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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

5:01 PM

First Budget Hearing

Broward Center for the Performing Arts - Mary N. Porter Riverview
Ballroom - 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312

CITY COMMISSION - SPECIAL MEETING

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

STEVEN GLASSMAN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District II

JOHN C. HERBST Commissioner - District I

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN Commissioner - District III

WARREN STURMAN Commissioner - District IV

SUSAN GRANT, Acting City Manager

DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk

THOMAS J. ANSBRO, City Attorney

PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Vice Mayor Steven Glassman, Commissioner Pam Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Warren Sturman, Commissioner John C. Herbst, and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

COMMISSION QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: Acting City Manager Susan Grant, City Clerk David R. Soloman, City Attorney Thomas J. Ansbro, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

FIRST BUDGET HEARING

BGT-1 [24-0653](#)

Resolutions Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget - (1) Tentative Millage Rate (1.0000) and (2) Tentative Budget (\$201,660) - (Commission District 2)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this Agenda items, Commissioner Herbst made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman. Roll call showed AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, and Mayor Trantalis

Mayor Trantalis and Acting City Manager Grant read their respective portions of the BGT-1 budget script.

A copy of the budget script is attached to these Meeting Minutes.

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

ADOPTED - Tentative Millage Rate

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

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

ADOPTED - Tentative Budget

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman,
Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

BGT-2 [24-0654](#)

Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 Tentative Millage Rate (4.1193) for the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis and Acting City Manager Grant read their respective portions of the BGT-2 budget script.

A copy of the budget script is attached to these Meeting Minutes.

There being no one wishing to speak on this Agenda items, Commissioner Herbst made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Sturman. Roll call showed AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, and Mayor Trantalis

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

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman,
Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

BGT-3 [24-0655](#)

Resolution Tentatively Approving and Adopting a Five-Year Community Investment Plan for the Period Beginning October 1, 2024, and Ending September 30, 2029 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis read the BGT-3 budget script.

A copy of the budget script is attached to these Meeting Minutes.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Vice Mayor Glassman. Roll call showed AYES: Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst, and Mayor Trantalis

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

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman,
Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

BGT-4 [24-0656](#)

Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 Tentative Budget and
Personnel Complement for the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission
Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis noted a scrivener's error on Exhibit 6 of BGT-4.

***A copy of the revised Exhibit is attached to these Meeting
Minutes.***

Mayor Trantalis and Acting City Manager Grant read their respective
portions of the BGT-4 budget script.

A copy of the budget script is attached to these Meeting Minutes.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner
Sturman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded
by Commissioner Herbst. Roll call showed AYES: Vice Mayor
Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman,
Commissioner Herbst, and Mayor Trantalis

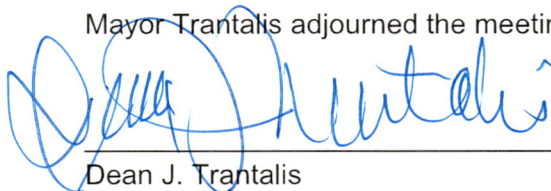
Commissioner Herbst introduced this Resolution which was read by title
only.

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Vice Mayor Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman,
Commissioner Sturman, Commissioner Herbst and Mayor Trantalis

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.



Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:



David R. Soloman
City Clerk



CITY OF
FORT LAUDERDALE
FLORIDA

FY 2025 First Budget Public Hearing *(Scripts)*

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

5:01pm

Broward Center for the Performing Arts
Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom
201 SW 5th Avenue,
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312

September 3, 2024
BGT-1 PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT

**SUNRISE KEY NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MILLAGE AND BUDGET**

(Millage MUST be approved before budget)

1. **MAYOR**: This is the first of two public hearings as required by law on the City of Fort Lauderdale's Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District millage and budget for **Fiscal Year 2025**. The purpose of the hearing is to receive requests 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 Acting City Manager will now present the proposed millage rate and tentative budget.

2. **ACTING CITY MANAGER**: The Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District taxes the residents of this special district to provide security to their neighborhood. At their **May 14, 2024**, meeting, the district voted their millage rate at **1.0000 mill**, which will generate an estimated tax collection of **\$201,660** to support an operating budget of **\$201,660**. This millage rate is **5.30%** more than the rolled-back rate of **0.9497** mills and is necessary to maintain services for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District.

This concludes my report on the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District.

