



## CITY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

**DEPARTMENT:** Commission

**DATE** May 12, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Motion to Reconsider the Adoption of Ordinance No. 26-08, submitting to referendum a proposed Charter Amendment related to the filing of Vacancies on the City Commission

### **BACKGROUND OF ITEM:**

On March 26, 2026, the City Commission passed and adopted Ordinance No. 26-08 on second reading. The ordinance submits to referendum a proposed amendment to Article III, Section 3.10 of the City Charter, titled "Vacancies, forfeitures of office, filling of vacancies." The proposed Charter Amendment addresses the timing and procedure for filling vacancies on the City Commission.

### **ANALYSIS:**

The purpose of this item is to allow the City Commission to reconsider its prior adoption of Ordinance 26-08 before the proposed Charter amendment moves forward through the remaining election-related process.

The proposed Charter amendment revises the process for filling vacancies on the City Commission by clarifying when a special election should be scheduled and by recognizing the Broward County Supervisor of Elections' role in determining the earliest available election date. Specifically, the amendment provides that when more than 180 days remain, the Commission shall schedule a special election to be held within 60 days of the vacancy, or as soon as practicable, as may be required by the Broward County Supervisor of Elections.

A motion to reconsider would allow the Commission to further evaluate the adopted ordinance, including the ballot title and language, the timing of the referendum, potential administrative impacts, coordination with the Supervisor of Elections, and any policy concerns about filling Commission vacancies.

If the motion to reconsider is approved, the Commission may discuss and provide direction on the next appropriate action. Possible outcomes include maintaining the ordinance as adopted, directing revisions to the ordinance or ballot language, repealing the ordinance, or taking action deemed appropriate by the Commission.