hold the office of city commissioner, a candidate shall have resided continuously as a permanent resident for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of qualification for such office, except that in any year in which there has been a reestablishment of city commission districts, a candidate for the office of city commission whose permanent residence in the City of Fort Lauderdale is in a different city commission district as a result of such reestablishment of the city commission districts may seek office as a city commissioner in the city commission district of his or her permanent residence that results from the reestablishment of city commission districts. In addition, to be eligible to hold the office of city commission, a candidate shall be a citizen of the United States of America and an elector of the City of Fort Lauderdale at the time of qualification for such office, shall be otherwise qualified for such office as provided in this charter, shall hold no other public elective office, shall not be an officer, employee, or serving in any capacity in the government of the City of Fort Lauderdale at the time of filing a candidate oath in accordance with section 7.14 of this charter, and shall reside continuously as a permanent resident of the district to which such commissioner is elected during the term of office. Candidates for election as city commissioner shall comply with all the rules and regulations set out in the charter as to their conduct. Any candidate for city commission or any city commissioner who shall cease to possess the qualifications required herein shall forthwith forfeit his or her office or candidacy.

Current Charter Language:

Sec. 3.04. Judge of elections and qualifications of members.

The city commission shall be the judge of all municipal elections and referendums and of the qualifications of its members, subject to review by the courts. At the time that the city commission meets to canvass the results of any election, any registered elector of City of Fort Lauderdale shall be entitled to file with the city commission an affidavit setting out the facts showing that a candidate has violated the provisions of this charter as to the manner of his or her election, or is otherwise unqualified to hold office, and the city commission shall take proof at such meeting and declare the results.

Strike and Underline Amendment Language:

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Clean Amendment Language:

~~**Sec. 3.04. Judge of elections and qualifications of members.**~~

CANCELLED

Current Charter Language:

Sec. 3.05. Designation of vice-mayor.

- (a) At its first meeting after the regular triennial election of 1988, the city commission shall, by resolution, designate a district commissioner as vice-mayor. The vice-mayor selected in 1988 shall serve until the first city commission meeting to be held in April 1989 and at that meeting and at the first meeting in April for every year thereafter the city commission shall by resolution designate a district commissioner as vice-mayor. Should a commissioner decline or be otherwise disqualified from serving in the office of vice-mayor, then and in that event, another district commissioner shall be designated by resolution to serve in such office.
- (b) The vice-mayor shall preside at any meeting of the city commission from which the mayor is absent and shall perform those functions and duties set forth in section 4.04 hereof. Should the mayor resign from office or be otherwise unable to continue to serve as mayor, the vice-mayor shall serve as mayor until the vacancy in the office of mayor shall be filled as provided herein.

Strike and Underline Amendment Language:

Sec. 3.05. Designation of vice-mayor.

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- (a) ~~At its first meeting after the regular triennial election of 1988, the first regular~~ city commission meeting after certification of the election results of a regular municipal election shall, and at the first regular meeting in November every year thereafter until the next regular municipal election, the city commission shall, by resolution, designate a district commissioner as vice-mayor. The vice-mayor selected in 1988 shall serve until the first city commission meeting to be held in April 1989 and at that meeting and at the first meeting in April for every year thereafter the city commission shall by resolution designate a district commissioner as vice-mayor. However, in the event, during the period between regular municipal elections, if a new district commissioner takes office ("Substitute Commissioner"), at the first regular meeting after the Substitute Commissioner takes office, the city commission shall, by resolution, designate a district commissioner as vice-mayor. Should a commissioner decline or be otherwise disqualified from serving in the office of vice-mayor, then and in that event, another district commissioner shall be designated by resolution to serve in such office.
 - (b) The vice-mayor shall preside at any meeting of the city commission from which the mayor is absent and shall perform those functions and duties set forth in section 4.04 hereof. Should the mayor resign from office or be otherwise unable to continue to serve as mayor, the vice-mayor shall serve as mayor until the vacancy in the office of mayor shall be filled as provided herein.

Clean Amendment Language:

Sec. 3.05. Designation of vice-mayor.

- (a) At the first regular city commission meeting after certification of the election results of a regular municipal election, and every year thereafter until the next regular municipal election, the city commission shall, by resolution, designate a district commissioner as vice-mayor. However, in the event, during the period between regular municipal elections, there is a substitution of a district commissioner, at the regular city commission meeting at which a substitute district commissioner takes the oath of office, the city commission shall, by resolution, designate a district commissioner as vice-mayor. Should a commissioner decline or be otherwise disqualified from serving in the office of vice-mayor, then and in that event, another district commissioner shall be designated by resolution to serve in such office.

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CANCELED

Sec. 3.08. Forfeiture of office.

Absence by any commissioner from four (4) consecutive regular meetings of the city commission shall operate to vacate the seat of such member, unless such absence is excused by the city commission, by formal action duly entered upon the minutes. Any member of the city commission who shall, while in office, be convicted of a felony, shall thereupon forfeit his or her office, notwithstanding any appeal or right of appeal he or she may take or have subsequent to such conviction. Any member of the city commission who shall violate the provisions of article VI, section 6.06 of this charter shall forfeit his or her office.

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CANCELLED

Current Charter Language:

Sec. 3.09. Organization meeting.

On the first regular meeting day in December following each regular election the existing city commission shall meet at the usual place for holding the meetings of the legislative body of the city, for the purpose of transacting any and all necessary business before assumption of office by the newly elected commissioners. At 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time the newly elected city commissioners shall assume the duties of office.

Strike and Underline Amendment Language:

Sec. 3.09. Organization meeting.

~~On the first regular meeting day in December following each regular election the existing date of the first regular city commission meeting shall meet at the usual place for holding the meetings of the legislative body of the city, for the purpose of transacting any and all necessary business before assumption of office by the after the certification of election results by the Broward County Canvassing Board, all newly elected commissioners officials shall take an oath of office and assume the duties office. At 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time the newly elected city commissioners shall assume the duties of office.~~

Clean Amendment Language:

Sec. 3.09. Organization meeting.

At the time scheduled for the first regular city commission meeting after the certification of election results by the Broward County Canvassing Board, all newly elected officials shall take an oath of office and assume the duties of office.

CANCELLED

Current Charter Language:

Sec. 3.10. Special meeting to seat a new member.

On the first Tuesday following the election of a new member, elected at other than a quadrennial regular election, the commission shall meet to receive such new member.

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Clean Amendment Language:

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CANCELED

Current Charter Language:

Sec. 3.13. Meeting place; meetings to be public.

All regular meetings of the city commission shall be held at the usual place of holding meetings of the city commission; but a special meeting may be held elsewhere in the city under authority of a resolution previously adopted authorizing such meetings. Meetings of the city commission shall be public, and any citizen shall have access to the minutes and records thereof at all reasonable times and under the supervision of the city clerk. The commission shall prescribe its own rules, regulations and order of business, and shall keep minutes of its proceedings. The mayor shall maintain order at all meetings, and the police department, upon instructions of the mayor, shall expel any person from the meeting who refuses to obey the order of the mayor in relation to preserving order at the meetings. The commission may meet in conference session at a place other than the regular meeting place, but no official action shall be taken at such conference meeting.

