



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**DRAFT**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**TOWER 101 – SUITE 1100, 101 NE 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE**  
**FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026 – 2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

<u>January-December 2026</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	
Peter Partington, Chair	P	1	0
Marta Reczko, Vice Chair (arr. 2:08)	P	1	0
Gerald Angeli	P	1	0
Gregory Barnett	P	1	0
Shane Grabski (arr. 2:16)	P	1	0
Roosevelt Walters	P	1	0
Lindsey Way	P	1	0
Ralph Zeltman	P	1	0

As of this date, there are 8 appointed members to the Committee, which means 5 would constitute a quorum.

**Staff**

- Pauline Ricketts, Administrative Supervisor
- Semele Williams, Senior Administrative Assistant
- Todd Hiteshow, Deputy Director, Public Works
- Troy Gies, Assistant Public Works Director, Operations
- Otniel Rodriguez, Assistant Public Works Director, Engineering
- Brandy Leighton, P.E., Division Manager, Engineering
- Roberto Betancourt, P.E., Division Manager, Engineering
- Jason Walker, Distribution and Collection System Supervisor
- Jill Prizlee, P.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works
- Patricia Jolly, Program Manager II, Public Works
- J. Opperlee, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

**Communications to the City Commission**

**Motion** made by Vice Chair Reczko, seconded by Mr. Walters, to authorize Chair Partington to write an email to the Commissioners and Mayor, reminding them of the upcoming deadline for the Infrastructure Task Force Committee, which is February 18, 2026. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**Motion** made by Chair Partington, seconded by Mr. Walters, to request the City Commissioners and the Mayor to approve a Resolution reauthorizing the Infrastructure Task Force until such time as the Ordinance establishing the Infrastructure Board has been approved by the City Commission. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**1. Call to Order**

**i. Roll Call**

Chair Partington called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

Public Works Deputy Director Todd Hiteshew introduced Assistant Public Works Director (Engineering) Otniel Rodriguez and Assistant Public Works Director (Operations) Troy Gies. He explained that Utilities services have recently been separated from Public Works and now constitute a new City Department. Public Works now includes solid waste, the City's fleet, and internal operations under the heading of Operations. Water and wastewater now fall under Utilities.

Vice Chair Reczko arrived at 2:08 p.m.

Distribution and Collection System Supervisor Jason Walker also introduced himself at this time.

**ii. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** made by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Angeli, to approve the Agenda for the purpose of discussion.

Mr. Walters noted that Item 2, Old Business, raises the issue of establishing an Infrastructure Task Force (ITF) Subcommittee, and pointed out that this was not an accurate characterization of the Committee's intent for its future. He recalled that there had been previous discussion of the possibility of the City Commission's changing the Committee to a Board.

Chair Partington recalled that the City Commission had agreed in principle with the Committee's suggestion that it be reestablished as a permanent Board rather than a temporary Committee. Following additional discussion, it was concluded that the title of Item 2.i would be amended to "Discussion of the Infrastructure Task Force Becoming an Infrastructure Board."

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**iii. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2025**

**Motion** made by Mr. Walters, seconded by Ms. Way, to approve with or without corrections. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**2. Old Business**

**i. Discussion of the Infrastructure Task Force Becoming an Infrastructure Board**

Chair Partington explained that he had requested this discussion be added to the Agenda. It was clarified that the Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee (ITFAC) is currently scheduled to sunset on February 18, 2026, which would allow time for a final Committee meeting in February, but no further meetings thereafter. He requested that Staff provide an update on this issue at the February 2, 2026 Committee meeting.

Chair Partington continued that an Ordinance is required to establish an Infrastructure Board, and all current Committee members would require reappointment to the new Board. Mr. Walters noted that this would also mean the members' terms would restart unless otherwise indicated by the expected Ordinance.

Vice Chair Reczko pointed out that City Ordinances are required to go through two readings by the City Commission before they can take effect, and suggested the Committee request that the City Attorney's Office prepare a Resolution continuing the Committee until the Ordinance is passed. This would provide temporary authorization for the Committee to continue.

Mr. Walters advised that an Ordinance changing the Committee to a Board is already being written, and shared the Vice Chair's concern that the Committee not be allowed to sunset before the Ordinance can be passed. Chair Partington proposed that the Committee members authorize him to write to the Mayor and City Commission on the Committee's behalf to remind them of the pending change. Vice Chair Reczko recommended that both her proposal of a Resolution and Chair Partington's suggestion of a letter to the Commission be carried out.

