

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 6, 2018

6:00 PM

First Budget Hearing

City Commission Chambers

CITY COMMISSION - SPECIAL MEETING

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

***DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor - Commissioner
BEN SORENSEN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District IV
HEATHER MORAITIS Commissioner - District I
STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II
ROBERT L. McKINZIE Commissioner - District III***

***LEE R. FELDMAN, City Manager
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, City Clerk
ALAIN E. BOILEAU, City Attorney***

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the First Special Budget Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie, Commissioner Heather Moraitis, and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

Excused 1 - Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: City Manager Lee R. Feldman, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Alain Boileau, City Auditor John Herbst and Sergeant at Arms Jaime Costas

FIRST BUDGET HEARING

BGT-1 [18-0786](#)

Resolutions Adopting the Fiscal Year 2019 Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District Tentative Millage Rate and Budget - (1) Tentative Millage Rate (1.000) and (2) Tentative Budget

Mayor Trantalis announced this is the first of two public hearings as required by law on the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District budget for Fiscal Year 2019. The purpose of the hearing is to receive requests and comments regarding the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District's budget, to explain the budget and any amendments thereto.

Mayor Trantalis announced the first public hearing is now open.

City Manager Feldman presented the tentative millage rate and tentative budget for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood. The Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District taxes the residents of this special district to provide security to their neighborhood. At their April 30, 2018 meeting, the district voted their millage at 1.0000 mill to generate a tax collection of \$118,384. This millage rate is 8.15% more than the roll-back rate of 0.9185 mills and is necessary to maintain the services for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood District.

Mayor Trantalis announced this is the time for anyone in the public to speak or ask any questions about the budget. He requested those wishing to speak to please come to the podium and state their name and

address for the record.

There being no one wishing to speak, Commissioner Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Moraitis. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. NOT PRESENT: Commissioner McKinzie. EXCUSED: Vice Mayor Sorensen. NAYS: None.

Mayor Trantalis announced the tentative millage rate for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District is 1.0000 mill which represents an increase of 8.15 % over the rolled-back rate of 0.9185 mills.

Mayor Trantalis announced the next public hearing to adopt the final millage rate and budget for the Sunset Key Neighborhood will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 12, 2018 in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Commissioner Glassman introduced the Resolution approving the 1.000 Mill Tentative Millage Rate for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood which was read by title only.

ADOPTED - Tentative Millage Rate - 1.000

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

Excused: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

Commissioner Glassman introduced the Resolution approving the \$129,200 Tentative Budget for the Sunrise Key Neighborhood Improvement District which was read by title only.

ADOPTED - Tentative Budget - \$129,200

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

Excused: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

Commissioner Glassman requested Agenda item BGT-2, the Adoption of Fiscal Year 2019 Tentative Millage Rate, follow Agenda items BGT-3 and BGT-4. This will allow for a discussion on all aspects of the Budget. It was confirmed that Agenda item BGT-2 must be adopted prior to adopting BGT-5. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis announced that Agenda item BGT-2, the Fiscal Year 2019 Tentative Millage Rate would be reviewed, discussed and voted on following Agenda items BGT-3 and BGT-4 and prior to Agenda item BGT-5, Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019 Tentative Budget.

BGT-3 [18-0788](#)

Resolution Adopting the Tentative Five-Year Community Investment Plan

Mayor Trantalis announced this is the first of two public hearings as required by law on adopting the Tentative Five Year Community Investment Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2019.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paul Chettle, 200 S. Birch Road. Mr. Chettle commented on the amount of General Fund expenses dedicated to CIP Projects. He expounded on carrying forward unspent portions of current CIP funds as noted in his presentation.

A copy of Mr. Chettle's presentation on the CIP is attached to these minutes.

In response to Mayor Trantalis, City Manager Feldman confirmed a large portion of the CIP carry-over funds have been committed, expounding on the details. In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question about finding opportunities for reducing items in Budget Item 331, City Manager Feldman explained those are dedicated funding items which include beach renourishment, the southeast area Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Station, Cordova Road and Isle of Palms seawall projects, and other items.

In response to Mr. Chettle's inquiry about the disproportionate rate of work versus carry-forward balance amounts, City Manager Feldman explained this is a Commission decision. Further comment and discussion ensued on deferring CIP projects.