Strike and Underline Amendment Language:

Sec. 3.13. Meeting place; meetings to be public.

All regular meetings of the city commission shall be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month ~~at the usual place of holding meetings of the city commission; but a special meeting may be held elsewhere in the city under authority of a resolution previously adopted authorizing such meetings.~~ If a meeting day shall fall on a legal holiday, then the meeting shall be held on the succeeding Wednesday. Provided, however, at any meeting the commission may, by resolution, reschedule commission meeting dates to dates other than as established in this section, provided that the resolution so adopted is published in the official newspaper of the city once at least three (3) days before the date so fixed. The city commission may, by motion, eliminate meetings for one (1) month each year to provide for vacations. ~~The time and place of special meetings shall be set by resolution.~~

The agenda for regular meetings of the city commission shall be established by the city manager and shall provide for public hearings, ordinances, resolutions and motions to be heard at 6:00 p.m. at the meeting on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

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CANCELLED

Current Charter Language:

Sec. 4.05. City manager; appointment; qualifications; compensation.

The city commission shall appoint a city manager who shall be the administrative head of the municipal government answerable to and under the direction and supervision of the city commission, and he or she shall hold office at the pleasure of the city commission. He or she shall receive such compensation as the city commission may by resolution fix and determine, and shall furnish such bond as the city commission may require. He or she shall be chosen solely on the basis of his or her executive and administrative qualifications, without regard to his or her political belief, shall be over the age of twenty-one (21) years, shall reside in the city during his or her term of office, but he or she need not be a resident of the city or state at the time of his or her appointment. A city manager shall serve the city on a full-time basis. He or she shall not be or become engaged in any other occupation. He or she shall not serve on any committee, board, or as an officer of any enterprise, compensated or not, while in the city's service, except by approval of the city commission by resolution.

Strike and Underline Amendment Language:

Sec. 4.05. City manager; appointment; qualifications; compensation.

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VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Chart Review Board

Agenda

March 7, 2024

CANCELLED

Current Charter Language:

Sec. 3.15. Initiative; petition for proposed ordinance.

Any proposed ordinance, including ordinances for the repeal or amendment of the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida," then in effect, may be initiated, submitted and enacted in the following manner:

- (a) A committee of not less than one thousand (1,000) electors of the city shall prepare and sign a petition addressed to the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale requesting that a proposed ordinance attached to the petition be enacted. Each signer of the petition must be an elector of the city and shall sign his or her name in ink and shall indicate his or her place of residence and voting precinct. The petition shall have attached the certificate of the supervisor of elections indicating whether each of the signers is a qualified elector of the city. Thereafter, such signers shall be referred to as the committee, and one (1) member shall be designated therein as chairman of the committee. The committee shall have the right to request the city attorney, in writing, to assist in the drafting of such proposed ordinance in proper form, and such city attorney shall draft the proposed ordinance in proper form within thirty (30) days after being requested to do so by said committee in writing. He or she shall append to the drafted form of ordinance his or her opinion as to the legality of such proposed ordinance.
- (b) Such signed petition and proposed ordinance and the opinion of the city attorney shall be presented by the committee to the city commission at a regular meeting, and sixty (60) days prior notice to the city manager that such matter will be presented at such meeting. An opportunity shall be given for proponents and opponents of the proposed ordinance to be heard. At such meetings the city commission shall take definite action upon the ordinance by rejecting same, failing to take action upon same, passing same in prepared form upon first reading or passing same in amended form upon first reading. If passed on first reading in an amended form, the chairman of the committee shall state in open meeting whether the committee accepts or rejects the ordinance, as amended, and the decision of the chairman shall be binding upon the committee. If the committee accepts the amended ordinance, as aforesaid, or if the city commission accepts the proposed ordinance, same shall be placed upon its first reading at such meeting, upon the second reading at the next regular meeting. If the proposed ordinance is passed upon first reading, or if the proposed ordinance is amended and passed upon first reading, and such amended ordinance is accepted and approved by the chairman of the committee, it shall be the duty of the city commission to pass such ordinance, and to continue reading such ordinance upon progressive readings at each regular meeting of the city commission until such ordinance is duly enacted.
- (c) If the city commission should:
 - (1) Reject the proposed ordinance; or
 - (2) Fail to take action upon said proposed ordinance; or
 - (3) Pass the ordinance in an amended form not acceptable to the committee; or
 - (4) Fail to pass the proposed ordinance upon first and second reading; or
 - (5) Fail to pass an amended ordinance, acceptable to the committee, upon successive meetings; or
 - (6) Do any act to delay passage of such ordinance; the chairman of the committee shall have the right to demand in writing that an election upon the matter of enactment of the proposed ordinance, or amended ordinance which has been accepted or approved by the committee, be held in the manner provided in section 3.18 of this charter, and at such meetings at which such demand in writing is presented, the said city commission shall take action either calling such election or refusing to call such election, and the failure to call such election shall constitute a refusal.

Strike and Underline Amendment Language:

Sec. 3.15. Initiative and referendum; petition for proposed ordinance.

Any proposed ordinance, including ordinances for the repeal or amendment of the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida," then in effect, may be initiated, submitted and enacted in the following manner:

(a) Power to initiate and reconsider ordinances.

(i) Initiative. The electors of the City shall have the power to propose ordinances to the city commission and, if the city commission fails to adopt an ordinance so proposed without any change in substance, to adopt or reject it at a city election. Such power shall not apply to the city's budget or community investment plan, any amendment of the city's budget or community investment plan, or the salaries or benefits of elected officials, city officers, or employees. In addition, such power shall not apply to any ordinance levying taxes, changing the actual zoning map designation of a parcel or parcels of land, or changing the actual list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category.

(ii) Referendum. The electors of the city shall have power to require reconsideration by the city commission of any adopted ordinance and, if the city commission fails to repeal an ordinance so reconsidered, to approve or reject it at a city election. Such power shall not apply to any ordinance levying taxes, changing the actual zoning map designation of a parcel or parcels of land, or changing the actual list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category.

(b) Commencement of proceedings. A minimum of ten electors may commence initiative or referendum proceedings by filing an affidavit with the city clerk (the "Affidavit") stating that they will constitute the petitioners' committee (the "Committee"). The Affidavit shall state the names and addresses of the Committee members and shall specify the addresses to which notices to the Committee are to be sent.