Following discussion and consideration of these alternatives, it was determined that the Committee would send the following two communications to the City Commission:

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**3. New Business**

**i. Tracking Major Projects**

Chair Partington recalled that Mr. Barnett had requested the addition of this Agenda Item. Mr. Barnett explained that his intent was to ensure the Committee is aware of the major milestones of the projects they have reviewed in order to determine whether or not those projects are making progress. He cited the Victoria Park stormwater project as one example, pointing out that it is scheduled to begin in January 2026. Engineering Division Manager Roberto Betancourt confirmed that this date is still accurate.

Mr. Barnett asked if additional milestones will be designated once the project begins. Mr. Betancourt replied that Staff does not typically consider projects in terms of milestones. He further clarified that the Victoria Park stormwater project encompasses two projects: one on the east side, which has its own drainage system and includes a pump station that will be repaired, and another on the west side, including an exfiltration trench. The west side project is expected to be completed more quickly than the east side.

Chair Partington suggested that the tracking of major projects be made into a continuing Agenda Item similar to the Sewer and Water Breaks Item. Mr. Barnett stated that he would like the Committee to create a list of projects on which they would receive reports showing whether or not those projects are on track or delayed. The Committee could briefly review these projects and suggest future Agenda items in the event that the projects are delayed or other issues occur.

Chair Partington proposed that the list of tracked projects include anticipated starting and completion dates, which would be revised if necessary. Mr. Barnett continued that his recommended list would include the following:

- Victoria Park stormwater project
- New Police Station occupancy
- Prospect Lake Water Treatment Plant coming online
- City Hall: completion of a comprehensive agreement with the design/build contractor
- Sidewalk connection project Master Plan re-prioritization
- Seawall program: City-owned seawalls raised to new required height
- CityWorks database inclusion of road/sidewalk projects
- Smart water meter deployment
- Consent Orders

It was noted that some projects may be tracked by quarterly rather than monthly updates.

Mr. Barnett requested clarification of objectives related to the City's sidewalk project. Ms. Ricketts noted that the public engagement portion of a Sidewalk Master Plan has been completed, and next steps include pre-prioritization of projects. She added that Staff keeps track of the progress of many projects that are presented to the Committee.

Mr. Betancourt advised that although the City's seawall project is constrained by funding, several new seawall projects have been added to the City's list of capital projects. All City-owned seawalls are prioritized within a Master Plan according to their structural integrity.

Mr. Barnett continued that while he had not identified specific milestones for the CityWorks database, these could include effective use of the database, such as integrating it into various projects. Mr. Betancourt explained that stormwater projects are currently the biggest user of the CityWorks database, followed by roads and sidewalk projects as they come online. Chair Partington suggested that the Committee see a presentation on the status of CityWorks at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Zeltman expressed concern with the City's progress on sanitary sewer repairs, including address of inflow and infiltration (I&I). Chair Partington pointed out that this is addressed under the City's Consent Order and the Committee sees regular presentations on this issue. It was noted that the Consent Orders in general could be added to the list of tracked projects.

Mr. Walters expressed concern with change orders, citing the example of a recent change order approved by the City Commission for the new Police Station. Chair Partington pointed out that change orders must be above a certain amount before City Commission approval is required, and the City Commission Agenda Items associated with these orders typically show where the funds for a change order will come from. Mr. Walters asserted that this is not always the case, reiterating his concern with the source of funding for change orders.

Mr. Hiteshew recommended against "getting into the weeds" with respect to the Police Station project, stating that the City is dealing with the project's issues in a legal and transparent manner, with presentations made at City Commission meetings. He concluded that these issues would fall outside the scope of Public Works.

Mr. Walters also addressed seawalls, asking if the City has developed any method for assistance to property owners to alleviate some of the costs of raising privately owned seawalls. He emphasized the importance of ensuring that all seawalls are raised, not only those owned by the City. Mr. Betancourt replied that there is no such program. Chair Partington confirmed that progress in raising City-owned seawalls would remain on the list of tracked projects.

Chair Partington concluded by requesting that Staff attach the list to each upcoming Agenda so it can be reviewed as needed at future Committee meetings.

#### **4. Public Works Update**

##### **i. CIP Financial Report**

Program Manager Patricia Jolly provided the Committee members with financial information on projects in the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). She emphasized that some of these are partially funded projects that remain in progress, while other projects are 100% complete.

Vice Chair Reczko noted that the City has issued two bonds, one in 2017 and one in 2024, and requested clarification of the amount used to fund creation of a Water and Sewer Master Plan. Ms. Jolly advised that she could not speak to the specific projects funded by the bonds.

