



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 24-081

Date: May 28, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners

From: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

Re: Launch of the City's Open Data and Transparency Portal

The City is proud to unveil its Open Data and Transparency Portal which is available at http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/OpenData.

The Open Data and Transparency Portal was launched as a part of an effort to achieve What Works Cities (WWC) certification. This certification, established by Bloomberg Philanthropies and Results for America, sets the national standard for data-driven city governance. It rigorously evaluates how city leaders incorporate data and evidence into their decision-making processes.

One of the mandatory criteria for the WWC certification is the establishment of a sustainable open data system. Open data entails proactively making electronic datasets publicly available and open for use or re-use without restrictions. The Office of Management and Budget assembled an interdisciplinary team to meticulously compile relevant datasets into a comprehensive data inventory, update the City's policy for data governance, and design a central location to share open data with the public on the City's website.

The current Open Data Portal encompasses eight (8) categories with data centered around Geographic Information System (GIS) maps, annual budgets, financial reports, major projects, homelessness initiatives, public safety, the Strategic Plan, and development related services. While many of these data sets were previously available on the City's website, this initiative centralizes the information for ease of access to the public. The Portal is poised to expand in the upcoming year as the program continues to evolve. This expansion will effectively "open up" data relevant to City priorities and facilitate additional public engagement activities.

Please contact Yvette Matthews, Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget at ymatthews@fortlauderdale.gov should you have any questions or require additional information.

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