

# City of Fort Lauderdale



## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, September 14, 2020**

**5:01 PM**

**Second Budget Hearing  
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## **CITY COMMISSION - SPECIAL MEETING**

### ***FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION***

***DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor***

***STEVEN GLASSMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District II***

***HEATHER MORAITIS Commissioner - District I***

***ROBERT L. McKINZIE Commissioner - District III***

***BEN SORENSEN Commissioner - District IV***

***CHRIS LAGERBLOOM, City Manager***

***JOHN HERBST, City Auditor***

***JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, City Clerk***

***ALAIN E. BOILEAU, City Attorney***

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 5 - Commissioner Heather Moraitis (participated telephonically), Vice Mayor Steven Glassman (participated telephonically), Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie, (participated telephonically) Commissioner Ben Sorensen (participated telephonically) and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

## QUORUM ESTABLISHED

**Also Present:** City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Alain E. Boileau and City Auditor John Herbst (participated telephonically)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis announced details regarding the virtual format of this meeting, including how members of the public can view and participate.

## RESOLUTIONS

### R-1 [20-0715](#)

Resolution Approving a Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for the Runway Incursion Mitigation Project at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - (Commission District 1)

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

#### **ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

### R-2 [20-0681](#)

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)

Commissioner Moraitis, Board Member of the Central Wastewater Region Large Users (CWRLU) Advisory Board representing the Commission, provided an update. Approximately \$60,000,000 in sanitary sewer related expenses were not captured in FY 2020. A rate increase is anticipated next year. Commissioner Moraitis requested

Staff explain.

Laura Reece, Budget, CIP and Grants Division Director, explained the City also funds the Central Wastewater Region on behalf of the cities of Wilton Manors and Oakland Park. At the end of the year, there will be a "true up" adjustment based on the actual number of gallons used and will result in an additional charge or rebate. A rate decrease is likely due to eliminating Return on Investment (RIO) transfers to the General Fund. Future Central Wastewater Region cost increases will be split based on the number of gallons of wastewater treated.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question, Ms. Reece confirmed the cities of Oakland Park and Wilton Manors would contribute to the \$60,000,000 sanitary sewer emergency repairs based on percentage of use. Next year, there will be a "true up" for those expenses. Further comment and discussion ensued on related FY 2020 and FY 2021 calculations.

Raj Verma, Public Works Department Director, said rate adjustments discussed are standard, expounding on details. Further comment ensued.

Commissioner Moraitis noted that the wastewater contracts with the cities of Wilton Manors and Oakland Park expire next year and will be renegotiated. Ms. Reece explained each year rates are set based on a three (3) year average, explaining related details.

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**R-3**      [20-0564](#)

Resolution Adopting the Final Five-Year Community Investment Plan for Fiscal Years 2021 - 2025 and Appropriating Funding for Fiscal Year 2021 Community Investment Plan Projects - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jerry Bailey, 105 Nurmi Drive. Mr. Bailey discussed his opposition to funding proposed Las Olas Boulevard changes, commenting on safety and traffic concerns and citing examples. He emphasized the need to address infrastructure stormwater flooding prior to Las Olas Boulevard changes. He confirmed



the need for crosswalks, shade trees and an EMS Station in the vicinity of The Isles neighborhood on Las Olas Boulevard, expounding on current proposed plans and details.

Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective, thanking Mr. and Mrs. Bailey for their beautification efforts along Las Olas Boulevard.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Suzee Bailey, 105 Nurmi Drive. Mrs. Bailey recommended pausing the Las Olas Boulevard Mobility Funding Request. She expounded on safety and mobility concerns presented in the Corradino Group, Inc., (Corradino) conceptual streetscape design along the Isles portion of Las Olas Boulevard. Mrs. Bailey expounded on several concerns near the Isles neighborhood, including the need for improved emergency response times, adequate emergency evacuation route planning, the need to address infrastructure flooding, etc.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paul Chettle, 200 S. Birch Road. Mr. Chettle requested additional information regarding Mayor Trantalis' recent email confirming the implementation of waterway testing, confirming his support of waterway quality testing and thanking Mayor Trantalis. Mayor Trantalis confirmed additional information would be forthcoming and explained the necessary process involved with procuring a vendor. He expounded on the Commission's desire to reverse decades of previous practices.

