



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#16-0155

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

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

DATE: March 1, 2016

TITLE: Resolution for Imposition of Special Assessment Liens for Costs
Associated with the Securing of Multiple Properties

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the imposition of Special Assessment Liens for the costs associated with securing and boarding up open and unsecured buildings for the properties listed in Exhibit 1.

Background

Pursuant to Sections 18-14 and 18-15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale (Code), the City boarded up and secured open and abandoned structures on properties listed on Exhibit 1. The exhibit lists the actual costs and expenses incurred by the City to abate the public nuisance, which are to be recorded against the respective properties as a special assessment lien in the public records of Broward County.

In accordance with the Section 18-13 of the Code, the property owner was provided with notification requiring the building be secured within 10 days of the date of notice. Since compliance was not achieved within the specified timeframe, the building was boarded up and secured by the City. A Statement of Assessed Costs and Expenses was mailed to the property owner for reimbursement of these expenditures and remains unpaid.

If the City does not receive payment on the outstanding balance within 30 days from the date the special assessment is approved by the City Commission, the cases will be sent to the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office to be recorded as a non-ad valorem assessment on the property tax roll. Additionally, interest will accrue on the outstanding balance at a rate of 4.75% annually. Sections 215.422(3)(b), 337.141(3) and 687.01, Florida Statutes, requires the use of this rate for the payment of interest for late payments to vendors.

Resource Impact

Should the City receive payment on the outstanding balance, there will be a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$47,119.00.

Funds received will be deposited into the General Fund.

| <i>Funds available as of January 29, 2016:</i> | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ACCOUNT NUMBER | INDEX NAME (Program) | CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME | AMENDED BUDGET | AMOUNT RECEIVED | ANTICIPATED REVENUE |
| 001-DSD040101-N970 | Community Inspections | Miscellaneous Revenues/ Board Up Reimbursement | \$50,000 | \$7,651 | \$47,119 |
| | | | | TOTAL ► | \$47,119 |

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Commission Annual Action Plan* priority, included within the Management Agenda, advancing the Code Compliance Process Improvement effort.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 5: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.
- Objective 2: Enhance the beauty, aesthetics, and environmental quality of neighborhoods.
- Initiative 4: Implement the finding from the Code Compliance Process Improvement.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Board Up Report

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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