



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#15-0685

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

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

DATE: July 7, 2015

TITLE: Motion Setting the Proposed FY 2016 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rate,
Proposed Budget, and Public Hearing Date for the Lauderdale Isles Water
Management District

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion setting the proposed non-ad valorem assessment for the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District at \$15 per parcel, accepting the proposed budget, and establishing the date of September 8, 2015 at 6:00 PM to hold a public hearing to consider public comments and provide for advising the Broward County Property Appraiser of such assessment rate.

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 8, 2015 District meeting.

The Lauderdale Isles Water Management District proposed budget is \$97,852.10 which includes a special assessment of \$15 per parcel for properties within the District.

The City Manager is required per State statute (Section 197.3632 (5)(a), Florida Statutes) to certify the non-ad valorem assessment rate to the Broward County Tax Collector no later than September 15, 2015.

Resource Impact

There is no 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

Attachments:

1. Lauderdale Isles Water Management District FY 2016 Non - Ad valorem Assessment and Tentative Budget
2. Minutes from the June 8 meeting of the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District

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