



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

**#17-0543**

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

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

**DATE:** June 20, 2017

**TITLE:** Stormwater Rate Study Presentation

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Burton & Associates, Inc. conducted a rate study for the City. The scope of the study was to evaluate the performance of the current rate structure, the service delivery configuration of the system, and the tidal influenced flooding that the City is experiencing in portions of the City. The scope also included the development of an alternative rate structure that will equitably recover the costs of the stormwater system from properties throughout the City in proportion to the benefit received by them from the stormwater system.

The Budget Advisory Board unanimously recommended the City Commission consider the concept of a change in methodology for stormwater charges from using impervious surface to a trip generation model and using a bifurcated model to allow for tidal event solutions. The Board suggested further investigation of how to determine tidal influence.

At the Commission Conference meeting on June 7, 2016, Burton & Associates, presented a new Stormwater Rate structure. The Commission did not initially favor the methodology based on their conference meeting discussion. However, at a subsequent Prioritization Workshop on May 10, 2017, the Commission requested that this alternative funding mechanism be brought back to them for further review.

**Resource Impact**

There is no current fiscal impact to the City, however the Stormwater Rate Study may provide significant resources to fund the construction and maintenance of important stormwater infrastructure in the future.

**Strategic Connections**

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

- **Goal 12:** Be a leading government organization, managing resources wisely and sustainably.

- **Objective 1:** Ensure sound fiscal management.

This item also furthers the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are United*.

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Stormwater Rate Study Presentation

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