Vice Mayor Glassman explained the need for the Las Olas Boulevard Mobility Improvements (LOBMI) Community Investment Plan (CIP) funding and remaining as a place holder in the FY 2021 Budget. He explained consequences should funding not remain in this item, stating LOBMI planning could not move forward and expounding on details. Vice Mayor Glassman said LOBMI plans would continue to be revised until all stakeholders are satisfied.

Commissioner Sorensen concurred with Vice Mayor Glassman's comments. He noted the current plan is not final and would continue to evolve and develop. There would be continued neighbor engagement going forward.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### PH-1 [20-0562](#)

Public Hearing - Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment - Stormwater Program Management - (Commission Districts, 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated the item and its purpose.

City Manager Lagerbloom stated Agenda Item PH-1, Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment - Stormwater Program Management.

***A copy of these statements are attached to these minutes.***

Mayor Trantalis recognized Raphael Impellizzeri, 1056 Carolina Ave. Mr. Impellizzeri commented on his opposition to the Stormwater assessment included in the Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notice sent by the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office. He expounded on his perspective regarding the fairness of the methodology used, i.e., properties without water access.

Mayor Trantalis explained stormwater impacts all areas across the City. Neighborhoods experiencing stormwater issues that have no canal access or associated sea level rise and tidal issues include Durrs, Dorsey-Riverbend, Edgewood, Progresso Village, River Oaks, Victoria Park and others. All neighborhoods experiencing stormwater concerns will be addressed beginning with plans for seven (7) initial neighborhoods.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on correspondence from Melrose residents and Melrose not being included in the Stormwater Master Plan. He remarked that stormwater issues in Melrose were addressed prior to Melrose annexation of into the City. Discussion ensued regarding Mrs. Hall's communication to the Commission on the topic of stormwater rates.

Mayor Trantalis stated Staff had been addressing a scope of work for waterway quality testing and work is anticipated to begin October 1, 2020.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Brian Donaldson, 3321 NE 16 Street, President of the Birch Park Beach Finger Streets Homeowner's Association and Chair of the Budget Advisory Board (BAB). Mr.



Donaldson expounded on his work with the BAB and support of Commission policy for the hybrid methodology used to calculate stormwater fees. He commented on the limited number of neighborhoods in the first phase of stormwater remediation and bond funding. Mr. Donaldson expounded on his perspective and discussed the low ad valorem rate that benefits all residents as compared to adjacent municipalities, expounding on details.

Mayor Trantalis recognized S. James Akers, 1932 NE 31st Avenue, a commercial real estate appraiser speaking on behalf of property owner Lauder Lakes Mobile Home Community (Lauder Lakes) located at 3001 SW 18th Terrace. Mr. Akers discussed stormwater assessments done on an acreage basis for commercial properties and the extra cost for improved properties in addition to the number of trips.

Mr. Akers inquired about the process for appealing a stormwater assessment. He commented on discussions with Jason Snifeld, Department of Public Works Senior Management Analyst. Mr. Akers said the Ordinance regarding the appeals process for property classification relative to the stormwater assessment is unclear. Mr. Akers requested clarification regarding the September 18, 2020 deadline.

Mayor Trantalis commented on nuances to the stormwater rate that would be addressed. He confirmed the Commission commitment to addressing overdue stormwater needs.

Commissioner McKinzie discussed neighbor concerns with the stormwater assessment formula, expounding on details and the need to address the formula.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Daphne Jones, 540 NW 4th Avenue, owner of Regal Trace. Ms. Jones concurred with Commissioner McKinzie's comments regarding the stormwater rate formula. She discussed the \$72,534 increase in stormwater fees for Regal Trace. Regal Trace is an affordable low-income housing tax credit property for individuals sixty percent (60%) or lower of median income in addition to assisted home units. Twenty-five (25%) percent of Regal Trace units are Section Eight (8) Voucher residents. Ms. Jones expounded on additional details. Previously, the monthly charge for water and sewer was \$45,000. She expounded on details regarding Regal Trace rent restrictions and related details. Ms. Jones also discussed aspects of Regal Trace acreage.

Mayor Trantalis reiterated his earlier comments regarding new

stormwater rates. Stormwater rates were transferred as a one-time charge on the TRIM Notice and are no longer included on utility bills.