Chair Partington observed that the Reiss Report was completed in 2017 and has since morphed into a Water and Sewer Master Plan. He recalled that the Reiss Report indicated that the City would need to spend several billion dollars on water and sewer infrastructure over the next 30 years. Mr. Betancourt noted that this prediction included significant funding for surveying in order to map gaps in the system.

Vice Chair Reczko explained that her concern was with significant funding allocated to reports rather than using that funding on actual construction. Mr. Hiteshew stated that this funding allows for the creation of programs to address water and sewer infrastructure needs, including lining to combat I&I. The program includes CCTV monitoring and smoke testing; “sub-projects,” including I&I repairs, arise from the information provided by this monitoring and testing.

Chair Partington asked if the CIP financial report is provided to the Committee at each meeting. Ms. Williams clarified that it is provided on a quarterly basis. Engineering Division Manager Brandy Leighton reviewed how monies are allocated from different accounts to pay for projects, including I&I projects.

Chair Partington concluded by requesting that Staff keep the Committee apprised of the City’s progress on its Consent Orders.

## **5. Utility Services Update**

### **i. Water & Sewer Breaks Report w/Mapping**

The Committee members reviewed the report, which included a sewer break on Sunrise Boulevard and a force main break on Cordova Road.

Vice Chair Reczko requested information about the City’s enforcement of requirements regarding grease traps. It was clarified that the City inspects these facilities and provides both active and reactive education with regard to them. If corrective measures are required, the City will return to the location and ensure that needs have been addressed. Restaurant owners are required to provide grease trap manifests to City personnel upon request. The City is seeking to increase its level of service regarding the physical inspection of grease traps.

Chair Partington noted that there were nine breaks totaling 8,000 gallons in December 2025. The members reviewed and discussed these breaks with Staff, including “backcharging” contractors if they are responsible for specific breaks.

## **6. General Discussion and Comments**

### **i. Committee Members**

Chair Partington recalled that in the past, he had requested a presentation on the progress of the City Hall project, including the amount spent on this project thus far. He requested this presentation once more, emphasizing the importance of understanding this process.

Vice Chair Reczko stated that the Committee has not seen a full update on the Consent Order related to water breaks, as negotiations have been ongoing. She requested an update on any milestones that have been met for this project.

Mr. Barnett advised that he would like a formal presentation on the deployment of new smart water meters, including clarification of what this project is intended to accomplish as well as feedback on the program. He recalled that there had been some anticipation that the new meters could increase residents' water bills. It was also noted that the new meters will give more accurate readings than the former mechanical meters. Chair Partington also requested a presentation on this program at a future meeting.

### **ii. Public Comments**

None.

## **7. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.

[Minutes prepared by K. McGuire, Prototype, Inc.]



City Infrastructure Projects : Milestones and Updates – January 2026

1. **Cityworks** – Cityworks project P12190 has been completed and is in operational phase. Storm, Sewer & Water divisions are all currently using the software with GTL WWTP coming on board by the end of February. The remaining \$1.1M balance is funding task orders under Event 454 - Asset Management Consulting Services. The task orders will include:
  - a. \$188K: PM template standardization & SOP's
  - b. \$300K: Storeroom Setup & Configuration
  - c. 300K: Operational Insights software add-on (Condition, Risk & CIP planning)
  - d. \$200K: Pavement Management (PAVER & Cityworks Pavement app)
  - e. \$100K: Training, Automation and Dashboard refinement
2. **Police Department** – PDHQ is within its approved budget of \$165 million.
  - a. All aspects of the phase I analysis for deflection have been resolved and fully repaired.
  - b. A solution to the slide bearing issue identified in phase II of the analysis has been developed and work is set to begin shortly. This should take about 4 to 6 weeks to fully implement.
  - c. Testing of the structural load issue identified in phase II of the analysis is complete. The engineer of record, Thornton Tomesettie (TT), has provided their portion of the analysis to WJE (The 3<sup>rd</sup> party engineer hired by the City). Work is continuing on the results for the final analysis.
  - d. Demolition has begun on the old PD HQ building. Demo should be completed in about 6 weeks at which point final site work can begin.
  - e. A PCO for the building is expected before the end of January.
  - f. It is anticipated that PD will start moving into the new facility at the end of January / early February.
  - g. The project is expected to be completed summer of 2026.
3. **Consent Orders** –
  - a. New Water Consent Order (OGC File 24-2464) was presented to City Commission on January 6, 2026, where the City Commission authorized the City Manager to execute it. It is being routed for signatures. I attached the CAM for a description and milestones.
  - b. Existing Wastewater Consent Order (OGC File 16-1487). 71 of 76 milestones are completed. This is a list of remaining milestones:
    - i. Phase II Force Main Rehabilitation Projects (one milestone)
      1. NE 38<sup>th</sup> Street & NE 50<sup>th</sup> Court Force Main – Replace or rehabilitation of approx. 8,000 feet of force main along NE 38<sup>th</sup> Street and install 2,500 feet of new force main along 50<sup>th</sup> Court. - 97% complete – on time

