



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#20-0633

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 18, 2020

TITLE: Motion Authorizing the Use of Communications Media Technology for
Scheduled Public Hearings to Consider the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021
Millage Rate and Budget for the City of Fort Lauderdale and for the Sunrise
Key Neighborhood Improvement District and for Non-Ad Valorem
Assessment items - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission authorize of the use of communications media technology for the Thursday, September 3, 2020, and the Monday, September 14, 2020, public hearings to consider the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 millage rate and budget for the City of Fort Lauderdale and for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District and for non-ad valorem assessments. The public hearings will be held at 5:01 P.M. or soon thereafter and will be accessible through the use of communication media technology at <https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/city-clerk-s-office/virtual-city-commission-meetings>. The public may sign up to speak at the same web address.

Background

Florida Statutes require that a public hearing on the proposed millage rate and tentative budget be held within 80 days but not earlier than 65 days following the certification of the taxable values by the Broward County Property Appraiser (July 1, 2020). When utilizing the uniform collection method, public hearings for non-ad valorem assessment are to be held and the non-ad valorem assessment roll must be certified to the tax collector by September 15 each year.

On July 7, 2020 the City Commission set the below proposed schedule for the adoption of its millage rate and budget and the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District's millage rate, budget, and non-ad valorem assessments:

- September 3 - Public hearing will be held at 5:01 P.M. or soon thereafter, in the Fort Lauderdale City Commission Chamber to adopt a tentative millage rate and budget by resolution.
- September 14 - Public hearing will be held at 5:01 P.M., or soon thereafter, in Fort Lauderdale City Commission Chamber to adopt final millage rate and final budget and various non-ad valorem assessments by resolution.

On July 29, 2020, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis executed Executive Order 20-179 expanding the suspension of certain Florida Statutory requirements as provided in Executive Order 20-69, to also suspend the quorum or supermajority of the membership and specific public place requirements for local government millage and budget hearings or hearings or meeting regarding non ad valorem assessments. The executive order authorizes local government to hold such hearing through the use of communication media technology. As a result, the City of Fort Lauderdale is hosting virtual Commission meetings using audio/video conferencing software until further notice.

This meeting may be attended through electronic media by following the instructions at fortlauderdale.gov/departments/city-clerk-s-office/virtual-city-commission-meetings. For technical assistance participants can call (954) 828-3587. The public can also listen to and view the public hearings on FLTV, YouTube, Zoom, Comcast Channel 78, and AT&T U-verse Channel 99. Agendas for these public hearings may be viewed at <https://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Be a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably
- Objective: Maintain financial integrity through sound budgeting practices, prudent fiscal management, cost effective operations, and long-term planning

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1- State of Florida Office of the Governor Executive Order Number 20-69

Exhibit 2- State of Florida Office of the Governor Executive Order Number 20-179

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