Commissioner McKinzie inquired if there is a process and Staff available to address stormwater assessment concerns. Mayor Trantalis recommended Staff address stormwater assessment appeals on a case-by-case basis and work to make adjustments to the current formula. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Pastor Daniel Amich, 1820 NE 17th Way. Pastor Amich confirmed his opposition to this item, commenting that the church is tax exempt.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Elsie Hall, 510 Alabama Avenue. Ms. Hall spoke in opposition to the stormwater rate assessment, citing the financial difficulty it places on elderly neighbors due to limited fixed incomes, health issues and the inability to pay. She expounded on her perspective and input from neighbors. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis explained the stormwater assessment increase is not a tax paid in arrears.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Vice Mayor Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

City Attorney Boileau clarified the appeals process for a stormwater assessment. An adjustment could be made on the rate category based on the property characterization or property size. It is an internal application through a specified form from the Public Works Department for evaluation by the Office of the City Manager.

Mayor Trantalis said residents should contact the Office of the City Manager for an appeal form. City Attorney Boileau said this subject is addressed in Ordinance Chapter 20-Sec. 28-199. - Adjustment of customer category or rate based upon property characterization or size.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the Office of the City Manager can be reached at 954-828-5959.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 4 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

**PH-2**    [20-0557](#)

Public Hearing - Resolution Adopting the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District's Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and Non-Ad Valorem Assessment of \$15 per parcel - (Commission District 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated the item and its purpose.

City Manager Lagerbloom stated Agenda Item PH-2, Resolution Adopting the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District's Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and Non-Ad Valorem Assessment of \$15 per parcel.

***A copy of these statements are attached to these minutes.***

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

Mayor Trantalis said the final Lauderdale Isles Water Management non-ad valorem assessment for Fiscal Year 2021 will be \$15.00 per parcel within the district.

**PH-3**    [20-0558](#)

Public Hearing - Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment - Nuisance Abatement - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)



Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated the item and its purpose.

City Manager Lagerbloom stated Agenda Item PH-3, Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment - Nuisance Abatement.

***A copy of these statements are attached to these minutes.***

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 4 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

Mayor Trantalis announced the final Nuisance Abatement assessment rate will be equal to the actual cost paid by the City to abate the nuisance for each business and residential property as provided in the resolution approving the Nuisance Abatement assessment.

**PH-4**    [20-0559](#)

Public Hearing - Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment - Utility Undergrounding - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated the item and its purpose.

City Manager Lagerbloom stated Agenda Item PH-4, Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment - Utility Undergrounding.

***A copy of these statements are attached to these minutes.***

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed this assessment is not City-wide. It only applies to individual

properties in neighborhoods with undergrounding projects.

Vice Mayor Glassman commented on the long timeline for undergrounding in specified neighborhoods, requesting a status update, including having a project manager. Raj Verma, Public Works Department Director, provided an update on this topic. Bids have been prepared for the Las Olas Isles undergrounding project and are ready to be rolled out next week. Mr. Verma expounded on efforts to rewrite specifications addressing additional neighborhoods that have been assessed for undergrounding. The goal is to use Las Olas Isles specifications as a template. Further comment ensued. In response to Mr. Verma, Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed all stakeholders in all neighborhoods scheduled for undergrounding would be connected with Staff.

In response to Mayor Trantalis, Vice Mayor Glassman explained areas included in the Las Olas Isles undergrounding, including Mola Avenue, Isle of Capri, Coconut Isle, Royal Plaza Drive, Montana, Las Olas Isles Civic Association, and Isle of Palms. Vice Mayor Glassman said undergrounding is going east, expounding on details regarding the rescheduling of other neighborhoods having plans for undergrounding.

Mayor Trantalis said this is the time for members of the public to speak on this budget item.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Commissioner McKinzie introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

Mayor Trantalis announced the final Utility Undergrounding assessment rate for FY 2021 will be \$1,069.44 per Equivalent Benefit Unit (EBU).

**PH-5**     [20-0560](#)

Public Hearing - Beach Business Improvement District Annual Rate Resolution for Fiscal Year 2021 - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated the item and its purpose.

City Manager Lagerbloom stated Agenda Item PH-5, Beach Business Improvement District Annual Rate Resolution for Fiscal Year 2021.