(ac) A ~~The committee~~ Committee of not less than one hundred (1,000) electors of the city shall prepare and sign a petition addressed to the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale requesting that a ~~submit~~ the proposed ordinance or the ~~ratification~~ of the ordinance to be reconsidered, together with a proposed petition on a form provided by the city ("Petition"), to the city attorney, who shall have thirty (30) days from receipt to find whether the proposed ordinance and the proposed petition are legally sufficient attached to the petition be enacted. Each signer of the petition must be an elector of the city and shall sign his or her name, rank and shall indicate his or her place of residence and voting precinct. The petition shall have attached the certificate of the supervisor of elections indicating whether each of the signers is a qualified elector of the city. Thereafter, such signers shall be referred to as the committee, and one (1) member shall be designated therein as chairman of the committee. The committee shall have the right to request. In the event the city attorney finds that the ~~, in writing, to assist in the drafting of such proposed ordinance or the proposed petition is, or both, are legally insufficient, in proper form, and such the city attorney, shall inform the Committee of the circumstances of the level insufficiency, and the Committee shall have draft the proposed ordinance in proper form within thirty (30) days from receipt of the city attorney's notice of legal insufficiency with which to redraft and resubmit the proposed ordinance or the proposed petition or both to the city attorney after being requested to do so by said committee in writing. He or she shall append to the drafted form of ordinance his or her opinion as to the legality of such proposed ordinance. The city attorney shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the redrafted proposed ordinance or proposed petition or both within which to find the redrafted proposed ordinance or proposed petition or both legally sufficient or legally insufficient.~~

(d) Following a finding by the city attorney that the proposed ordinance and Petition are legally sufficient, the city clerk may, at the Committee's request and expense, issue the appropriate Petition blanks to the Committee.

(e) Petitions.

(i). Number of signatures. Initiative Petitions must be signed by at least one (1) percent of the total number of electors registered to vote at the last regular city election. Referendum Petitions must be signed by at least one (1) percent of the total number of electors registered to vote at the last regular city election.

(ii). Form and content. All portions of a Petition shall be assembled as one instrument. Each signature shall be executed in ink and shall be followed by the printed name and address of the person signing (collectively, "Compliant Signature"). Throughout circulation, Petitions shall contain or have attached the full text of the ordinance proposed or sought to be reconsidered.

(iii). Qualifying deadline. Petitions must be filed with the city clerk or the city clerk's designee within 180 days of the date of the city attorney's finding that the proposed ordinance and Petition are legally sufficient.

(f) Procedure for filing of Petitions.

(i). Certificate of Supervisor of Elections. Upon the Committee's payment to the Broward County Supervisor of Elections ("Supervisor") of the cost of signature verification established by the Supervisor ("Supervisor Verification Cost"), the Supervisor shall complete a certificate as to compliance with the provision of subsection (e) of this Section ("Certificate"). If insufficient, the Certificate shall specify the particulars of the deficiency. A copy of the Certificate shall be sent promptly to the Committee and the city clerk by electronic means with electronic verification of receipt.

(ii). Amendment. A Petition certified insufficient because it lacks the required number of Complaint Signatures may be supplemented by the filing of additional Complaint Signatures within fifteen (15) days from the date of the Certificate ("Supplementary Petition") and upon the Committee's payment to the Supervisor of any additional Signature Verification Cost. The Supervisor shall complete a Certificate as to the sufficiency of the Petition as amended by the Supplementary Petition ("Amended Petition") and promptly forward a copy of the Certificate to the Committee and the city clerk by electronic means with electronic verification of receipt.

(iii). Submission to the city commission. If a Petition or Amended Petition is certified sufficient, or if a Petition is certified insufficient and the Committee does not elect to file a Supplementary Petition, or if an Amended Petition is certified sufficient, the city clerk shall promptly present the Certificate to the city commission.

~~(b) Such signed petition and proposed ordinance and the opinion of the city attorney shall be presented by the committee to the city commission at a regular meeting, after sixty (60) days prior notice to the city manager that such matter will be presented at such meeting. An opportunity shall be given for proponent and opposers of the proposed ordinance to be heard. At such meetings the city commission shall take a finite action upon the ordinance by rejecting same, failing to take action upon same, passing same in prepared form upon first reading or passing same in amended form upon first reading. If passed on first reading in an amended form, the chairman of the committee shall state in open meeting whether the committee accepts or rejects the ordinance, as amended, and the decision of the chairman shall be binding upon the committee. If the committee accepts the amended ordinance, as aforesaid, or if the city commission accepts the proposed ordinance, same shall be placed upon its first reading at such meeting, upon the second reading at the next regular meeting. If the proposed ordinance is passed upon first reading, or if the proposed ordinance is amended and passed upon first reading, and such amended ordinance is accepted and approved by the chairman of the committee, it shall be the duty of the city commission to pass such ordinance, and to continue reading such ordinance upon progressive readings at each regular meeting of the city commission until such ordinance is duly enacted.~~

(eg) If the city commission should: Action on Petitions.

(1i) Reject the proposed ordinance; or Action by city commission. Upon receipt of a Certificate determining a Petition is sufficient, the city commission shall promptly consider the proposed

initiative ordinance or reconsider the referred ordinance. If the city commission fails to adopt a proposed initiative ordinance without any change in substance within forty-five (45) days or fails to repeal the referred ordinance within thirty (30) days, it shall submit the proposed or referred ordinance to the electors of the city. If the city commission fails to act on a proposed initiative ordinance or a referred ordinance within the requisite time period, the city commission shall be deemed to have failed to adopt the proposed initiative ordinance or failed to repeal the referred ordinance on the last day that the city commission was authorized to act on such matter.

- (2ii) ~~Fail to take action upon said proposed ordinance; or Submission to electors. The vote of the electorate on a proposed or referred ordinance shall be held in conjunction with the city's next regular municipal election unless the Committee elects an earlier vote of the electorate, either in conjunction with an earlier available Broward County election, or by mail ballot election, provided that the Committee shall prepay the cost of a vote of the electorate that is held earlier than the city's next regular municipal election.~~
- (3iii) ~~Pass the ordinance in an amended form not acceptable to the committee; or Withdrawal of petitions. A Petition may be withdrawn at any time prior to the fifteenth (15th) day preceding the day scheduled for a vote of the electorate by filing with the city clerk a request for withdrawal signed by at least eight-tenths of the members of the Committee. Upon the filing of such request the Petition shall have no further force or effect and all proceedings thereon shall be terminated.~~
- (4) ~~Fail to pass the proposed ordinance upon first and second readings; or~~
- (5) ~~Fail to pass an amended ordinance, acceptable to the committee, upon successive meetings; or~~
- (6) ~~Do any act to delay passage of such ordinance; the Chairman of the committee shall have the right to demand in writing that an election on the matter of enactment of the proposed ordinance, or amended ordinance which has been accepted or approved by the committee, be held in the manner provided in section 3.15 of this chapter and at such meetings at which such demand in writing is presented, the said city commission shall take action either calling such election or refusing to call such election, and the failure to call such election shall constitute a refusal.~~
- (h) Results of election.
- (i) Initiative. If a majority of the qualified electors voting on a proposed initiative ordinance vote in its favor, it shall be considered adopted upon certification of the election results. If conflicting ordinances are approved at the same election, the one receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.
- (ii) Referendum. If a majority of qualified electors voting on a referred ordinance vote for its repeal, it shall be considered repealed upon certification of the election results.