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2. Rehabilitation or replacement of approximately 19,400 feet of existing 48"/54" force main on SE 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Ave to GTL Wastewater Treatment Plant. – 83% complete – on time
        3. Replace or rehabilitate the effluent force main leading from GTL to the deep injection wells. – 87% complete (one milestone) – on time
      - ii. Installation of permanent Generators at GTL Wastewater Treatment Plant - 89% complete – behind schedule
      - iii. Three semiannual reports to FDEP (three milestones)
    - c. Second amendment to the existing Wastewater Consent Order
      - i. Negotiations are still ongoing.
  4. **Sidewalk Masterplan** – The Sidewalks Master Plan has been completed and is scheduled for the February 17<sup>th</sup> Commission Regular Meeting for endorsement. A project website has been developed and includes some background, the plan, and an interactive GIS portal that will be used to illustrate progress on implementation. <https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/sidewalksmasterplan>
    - a. There are several projects already in the pipeline to begin accomplishing the priority segment installations including:
    - b. City CIP funding - The first project being completed is to complete corner connections at priority locations across the four Commission Districts that already have sidewalks, and a focus of corner connections and small missing gaps around the Westwood Heights Elementary School.
    - c. Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Grant funding that include various sidewalks in Shady Banks and Tarpon River which is currently in design.
    - d. Broward County Surtax Grant which is in procurement to hire a firm to design the previously selected segments, many of which are identified as priorities.
    - e. Earmark to implement the priority sidewalk on Chateau Park Drive.
    - f. GO Bond – a portion of the funding can be used for new sidewalks along with the bulk for repairs of sidewalks. Public Works and TAM are coordinating on approach and leveraging of projects.

While these projects are moving forward through the implementation phases, transportation planning staff will concurrently be reaching out to neighborhood associations with identified priority sidewalks to review the locations and work with residents on preference and feasibility. Through that process a pipeline of projects will be created to move tranches forward into design each year, and then into construction based on funding availability along with continuing to pursue grant funding.

5. **Stormwater Improvements (Victoria Park)** – In January 2026, work will include submitting Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plans for approval and beginning preliminary construction activities, including utility locates.

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- a. Phase 1 of the project will begin along NE 6th Street during the week of February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Construction is anticipated to take approximately 1.5 years to complete. The project is on time and on budget.

**6. Seawall Masterplan –**

- a. P13008 - Seville and Sebastian Seawall Replacements – This project is currently Bidding. Bid Opens 2/12/2026.
- b. P12961 – Del Mar and Aurelia Seawall Replacements – This project is at 90 percent designed. Working out Power relocation with FPL to finish design.
- c. P12995 – Solar Plaza Seawall Replacement – Task Order for design was approved 12/29/2025. Awaiting issuance of Purchase Order to begin design.
- d. P13002 – Bayview Drive Seawall – In the Project initiation Phase. Next step is to Create and route the Task Order for Design.

**7. Water Treatment -** Project is on schedule for its September 2026 production date.

- a. The majority of large construction, facilities, and equipment is complete, including the administration building, nanofiltration building and filters, the ion-exchange tanks, chemical tanks, and water tanks.
- b. Construction teams continue working on piping, electrical, civil, and small mechanical setup.
- c. The commissioning team has begun its work, preparing the beginning systems for individual testing, and bringing water in for testing.
- d. Other enabling works projects are ongoing and remain on-schedule as needed for the completion of the new plant.

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# The Purpose and Duties of the Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee:

1. To review existing City infrastructure, including, but not limited to: roads, sidewalks, airports, seawalls, water and wastewater distribution and collection systems, treatment plants, well fields, parks and all City facilities and structures and examine their current condition.
2. To review and identify the repair or replacement as well as review and identify funding sources and financing alternatives for those infrastructure improvements.
3. To receive input from members of the public interested in infrastructure improvements within the City.
4. To provide a report with recommendations to the City Commission regarding improvement priorities as well as financing alternatives for said improvements.
5. To evaluate and provide a recommendation on the feasibility and impact of implementing a moratorium on the acceptance of an application for or issuance of a development permit within the City.