Commissioner Glassman commented on old CIP projects that have not moved forward, noting a large amount of funds from unspent balances. Further comment and discussion ensued. City Manager Feldman explained restrictions on certain fund balances that cannot be used for General Fund expenses. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Glassman suggested projects that have not moved forward could be addressed with a future bond issuance. Further

comment and discussion ensued on alternative ways to balance the budget and replace the Water and Sewer Fund's Return on Investment (ROI) funding which has been used to make up the budget shortfall. Discussions continued on addressing the current Commission's budget mandates. City Manager Feldman recommended increasing the millage rate to address the budget shortfall and not cutting one-time projects. Mayor Trantalis emphasized the need for a balanced budget without using ROI funds. Further comment and discussion ensued on reducing expenditures and personnel and Police hiring.

City Auditor Herbst commented on two versions of a balanced budget. In a legally balanced budget, all annual revenues match all annual expenditures and reflect changes in Fund Balances. The second version is a structurally balanced budget which is looked at by credit rating agencies. He explained and expounded on the differences. A one time reduction in the General Fund's contribution to the CIP is a legally balanced budget. An ongoing reduction from the General Fund to the CIP is a structurally balanced budget.

Commissioner Moraitis commented on the need to find an additional source of revenue to fund community investments and the need to raise the millage rate to replace the ROI funding previously transferred to the General Fund. Mayor Trantalis commented on additional revenue from future property taxes. Commission discussions ensued. City Manager Feldman expounded on issues that impact property assessment revenue and ongoing rising costs.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question about the projected cost of CIP projects and the FDEP Consent Order being 48 percent higher, City Manager Feldman commented on the reasons for the increased costs that include an increase in the scope of some projects, confirming he would give Commissioner Glassman a complete update.

Commissioner Moraitis inquired about the opportunity for seawall expenditures to be funded by the Half-Penny Sales Tax should it be approved on the November 2018 Ballot. City Manager Feldman said as it is currently written, public seawalls would not be an allowed expenditure for those tax revenues, expounding on the details.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis, City Manager Feldman explained FY 2019 funding for War Memorial Auditorium. Further discussions ensued on concerns. Mayor Trantalis discussed direction given by the Commission on this matter. Comments and discussion ensued on Parks funding, a future Parks Bond and the bond process timeline. Needs and

costs of War Memorial Auditorium and future community efforts were also discussed.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive. Ms. Fertig discussed concern with moving funding from the Charles T. Fiveash Regional Water Treatment Plant to the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant. She commended the Commission for keeping the ROI in the Water and Sewer Fund. Ms. Fertig gave her perspective on current efforts to address the budget shortfall, recommending further research on the impact of budget cuts and emphasizing the need to address quality of life issues. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognize Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King commented on previous ROI funding transfers to the General Fund, Police and Fire Department funding and Pension Obligation Bonds. He also commented on increasing taxes for non-homestead properties.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Robert Walsh, 401 East Las Olas Boulevard. Mr. Walsh discussed the current condition of the Police Department Headquarters, commenting on the outstanding job done by the Police Department. He gave his perspective on the budget and recommended budget cuts.

Commissioner McKinzie arrived at 7:07 p.m.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Commissioner Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Moraitis. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. EXCUSED: Vice Mayor Sorensen NAYS: None.

Commissioner Glassman requested an exact explanation of what will be part of the CIP Budget and what will be cut, expounding on specific concerns. He also commented on this budget process and recommendations for improvement. Commissioner Glassman confirmed his opposition to suggested CIP budget reductions, reiterating the need for further clarification. He suggested that until the budget process is improved next year, the budget shortfall be taken out of Fund Reserves. Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Manager Feldman discussed Fund Reserve obligations that include reimbursement of The Wave Assessment and possible future expenses related to its cancellation. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic. City Manager Feldman explained CIP line item funding that

cannot be used for other budget items. In response to Commissioner Glassman, City Manager Feldman said some CIP projects date back to 2012.

Commissioner Glassman suggested not funding the this year's annual General Fund contribution to the CIP and abandoning old CIP projects for which funding has not been used. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner McKinzie gave his perspective on budget reductions and the budget process.

City Manager Feldman continued his review of CIP line items and the Commission provided input regarding possible budget reductions.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation. Mr. Thornburg expounded on the Parks and Recreation Department CIP line item addressing safety concerns at War Memorial Auditorium. Further comment and discussion ensued. City Manager Feldman commented on the 2019 CIP budget and its funding relationship to the 2018 CIP budget.