Clean Amendment Language:

Sec. 3.15. Initiative; petition for proposed ordinance.

Any proposed ordinance, including ordinances for the repeal or amendment of the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida," then in effect, may be initiated, submitted and enacted in the following manner:

- (a) Power to initiate and reconsider ordinances.
- (i) Initiative. The electors of the City shall have the power to propose ordinances to the city commission and, if the city commission fails to adopt an ordinance so proposed without any change in substance, to adopt or reject it at a city election. Such power shall not apply to the city's budget or community investment plan, any amendment of the city's budget or community investment plan, or the salaries or benefits of elected officials, city officers, or employees. In addition, such power shall not apply to any ordinance levying taxes, changing the actual zoning map designation of a parcel or parcels of land, or changing the actual list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category.

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- (ii) Referendum. The electors of the city shall have power to require reconsideration by the city commission of any adopted ordinance and, if the city commission fails to repeal an ordinance so reconsidered, to approve or reject it at a city election. Such power shall not apply to any ordinance levying taxes, changing the actual zoning map designation of a parcel or parcels of land, or changing the actual list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category.
- (b) Commencement of proceedings. A minimum of ten electors may commence initiative or referendum proceedings by filing an affidavit with the city clerk (the "Affidavit") stating that they will constitute the petitioners' committee (the "Committee"). The Affidavit shall state the names and addresses of the Committee members and shall specify the address to which notices to the Committee are to be sent.
- (c) The Committee shall submit the proposed ordinance or the citation of the ordinance to be reconsidered, together with a proposed petition on a form provided by the city ("Petition"), to the city attorney, who shall have thirty (30) days from receipt to find whether the proposed ordinance and the proposed petition are legally sufficient. In the event the city attorney finds that the proposed ordinance or the proposed petition is, or both, are legally insufficient, the city attorney shall inform the Committee of the circumstances of the level insufficiency, and the Committee shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the city attorney's notice of legal insufficiency with which to re-draft and re-submit the proposed ordinance or the proposed petition or both to the city attorney. The city attorney shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the redrafted proposed ordinance or proposed petition or both within which to find the redrafted proposed ordinance or proposed petition or both legally sufficient or legally insufficient.
- (d) Following a finding by the city attorney that the proposed ordinance and Petition are legally sufficient, the city clerk may, at the Committee's request and expense, issue the appropriate Petition blanks to the Committee.
- (e) Petitions.
- (i). Number of signatures. Initiative Petitions must be signed by at least one (1) percent of the total number of electors registered to vote at the last regular city election. Referendum Petitions must be signed by at least one (1) percent of the total number of electors registered to vote at the last regular city election.
- (ii). Form and content. All Petitions and Petition shall be assembled as one instrument. Each signature shall be executed in ink and shall be followed by the printed name and address of the person signing (collectively, "Complaint Signatures"). Throughout circulation, Petitions shall contain or have attached the full text of the ordinance proposed or sought to be reconsidered.
- (iii). Qualifying deadline. Petitions must be filed with the city clerk or the city clerk's designee within 180 days of the date of the city attorney's finding that the proposed ordinance and Petition are legally sufficient.
- (f) Procedure for filing of Petitions.
- (i). Certificate of Supervisor of Elections. Upon the Committee's payment to the Broward County Supervisor of Elections ("Supervisor") of the cost of signature verification established by the Supervisor ("Supervisor Verification Cost"), the Supervisor shall complete a certificate as to compliance with the provision of subsection (e) of this Section ("Certificate"). If insufficient, the Certificate shall specify the particulars of the deficiency. A copy of the Certificate shall be sent promptly to the Committee and the city clerk by electronic means with electronic verification of receipt.
- (ii). Amendment. A Petition certified insufficient because it lacks the required number of Complaint Signatures may be supplemented by the filing of additional Complaint Signatures within fifteen (15) days from the date of the Certificate ("Supplementary Petition") and upon the Committee's payment to the Supervisor of any additional Signature Verification Cost. The Supervisor shall complete a Certificate as to the sufficiency of the Petition as amended by the Supplementary Petition ("Amended Petition") and
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promptly forward a copy of the Certificate to the Committee and the city clerk by electronic means with electronic verification of receipt.

(iii). Submission to the city commission. If a Petition or Amended Petition is certified sufficient, or if a Petition is certified insufficient and the Committee does not elect to file a Supplementary Petition, or if an Amended Petition is certified insufficient, the city clerk shall promptly present the Certificate to the city commission.

(g) Action on Petitions.

(i) Action by city commission. Upon receipt of a Certificate determining a Petition is sufficient, the city commission shall promptly consider the proposed initiative ordinance or reconsider the referred ordinance. If the city commission fails to adopt a proposed initiative ordinance without any change in substance within forty-five (45) days or fails to repeal the referred ordinance within thirty (30) days, it shall submit the proposed or referred ordinance to the electors of the city. If the city commission fails to act on a proposed initiative ordinance or a referred ordinance within the requisite time period, the city commission shall be deemed to have failed to adopt the proposed initiative ordinance or failed to repeal the referred ordinance on the last day that the city commission was authorized to act on such matter.

(ii) Submission to electors. The vote of the electorate on a proposed or referred ordinance shall be held in conjunction with the city's next regular municipal election unless the Committee elects an earlier vote of the electorate, either in conjunction with an earlier available Broward County election, or by mail ballot election, provided that the Committee shall prepay the cost of a vote of the electorate that is held earlier than the city's next regular municipal election.

(iii) Withdrawal of petitions. A Petition may be withdrawn at any time prior to the fifteenth (15th) day preceding the day scheduled for a vote of the electorate by filing with the city clerk a request for withdrawal signed by at least eight-tenths of the members of the Committee. Upon the filing of such request the Petition shall have no further force or effect and all proceedings thereon shall be terminated.

(h) Results of election.

(i) Initiative. If a majority of the qualified electors voting on a proposed initiative ordinance vote in its favor, it shall be considered adopted upon certification of the election results. If conflicting ordinances are approved at the same election, the one receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

(ii) Referendum. If a majority of qualified electors voting on a referred ordinance vote for its repeal, it shall be considered repealed upon certification of the election results.

PROPERTY

Sec. 8.01. - Sale of personal property; procedure; public notice.

Personal property belonging to the city shall not be sold, except where competitive bidding conditions have been maintained. Where the value of the personal property exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), same may not be sold except after public notice to bidders by publication. The sale shall be made to the highest and best bidder for cash, and no personal property shall be sold on terms. The provisions of this section shall not apply in instances where depreciated personal property is traded in on new equipment, bought by the city, but in such instances the amount allowed for personal property traded in on new equipment purchased must be definitely specified in the bid.

Recommendation:

Sec. 8.01. - Sale of personal property; ~~procedure; public notice.~~

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Sec. 8.01. - Sale of personal property.

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PROPERTY

Sec. 8.02. Sale of public lands and of public property to public bodies.

