

# City of Fort Lauderdale

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## Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

**Monday, September 12, 2016**

**6:00 PM**

**Second Budget Hearing**

**City Commission Chambers**

## **CITY COMMISSION - SPECIAL MEETING**

***FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION***

***JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER Mayor - Commissioner  
DEAN J. TRANTALIS Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District II  
BRUCE G. ROBERTS Commissioner - District I  
ROBERT L. McKINZIE Commissioner - District III  
ROMNEY ROGERS Commissioner - District IV***

***LEE R. FELDMAN, City Manager  
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor  
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, City Clerk  
CYNTHIA A. EVERETT, City Attorney***

## Invocation

Reverend Rob Pacienza, Lead Pastor, Coral Ridge  
Presbyterian Church

**Pledge of Allegiance** Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

Mayor Seiler called the Special City Commission Meeting for the Second Budget Hearing on September 12, 2016 to order at 6:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**      **Present** 5 - Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts, Vice Mayor Dean J. Trantalis, Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie, Commissioner Romney Rogers, and Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

## QUORUM ESTABLISHED

**Also Present:** City Manager Lee R. Feldman, City Auditor John Herbst, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Cynthia Everett, and Sergeant At Arms Heather Lee

**Mayor Seiler called the Special CRA Meeting for the Second Budget Hearing Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.**

**Following the conclusion of the CRA Meeting, Mayor Seiler continued the Special Meeting for the Second Budget Meeting Hearing at 6:05 p.m.**

## RESOLUTIONS

**R-1**      [16-0925](#)      Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2017 Central Wastewater Region Large User Rate of \$1.88 per 1,000 Gallons of Wastewater Treated

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

### ADOPTED

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts, and Mayor Seiler

**R-2**      [16-0926](#)      Resolution Adopting the Five-Year Community Investment Plan and Appropriating Funding for FY 2017 Community Investment Plan Projects

Commissioner Rogers addressed City Manager Feldman regarding the amendment of the City's Capital Budget and asked if this needs to

be included in the City's Five-Year Plan in the same fashion. City Manager Feldman responded the City has already included. Vice Mayor Trantalis raised the issue of Riverland Park noting that he thought the entire Commission is in favor of having the Riverland Park and it now becomes an issue as to where the City is able to draw the money to pay for the Riverland Park. Vice Mayor Trantalis stated his concern regarding the methodology City Manager Feldman is employing in order to pay for this land. Further discussions ensued on how the City has already spent funds from the Annexation Fund, future Park Impact Fees, and the annual operating costs for Riverland Park. City Manager Feldman stated currently the only funds in the budget are for the acquisition of the property at Riverland Park and not the development. Further discussions ensued on funding the maintenance of the property and how future funding for developing the park property will be obtained.

Mayor Seiler gave his comments on the benefits of acquiring the Riverland Park property for a passive and/or an active park. Vice Mayor Trantalis asked City Attorney Everett if once the City has designated a property as a City Park, it would take a supermajority of the Commission to use a park property for a use other than parkland. City Manager Feldman confirmed this for Vice Mayor Trantalis.

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

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts, and Mayor Seiler

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

**OSR-1** [16-0958](#)

Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Garbage and Trash Collection, Disposal, and Operating Costs (Solid Waste Rate)

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

Vice Mayor Trantalis introduced this ordinance which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED ON SECOND READING**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts, and Mayor Seiler

**OSR-2** [16-0927](#)

**Ordinance Amending Stormwater Management Rates**

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

Vice Mayor Trantalis introduced this ordinance which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED ON SECOND READING**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts, and Mayor Seiler

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PH-1** [16-0934](#)

**Resolutions Adopting the FY 2017 Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District's Millage Rate and Budget - (1) Final Millage Rate (1.0000) and (2) Final Budget**

Mayor Seiler stated 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 2017. 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 City Manager will now present the final millage rate and final budget.

City Manager Feldman stated the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District taxes the residents of this special district to provide security to their neighborhood. At their May 17, 2016 meeting, the district voted their millage at 1.0000 mill to generate a tax collection of \$93,568. This millage rate is 5.6% more than the roll-back rate of .9472 mills and is necessary to maintain the security services for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood District. This concludes my report on Sunrise Keys.

Mayor Seiler stated this is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the budget. If you wish to speak please come up now to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

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

Mayor Seiler stated the recommended millage rate for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District purposes will be 1.0000 mill which represents an increase of 5.6% over the rolled-back rate of .9472 mills.

Mayor Seiler requested someone introduce a Resolution adopting the recommended millage rate for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2017.