The committee members shall have education, background or experience in one of the following categories:

1. Design and engineering (ie. landscape architecture, urban planning, and civil engineering).
2. Municipal (ie. city administration, former elected official, and former public works director).
3. Finance (ie. governmental finance and private finance)
4. Law (ie. municipal law and corporate law).
5. Developer (ie. private development).
6. Community Association {ie. active membership in civic, neighborhood or homeowner's association).

If you are interested in becoming an Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee member and to view the committee's legislation, please go to the [Board Details Page](#).

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## INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The ITFAC appreciates the Commission's decision to extend its tenure for another year, which allowed us to discuss its future. The tasks in the ITFAC's original mandate were completed a few years ago. The Commission deserves recognition for the significant progress in rebuilding and improving the City's infrastructure.

The ITFAC has continued to:

- A. Monitor the City's compliance with FDEP's three [3] Consent Orders:
  - 1. Sewer system improvements
  - 2. Water Distribution system upgrades
  - 3. Sewer pipe lining to reduce inflow and infiltration [I&I].
- B. Track progress on the City's bond financed stormwater improvement program.
- C. Provide input on the City's new PPP Water Treatment Plant
- D. Monitor sewer and water line breaks.
- E. Track bond fund infrastructure expenditures.
- F. Gather and report public input on major projects [eg City Hall, Water Treatment Plant]
- G. Assess the capacity and operation of the of the Lohmeyer Sewage Treatment Plant.

We believe these activities remain essential, along with any additional infrastructure related tasks assigned by the Commission.

### QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMISSION:

- 1. Should the ITFAC continue beyond its current authorization which ends this year? [Three members are term limited]?
- 2. Should ITFAC be authorized annually or biennially?
- 3. Would the Commission consider forming a permanent Infrastructure Board?
- 4. Are there other tasks the Commission would like the ITFAC to undertake?



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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** February 3, 2026

**TITLE:** First Reading – Ordinance Amending Division 8 of Article VII, Chapter 2, to  
Establish an Infrastructure Advisory Board - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3  
and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an ordinance amending Division 8 of Article VII, Chapter 2 of the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances (Code) for the purpose of reconstituting the Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee (ITFAC) to a permanent Infrastructure Advisory Board.

**Background**

On March 7, 2017, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 17-46 establishing the Infrastructure Task Force (ITF) (CAM #17-0394). The purpose of the ITF is to:

1. Review the existing City of Fort Lauderdale (City) infrastructure, including, but not limited to: roads, sidewalks, airports, seawalls, water and wastewater distribution and collection systems, treatment plants, well fields, parks and all City facilities and structures and examine their current condition;
2. Review and identify the repair and replacement as well as review and identify funding sources and financing alternatives for those infrastructure improvements;
3. Receive input from members of the public interested in infrastructure improvements within the City; and
4. Provide a report with recommendations to the City Commission regarding improvement priorities as well as financing alternatives for said improvements.

The ITFAC consists of nine (9) members appointed by the City Commission, who shall serve without compensation. The ITF was to be comprised of the following members:

1. Each member shall be a resident and property owner in the City;

2. Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Board;
3. Chairperson of the Budget Advisory Board;
4. One (1) member selected by the Fort Lauderdale Council of Civic Associations;
5. One (1) member selected by the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce; and
6. One (1) member selected by the Mayor and by each of the four (4) District Commissioners, one (1) of which shall have a background in civil engineering and one (1) of which shall have a background in public finance.

The ITF was set to terminate eighteen (18) months from the date of adoption of Resolution No. 17-46, expiring on September 7, 2018.

On May 2, 2017, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 17-96, which amended Resolution No. 17-46 to change the requirements of membership to the ITF (CAM #17-0563). Pursuant to Resolution No. 17-96, the ITF was to be comprised of the following members:

1. Each member shall be a resident and property owner in the City;
2. Chairperson or other board member as designated by the Planning and Zoning Board;
3. Chairperson or other board member as designated by the Budget Advisory Board;
4. One (1) member selected by the Fort Lauderdale Council of Civic Associations;
5. One (1) member selected by the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce; and
6. One (1) member selected by the Mayor and by each of the four (4) District Commissioners, one (1) of which shall have a background in civil engineering and one (1) of which shall have a background in public finance.