***A copy of these statements are attached to these minutes.***

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Vice Mayor Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

Mayor Trantalis announced the final Beach Business Improvement District assessment rate will be \$0.8525 per \$1,000 of assessed value for each business property used for commercial purposes as provided in the resolution approving the Beach Business Improvement District assessment.

**PH-6**    [20-0561](#)

Public Hearing - Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Fire Assessment and Assessment Roll for Provision of Fire Services, Programs and Facilities -(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated the item and its purpose.

City Manager Lagerbloom stated Agenda Item PH-6, Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Fire Assessment and Assessment Roll for Provision of Fire Services, Programs and Facilities.

***A copy of these statements are attached to these minutes.***

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the Fire Assessment this year remains the same as last year, \$311.



Mayor Trantalis recognized Dr. Michele Verdi-Knapp, 801 NE 17 Street. Dr. Verdi-Knapp discussed her concern regarding the Fire Assessment impact on her eight (8) unit efficiency/studio multi-rental property that is assessed per property door and expounded on related details. She requested the Commission review the manner in which the Fire Assessment is applied.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Vice Mayor Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Vice Mayor Glassman agreed with Dr. Verdi-Knapp's point asking if the formula used is typical across the country. City Auditor John Herbst confirmed this formula is typical due to the ease of applicability, expounding on details. Mayor Trantalis commented on his perspective. Further comment and discussion ensued on methodologies for various assessments.

In response to Vice Mayor Glassman's question regarding wording in the Commission Agenda Memo (CAM) on the Fire Assessment, i.e., *per single family unit*, City Manager Lagerbloom said Fire Assessments are differentiated among, single family, residential and commercial property based upon square footage.

Laura Reece, Budget, CIP and Grants Division Director, explained details regarding comparisons to other municipalities. She referenced a chart comparing the City to other municipalities upon which everything is indexed. Nonresidential is based upon building classification and square footage.

Mayor Trantalis cited an example of a four (4) family house being charged four (4) times, stating the language should be cleaned up. Vice Mayor Glassman confirmed.

Ms. Reece said she would address this concern to determine if it could be changed.

City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed the Statute would be reviewed.

Vice Mayor Glassman requested looking at alternative formulas in the future.

Mayor Trantalis concurred, expounding on details.

City Auditor Herbst explained details regarding a Martin County study of different methodologies for assessments, confirming he would share would the Commission.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 4 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

Mayor Trantalis announced the final fire assessment rate will be \$311.00 annually for each residential property and the final Fire Assessment rate for non-residential properties shall be as shown on the detailed rate schedule provided in the resolution approving the Fire - Assessment.

**PH-7**    [20-0563](#)

Public Hearing - Resolutions Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District's Final Millage Rate and Final Budget - (1) Final Millage Rate (1.0000) and ( 2) Final Budget - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated the item and its purpose.

City Manager Lagerbloom stated Agenda Item PH-7, Resolutions Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District's Final Millage Rate and Final Budget - (1) Final Millage Rate (1.0000) and ( 2) Final Budget.

***A copy of these statements are attached to these minutes.***

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Commissioner McKinzie introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED Millage Rate**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner McKinzie introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED Budget**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

**PH-8**     [20-0565](#)

Public Hearing - Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Final Millage Rate (4.1193) and Debt Service Millage Rate (0.2218) for the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated the item and its purpose.

City Manager Lagerbloom stated Agenda Item PH-8, Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Final Millage Rate (4.1193) and Debt Service Millage Rate (0.2218) for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

***A copy of these statements are attached to these minutes.***

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jerry Bailey, 105 Nurmi Drive. Mr. Bailey commented on the health concerns involved with waterway quality and the need to easily access waterway quality testing results, similar to how the City provided COVID testing information.

In response to Mr. Bailey's questions, City Manager Lagerbloom provided an update, explaining Staff efforts to define a scope of work with the Miami Waterkeeper organization. Once procured, it would take the Miami Waterkeeper organization thirty (30) to sixty (60) days to begin the testing process. The Miami Waterkeeper organization has an easy to use application for viewing testing results. Things cannot move forward until the Commission takes action.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Suzee Bailey, 105 Nurmi Drive. Ms. Bailey thanked the Commission for their efforts to address waterway quality testing, expounding on details regarding the ability of the Miami Waterkeeper organization and her perspective.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paul Chettle, 200 S. Birch Road. Mr. Chettle acknowledged City Manager Lagerbloom's comments regarding waterway quality testing. He thanked Ms. Bailey for her efforts on that topic.