City of Fort Lauderdale is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into contracts with and to sell, alienate, exchange, give, grant or convey to United States of America or any of its departments or agencies, State of Florida or any of its counties, districts, subdivisions or agencies, or to any public body, any public places or any public property, real or personal, now owned by said City of Fort Lauderdale or hereafter acquired, to be used by such public body or agency for a public purpose, or make improvements upon public property used for a public purpose, under the following conditions, to-wit:

- (a) The city commission shall first adopt a resolution determining and declaring its intention to sell, alienate, give, exchange, grant, or convey certain public property to a designated public body, or make improvement to public property, and such resolution shall particularly describe the public lands, public property, improvements or places intended to be conveyed or improved, the purchase price to be paid, if any, the public purpose for which such land or such property will be used by the grantee, and other details of the sale, and designate a day not less than thirty (30) days after the adoption of such resolution, on which a public hearing will be had before the city commission upon such proposal.
- (b) If any public property intended to be sold, alienated, given away, granted or conveyed to any other public body is encumbered by any bonds or obligation for which such property or the revenue derived therefrom is specially pledged, provision must be made in the proposal and plan to simultaneously discharge and pay the obligations for payment of which such lands or revenues derived therefrom are specially pledged.
- (c) Such resolution shall be published in full in two (2) issues of a newspaper published in said city with the first publication not less than ten (10) days before such public hearing and the second publication one (1) week after the first publication.
- (d) At the time designated for a public hearing, the terms of the proposal and the use of the property shall be explained to the public and opportunity given for citizens and taxpayers to be heard upon such proposal.
- (e) At such meetings, or any designated adjourned meeting, the city commission shall pass another resolution either confirming or repealing the resolution previously adopted, or confirming the previous resolution with amendments or additions. If the previous resolution is confirmed in its original form, or with amendments or additions, such confirming resolution shall direct the proper

city officials to execute and deliver deed of conveyance under the terms and conditions set out in the resolution as confirmed.

- (f) The provisions of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, the city may sell (for fair market value) or trade (for like value) surplus stock of supplies or equipment belonging to the city to another governmental entity by any procedure as may be established under the "Purchasing Ordinance of the City of Fort Lauderdale" [Code ch. 2, art. V, div. 2].

Recommendation:

Sec. 8.02. - Sale of city public lands and of public property to public bodies.

~~Subject to the provisions of Sections 8.04 and 8.09, City of Fort Lauderdale is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into contracts with and to sell, alienate, exchange, give, grant, or convey to the United States of America or any of its departments or agencies, to the State of Florida or any of its counties, districts, subdivisions, or agencies, or to any other public body, any public places or any public property, real or personal, now owned by said the City of Fort Lauderdale or hereafter acquired, or allow any such public body to make improvements on any property owned by the City of Fort Lauderdale, to be used by such public body or agency for a paramount public purpose, to wit, an activity that is essential to the health, morals, protection, or welfare of the city, as determined by the City Commission, or for use predominantly for educational, literary, scientific, or charitable purposes or make improvements upon public property used for a public purpose, under the following conditions, to-wit:~~

- ~~(a) The city commission shall first adopt a resolution determining and declaring its intention to sell, alienate, give, exchange, grant, or convey certain public property to a designated public body, or make improvement to public property, and such resolution shall particularly describe the public lands, public property, improvements or places intended to be conveyed or improved, the purchase price to be paid, if any, the public purpose for which such land or such property will be used by the grantee, and other details of the sale, and designate a day not less than thirty (30) days after the adoption of such resolution, on which a public hearing will be had before the city commission upon such proposal.~~
- ~~(b) If any public property intended to be sold, alienated, given away, granted or conveyed to any other public body is encumbered by any bonds or obligation for which such property or the revenue derived therefrom is specially pledged, provision must be made in the proposal and plan to simultaneously discharge and pay the obligations for payment of which such lands or revenues derived therefrom are specially pledged.~~

- ~~(c) Such resolution shall be published in full in two (2) issues of a newspaper published in said city with the first publication not less than ten (10) days before such public hearing and the second publication one (1) week after the first publication.~~
- ~~(d) At the time designated for a public hearing, the terms of the proposal and the use of the property shall be explained to the public and opportunity given for citizens and taxpayers to be heard upon such proposal.~~
- ~~(e) At such meetings, or any designated adjourned meeting, the city commission shall pass another resolution either confirming or repealing the resolution previously adopted, or confirming the previous resolution with amendments or additions. If the previous resolution is confirmed in its original form, or with amendments or additions, such confirming resolution shall direct the proper city officials to execute and deliver deed of conveyance under the terms and conditions set out in the resolution as confirmed.~~
- ~~(f) The provisions of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, the city may sell (for fair market value) or trade (for like value) surplus stock of supplies or equipment belonging to the city to another governmental entity by any procedure as may be established under the "Purchasing Ordinance of the City of Fort Lauderdale" [Code ch. 2, art. V, div. 2].~~

Sec. 8.02. - Sale of city property to public bodies.

Subject to the provisions of Sections 8.04 and 8.09, City of Fort Lauderdale is hereby authorized and empowered to sell, alienate, exchange, give, grant, or convey to the United States of America or any of its departments or agencies, to the State of Florida or any of its counties, districts, subdivisions, or agencies, or to any other public body, any property, real or personal, now owned by the City of Fort Lauderdale or hereafter acquired, or allow any such public body to make improvements on any property owned by the City of Fort Lauderdale, for a paramount public purpose, to wit, an activity that is essential to the health, morals, protection, or welfare of the city, as determined by the City Commission, or for use predominantly for educational, literary, scientific, or charitable purposes.

PROPERTY

Sec. 8.04. Sale of real property to private persons, firms or corporations.

City of Fort Lauderdale is hereby authorized and empowered to sell any public lands and improvements thereon, title to which is vested in City of Fort Lauderdale, to any private person, firm or corporation (other than a public body) under the following conditions, to-wit:

- (a) *Resolution declaring property not needed for public use.* The city commission shall adopt a resolution at a regular meeting of the city commission particularly describing the land by metes and bounds, reference to a recorded plat or government survey, its location by street number, if any there be, a description of all improvements located upon the land, and shall declare how said land has been used since same has belonged to the city, why it is desirable to sell same, and that the city does declare and determine that it is for the best interests of the city that such lands and facilities be sold. The resolution declaring that such lands be sold shall state whether the sale shall be made for cash or terms. Where the value of the land is determined by the city commission to be less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), the sale shall be for cash. Where the value of the land is determined by the city commission to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), the city commission may sell same for twenty-five (25) percent cash and the balance upon terms, with installments due yearly, not exceeding ten (10) years, with interest to be determined by the city commission. The city shall sell, without competitive bidding, to the party making the best offer, but the city may reject any and all offers at any time. Offers shall be accompanied by cashier's checks or certified checks payable to the city in an amount equal to at least ten (10) percent of the offer. In no event shall the sale be for less than seventy-five (75) percent of the appraised value of the property as determined by the city commission.
- (b) *Notice; offers.* Within seven (7) days after the adoption of the resolution, it shall be published by the city in one (1) issue of the official newspaper. Offers shall be accompanied by cashier's checks or certified checks payable to the city in an amount equal to at least ten (10) percent of the offer.
- (c) *Protests.* During the period intervening between the adoption of the resolution and the date of sale, taxpayers and registered electors of the city may protest or object to the sale, or propose other public uses for the said property, and the city commission may rescind its former action and repeal the resolution declaring the property should be sold, if it deems same expedient and proper.
- (d) *Authority to sell; cemetery lots excepted.* Subject to the foregoing provisions, City of Fort Lauderdale is hereby empowered to sell and dispose of any lands, improvements, public buildings, recreational parks and other lands now owned or hereafter acquired by said city, and in the deed of conveyance may place

such conditions, limitations and restrictions on the use of such property by the purchasers as to the city commission shall seem proper. The above restrictions as to sale of public property shall not apply to sale of municipal cemetery lots, which are subject to rules and regulations governing same.