On December 19, 2017, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 17-281, which amended Resolution No. 17-46 to extend the term of the ITF for an additional eighteen (18) months beyond the original expiration date of September 7, 2018, expiring on March 7, 2020 (CAM #17-1516).

On February 18, 2020, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 20-30, which amended and restated Resolution No. 17-46 to expand the purpose and duties of the ITF, increase the membership, impose additional membership requirements, rename the ITF to the Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee (ITFAC or Committee), and extend the term of the ITFAC (CAM #20-0206).

Pursuant to Resolution No. 20-30, the ITFAC shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed by the City Commission, who shall serve without compensation. The ITFAC is to be comprised of the following members:

1. Each member shall be a resident and property owner in the City; and
2. Two (2) members selected by the Mayor and by each of the four (4) District Commissioners, and one (1) member selected by consensus of the entire City Commission.

Additionally, the duties of ITFAC were expanded to evaluate and provide a recommendation on the feasibility and impact of implementing a moratorium on the acceptance of an application for issuance of a development permit within the City. The ITFAC was set to terminate two (2) years from the date of adoption of Resolution No. 20-30, expiring on February 18, 2022.

On December 21, 2021, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 21-276, which amended Resolution No. 17-46 to extend the term of the ITFAC for an additional three (3) years, expiring on February 18, 2025 (CAM #21-1140).

On January 22, 2025, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 25-12, which amended Resolution No. 17-46 to extend the term of the ITFAC for an additional one (1) year, expiring on February 18, 2026 (CAM #25-0085).

On May 6, 2025, via Communications to the City Commission (CAM #25-0325), the ITFAC requested that the City Commission consider making the ITFAC a permanent Infrastructure Advisory Board (Board) to provide ongoing advisory support on infrastructure-related matters. During the discussion, the City Commission expressed support and directed City staff to bring forward a draft ordinance establishing the ITFAC as a permanent board. The Board will continue the work of the ITFAC and make recommendations to the City Commission concerning infrastructure improvement priorities and financing alternatives.

The purpose of the Board is to review existing City infrastructure, including stormwater infrastructure, water and wastewater (sewer) distribution and collection systems, seawalls, roads, and sidewalks.

The Board shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed by resolution of the City Commission, who shall serve a one (1)-year term, without compensation and at the pleasure of the City Commission. The Board shall be comprised of the following:

1. Each member shall be a resident and property owner in the City; and
2. Two (2) members selected by the Mayor and by each of the four (4) District Commissioners, and one (1) member selected by consensus of the entire Commission.

On January 17, 2026, City staff shared the draft ordinance with the ITFAC chair. City staff modified the draft ordinance to reflect the feedback received by the City Commission at its January 20, 2026, City Commission Conference Meeting. City staff are scheduled to present the proposed draft ordinance at the February 2, 2026, ITFAC meeting.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resiliency initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community

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

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonably protected from flooding, giving due consideration to the City’s natural and built environment.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance

Exhibit 2 – Business Impact Estimate

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Prepared by: Otniel Rodriguez, Assistant Director, Public Works

Department Director: Brad Kaine, Public Works

ORDINANCE NO. C-26-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING DIVISION 8 OF ARTICLE VII, OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, TO ESTABLISH AN INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD, PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS, LENGTH OF TERM AND THE PURPOSE AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, PROVIDING FOR CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 17-46 adopted on March 7, 2017, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale ("City Commission") established the Infrastructure Task Force to "... review and examine the condition and needs of the City's infrastructure and to prepare a report with recommendations to the City Commission regarding infrastructure improvement priorities and financing alternatives"; and

WHEREAS, the Committee was set to terminate eighteen (18) months from the date of adoption of Resolution No. 17-46; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2017, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 17-96, which amended Resolution No. 17-46 to change the requirements of Membership to the Task Force; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2017, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 17-281, which amended Resolution No. 17-46 to extend the term of the Infrastructure Task Force for an additional eighteen (18) months beyond the original September 7, 2018, termination date; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2020, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 20-30, which amended and restated Resolution No. 17-46 to expand the purpose and duties of the Task Force, increase the membership, impose additional membership requirements, and extend the term of the newly named Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2021, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 21-276, which amended Resolution No. 17-46 to extend the term of the Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee; and

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WHEREAS, on January 22, 2025, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 25-12, which amended Resolution No. 17-46 to extend the term of the Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee with a February 18, 2026 termination date; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of such board is to continue the work of the Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee and continue to make recommendations to the City Commission concerning infrastructure improvement priorities and financing alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes that the establishment of a Infrastructure Advisory Board would be in the best interests of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That Division 8 of Article VII, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances is amended and shall read as follows:

