



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#13-0732

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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: May 21, 2013

TITLE: Motion approving amendments to Interlocal Agreements – Local Option Gas
Tax – Broward County

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion to accept annual amendments to Interlocal Agreements with Broward County for 1) original local option gas tax, 2) additional local option gas tax on motor fuel and 3) local option gas tax on motor fuel for transit, in substantially the form attached.

Background

I. Original Local Option Gas Tax – Since 1988, the City has been receiving a share of the 6 cents Local Option Gas Taxes levied by Broward County under the terms of Interlocal Agreements. Pursuant to State Law, the tax must be utilized for transportation-related purposes and extended annually by agreement with one or more of the municipalities representing a majority of the incorporated population within the county. Since inception of the agreement, the county has retained 62.5% of the proceeds and distributed the remaining 37.5% to the cities based upon population estimates by the University of Florida.

The proposed amendment provides that for the next fiscal year, based upon our estimated population of 168,615 we will receive 3.603928% of the amount of the tax collected in the county. It is recommended that the City Commission approve the amendment as submitted by the County, formally entitled, “2013 AMENDMENT to INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT between BROWARD COUNTY and CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE providing for DIVISION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX IMPOSED BY THE BROWARD COUNTY LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX ORDINANCE.

II. Additional Local Option Gas Tax on Motor Fuel – In 1994, the County adopted an additional 3 –cent tax on each gallon of motor fuel. Unlike the gas tax above, tax on motor fuel sales are limited to vehicular fuels only. When the tax was increased, the County agreed to allocate about half of the 3 cents to the municipalities on a basis of

population. The actual percentage distributed to cities has been adjusted upward over the years due to annexations; however, there were no annexations of populated areas effective September 2012 so the Cities share of the three cents gas tax will remain the same as last year 51.27%.

The proposed amendment provides that for the next fiscal year, based upon our estimated population of 168,615 we will receive 4.927290% of the amount of the tax collected in the county. It is recommended that the City Commission approve the amendment as submitted by the County, formally entitled, "2013 AMENDMENT to INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT between BROWARD COUNTY and FORT LAUDERDALE providing for DIVISION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE BROWARD COUNTY ADDITIONAL LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX ON MOTOR FUEL ORDINANCE".

III. Local Option Gas Tax On Motor Fuel for Transit - This tax became effective in January, 2001 and allows for a fixed 26% of the collections to be shared with the cities on a population based share and an additional 26% to be made available to the cities by grant agreement for community shuttle services. Based upon our population, we will receive 2.498723% of the total collected by the County. Proceeds from this tax must also be used for public transportation related purposes. Since this tax will be beneficial and assist us in providing transit related services to our residents, we recommend that the City approve this agreement, formally entitled, "2013 AMENDMENT to INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT between BROWARD COUNTY and FORT LAUDERDALE providing for DIVISION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE BROWARD COUNTY FIFTH CENT ADDITIONAL LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX ON MOTOR FUEL FOR TRANSIT".

Accordingly, we recommend that the Commission approve this motion to authorize the execution of three amendments described above in Item I (Original Local Option Gas Tax), Item II (Additional Local Option Gas Tax on Motor Fuel), and Item III (Local Option Gas Tax On Motor Fuel for Transit), in substantially the form attached.

Resource Impact:

There is no budgetary impact to the City.

Attachments

- Exhibit 1 – Local Option Gas Tax (LOGT)
- Exhibit 2 – Additional LOGT on Motor Fuel
- Exhibit 3 – LOGT on Motor Fuel for Transit

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