



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

#20-0681

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 14, 2020

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Central Wastewater Region
Large User Rate of \$2.48 per 1,000 Gallons of Wastewater Treated –
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution setting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Central Region Wastewater large user rate at \$2.48 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater treated, effective October 1, 2020.

Background

The City, through Large User Agreements, operates the Central Wastewater Region facilities, including the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Facility (GTL). The Central Wastewater Region provides treatment services for five cities including Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, Wilton Manors, Tamarac, and parts of Davie, which accounts for approximately 83 percent of the wastewater treatment services provided by the Central Region.

The Large User Agreements, necessitated by federal funding requirements, establishes a methodology for setting rates for large users. The City Commission sets a billing rate based upon budgeted expenditures and assumed gallons of wastewater to be treated for the upcoming fiscal year. At the close of the year, the fund is audited, and the actual rate is determined. Lump sum charges or rebates are made to adjust the amount paid by each user based upon the actual rate.

The Central Wastewater Region Large User Advisory Board, at its July 29, 2020 meeting, voted and approved a rate of \$2.48 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater treated. This rate represents a ten-cent decrease from the FY 2020 rate of \$2.58 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater treated. The Central Wastewater Region Operating Budget for FY 2021 is \$34.8 million.

Resource Impact

The FY 2021 Central Wastewater Region Large User rates will generate \$34,253,464 in estimated revenues.

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.

Related CAM

#20-0564; #20-0566

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Draft Meeting Minutes - July 29, 2020

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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