



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
SPECIAL MEETING**

#15-1088

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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 8, 2015

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District's
Fiscal Year 2016 Budget and Non-Ad Valorem Assessment of \$15 per
parcel

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution approving the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget and Annual Non-Ad Valorem Assessment of \$15 per parcel, beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016.

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, canal dumping of lawn debris, nuisance 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 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

This Non-Ad Valorem Assessment will generate approximately \$8,265 in revenue for Fiscal Year 2016.

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

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1: FY 2016 Budget Lauderdale Isles Water Management District

Exhibit 2: Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2015

Exhibit 3: Resolution

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