**DIVISION 8. – RESERVED INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD**

**Sec. 2-257. - Reserved Established; intent; composition; term.**

- A. There is hereby established an Infrastructure Advisory Board of the City of Fort Lauderdale.
- B. The board is created to review existing City infrastructure, including: stormwater infrastructure, water and wastewater (sewer) distribution and collection systems, seawalls, roads, and sidewalks; and
- C. The board shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed by resolution of the city commission, who shall serve a one (1)-year term, without compensation and at the pleasure of the city commission. The Advisory Board shall be comprised of the following:
  - 1. Each member shall be a resident and property owner in the City of Fort Lauderdale;

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2. Two members nominated by the Mayor and by each of the four District Commissioners and one member nominated by majority of the entire Commission.

D. The Advisory Board members shall have education, background or experience in one of the following categories:

1. Design and engineering (i.e. landscape architecture, urban planning, and civil engineering);
2. Municipal (i.e. city administration, former elected official, and former public works director);
3. Finance (i.e. governmental finance and private finance);
4. Law (i.e. municipal law and corporate law);
5. Developer (i.e. private development);
6. Community Association (i.e. active membership in civic, neighborhood or homeowner's association)

**Sec. 2-258 - Reserved Meetings and Procedures.**

- A. The Board shall meet no more frequently than once each calendar month.
- B. The Board shall select its own chair from its members.
- C. A majority of the members appointed to the Board on the date a meeting is held shall constitute a quorum.

**Sec. 2-259 - Reserved Purpose and Duties.**

That the purpose and duties of the Infrastructure Advisory Board shall be as follows:

- A. To review existing City infrastructure, including: stormwater infrastructure, water and wastewater (sewer) distribution and collection systems, seawalls, roads, and sidewalks; and
- B. To receive input from members of the public interested in infrastructure

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improvements within the City; and

- C. To provide a report with recommendations to the City Commission regarding improvement priorities as well as financing alternatives for said improvements; and
- D. To evaluate and provide a recommendation on specific matters requested by the City Commission or City Manager

SECTION 2. At the direction of the City Attorney, the publisher of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is authorized to conform chapter, article, section, subsection, clause numbers and letters, and capitalization, as set forth in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and to correct any non-substantive scrivener’s errors in the codification of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. That if any clause, section or other part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

PASSED FIRST READING this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

PASSED SECOND READING this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Mayor  
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

