



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
SPECIAL MEETING

#14-1110

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

DATE: September 10, 2014

TITLE: Public Hearing to consider the adoption of a resolution approving the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District's budget and non-ad valorem Assessment - \$15 per parcel

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution approving the budget and non-ad valorem assessment of \$15 for the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District.

Background

The Lauderdale Isles Water Management District was created as an independent special district by the Broward County Commission in November 1970 for the purpose of protecting the water quality of the waterways in Lauderdale Isles. The district became a dependent district within the City of Fort Lauderdale when it was annexed in 2002. The primary duty of the district has been aquatic weed control in canals. Additional areas being explored are: compliance with Broward County concerning water quality, permitting and construction of new and dilapidated docks, enforcement of the Florida Derelict Vessel Program, safe consumption of fish and blue crabs, proper canal depths, dredging to remove obstructions, dumping of lawn debris canal, nuisance of alligators, additional waterway clean-up, safe navigation, and waterway safety.

The district is authorized to prepare and submit a tentative assessment rate and budget to the Fort Lauderdale City Commission annually for approval. The special assessment and budget must be established for the purposes of maintaining the canals. The district advertised its intent to establish the non-ad valorem assessment and budget and approved its tentative budget at its June 9, 2014 district meeting.

The Lauderdale Isles Water Management District proposed budget is \$94,130.89, which includes a special assessment of \$15 per parcel for properties within the district.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is required per State of Florida Statute (Ch.197.3632) to certify the non-ad valorem assessment rate by September 15, 2014 to the Broward County Property Appraiser, Broward County Record, Taxes, and Treasury Division, and to the Department of Revenue.

Resource Impact

There is no current year fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the **Internal Support Cylinder**, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.
 - Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management

Attachment(s)

Exhibit 1: FY 2015 Lauderdale Isles Water Management District (LIWMD) Budget

Exhibit 2: Resolution

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