There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Vice Mayor Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

Mayor Trantalis announced:

- A. The millage rate for all general City purposes exclusive of debt service will be 4.1193 which represent a 4.115% increase in the millage rate over the rolled-back rate of 3.9565 mills.
- B. The millage rate for debt service for the 2015 General Obligation Refunding Bonds is 0.0259.
- C. The millage rate for debt service for the 2011A General Obligation Bonds is 0.0275.
- D. The millage rate for debt service for the City's Voter Approved Public Safety Bond is 0.0936.
- E. The millage rate for debt service for the City's Voter Approved Parks Bond is 0.0748.

**PH-9**    [20-0566](#)

Public Hearing - Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Final Budget, Personnel Complement, and Return on Investment for the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing. He stated the item and its purpose.

City Manager Lagerbloom stated Agenda Item PH-9, Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Final Budget, Personnel Complement, and Return on Investment for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

***A copy of these statements are attached to these minutes.***

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charlie Kidd, 500 N. Andrews Avenue. Mr. Kidd spoke in opposition to additional police funding in the FY 2021

Budget, expounding on his perspective and commenting that residents do not have police oversight, including access to information, authority and independence, citing a comparison, i.e., oversight of an employee and explaining details.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dennis Ulmer, 1007 NW 11th Place. Mr. Ulmer commented on City employees not receiving a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) this year but will continue to receive merit increases. He thanked all City employees for their service and cited examples of their service and commitment to the community.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis. NAYS: None.

Commissioner McKinzie introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

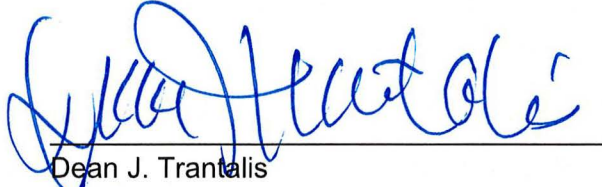
**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

Mayor Trantalis announced the total of the All Funds Budget for the City of Fort Lauderdale is \$847,858,597, which will fund the various operations of the City of Fort Lauderdale for the fiscal period beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.

The FY 2021 Budget includes General Fund and Enterprise Funds. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed it is an All Funds Budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

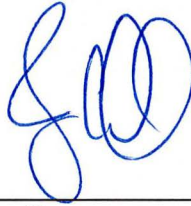
Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.



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Dean J. Trantalis  
Mayor

ATTEST:



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Jeffrey A. Modarelli  
City Clerk



**September 14, 2020**  
**PH-1 – PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT**

**Stormwater**  
**Non-Ad Valorem Assessment**

1. **MAYOR:** This is the public hearing on the Stormwater Program Management assessment. The purpose of the hearing is to receive questions and comments regarding the City's Stormwater Program Management assessment for **Fiscal Year 2021**. The public hearing is now open. The City Manager will now present the Stormwater Program Management assessment report.
  
2. **CITY MANAGER:** The Stormwater Program Management assessment rate will be equal to the estimated costs paid by the City to operate the stormwater management program within the assessment area for FY 2021. The **FY 2021** Stormwater Program Management assessment will generate approximately **\$28,813.611.28** in revenue. This concludes my report.
  
3. **MAYOR:** This is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the Stormwater Program Management assessment.

**CLERK – ANNOUNCES ANYONE WHO HAS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK**

**(AFTER PUBLIC INPUT)**

4. **MAYOR:** If there is no further comment, is there A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**

5. **MAYOR:** The final Stormwater Program Management assessment rate will be equal to the estimated costs paid by the City to operate the stormwater management program utilities within the assessment area as provided in the resolution approving the Stormwater Program Management assessment.
6. **MAYOR:** Will someone introduce a resolution approving the Stormwater Program Management assessment rate for **Fiscal Year 2021**?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**

# September 14, 2020

## PH-2 PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT

### Lauderdale Isles Water Management District Assessment

1. **MAYOR**: This is the public hearing on the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District non-ad valorem assessment and budget. The purpose of the hearing is to receive questions and comments regarding the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District non-ad valorem assessment and budget for **Fiscal Year 2021**. The public hearing is now open. The City Manager will now present the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District non-ad valorem assessment and budget.
2. **CITY MANAGER**: The Lauderdale Isles Water Improvement District assesses the residents of this special district to address water quality issues. At the district's **March 9, 2020** meeting, the board voted to continue levying an assessment of **\$15 per parcel** for **Fiscal Year 2021 which will generate \$8,265**. The total budget for the District was adopted by the board at **\$109,765**. This concludes my report.
3. **MAYOR**: This is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District non-ad valorem assessment and budget.