Commissioner McKinzie introduced the resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED Millage Rate**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts, and Mayor Seiler

Vice Mayor Trantalis introduced the resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED Budget**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts, and Mayor Seiler

**PH-2**    [16-0928](#)

Resolution Adopting the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District's Fiscal Year 2017 Budget and Non-Ad Valorem Assessment of \$15 per parcel

Mayor Seiler stated 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 requests and comments regarding the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District non-ad valorem assessment and budget for Fiscal Year 2017. The public hearing is now open. The City Manager will now present the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District non-ad valorem assessment and budget.

City Manager Feldman stated The Lauderdale Isles Water Improvement District assesses the residents of this special district to address water quality issues. At the district's June 13, 2016 meeting, the board voted to continue levying an assessment of \$15.00 per parcel for the fiscal year 2017. The total budget for the District was adopted by the board at \$100,619.06. This concludes my report.

Mayor Seiler stated 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.

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

Mayor Seiler stated the final Lauderdale Isles Water Management non-ad valorem assessment will be \$15.00 annually for each property within the district.

Mayor Seiler requested someone introduce a resolution approving the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District Non-Ad Valorem assessment and budget for fiscal year 2017.

Commissioner Rogers introduced this resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts, and Mayor Seiler

**PH-3**     [16-0929](#)

Beach Business Improvement District Annual Rate Resolution for FY 2017

Mayor Seiler stated this is the public hearing on the Beach Business Improvement District special assessment.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive questions and comments regarding the City's Beach Business Improvement District special assessment for Fiscal Year 2017. The public hearing is now open. The City Manager will now present the Beach Business Improvement District special assessment report.

City Manager Feldman stated 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 2017 Beach Business Improvement District assessment rate is recommended at \$.8525 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to generate an estimated \$840,008 in revenue. This concludes my report.

Mayor Seiler stated this is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the Beach Business Improvement District special assessment.

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

Mayor Seiler requested that if there is no further comment, is there a motion to close the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Trantalis introduced the resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts, and Mayor Seiler

**PH-4**     [16-0930](#)

**Resolution Adopting the FY 2017 Wave Streetcar Non-Ad Valorem Assessment and Assessment Roll**

Mayor Seiler stated this is the public hearing on the Wave Streetcar special assessment. The purpose of the hearing is to receive questions and comments regarding the City's Wave Streetcar special assessment for Fiscal Year 2017. The public hearing is now open. The City Manager will now present the Wave Streetcar special assessment report.

City Manager Feldman stated the Wave Streetcar assessment imposes a fee on certain portions of downtown property for the purpose of funding the capital costs of constructing transportation improvements within the Wave Streetcar Assessment Area. The Wave Streetcar Project will provide for and result in an increased level of necessary infrastructure services and enhancement of area recreation and utilization; promote user-friendliness; and enhance overall aesthetics of the area.

City Manager Feldman further stated the FY 2017 Wave Streetcar assessment rate is recommended at \$99 per dwelling unit for residential property; \$.09 per building square feet for non-residential property; and \$0.03 per land square feet for land, which in total will generate approximately \$2,114,000 in revenue. This concludes my report.

Mayor Seiler stated this is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the Wave Streetcar special assessment.

Mayor Seiler stated the final Wave Streetcar special assessment rate will be \$99 per dwelling unit for residential property; \$.09 per building square feet for non-residential property; and \$0.03 per land square feet for land annually for each business and residential property as provided in the resolution approving the Wave Streetcar special assessment.

Mayor Seiler requested as there is no further public comment, is there a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Mayor Seiler requested someone introduce a resolution approving the Wave Streetcar special assessment rate and roll and for fiscal year 2017.

Vice Mayor Trantalis introduced this resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts, and Mayor Seiler

**PH-5**    [16-0931](#)

**Resolution Adopting the FY 2017 Fire Assessment and Assessment Roll for Provision of Fire Services, Programs and Facilities**

Mayor Seiler stated 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 2017. The public hearing is now open. The City Manager will now present the fire assessment report.

City Manager Feldman stated the Fire Assessment program provides funding for fire suppression services, facilities, and/or programs that will benefit the City in its entirety, such as facility improvements, equipment, and costs of operations to fund the City's fire services and facilities. The single-family residential assessment rate is recommended at \$256.00 per year. Non-residential properties are assessed based upon building classification and square foot ranges.



For fiscal year 2017, the proposed assessment is \$39,341,576 which is estimated to generate \$38,161,329 in revenue to the General Fund. That concludes my report.

Mayor Seiler stated this is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the fire assessment.

Mayor Seiler requested as there is no further public comment, is there a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Mayor Seiler stated the final fire assessment rate will be \$256.00 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.

Mayor Seiler requested that someone introduce a resolution approving the fire assessment rate for fiscal year 2017.

Commissioner Roberts introduced this resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts, and Mayor Seiler

**PH-6**    [16-0932](#)

Resolution Adopting the Final FY 2017 Millage Rate of 4.1193 and Debt Service Millage Rate of .1610 for the City of Fort Lauderdale

Mayor Seiler stated this is the second of two public hearings as required by law on the millage rates for Fiscal Year 2017. 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 City Manager will now present the recommended millage rate on which the FY 2017 budget is based.