Mayor Trantalis noted his perspective on the War Memorial, its negative impact on revenue and the potential for a future partnership with an outside company that will serve community needs. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie, City Manager Feldman discussed addressing seawall concerns and repairs, stating that the repairs should begin in the first quarter of 2019. Discussion, comment and explanation of CIP line items continued.

City Manager Feldman confirmed CIP funds for 7th Floor City Hall renovations could be eliminated. In response to Commissioner McKinzie, City Manager Feldman commented that there should be no significant impact on 7th floor personnel.

In response to City Manager Feldman, Mr. Thornburg explained CIP funding for a bathroom facility to serve the three new soccer fields at Mills Pond Park. Commissioner McKinzie commented on the competitive bid process and its impact on project costs.

City Manager Feldman confirmed the CIP line item for Las Olas Boulevard Improvements could be eliminated.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis, City Manager Feldman

expounded on the CIP line item for new positions. Further comment and discussion ensued on personnel increases in the Office of the City Manager, the Office of the City Attorney and the Nighttime Economy Team.

In response to Mayor Trantalis, City Manager Feldman explained that the CIP line item for 5th Avenue and Las Olas Walkability is for intersection improvements, including cross-walks. It was determined this CIP line item could be eliminated. City Manager Feldman explained details on other walkability projects in the downtown area. Discussion ensued on postponing walkability projects which have not been committed.

City Manager Feldman confirmed wayfinding and information signage could be postponed or eliminated. CIP line item discussions continued. City Manager Feldman confirmed City Hall Security upgrades have been completed and this line item could be eliminated.

Discussions continued on the possible elimination of green improvements at Mills Pond Park. Mr. Thornburg explained details of this CIP line item for improvements to existing bathroom facilities and the concession stand. Further comment and discussion ensued on the possibility of this being done in two phases.

City Manager Feldman recommended reducing the Operating Budget's Enhanced Median Maintenance by fifty percent. Commissioner Glassman commented on alternative and creative ways to address median maintenance such as utilizing and recognizing the talents of existing landscape architects and professional landscaping companies similar to the State's "Adopt a Highway" Program. Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Manager Feldman confirmed he would come back to the Commission with a revised FY 2019 Balanced Budget, inclusive of the budget reductions discussed tonight, at the Second Budget hearing at 6:00 p.m. on September 12, 2018.

Mayor Trantalis recapped the Commission's budget reductions: Emergency Medical Services Substation - \$3,000,000; 7th Floor Renovation - \$313,000; East Las Olas Light (creation) - \$700,000; 5th Avenue/Las Olas Walkability - \$500,000; Way-Finding Signs - \$264,000; City Hall Security - \$130,000; Median Enhancements - \$325,000.

Budget reductions total - \$5,019,000.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's inquiry about the reduction in the number of pages in the revised CIP Budget, City Manager Feldman said it was due to formatting.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis, City Manager Feldman explained the vote on BGT-3 is for a the Five-Year CIP Plan, explaining that adjustments are made annually for needs and priorities. The CIP Plan gives a forecast of future projects. City Manager Feldman confirmed that the CIP budget does not address the reduction of ROI and maintains the current 4.1193 millage rate.

City Manager Feldman commented on the need for additional work to resolve the ongoing ROI reduction. He recommended deferring this item to allow Staff to make the budget adjustments discussed tonight. The revised budget will be presented at the September 12, 2018 Second Budget Hearing.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner McKinzie and Commissioner Glassman confirmed their agreement with the recommended budget reductions discussed tonight.

In response to Commissioner Moraitis, Mayor Trantalis commented on the future possibility of reinstating items removed from the CIP budget, citing the EMS Station as an example. City Manager Feldman explained budget transfers to be made which will allow the budget process to continue.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to defer this item until 6:00 p.m. at the September 12, 2018 Second Budget Hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Moraitis.

DEFERRED to September 12, 2018

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

Excused: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

BGT-4 [18-0789](#)

Ordinance Amending Stormwater Management Rates

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paul Chettle, 200 S. Birch Road. Mr. Chettle discussed the Stormwater Master Plan Consultant - Hazen Sawyer's comments on infrastructure concerns in the areas of Dorsey-River Bend and Durrs as illustrated in his slide presentation. He discussed current policy, the regressive nature of the rate structure in these areas, the proposed bond, and Return on Investment (ROI) transfers.

A copy of the slide presentation is attached to these minutes.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Commissioner Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Moraitis. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. EXCUSED: Vice Mayor Sorensen. NAYS: None.