**CLERK – ANNOUNCES ANYONE WHO HAS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK**

**(AFTER PUBLIC INPUT)**

4. **MAYOR**: If there is no further comment, is there A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**

5. **MAYOR**: The final Lauderdale Isles Water Management non-ad valorem assessment for Fiscal Year 2021 will be **\$15.00 per parcel** within the district.
6. **MAYOR**: Will someone introduce a resolution approving the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District Non-Ad Valorem assessment and budget for **Fiscal Year 2021**?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**





**September 14, 2020**  
**PH-3 PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT**

**Nuisance Abatement**  
**Non-Ad Valorem Assessment**

1. **MAYOR:** This is the public hearing on the Nuisance Abatement assessment. The purpose of the hearing is to receive questions and comments regarding the City's Nuisance Abatement special assessment for **Fiscal Year 2021**. The public hearing is now open. The City Manager will now present the Nuisance Abatement assessment report.
  
2. **CITY MANAGER:** The Nuisance Abatement assessment rate will be equal to the actual cost paid by the City to abate the nuisance. The assessment represents 100% cost recovery of the expenses made by the City to abate the identified nuisance. The **FY 2021** Nuisance Abatement assessment will generate **\$26,885.10** in revenue. This concludes my report.
  
3. **MAYOR:** This is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the Nuisance Abatement assessment.

**CLERK – ANNOUNCES ANYONE WHO HAS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK**

**(AFTER PUBLIC INPUT)**

4. **MAYOR:** If there is no further comment, is there A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**

5. **MAYOR:** The final Nuisance Abatement assessment rate will be equal to the actual cost paid by the City to abate the nuisance for each business and residential property as provided in the resolution approving the Nuisance Abatement assessment.
6. **MAYOR:** Will someone introduce a resolution approving the Nuisance Abatement assessment rate for **Fiscal Year 2021**?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**

**September 14, 2020**  
**PH-4 PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT**

**Utility Undergrounding**  
**Non-Ad Valorem Assessment**

1. **MAYOR:** This is the public hearing on the Utility Undergrounding assessment. The purpose of the hearing is to receive questions and comments regarding the City's Utility Undergrounding special assessment for **Fiscal Year 2021**. The public hearing is now open. The City Manager will now present the Utility Undergrounding assessment report.
  
2. **CITY MANAGER:** The Utility Undergrounding assessment rate will be equal to the actual costs paid by the City for the undergrounding of overhead utilities within the assessment area. The FY 2021 assessment represents the estimated debt service payment for a 30-year special obligation bond with net proceeds of \$7.7 Million. **The assessment amount is \$1,069.44 per year per EBU.** The **FY 2021** Utility Undergrounding assessment will equal **\$331,526.40**. This concludes my report.
  
3. **MAYOR:** This is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the Utility Undergrounding assessment.

**CLERK – ANNOUNCES ANYONE WHO HAS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK**

**(AFTER PUBLIC INPUT)**

4. **MAYOR:** If there is no further comment, is there A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**



5. **MAYOR:** The final Utility Undergrounding assessment rate for FY 2021 will be \$1,069.44 per EBU.
6. **MAYOR:** Will someone introduce a resolution approving the Utility Undergrounding assessment rate for **Fiscal Year 2021**?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**

**September 14, 2020**  
**PH-5 PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT**

**Beach Business Improvement District  
Non-Ad Valorem Assessment**

1. **MAYOR:** This is the public hearing on the Beach Business Improvement District non ad valorem assessment. The purpose of the hearing is to receive questions and comments regarding the City's Beach Business Improvement District assessment for **Fiscal Year 2021**. The public hearing is now open. The City Manager will now present the Beach Business Improvement District non-ad valorem assessment report.
  