- (e) *Resolution accepting offer and authorizing conveyance.* At any regular meeting after publication of the resolution as heretofore provided in paragraph (b), the city commission may adopt a resolution accepting the best offer and authorizing the execution of a deed of conveyance; provided that if such property is encumbered by any bonds or obligations for which such property or the revenue derived therefrom is specially pledged, the purchase price must be sufficient to pay and discharge such bonds or obligations according to the terms thereof.
- (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or other provisions of this article, City of Fort Lauderdale shall have the right to exchange, deed or convey portions of publicly owned lands, or grant concessions, leases or rights therein to private persons, in consummating a transaction whereby City of Fort Lauderdale acquires property needed in connection with a public improvement or a public use.
- (g) The City of Fort Lauderdale is hereby authorized to pay a real estate commission to any registered real estate broker, licensed to do business in the State of Florida, who negotiates and procures a purchase or tenant for any real estate sold or leased by the City of Fort Lauderdale. Such real estate commission shall only be paid, however, on the consummation of such sale or lease, and the commission paid shall in each instance be determined by the city commission based upon what it believes to be a fair and equitable commission for the service to be rendered.

Recommendation:

Sec. 8.04. - Sale of real property to private parties persons, firms or corporations.

Except as provided in Section 8.21, City of Fort Lauderdale is hereby authorized and empowered to sell any public lands and improvements thereon real property owned by the, title to which is vested in City of Fort Lauderdale, to any private party, as provided by ordinance and consistent with applicable law, subject to the following, person, firm or corporation (other than a public body) under the following conditions, to-wit:

- (a) The approval of any sale of improved or unimproved real property exceeding 1,500,000 square feet in area or exceeding \$5,000,000 in value shall be pursuant to a resolution adopted by the unanimous vote of the city commission containing a finding that such sale would be in the city's best interest. Resolution declaring property not needed for public use. The city commission

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shall adopt a resolution at a regular meeting of the city commission particularly describing the land by metes and bounds, reference to a recorded plat or government survey, its location by street number, if any there be, a description of all improvements located upon the land, and shall declare how said land has been used since same has belonged to the city, why it is desirable to sell same, and that the city does declare and determine that it is for the best interests of the city that such lands and facilities be sold. The resolution declaring that such lands be sold shall state whether the sale shall be made for cash or terms. Where the value of the land is determined by the city commission to be less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), the sale shall be for cash. Where the value of the land is determined by the city commission to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), the city commission may sell same for twenty five (25) percent cash and the balance upon terms, with installments due yearly, not exceeding ten (10) years, with interest to be determined by the city commission. The city shall sell, without competitive bidding, to the party making the best offer, but the city may reject any and all offers at any time. Offers shall be accompanied by cashier's checks or certified checks payable to the city in an amount equal to at least ten (10) percent of the offer. In no event shall the sale be for less than seventy five (75) percent of the appraised value of the property as determined by the city commission.

- (b) The approval of any sale of improved or unimproved real property exceeding 1,000,000 square feet in area or exceeding \$1,000,000 in value shall be pursuant to a resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of at least a four fifths' majority of the city commission containing a finding that such sale would be in the city's best interest. Notice of offers. Within seven (7) days after the adoption of the resolution, it shall be published by the city in one (1) issue of the official newspaper. Offers shall be accompanied by cashier's checks or certified checks payable to the city in an amount equal to at least ten (10) percent of the offer.
- (c) Protests. During the period intervening between the adoption of the resolution and the date of sale, taxpayers and registered electors of the city may protest or object to the sale, or propose other public uses for the said property, and the city commission may rescind its former action and repeal the resolution declaring the property should be sold, if it deems same expedient and proper.
- (d) Authority to sell; cemetery lots excepted. Subject to the foregoing provisions, City of Fort Lauderdale is hereby empowered to sell and dispose of any lands, improvements, public buildings, recreational parks and other lands now owned or hereafter acquired by said city, and in the deed of conveyance may place such conditions, limitations and restrictions on the use of such property by the purchasers as to the city commission shall seem proper. The above restrictions

~~as to sale of public property shall not apply to sale of municipal cemetery lots, which are subject to rules and regulations governing same.~~

~~(e) Resolution accepting offer and authorizing conveyance. At any regular meeting after publication of the resolution as heretofore provided in paragraph (b), the city commission may adopt a resolution accepting the best offer and authorizing the execution of a deed of conveyance; provided that if such property is encumbered by any bonds or obligations for which such property or the revenue derived therefrom is specially pledged, the purchase price must be sufficient to pay and discharge such bonds or obligations according to the terms thereof.~~

~~(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or other provisions of this article, In addition, City of Fort Lauderdale shall have the right to exchange, deed or convey portions of real property owned by the City of Fort Lauderdale ~~the publicly owned lands~~, or grant concessions, leases or rights therein to private persons, in consummating a transaction whereby City of Fort Lauderdale acquires property needed in connection with a public improvement or public use.~~

~~(g) The City of Fort Lauderdale is hereby authorized to pay a real estate commission to any registered real estate broker, licensed to do business in the State of Florida, who negotiates and procures a purchaser or tenant for any real estate sold or leased by the City of Fort Lauderdale. Such real estate commission shall only be paid, however, on the consummation of such sale or lease, and the commission paid shall in each instance be determined by the city commission based upon what it believes to be a fair and equitable commission for the service to be rendered.~~

Sec. 8.04. - Sale of real property to private parties.

Except as provided in Section 8.21, City of Fort Lauderdale is hereby authorized and empowered to sell any real property owned by the City of Fort Lauderdale to any private party, as provided by ordinance and consistent with applicable law, subject to the following, to wit:

(a) The approval of any sale of improved or unimproved real property exceeding 1,500,000 square feet in area or exceeding \$5,000,000 in value shall be pursuant to a resolution adopted by the unanimous vote of the city commission containing a finding that such sale would be in the city's best interest.

(b) The approval of any sale of improved or unimproved real property exceeding 1,000,000 square feet in area or exceeding \$1,000,000 in value shall be pursuant to a resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of at least a four fifths' majority of the city commission containing a finding that such sale would be in the city's best interest.

