



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
MAY 17, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport
Red Tails Conference Room
6000 NW 21st Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309**

Board Member	Attendance	10/2022 through 9/2023 Cumulative Attendance	
		Present	Absent
Brian Donaldson, Chair	P	5	0
Jeff Lowe, Vice Chair	P	5	0
William Brown [via Zoom]	P	4	1
Ross Cammarata	P	5	0
John Rodstrom	P	3	0
Christian Macellari	P	3	2
Michael Marshall	A	4	1
Prabhuling Patel	P	5	0

Staff

Greg Chavarria, City Manager
Susan Grant, Assistant City Manager
Laura Reece, Office of Management Budget Director
Patrick Lynn, Police Chief
Kenneth Campbell, Business Operations Manager
Wesley Acosta, Senior Management Analyst
Christopher Cooper, Sustainable Development Director
Porshia Garcia, Sustainable Development Deputy Director
Juan Rodriguez, Division Manager
Tamecka McKay, Information Technology Services Director
Valerie Florestal, Business Operations Manager
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor

Communications to the City Commission – Merchant Fees

Motion made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Patel, to make the following communication to the City Commission. The City is incurring fees in excess of \$3.7 million for processing to support the use of credit cards. The Budget Advisory Board (BAB) recommends that the City Commission pass along the processing fees for credit cards to the consumer if they choose to use a credit card for any and all City services. This will result in approximately \$900,000 in savings to the General Fund in the FY 2024 budget. The BAB suggests that this is implemented as soon as possible. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (7-0).



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I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Budget Advisory Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2023

Motion made by Mr. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Rodstrom, to approve the minutes of the Board's April 11, 2023 meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

IV. Floor Open for Neighbor Input

None

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

None

VII. Communications to/from the City Commission

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VIII. Board Member Comments

None

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m. The FY 2024 Departmental Budget Review presentations with Police, Development Services, and Information Technology Services followed thereafter.

Minutes prepared by City staff.