



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

**#16-0725**

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

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

**DATE:** July 12, 2016

**TITLE:** Motion Setting the Proposed FY 2017 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rate,  
Proposed Budget, and Public Hearing Date for the Lauderdale Isles Water  
Management District

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion setting the proposed Non-Ad Valorem assessment for the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District at \$15 per parcel, accepting the proposed budget, and establish the date of September 12, 2016 at 6:00 PM to hold a public hearing to consider public comments and provide for advising the Broward County Property Appraiser of such assessment rate.

**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, dumping of lawn debris canal, nuisance of 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 13, 2016 district meeting.

The Lauderdale Isles Water Management District proposed budget is \$100,619.06, which includes a special assessment of \$15 per parcel for properties within the district.

The City Manager is required per state statute 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, 2016.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **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

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - Lauderdale Isles Water Management District FY 2017 Non - Ad valorem Assessment and Tentative Budget

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