In addition, City of Fort Lauderdale shall have the right to exchange, deed or convey portions of real property owned by the City of Fort Lauderdale, or grant concessions, leases or rights therein to private persons, in consummating a transaction whereby City of Fort Lauderdale acquires property needed in connection with a public improvement or a public use.

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PROPERTY

Sec. 8.09. Leases for more than one year and not more than fifty years.

City is hereby empowered to lease or concession to private persons, firms or corporations, for nonpublic purposes, any lands, improvements, public buildings, recreational parks or facilities, golf courses, public beaches, public utility plants, or any public works or public property of any kind including air space over public property owned or operated by the City of Fort Lauderdale, and not needed for governmental purposes, whether used in a governmental or in a proprietary capacity, for a period of not more than fifty (50) years, plus such length of time, not to exceed five (5) years, determined by the city commission to be reasonably necessary to complete construction of the improvements proposed for the demised premises by such persons, firms or corporations. Each lease shall be authorized only after public hearing, under authority of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting duly held at a designated adjourned meeting, under the following conditions, to wit:

- (a) One (1) of the conditions for leasing such public property may be obligations of the lessee to construct thereon buildings or improvements to be used in connection with an existing facility or to construct improvements on said property, if same is vacant, and in a manner not detrimental or harmful to the operation of the proposed facility. In no event shall the fee title of the city be subordinated except upon terms and conditions as approved by the city commission.
- (b) The city commission shall adopt a resolution at a regular meeting of the city commission specifying the facility to be leased, described by metes and bounds, or by reference to a recorded plat, if any, and giving its location by street number, if any, and a description of all improvements located upon the land, and shall declare how said land and improvements have been used since same have belonged to the city and the reasons for offering such land and improvements for lease.
- (c) At any time, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days, after the adoption of such resolution the land and improvements shall be offered upon competitive conditions for lease as desired and a notice shall be published by the city in the official newspaper for two (2) issues prior to the date set for receiving such bids for lease, with the first publication not less than ten (10) days before said date of receiving bids and the second publication one (1) week after the first, on which date sealed bids shall be received by the city commission for the lease of said publicly owned lands and facilities. The sealed bids must be accompanied by cash, cashier's check or certified check payable to the city in an amount equal to at least ten (10) percent of the first year's rental. The city commission, in offering such public property or public owned facility for lease, shall set out in said resolution and notice such terms and conditions as deemed pertinent under which said facility will be leased and the

number of years for which said facility shall be leased. The city commission shall consider any and all proposals and accept the proposal which, in its judgment, shall be the most advantageous lease for the city; but the city commission may reject any and all bids. Upon the city commission approving any proposal submitted as provided herein, said proposal shall be accepted by resolution duly adopted, authorizing preparation of the lease, provided a valid referendum petition has not been filed. If before the day advertised for receiving bids for lease of such property, a referendum petition is filed with the city clerk signed by fifteen (15) percent of the registered voters, demanding a referendum election upon the question of leasing such property, no lease shall be executed by the officials of the city until after approved by a majority of the voters participating in such referendum election. Such referendum election shall be called and held as provided in this charter.

- (d) The resolution accepting the bid shall require the preparation of a form of lease for execution, embodying the terms and conditions of the bid and other legal requirements, for submission to the commission at its next regular meeting or at a designated meeting. At least three (3) days before the meeting date, the lease shall be posted on a public bulletin board by the city clerk and each commissioner shall be given a copy of the lease with a covering summary letter, providing, however, that in case of emergency such procedure may be waived by the affirmative vote of three (3) of the commissioners. The city attorney or city manager shall be required to give a summary of the lease to the public at such meeting which shall be open to the public. Citizens and taxpayers shall have an opportunity to object to the terms and conditions of such lease. If the commission is satisfied with the terms and conditions of such lease, it shall pass a resolution authorizing execution of such lease by the proper officials of the city, upon compliance upon the part of the lessee. Amendment to such lease may be made from time to time by mutual consent, observing the same formality as in the original lease.

Recommendation

Sec. 8.09. – Leases, licenses, concessions, and use agreements for more than one year and not more than fifty years.

City is hereby empowered to lease to, or enter into license agreements, or concession agreements, facility use agreements, or other types of use agreements with, ~~to private parties persons, firms or corporations, for the nonpublic use of purposes, any improved or unimproved real lands, improvements, public buildings, recreational parks or facilities, golf courses, public beaches, public utility plants, or any public works or public property, of any kind including air space over such real public property, owned or operated by the City of Fort Lauderdale, and not needed for governmental city purposes, whether used in a governmental or in a proprietary capacity, for a period of not more than fifty (50)~~

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commission containing a finding, based on a fair market appraisal of the property, that such use of the property would be economically feasible and in the city's best interest.

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Sec. 8.21. Disposing of public property.

The right of the city to sell, exchange, lease, franchise or deed public property, under the methods and procedures provided in this article, shall not be limited, restricted or abridged on account of the method, source or means by which such property was acquired, the source from which funds were obtained to acquire such property, the use to which this property has been devoted or is presently devoted, or whether such property is used and operated in a governmental or proprietary capacity.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Charter, the city shall not sell, transfer, or lease for more than one (1) year, any land zoned park in accordance with the City's Unified Land Development Regulations without a unanimous vote of the entire city commission. Additionally, any land zoned park on November 10, 2004, shall require a unanimous vote of the entire city commission to remove such designation.

Recommendation:

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Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Charter, the city shall not sell, or transfer, or lease for more than one (1) year, any land zoned park in accordance with the City's Unified Land Development Regulations except as may be approved in a special election called pursuant to Section 7.11 without a unanimous vote of the entire city commission.

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Additionally, any land zoned park on November 10, 2004 shall require a unanimous vote of the entire city commission to remove such designation.

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

Chart Review Board

Agenda

March 7, 2024

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NEW BUSINESS

Sec. 3.02. Creation, composition and term of commission.

There is hereby created a city commission composed of one (1) mayor and four (4) city commissioners all of whom shall be elected in the manner provided in this charter, shall take office on the first regular meeting day in December following their election, and who, beginning in the year 2020, shall hold office for a term of four (4) years, or until their successors are elected and qualified. The term of the mayor and four (4) city commissioners that commenced in the year 2018 shall last until such time as their successors are elected and qualified as a result of the 2020 election. No person who has been elected to the office of mayor or to the office of city commissioner for three (3) consecutive terms shall be qualified for nomination or election to that office for the succeeding term. This limitation shall apply to terms which commence after the regular election of March 7, 2000. The mayor and the four (4) city commissioners are sometimes referred to herein as commissioners or the city commission.

Sec. 3.06. - Powers vested in commission; limitations.

