

# City of Fort Lauderdale

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## Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, September 12, 2019**

**5:01 PM**

**First Budget Hearing**

**City Commission Chambers**

## **CITY COMMISSION - SPECIAL MEETING**

***FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION***

***DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor***

***ROBERT L. McKINZIE Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District III***

***HEATHER MORAITIS Commissioner - District I***

***STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II***

***BEN SORENSEN Commissioner - District IV***

***CHRIS LAGERBLOOM, City Manager***

***JOHN HERBST, City Auditor***

***JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, City Clerk***

***ALAIN E. BOILEAU, City Attorney***

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the First Budget Hearing to order at 5:11 p.m.

Mayor Trantalis announced that this is the convening of the previously scheduled City of Fort Lauderdale September 3, 2019 Commission First Budget Hearing that was rescheduled due to the State of Emergency Declaration previously in effect due to Hurricane Dorian. The Second Budget Hearing on the City of Fort Lauderdale's Final Millage Rate and Budget would be held on Thursday, September 17, 2019 at 5:01 p.m.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Trantalis

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 5 - Commissioner Steven Glassman, Vice Mayor Robert L. McKinzie, Commissioner Ben Sorensen, Commissioner Heather Moraitis, and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

## QUORUM ESTABLISHED

**Also Present:** City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Alain Boileau, City Auditor John Herbst and Sergeant at Arms Major Luis Alvarez

## FIRST BUDGET HEARING

**BGT-1** [19-0911](#) Motion Setting the Public Hearing Date to Consider the Fiscal Year 2020 Final Millage Rate and Budget for the City of Fort Lauderdale and for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

### APPROVED

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**BGT-2** [19-0743](#) Resolution Adopting the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget and Non-Ad Valorem Assessment of \$15 per parcel - (Commission District 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated this item and its

purpose.

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom stated the Fiscal Year 2020 Lauderdale Isles Management District Non-Ad Valorem Assessment and Budget.

***A copy of these statements are attached to these minutes.***

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Mayor Trantalis announced the final Lauderdale Isles Water Management non-ad Valorem assessment will be \$15.00 annually per parcel within the district.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**BGT-3** [19-0746](#)

Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2020 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment - Nuisance Abatement - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated the item and the purpose.

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom stated the Final Fiscal Year 2020 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment - Nuisance Abatement Assessment Report.

***A copy of these statements are attached to these minutes.***

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Mayor Trantalis announced the final Nuisance Abatement assessment rate will be equal to the actual cost paid by the City to abate the nuisance for each business and residential property as provided in the resolution

approving the Nuisance Abatement assessment.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**BGT-4** [19-0800](#)

Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2020 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment - Utility Undergrounding - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated the item and the purpose.

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom stated the Final Fiscal Year 2020 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Report for Utility Undergrounding.

***A copy of these statements are attached to these minutes.***

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Vice Mayor McKinzie made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Mayor Trantalis announced the final Utility Undergrounding assessment rate for FY 2020 will be \$529.59 per Equivalent Building Unit (EBU).

Vice Mayor McKinzie introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**BGT-5** [19-0745](#)

Beach Business Improvement District Annual Rate Resolution for Fiscal Year 2020 - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated the item and the purpose.

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom stated the Fiscal Year 2020 Beach Business Improvement District Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Report.

***A copy of these statements are attached to these minutes.***

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Mayor Trantalis announced the final Beach Business Improvement District assessment rate will be \$0.8525 per \$1,000 of assessed value annually for each business property used for commercial purposes as provided in the resolution approving the Beach Business Improvement District assessment.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**BGT-6** [19-0747](#)

Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2020 Fire Assessment and Assessment Roll for Provision of Fire Services, Programs and Facilities - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated the item and the purpose.

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom stated the Fiscal Year 2020 Fire Assessment and Assessment Roll for Provision of Fire Services, Programs and Facilities.

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There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Mayor Trantalis announced the final fire assessment rate will be \$311 annually for each residential property and the final fire assessment rate for non-residential properties shall be as shown on the detailed rate schedule provided in the resolution approving the fire assessment.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**Nay:** 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

**BGT-7** [19-0920](#)

Ordinance Amending Stormwater Management Rates - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis announced that this item amends Section 28-197 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale to increase the stormwater management rates to a monthly rate of \$14.00 per unit for residential units; \$141.12 per acre for commercial, industrial and residential units (greater than three units); and \$44.73 per acre for vacant land, parks and well fields.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: **AYES:** Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. **NAYS:** None.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

**PASSED FIRST READING**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**Nay:** 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

**BGT-8** [19-0921](#)

Ordinance Amending Chapter 28 of the City's Code of Ordinances for Increases to Wastewater Rates, Tapping Charges, Water Rates, Master Meter Charges, Service Availability Charges, Sprinkling Charges, Fire Service Charges, and the Repeal of the Annual Rebate Test - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis announced this an Ordinance amending Sections 28-76, 28-141, 28-143, 28-144 and 28-145 of the City's Code of Ordinances to provide for alignment of charges for fiscal year 2020 to water and sewer cost of services; to provide for increases to water and wastewater rates, tapping charges, master meter charges, sprinkling charges, fire service charges and service availability charges; to allow payback terms for tapping charges for installation of sprinkling meters; and to repeal the annual rebate test.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

**PASSED FIRST READING**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**Nay:** 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