City Manager Feldman stated the FY 2017 City of Fort Lauderdale Final Budget includes maintaining the current millage rate of 4.1193 and reducing the combined debt service millage from .1759 to .1610 mills. The recommended millage rate of 4.1193 exceeds the rolled-back rate of 3.8246 by 7.7% and is premised upon the following:

Preserving and Enhancing our Service Levels  
Maintaining a Healthy Fund Balance  
Funding Key Commission Annual Action Plan Priorities & Community  
Investment Plan Projects  
Technological Improvements

Increases to the FY 2017 General Fund Budget that require maintaining the millage at the same rate as the prior nine (9) years include:

\$3.7 million - Increase in the City's Required Police & Fire Pension Contribution

\$3.0 million - Required Broward County Beach Nourishment□

\$2.2 million - General Fund portion of the Land and Asset Management System

\$1.8 million - Contractual Wage and Benefit Increases

\$1.7 million - Enhanced Fire-Rescue Services

\$1.5 million - E911 Center & Dispatch Transition

\$820 thousand - Funding for the School Resource Officers program previously funded in the Civil Forfeiture Fund

\$400 thousand - Expanded special events program activities and marketing

\$400 thousand - Enhanced Traffic Enforcement

\$250 thousand - Consultant services for Phase II of the Comprehensive Plan Update

\$175 thousand - Beach Traffic Management Plan

Mayor Seiler stated this is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the recommended millage rates. If you wish to speak please come up now to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

Mayor Seiler stated this is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the millage rates.

Mayor Seiler recognized Dr. Nicholas Louis, a Lighthouse Point resident, who addressed the Commission with his questions, comments, and concerns regarding this item. Mayor Seiler notified Dr. Louis that he should attend the Lighthouse Point Budget Hearing as his property is located in Lighthouse Point.

Mayor Seiler recognized Joanne Richter, 1977 NE 15th Avenue and on behalf of Broward Regional Health's Childcare Centers, who addressed the Commission with her comments, questions, and concerns regarding this item specifically requesting additional funds for this year's allocation in the amount of \$3,000 due to the fact that this year's allocation is the same as last year and Ms. Richter's need to come up with a 6 percent funding match. Questions and discussions from the Commission ensued.

Mayor Seiler requested as there is no further public comment, is there a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Mayor Seiler announced the following:

A. The recommended millage rate for all general City purposes exclusive of debt service will be 4.1193 which represents a 7.7% increase in the millage rate over the rolled-back rate of 3.8246 mills.

B. The recommended millage rate for debt service for the 2015 General Obligation Refunding Bonds is .0361.

C. The recommended millage rate for debt service for the 2011A General Obligation Bonds is .0390.

D. The recommended millage rate for debt service for the 2011B General Obligation Refunding Bonds is .0859.

Mayor Seiler requested someone introduce a resolution adopting the recommended millage rates for the City of Fort Lauderdale for the Fiscal Year 2017.

Vice Mayor Trantalis introduced this resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts, and Mayor Seiler

**PH-7**     [16-0933](#)

**Resolution Adopting the Final FY 2017 Budget for the City of Fort Lauderdale**

Mayor Seiler stated this is the second of two public hearings as required by law on the City of Fort Lauderdale budget for Fiscal Year 2017. 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 City Manager will now present the final budget.

City Manager Feldman stated the FY 2017 City of Fort Lauderdale Tentative Budget includes maintaining the current millage rate of 4.1193 and the annual Fire Assessment rate at \$256 per single family residential unit. The final budget is premised on the following:

- Preserving and Enhancing our Service Levels
- Maintaining a Healthy Fund Balance
- Funding Key Commission Annual Action Plan Priorities & Community Investment Plan Projects
- Technological Improvements
- Preserving and Enhancing our Service Levels

There have been no adjustments to the FY 2017 budget since the approval of the Tentative Budget on September 6, 2017. That concludes my report on the FY 2017 budget.

Mayor Seiler stated this is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the final budget. If you wish to speak please come up now to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

Mayor Seiler requested as there is no further public comment, is there a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Mayor Seiler announced the following:

The total all funds budget for the City of Fort Lauderdale is

\$711,945,069, which will fund the various operations of the City of Fort Lauderdale for the fiscal period beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017.

Mayor Seiler requested that someone introduce a resolution adopting the Final budget for the City of Fort Lauderdale for Fiscal Year 2017.

Vice Mayor Trantalis introduced this resolution which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**


**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts, and Mayor Seiler

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission at this 2017 Second Budget Hearing, Mayor Seiler adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

  
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John P. "Jack" Seiler  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jeffrey A. Modarelli  
Secretary