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

(PUBLIC INPUT)

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

September 3, 2024
BGT- 2 PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
FY 2025 TENTATIVE MILLAGE
(This MUST be adopted BEFORE the Tentative Budget)

1. **MAYOR:** This is the first of two public hearings as required by law on the millage rates for **Fiscal Year 2025**. The purpose of the hearing is to receive requests and comments regarding the City's millage rate and to explain any amendments thereto. The public hearing is now open and the Acting City Manager will now present the tentative millage rate on which the **Fiscal Year 2025 budget** is based.
2. **ACTING CITY MANAGER:** The **Fiscal Year 2025** City of Fort Lauderdale Tentative Budget includes maintaining the current millage rate of **4.1193** and decreasing the combined debt service millage from **.2737** to **.2545** mills. The recommended millage rate of **4.1193** exceeds the rolled-back rate of **3.8408** by **7.25%**. The aggregate tentative millage rate, including the Sunrise Key Dependent District is **4.1229**, which results in an increase of **7.25%** above the aggregate rolled-back rate of **3.8443** and is premised upon the following:
 - Funding Increases in Wages and Insurances
 - Funding Key Commission Priorities & Community Investment Plan Projects
 - Maintaining a Healthy Fund Balance

Increases to the **Fiscal Year 2025** General Fund Budget that require maintaining the millage at the same rate as the prior **seventeen (17)** years include:

- \$12.6 Million for the increase in fringe benefits including health insurance and pension contributions
 - \$10.5 Million for the increase in salaries & wages
 - \$2.6 Million in increased insurance expenses
3. **MAYOR:** This is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the tentative millage rates.

CLERK – Announce 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

September 3, 2024
BGT-3 PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT

Community Investment Plan

1. **MAYOR**: The next item is the Tentative Five-Year Community Investment Plan. This is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the Tentative Five-Year Community Investment Plan.

CLERK – Has anyone signed up to speak on this item?

(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**: Will someone introduce a Resolution adopting the Tentative Five-Year Community Investment Plan for the period beginning **October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2029?**

CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL

7. **MAYOR**: The public hearing to adopt the final Five-Year Community Investment Plan budget will be held at **5:01 PM** on **September 12, 2024** at The Broward Center for the Performing Arts – Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom - 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

**Please read before beginning the script for
Budget Item 4.**

MAYOR: Before we begin Budget Item 4,
please note that there was an adjustment to
Exhibit 6 to correct a scrivener's error.

September 3, 2024
BGT- 4 PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET SCRIPT

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
FY 2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET DISCUSSION

1. **MAYOR:** This is the first of two public hearings as required by law on the City of Fort Lauderdale's budget for **Fiscal Year 2025**. The purpose of the hearing is to receive requests and comments regarding the City's budget and to explain the budget and any amendments thereto. The public hearing is now open. The Acting City Manager will now present the tentative budget.
2. **ACTING CITY MANAGER:** The **Fiscal Year 2025** City of Fort Lauderdale Tentative Budget includes maintaining the same millage rate of **4.1193** and decreasing the annual Fire Assessment rate by **\$10** to **\$328** per residential unit. The tentative budget is premised on the following:
 - Funding Increases in Wages and Insurances
 - Funding Key Commission Priorities & Community Investment Plan Projects; and
 - Maintaining a Healthy Fund Balance

I would now like to present to you the adjustments to the **Fiscal Year 2025 Budget** that have been made since the submission of the **July 2, 2024** Proposed Budget:

The following adjustments have been made to the General Fund Revenues:

- Increase in revenues totaling **\$1,032,634** to account for updated Ad Valorem and State revenue estimates.
- Increase in revenues totaling **\$145,455** to account for updated administrative charges as well as updated estimates for the speed zone safety camera program revenue.
- Increase in the appropriation of General Fund Balance totaling **\$3,144,589**.

Adjustments have been made to the General Fund Expenditures including:

- **\$2,152,978** increase to fund the first payment of seven for a Cost of Living Adjustment for the General Employee Retirement System Retirees
- **\$676,000** increase for Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program Local Match
- **\$375,000** increase for Reconnecting Communities Grant Local Match
- **\$315,424** increase in transfer to the Community Redevelopment Agency

That concludes my report on the FY 2025 Tentative Budget.

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

Announcement of anyone who has signed up to speak

(AFTER PUBLIC INPUT)

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

CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL

4. **MAYOR ANNOUNCES**:

The tentative total all funds budget for the City of Fort Lauderdale is **\$1,193,279,369**, which will fund the various operations of the City of Fort Lauderdale for the fiscal period beginning **October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025**.

5. **MAYOR**: Will someone introduce a resolution adopting the tentative budget for the City of Fort Lauderdale for the **Fiscal Year 2025**?

CLERK – PLEASE CALL THE ROLL

6. **MAYOR**: The public hearing to adopt the final budget will be held at **5:01 PM on September 12, 2024**, at The Broward Center for the Performing Arts – Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom – 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.