**BGT-9** [19-0922](#)

Ordinance Amending Chapter 28, Sections 28-255 and 28-256 of the Code of Ordinances to Amend the Wastewater Plant and Collection System Capital Expansion Fee and Potable Water Plant and Distribution Capital Expansion Fee - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis announced that this item amends Sections 28-255 and 28-256 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale to increase the wastewater plant and collection system capital expansion fee, and the potable water plant and distribution capital expansion fee.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Vice Mayor McKinzie. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Vice Mayor McKinzie introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

**PASSED FIRST READING**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**Nay:** 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

**BGT-1** [19-0923](#)  
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Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2020 Central Wastewater Region Large User Rate of \$2.58 per 1,000 Gallons of Wastewater Treated - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis announced this Resolution approves the Fiscal Year 2020 Central Wastewater Region Large User Rate of \$2.58 per 1,000 Gallons of Wastewater Treated.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Vice Mayor McKinzie made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Vice Mayor McKinzie introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**Nay:** 1 - Vice Mayor McKinzie

**BGT-1** [19-0914](#)  
**1**

Resolutions Adopting the Fiscal Year 2020 Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District Proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget - (1) Proposed Millage Rate (1.0000) and (2) Tentative Budget - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated the item and the purpose.

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom stated this item adopting the Fiscal Year 2020 Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget.

***A copy of these statements are attached to these minutes.***

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Vice Mayor McKinzie made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

The tentative millage rate for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood

Improvement District purposes will be 1.0000 mill which represents an increase of 4.37% over the rolled-back rate of 0.9581 mills.

Vice Mayor McKinzie introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED Proposed Millage Rate**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

Vice Mayor McKinzie introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED Tentative Budget**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

Mayor Trantalis announced the public hearing to adopt the final millage rate and budget for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood will be held at 5:01 PM on September 17, 2019 in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

**BGT-1** [19-0915](#)  
**2**

Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2020 Tentative Millage Rate (4.1193) for the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated the item and the purpose.

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom stated the item adopting the Fiscal Year 2020 Tentative Millage Rate (4.1193) for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

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Vice Mayor McKinzie noted that there would be modifications prior to the Second Reading that would be disclosed prior to the Second Reading.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Vice Mayor McKinzie made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Mayor Trantalis announced:

- A. The tentative millage rate for the City of Fort Lauderdale exclusive of debt service will be 4.1193 which represent a 4.985% increase in the millage rate over the rolled-back rate of 3.9237 mills.
- B. The tentative millage rate for debt service for the 2015 General Obligation Refunding Bond is .0271.
- C. The tentative millage rate for debt service for the 2011A General Obligation Bond is .0295.
- D. The tentative millage rate for debt service for the City's voter-approved Public Safety Bond is .0936.
- E. The tentative millage rate for debt service for the City's voter-approved Parks Bond is .0748.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**BGT-1** [19-0916](#)  
**3**

Resolution Adopting the Tentative Five-Year Community Investment Plan for the period beginning October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2024 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated the item and the purpose.

***A copy of the statement is attached to these minutes.***

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Vice Mayor McKinzie made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Vice Mayor McKinzie introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**BGT-1** [19-0917](#)  
**4**

Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2020 Tentative Budget, Personnel Complement, and Return on Investment for the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated the item and the purpose.

City Manager Chris Lagerbloom stated the item adopting the Fiscal Year 2020 Tentative Budget, Personnel Complement, and Return on Investment for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

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Commissioner Glassman commented on formatting aspects of increase and decreased budget amounts in the backup to this item. Laura Reece, Budget Director, explained related accounting details noting corrections. She confirmed revisions would be made.

Commissioner Glassman requested City Manager Lagerbloom repeat the budget line item information related to the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). City Manager Lagerbloom explained information related to ongoing negotiations with the MPO regarding an Interlocal Agreement (Agreement) and how it would impact this budget line item. The Agreement with the MPO is anticipated to be finalized by the second Commission Regular Meeting on October 15, 2019. Adjustments to the budget would be made prior to the Second Budget Hearing, explaining details.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the amount associated with the MPO Interlocal Agreement is an increase of \$455,954. City Manager Lagerbloom said modifications would be made between the First Budget Hearing and the Second Budget Hearing, explaining related information. Commissioner Glassman noted his perspective and the need for additional information, expounding on details.

City Manager Lagerbloom discussed his recommendation to revert this budget line item to the status quo and present a budget amendment request along with the Interlocal Agreement with the MPO in the 2020 Fiscal Year. Commissioner Glassman confirmed his desire to have a full understanding of all information related to all items before the Commission.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Robert Walsh, 401 East Las Olas Boulevard. Mr. Walsh commented on his perspective regarding the readiness to address the budget, recommending the Commission wait until the October 1, 2019 deadline. He expounded on details regarding additional budget-related concerns, citing examples.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Vice Mayor McKinzie made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None

Mayor Trantalis announced the tentative total all funds budget for the City of Fort Lauderdale is \$832,517,813 that will fund the various operations of the City of Fort Lauderdale for the fiscal period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020.

Commissioner Sorensen requested input from City Attorney Alain Boileau regarding his recusal on this item. Further comment and discussion ensued. Mr. Boileau discussed Commissioner Sorensen's full disclosure, noting no conflict of interest or pecuniary gain. He stated it is Commissioner Sorensen's personal choice.

Vice Mayor McKinzie introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 4 - Vice Mayor McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Glassman

Mayor Trantalis announced the Second Public Hearing to adopt the final budget will be held at 5:01 PM on September 17, 2019 in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

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Dean J. Trantalis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeffrey A. Modarelli  
City Clerk