



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

**#18-0854**

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

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

**DATE:** August 21, 2018

**TITLE:** Resolution Establishing a Sustainability Investment Fund

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution to maintain and administer a "Sustainability Investment Fund" (SIF) for the purpose of funding sustainability and resiliency projects at City-owned facilities that are expected to save the City money and pay for themselves.

**Background**

The City has adopted a number of specific goals related to sustainable City operations and is actively working to achieve those goals. For example, in the 2010 Sustainability Action Plan, the City targeted a goal to reduce electricity usage by 20% below 2010 levels by the year 2020. In 2013, the City adopted the Press Play Strategic Plan that included 5-year targets related to the following:

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 15%;
- Reducing electricity use by 15%;
- Increasing the number of facilities incorporating energy efficiency upgrades;
- Installing 100 kW of renewable energy capacity; and
- Reducing water consumption related to City operations by 3.1%.

While progress has been made, additional resources are needed to achieve these goals. A dedicated fund will accelerate progress towards these goals by providing the City the ability to strategically invest in projects that directly support the City's goals as well as realize cost savings. The cost savings from approved projects will be used to replenish the fund. SIF projects may include energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation projects, all of which will advance City goals and serve as an investment in terms of sustainability, resiliency, and fiscal responsibility.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact at present. Future requests to add funds to the SIF will be presented to City Commission for approval via the annual budgeting process and/or budgetary amendments.

**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 3: Provide safe, efficient and well-maintained vehicles, equipment and facilities and integrate sustainability into daily operations.
- Strategic Initiative 5: Integrate energy efficient retrofits and sustainable design elements in City facilities.

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

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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