2. **CITY MANAGER:** The Beach Business Improvement District assessment imposes a fee on certain portions of beach property to establish funding to support services, facilities, and/or programs providing a special benefit to business properties and areas within the beach business boundaries. The **FY 2021** Beach Business Improvement District assessment rate is recommended at **\$.8525 per \$1,000 of assessed property** value to generate approximately **\$1,065,639** in revenue. This concludes my report.
  
3. **MAYOR:** This is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the Beach Business Improvement District special assessment.

**CLERK – ANNOUNCES ANYONE WHO HAS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK**

**(AFTER PUBLIC INPUT)**

4. **MAYOR:** If there is no further public comment, is there A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**

5. **MAYOR:** The final Beach Business Improvement District assessment rate will be **\$0.8525** per \$1,000 of assessed value for each business property used for commercial purposes as provided in the resolution approving the Beach Business Improvement District assessment.
6. **MAYOR:** Will someone introduce a Resolution approving the Beach Business Improvement District assessment rate for **Fiscal Year 2021**?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**

**September 14, 2020**  
**PH-6 PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT**

**Fire Assessment**

1. **MAYOR:** This is the public hearing on the fire assessment. The purpose of the hearing is to receive questions and comments regarding the City's fire assessment for **Fiscal Year 2021**. The public hearing is now open. The City Manager will now present the fire assessment report.
  
2. **CITY MANAGER:** The Fire Assessment program provides funding for fire suppression services, facilities, and programs that will benefit the City in its entirety, such as fire facility improvements, equipment, and cost of operations to fund the City's fire services and facilities. The single-family residential assessment rate is recommended at **\$311.00** per year. Non-residential properties are assessed based upon building classification and square foot ranges. For **Fiscal Year 2021**, the proposed assessment is **\$49,336,308** which is estimated to generate **\$47,856,219** in revenue to the General Fund. That concludes my report.
  
3. **MAYOR:** This is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the fire assessment.

**CLERK – ANNOUNCES ANYONE WHO HAS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK**

**(AFTER PUBLIC INPUT)**

4. **MAYOR:** If there is no further public comment, is there A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**



5. **MAYOR:** The final fire assessment rate will be **\$311.00** annually for each residential property and the final fire assessment rate for non-residential properties shall be as shown on the detailed rate schedule provided in the resolution approving the fire-assessment.
6. **MAYOR:** Will someone introduce a resolution adopting the fire assessment rate and roll for **Fiscal Year 2021**?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**

**September 14, 2020**  
**PH-7 PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT**

**SUNRISE KEY NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**  
**FINAL MILLAGE AND BUDGET**  
**(Millage MUST be approved before budget)**

1. **MAYOR**: This is the second of two public hearings as required by law on the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District budget and millage for **Fiscal Year 2021**. The purpose of the hearing is to receive questions and comments regarding the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District's budget and to explain the budget and any amendments thereto. The public hearing is now open. The City Manager will now present the final millage rate and final budget.
  
2. **CITY MANAGER**: The Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District taxes the residents of this special district to provide security to their neighborhood. At their **March 27, 2019** meeting, the district voted their millage at **1.0000 mill** to generate a tax collection of **\$136,652** to support an operating budget of **\$110,000**. This millage rate is **5.05%** more than the roll-back rate of **0.9519** mills and is necessary to maintain services for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood District.

This concludes my report on Sunrise Key.

3. **MAYOR**: This is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the budget

**CLERK – ANNOUNCES ANYONE WHO HAS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK**

**(AFTER PUBLIC INPUT)**

4. **MAYOR**: If there is no further public comment, is there A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**

5. **MAYOR**: The final millage rate for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District purposes will be **1.0000** mill which represents an increase of **5.05%** over the rolled-back rate of **0.9519** mills.
6. **MAYOR**: Will someone introduce a Resolution adopting the **Final Millage Rate** for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District for **Fiscal Year 2021**?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**

7. **MAYOR**: Will someone introduce a Resolution adopting the **Final Budget** for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District for **Fiscal Year 2021**?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**

**September 14, 2020  
PH-8 PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT**

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
FY 2021 FINAL MILLAGE  
(The Final Millage Rate **MUST** be adopted **BEFORE** the Final  
Budget)**