The legislative powers of the city shall be vested in and exercised by the city commission, and the commission shall have the power to pass ordinances, adopt resolutions, appoint by resolution all appointive officers, boards and those employees specified in this charter as being appointed by the city commission, and exercise all other powers herein provided. All powers of the City of Fort Lauderdale, except as otherwise provided by this charter or by the Constitution of the State of Florida, are hereby vested in the city commission; and except as otherwise provided by this charter or by the Constitution of the State of Florida, the city commission may by ordinance or resolution prescribe the manner in which any powers of the city shall be exercised.

Sec. 3.07. - Not to direct appointment of employees.

Neither the city commission nor any of its members shall direct the appointment of any person to office or employment by the city manager, or in any manner prevent the city manager from using his or her own judgment in selecting those officers or employees which he or she is entitled to appoint or select under provisions of this charter, and the civil service system rules and regulations. Except for the purpose of inquiry, the commission and its members shall deal with the administrative service solely through the city manager, and neither the commission nor any member thereof shall give orders to any subordinates of the city manager, either publicly or privately. Nothing herein contained shall restrict the power of the commission at regular or special meetings by formal motion, resolution or ordinance to establish policies and require compliance therewith by all personnel in the service of the city.

Sec. 3.11. - Regular meetings.

The city commission shall meet regularly at such times as may be specified by ordinance; provided, however, that it shall meet regularly not less than twice each month except that meetings may be eliminated for one (1) month each year to provide for vacations.

Sec. 3.12. - Special meetings—How called.

The mayor or the city manager, may call special meetings of the city commission upon at least six (6) hours' written or e-mail notice to each member, the city manager, city auditor, city clerk, and city attorney, served personally, transmitted by e-mail, or left at his or her usual place of residence. The call notice shall state the general purpose of the meeting. The regularity or validity of any proceedings, taken at any special meeting at which a majority of members of the city commission and city clerk is present, or where written waiver of call and consent in writing is filed, shall not be questioned on account of any omission or irregularity in calling such special meeting.

Sec. 3.14. - Quorum and vote.

A majority of all members of the city commission shall constitute a quorum, but a less number may adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as may be prescribed by ordinance. The vote on any ordinance or resolution shall be taken by "yeas" and "nays" and the vote of each member of the city commission voting shall be entered on the official record of the meeting.

Sec. 3.16. - Circulating petition for an election.

After a demand for an election has been refused, as hereinbefore set out, the committee shall have the right to circulate petitions to obtain the signatures of registered electors of the city, equal in number to fifteen (15) percent of the qualified electors of the city, in order to compel the enactment of such ordinance or amended ordinance in the following manner:

- (a) Within ten (10) days after the demand for an election has been refused by the city commission, the clerk shall prepare a form of petition addressed to the city commission demanding that an election be called in the manner provided by section 3.18 of this charter in order that there may be submitted to the qualified electors of the city at such election the question of enactment by initiative proceedings of the proposed ordinance or amended ordinance. Such petition shall clearly outline the action sought and shall contain a copy of the ordinance proposed for enactment by the committee and shall contain spaces for signatures for electors and a form of affidavit for circulators to sign. All petitions shall be uniform in character and shall contain the names of each of the members of the committee of the petitioners, and designate the chairman thereof.

- (b) The chairman of the committee shall sign a receipt for the form of petition and shall return all signed petitions to the clerk within sixty (60) days from the date of said receipt.
- (c) Each elector of the city signing a petition shall sign his or her name as registered in the office of supervisor of elections of Broward County, Florida, in ink or indelible pencil, shall specify his or her voting precinct and shall place on the petition opposite his or her name the date he or she signed the petition and his or her place of residence in the city. Each counterpart of the petition shall contain appropriate lines for signatures by electors and a form of affidavit to be executed by the circulator thereof, verifying the fact that such circulator saw each person sign the counterpart of the petition, and that each signature appearing thereon is the genuine signature of the person it purports to be, and that such petition was signed in the presence of the affiant on the date indicated.
- (d) All counterparts of the petition shall be assembled and filed with the city clerk as one (1) instrument within sixty (60) days after receipt of such petition by the chairman, and when so filed, the clerk shall determine forthwith from the supervisor of elections if such petitions contain the signatures of electors constituting fifteen (15) percent in number of the registered electors of said city, and when such fact has been determined by report from the supervisor of elections, the city clerk shall submit such petitions and such affidavits to the city commission at its next regular meeting.
- (e) Any elector signing such petition shall have the right to file with the city clerk a demand in writing that his or her name be deleted and stricken from the petition, and upon the filing of such demand the name of such elector shall be stricken by the clerk and not be counted or computed in the total of electors signing the petition. No signature may be stricken after the clerk has certified the total of registered electors to the commission.

Sec. 3.17. - Commission required to take action.

If the certificate of the clerk, so submitted, shows that fifteen (15) percent of the registered electors of the city signed such petition and have not requested that their signatures be stricken or deleted, then it shall be the mandatory duty of the city commission at such meeting at which the clerk's certificate is presented to enact the ordinance in final form, or call an election for the purpose of submitting such proposed ordinance to the votes of the electorate.

Sec. 3.18. - Time of holding election.

If an election is scheduled to be held not less than thirty (30) days and not more than sixty (60) days after such meeting, such proposed ordinance shall be submitted to a vote of the electors at such election. If no election is to be held within the time aforesaid, the city commission shall provide for submitting the proposed ordinance to the electors at a special election to be held not later than sixty (60) days, nor earlier than thirty (30) days thereafter. At least ten (10) days before any such election the city clerk shall cause such proposed ordinance to be published, in one (1) issue of the official newspaper.

Sec. 3.19. - Ballots.

Ballots to be used when voting upon any such proposed ordinance shall state the title of the ordinance to be voted on and below it the two (2) propositions "For the proposed Ordinance" and "Against the proposed Ordinance." If a majority of the electors voting on any such proposed ordinance shall vote in favor thereof, it shall thereupon become an ordinance of the city, and a part of the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale," upon canvass of such votes and proper certification.

Sec. 3.20. - Referendum elections.

Any existing ordinance of the City of Fort Lauderdale, or any section or related sections of the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale," including ordinances approved by the electorate, may be repealed or amended, and any intended sale or lease of public property may be approved or rejected by a majority of the electors voting at a referendum election, when such matter is submitted to a referendum by the city commission, upon its own motion or as a result of initiative proceedings. In case of initiative proceedings, when the necessary requirements have been met, and proper petitions bearing the signatures of fifteen (15) percent of the registered electors have been filed, the city commission shall pass a resolution calling for a referendum election to be held under the same procedure as provided in section 3.18 and section 3.19 of this charter.

Sec. 3.21. - Recall.

Any or all of the members of the city commission may be removed from office by the electors of the city in the manner provided for by general law.

Sec. 3.22. - Offenses relating to petitions.

No person shall falsely impersonate another, or purposely write his or her name or residence falsely, in the signing of any petition for initiative, referendum or recall, or forge any name thereto, or sign any such paper with knowledge that he or she is not a qualified elector of the city. No person shall employ or pay another to accept employment or payment for circulating an initiative, referendum or recall petition. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of an offense and shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided by section 1-6 of the Code of Ordinances.