



Minutes of October 13, 2026, General Membership Meeting

A video of this meeting is available on the CFLCA YouTube Channel on the CFLCA.org website.

CFLCA President Wm. Bill Brown opened the meeting.

Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz: Provided a legislative update on her congressional tenure, federal funding for local infrastructure and public safety, and her future plans to represent a larger portion of Fort Lauderdale following redistricting.

Omair “Ot” Rodriguez, Assistant Public Works Director: Gave an informative video presentation explaining how the City’s pump stations work and addressed questions about stormwater management in response to recent rain events and king tides.

Key rainfall and stormwater data:

- **20.77 inches of rain** fell in September, making it Fort Lauderdale’s wettest September since 1913. Approximately 70 inches of rain is typical annually.
- **6–7 inches of rain** fell in just one hour during the recent storm.
- The existing stormwater system was designed to handle approximately **3 inches in 24 hours**.
- Improvements are intended to increase capacity to **7–10 inches in 24 hours**.
- One pump station removed **more than 50 million gallons of water** in September.

Karen Warfel, Transportation Planning Division Manager: Presented an update on the City’s Sidewalk Master Plan. She will reach out to qualifying civic associations over the next few months to discuss prioritized sidewalk locations. Her presentation will be posted on the Council’s website.

Gabrielle Bork, Public Works: Reviewed three proposed state legislative grant requests for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements, including pump station upgrades and efforts to reduce stormwater and groundwater infiltration into the sewer system.

Council Business: Estelle Brenner was nominated for First Vice President, with a formal vote scheduled for the next meeting. The Council approved letters of support for three state infrastructure grant applications, support for Charter Amendments 1–8, and an update to its legislative resolution regarding the Live Local Act.

Signed, Suzi Burstein, Recording Secretary — 10-14-26