1. **MAYOR:** This is the second of two public hearings as required by law on the millage rates for **Fiscal Year 2021**. The purpose of the hearing is to receive questions and comments regarding the City's millage rate and to explain any amendments thereto. The public hearing is now open and the City Manager will now present the final millage rate on which the **FY 2021 budget** is based.
2. **CITY MANAGER:** The **FY 2021** City of Fort Lauderdale Final Budget includes maintaining the current millage rate of **4.1193** and decreasing the combined debt service millage from **.2250** to **.2218** mills. The recommended millage rate of **4.1193** exceeds the rolled-back rate of **3.9565** by **4.115%** and is premised upon the following:
  - Reducing the Return on Investment Revenue to the General Fund by \$20.4 Million, or 100%, since FY 2018
  - Funding increases in Wages and Insurances
  - Maintaining a Healthy Fund Balance
  - Funding Key Commission Priorities & Community Investment Plan Projects

Increases to the **FY 2021** General Fund Budget that require maintaining the millage at the same rate as the prior **thirteen (13)** years include:

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| ○ Increase in the contractual wage adjustments           | \$3.7 million |
| ○ Increase in Information Technology service charge      | \$2.0 million |
| ○ Increase in city health, disability and life insurance | \$1.1 million |

3. **MAYOR:** This is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the final millage rates.

**CLERK – ANNOUNCES ANYONE WHO HAS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK**

**(AFTER PUBLIC INPUT)**

4. **MAYOR:** If there is no further public comment, is there A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING?



**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**

**5. MAYOR ANNOUNCES:**

- A. The recommended millage rate for all general City purposes exclusive of debt service will be 4.1193, which represent a 4.115% increase in the millage rate over the rolled-back rate of 3.9565 mills.
- B. The recommended millage rate for debt service for the 2015 General Obligation Refunding Bonds is 0.0259.
- C. The recommended millage rate for debt service for the 2011A General Obligation Bonds is 0.0275.
- D. The tentative millage rate for debt service for the City's Voter Approved Public Safety Bond is 0.0936.
- E. The tentative millage rate for debt service for the City's Voter Approved Parks Bond is 0.0748.

- 6. MAYOR:** Will someone introduce a resolution adopting the **final millage rates** for the City of Fort Lauderdale for the **Fiscal Year 2021**?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**

**September 14, 2020**  
**PH-9 PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET SCRIPT**  
**NO CHANGES FROM TENTATIVE**

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**FY 2021 FINAL BUDGET DISCUSSION**

1. **MAYOR**: This is the second of two public hearings as required by law on the City of Fort Lauderdale budget for **Fiscal Year 2021**. The purpose of the hearing is to receive questions and comments regarding the City's budget and to explain the budget and any amendments thereto. The public hearing is now open. The City Manager will now present the final budget.
2. **CITY MANAGER**: The **FY 2021** City of Fort Lauderdale Final Budget includes maintaining the current millage rate of **4.1193** and includes an annual Fire Assessment rate of **\$311** per single family residential unit. The final budget is premised on the following:
  - Reducing the Return on Investment Revenue to the General Fund by \$20.4 Million, or 100%, since FY 2018
  - Funding increased contractual wage and insurance adjustments
  - Maintaining a Healthy Fund Balance
  - Funding Key Commission Priorities & Community Investment Plan Projects

There have been no adjustments to the **FY 2021 Budget** since the approval of the Tentative Budget on **September 3, 2020**.

**That concludes my report on the FY 2021 Final Budget.**

3. **MAYOR**: This is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the final budget.

**CLERK – ANNOUNCES ANYONE WHO HAS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK**

**(AFTER PUBLIC INPUT)**

4. **MAYOR**: If there is no further public comment, is there A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**

*(Note: If there is an amendment, a motion to amend the tentative budget should be made and numbers replaced in Paragraph 5 and Mayor publicly announces the final budget as revised.)*

**5. MAYOR ANNOUNCES:**

The total all funds budget for the City of Fort Lauderdale is **\$847,858,597**, which will fund the various operations of the City of Fort Lauderdale for the fiscal period beginning **October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021**.

- 6. MAYOR:** Will someone introduce a resolution adopting the Final budget for the City of Fort Lauderdale for **Fiscal Year 2021**?

**CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL**