

RESOLUTION NO. 26-88

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, CALLING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, TO ELECT A CITY COMMISSIONER FROM COMMISSION DISTRICT 1, ESTABLISHING A QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, RESCISSION OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTION PROVISIONS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, District 1 Commissioner John C. Herbst has submitted his resignation effective 11:59 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2026, thereby creating a vacancy on the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.08 of the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, provides in part that if a vacancy occurs in the office of city commissioner, and eighteen (18) months or more ensue before the time provided for holding the next regular quadrennial municipal election, then a special municipal election shall be called to fill such vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the next regular quadrennial municipal election is scheduled for 2028; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.10 of the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, provides:

A special municipal election for the purpose of electing the mayor or a member or members of the city commission, to fill a vacancy or vacancies in the city commission, on account of death, removal, resignation or other cause, shall be held in the same manner as provided herein for a regular quadrennial election. The city commission may call the special municipal election by resolution. Such resolution shall specify the length of the unexpired term or terms to be filled, and the time of taking office of the elected mayor, city commissioner or commissioners; which mayor, city commissioner or commissioners shall hold office until their successors, elected in regular quadrennial municipal elections, shall take office.

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

SECTION 1. That each WHEREAS clause set forth above is true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby accepts the resignation of John C. Herbst effective November 2, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

SECTION 3. That a special municipal election of the City of Fort Lauderdale shall be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing a City Commissioner from Commission District 1, such Commissioner so elected to serve a term that shall begin at 12:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, and end at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2028, or until a successor is elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. That the qualifying period for the November 3, 2026, special municipal election shall be at any time after 12:00 noon on Monday, June 8, 2026, but no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, June 12, 2026.

SECTION 5. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for placement upon the ballots to be used at the special municipal election to be held on November 3, 2026, the names of all candidates properly qualifying.

SECTION 6. That the polls shall be open at every polling place without intermission from 7:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time until 7:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

SECTION 7. That the registration books for the special municipal election shall be closed on October 5, 2026.

SECTION 8. That the City of Fort Lauderdale requests that the Broward County Supervisor of Elections use the same voting precincts or parts thereof for the special municipal election as are designated for use in Broward County and State of Florida elections.

SECTION 9. That the special municipal election shall be canvassed by the Broward County Canvassing Board, and the Broward County Canvassing Board shall certify the results of the special municipal election to the City Clerk within 5 days after the election, as provided in Section 7 of Chapter 2012-253, Laws of Florida.

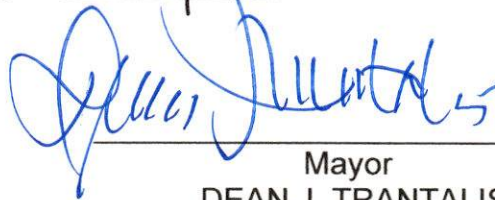
SECTION 10. That the City Clerk is directed to cause notice of the special municipal election to be published as provided by applicable law and the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

SECTION 11. That if any clause, section, or other part of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby rescinded to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 13. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 5th day of May, 2026.



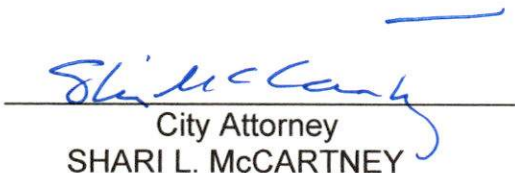
Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:



City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:



City Attorney
SHARI L. McCARTNEY

Dean J. Trantalis

Yea

John C. Herbst

Yea

Steven Glassman

Yea

Pamela Beasley-Pittman

Yea

Ben Sorensen

Yea