



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

**# 17-0108**

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

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

**DATE:** February 7, 2017

**TITLE:** Resolution of Intent to Use the Uniform Method of Collecting Non-Ad Valorem Assessment for Costs Associated with Canal Dredging

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution of intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for costs associated with canal dredging.

**Background**

At the February 18, 2014 City Commission Meeting (CAM #14-0280), City staff was authorized to conduct canal surveys and engineering assessments of City canals to determine maintenance and dredging needs. Staff initiated development of a canal dredging master plan and presented to the City Commission on November 17, 2015 (CAM #15-1203). The City Commission approved funding to complete the canal dredging master plan at the January 5, 2016 City Commission meeting (CAM #15-1607). A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a canal dredging rate study was released on August 18, 2016 and awarded to Burton & Associates.

The canal dredging rate study will determine properties benefiting from canal dredging and the proposed assessment rate to recover associated costs. The proposed assessment rates will be presented to the City Commission at a future meeting.

If approved, this resolution will be sent to the Broward County Property Appraiser, Broward County Tax Collector, and Florida Department of Revenue to provide notice that the City intends to use the uniform method to levy, collect and enforce a non-ad valorem assessment.

**Resource Impact**

There is no impact associated with this action. However, the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office and Broward Tax Collector each charge fees for their services. These agreements and fees will be brought to the Commission at a future meeting.

### **Strategic Connections**

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

- Goal 2: Be a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective 1: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, road and bridge infrastructure.
- Initiative 3: Conduct an analysis of canal dredging needs and examine funding scenarios.

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

### **Related CAMs**

CAM #14-0280, CAM #15-1203, CAM #15-1607

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Resolution for Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment for Canal Dredging

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