



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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 7, 2015

TITLE: Resolution Imposing Special Assessment Liens for Costs Associated with
Lot Clearing and Cleaning on Multiple Properties in the City of Fort
Lauderdale

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution approving the imposition of special assessment liens for the costs associated with cleaning and removal of debris associated with the properties listed in Exhibit 1.

Background

Pursuant to Section 18-14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale (Code), the City cleaned and removed debris on the properties listed in Exhibit 1. Within the exhibit are the actual costs and expenses incurred by the City to abate the public nuisance. Those costs and expenses are to be recorded against the respective properties as a special assessment lien in the public records of Broward County, pursuant to Section 18-15 of the Code.

In accordance with the Section 18-13 of the Code, the property owner was provided with notification to clean and clear the property within ten days of the date of notice. Since compliance was not achieved within the required timeframe, the property was cleared and cleaned by the City. The Statement of Assessed Costs and Expenses was mailed to the property owner for reimbursement of those expenditures and has remained unpaid.

If the City does not receive payment on the outstanding balance within 30 days from the date of this meeting, the cases will be referred to the City's collection agency. Additionally, interest will begin to accrue on the outstanding balance at a rate of 4.75% annually. This rate does not exceed the authorized maximum interest of 8% per year described in Section 170.09, Florida Statutes.

Resource Impact

Should the City receive payment on the outstanding balance, there will be a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$18,499.

Funds will be deposited into the General Fund, as depicted below.

Funds deposited as of June 19, 2015:					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	FUNDS RECEIVED (Object Code)	REVENUE AMOUNT
001-DSD040101-J022	Community Inspections	Lot Clearing	\$72,785	\$73,135	\$18,499
			TOTAL ►		\$18,499

Strategic Connections:

This item is a *Commission Annual Action Plan* priority, included within the Management Agenda, advancing the Code Compliance Process Improvement effort.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 5: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.
- Objective 2: Enhance the beauty, aesthetics, and environmental quality of neighborhoods.
- Initiative 4: Implement the finding from the Code Compliance Process Improvement.

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

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 - Lot Clearing and Cleaning Report

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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