



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#22-0003

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: February 1, 2022

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2022 (Las Olas Isles Undergrounding Project) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$9,000,000 – **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the issuance of Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2022 (“Las Olas Isles Undergrounding Project” or “the Project”) (the “Series 2022 Bonds”), by negotiated sale, in an amount not to exceed \$9,000,000 for the purpose of financing the cost of the project, and pay the costs of issuance associated with the Series 2022 Bonds, as determined by the City Manager.

Background

On May 18, 2010, the City Commission enacted Ordinance C-10-12 creating Chapter 25, Article IV, Division 2 – Undergrounding within the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale (Code) that established a process for communities to underground overhead utilities (power, telephone, cable TV, etc.) and created a mechanism for the benefited neighborhood to pay the associated costs through a special assessment.

On May 12, 2011, Las Olas Isles Homeowners Association initiated the process for instituting Underground Utility Line Assessments by filing an application with the City requesting undergrounding of the utilities. The Project includes undergrounding of all overhead utilities, including, without limitation, electrical, telephone and cable television, the replacement of street lighting, roadway resurfacing, and restoration of all infrastructure affected by such undergrounding project within the Las Olas Isles Neighborhood.

The City Commission has found and determined that the Project will directly and specially benefit the residential properties within the Las Olas Isles Neighborhood and on September 13, 2021, adopted Resolution No. 21-198 (amending and restating in its entirety Resolution No. 19-123), declaring the levy and collection of special assessments (the “Special Assessments”) that will be used to repay the debt.

City staff now recommends City Commission adopt this Resolution in order to:

- (i) provide for the issuance of the Series 2022 Bonds, and the fixing of the terms, provisions and other matters relating to the Series 2022 Bonds within the parameters set forth herein,
- (ii) provide for the negotiated sale to the Underwriter on such date and at such time as set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement mentioned in this Resolution,
- (iii) authorize the use and distribution of a Preliminary Limited Offering Memorandum relating to the Series 2022 Bonds and the execution and delivery of a Limited Offering Memorandum,
- (iv) provide for the execution and delivery of a Paying Agent and Bond Registrar Agreement and a Continuing Disclosure Commitment, and
- (v) to provide for the authorization and approval of such documents and agreements and the taking of such other actions as may be required in connection with the issuance and delivery of the Series 2022 Bonds

Additionally, this resolution will provide for the potential future issuance from time to time of special assessment bonds to refinance the Series 2022 Bonds, if determined to be in the best interest of the City, and to pledge the Special Assessments for the payment of such refunding bonds.

The Series 2022 Bonds are payable from and secured by the imposition and levy of the Special Assessments on the properties within the Las Olas Isles Neighborhood.

Resource Impact

There is an estimated fiscal impact of \$9,000,000, which includes \$8,750,000 for capital projects and \$250,000 for cost of issuance.

Source:

<i>Funds available as of January 6, 2022</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
354-FD354.01-T305	SA Bond 2021 Construction - Utility Undergrounding	Other Financing Sources / Bond Proceeds	\$8,750,000	\$0	\$8,750,000
209-FD209.01-T305	Special Assessment Bonds 2021 Construction - Utility Undergrounding	Other Financing Sources / Bond Proceeds	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$9,000,000

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354-P11715.354-6599	Las Olas Isles Undergrounding Construction	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$8,750,000	\$8,750,000	\$8,750,000
209-FD209.01-7305	Special Assessment Bonds 2021 Construction - Utility Undergrounding	Debt Service / Other Debt Costs	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
				TOTAL AMOUNT →	\$9,000,000

Strategic Connections

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

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build 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 – Resolution
- Exhibit 2 – Bond Purchase Agreement (Draft)
- Exhibit 3 – Paying Agent and Bond Registrar Agreement (Draft)
- Exhibit 4 – Preliminary Limited Offering Memorandum (PLOM)

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