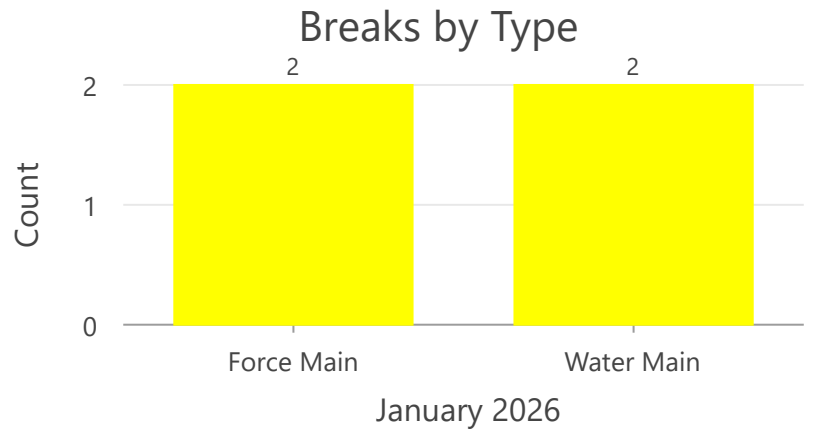
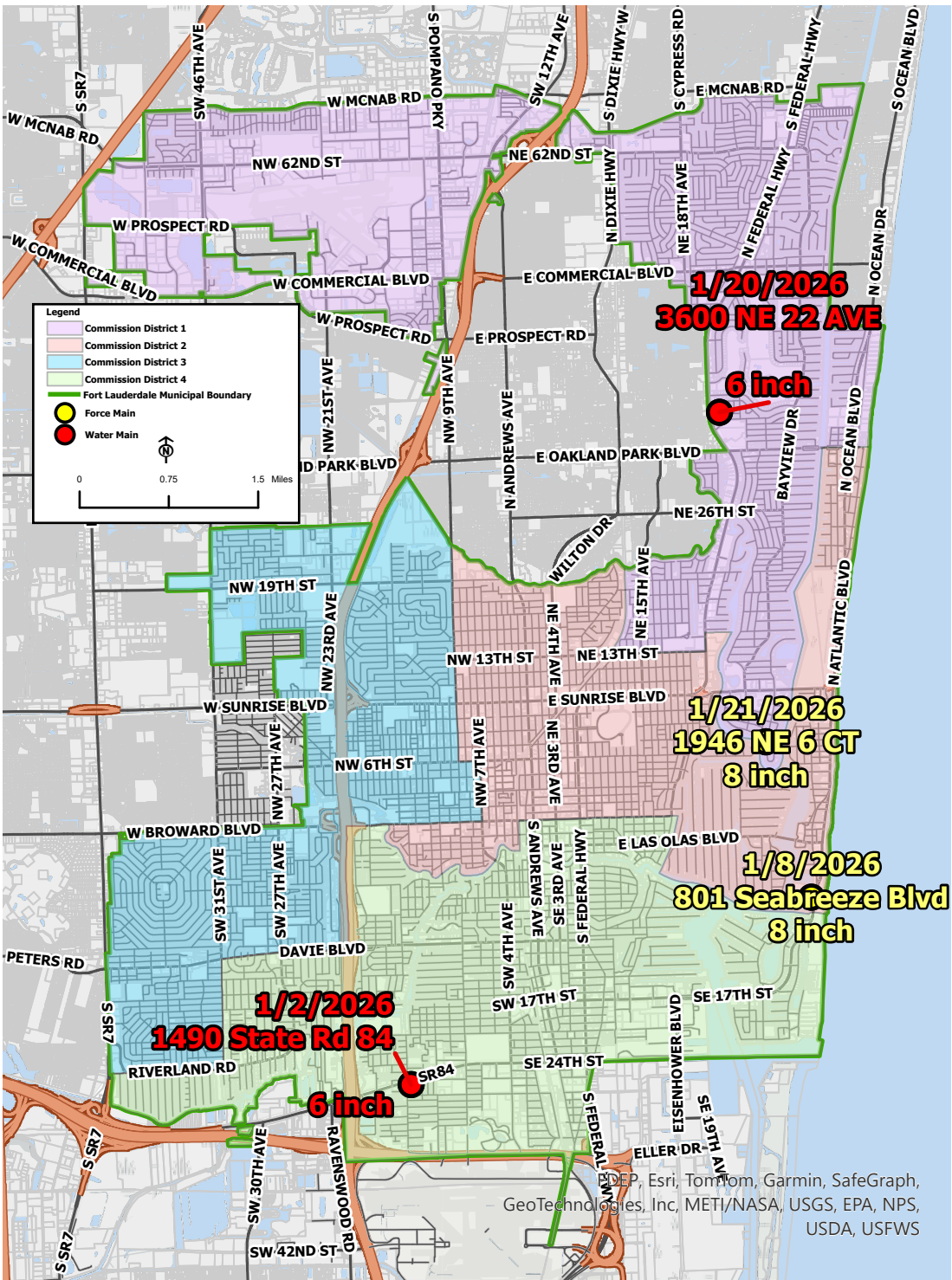
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City Clerk  
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

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# Water Distribution And Force Main Breaks From January 1 to January 27, 2026



### Water Main Breaks

Date of Break/PBWN	Q-Alert	Address	Type	Size	Cause	Cost	WaterLoss	Precautionary Boil Water Notice	ImpactedProperties
1/2/2026	CW17037	1490 State Rd 84	Water Main	6 inch	EMERGENCY REPAIR				
1/20/2026	CW17483	3600 NE 22 AVE	Water Main	6 inch	EMERGENCY REPAIR				

### Sewer Main Breaks

Date of Break/PBWN	Q-Alert	Address	Type	Size	Cause	Cost	WaterLoss	Precautionary Boil Water Notice	ImpactedProperties
1/8/2026	CW17183	801 Seabreeze Blvd	Force Main	8 inch	GRAVITY STOPPAGE		1000		
1/21/2026	CW17580	1946 NE 6 CT	Force Main	8 inch	GRAVITY LINE BLOCKAGE		3000		

Date of break/PBWN	Q-Alert#	Address	Type	Size in inches	Cause	Cost	Water Loss	Precautionary Boil Water Notice	Impacted Properties
1/2/2026	17037	1490 State Rd 84	DIP	6 INCH	EMERGENCY REPAIR				
1/20/2026	17483	3600 NE 22 AVE	CIP	6 INCH	EMERGENCY REPAIR				

Total Breaks

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