City Manager Feldman confirmed the ongoing Rate Study. The new Rate Study will be brought before the Commission to support future bonds. At that time, the Commission will address single family homes, condominium and commercial property stormwater rates. City Manager Feldman said the current rate listed in BGT-4 does not support the issuance of a bond and is a continuation of the current rate.

In response to Commissioner Glassman, City Manager Feldman confirmed the final Rate Study Report is expected in the November-December 2018 timeframe. City Manager Feldman commented on the required timeline prior to a bond issuance, stating the duration of this rate will be approximately six to eight months.

Mayor Trantalis announced the next public hearing for the Second Reading of this Ordinance amending the Stormwater Management Rates will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 12, 2018, in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

Excused: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

BGT-2 [18-0787](#)

Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2019 Tentative Millage Rate (4.2648) for the City of Fort Lauderdale

Mayor Trantalis announced this is the first of two public hearings as required by law on the millage rate for Fiscal Year 2019. He announced an adjustment that lowers the Commission's proposed millage rate from 4.2648 to 4.1193. The purpose of the hearing is to receive requests and comments regarding the City's millage rate and to explain any amendments thereto. The public hearing is open and the City Manager will now present the tentative millage rate on which the FY 2019 budget is

based.

City Manager Feldman confirmed receipt of the updated millage rate announcement. City Manager Feldman announced the FY 2019 City of Fort Lauderdale Tentative Budget includes keeping the current 4.1193 millage rate and maintaining the annual Fire Assessment at \$256 per single family residential unit. The tentative millage rate of 4.1193 exceeds the rolled-back rate of 3.8893 by 5.91% and is premised on the following:

- Preserving and Enhancing our Service Levels
- Maintaining a Healthy Fund Balance
- Funding Key Commission Annual Action Plan Priorities & Community Investment Plan Projects
- Technological Improvements

Increases to the FY 2019 General Fund Budget that require maintaining the millage rate of 4.1193 at the same rate as the prior eleven (11) years include:

- Increase in the contractual wage adjustments \$10.1 million
- Increase in worker's compensation \$1.5 million
- Increase in city health contribution \$800 thousand
- Increase for social contributions \$600 thousand
- Increase for Fleet Replacements, Overhead, and Maintenance \$1.0 million
- Increased transfer to Community Redevelopment Agency \$1.3 million

Mayor Trantalis announced the following regarding the tentative millage rate:

The tentative millage rate for the City of Fort Lauderdale exclusive of debt service will be 4.1193 which represent a 5.91% increase in the millage rate over the rolled-back rate of 3.8893 mills.

The tentative millage rate for debt service for the 2015 General Obligation Refunding Bond is .0307.

The tentative millage rate for debt service for the 2011A General Obligation Bond is .0333.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive. Ms. Fertig commented on the Commission's process, the budget cuts made this evening and the importance of recognizing their impact.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paul Chettle, 200 S. Birch Road. Mr. Chettle discussed the budget process and additional concerns, including the phase-out of ROI.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Robert Walsh, 401 East Las Olas Boulevard. Mr. Walsh commented on the Commission's positive efforts tonight to address the budget and maintain the current millage rate. He noted the \$10,000,000 increase in revenue as a result of increased property values.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Road. Mr. King commented on the direction given by the Commission and the actions of City Manager Feldman. He noted the opportunity for additional budget reductions.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Boyd Corbin, 12 NE 26th Avenue. Mr. Corbin discussed the Five Ash Water Treatment Plant (Five Ash). He commented on recommendations in the 2017 Reiss Report for GAC filtration. Mr. Corbin discussed the pilot project for GAC filtration and its one-year timeline, recommending the GAC filtration be implemented immediately.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dr. Warren Sturman, 520 E. 5th Avenue. Mr. Sturman discussed the elimination of the EMS Station, requesting the Commission to reconsider. He commented on areas of the City and emergency response times. Mayor Trantalis concurred with the need to find an appropriate location prior to funding.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Moraitis. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. EXCUSED: Vice Mayor Sorensen. NAYS: None.

The tentative millage rate for the City of Fort Lauderdale exclusive of debt service will be 4.1193 which represent a 5.91% increase in the millage rate over the rolled-back rate of 3.8893 mills.

The tentative millage rate for debt service for the 2015 General

Obligation Refunding Bond is .0307.

The tentative millage rate for debt service for the 2011A General Obligation Bond is .0333.

Mayor Trantalis announced the next public hearing to adopt the final millage rate will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 12, 2018, in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Resolution as amended maintaining the tentative millage rate of 4.1193 for the First Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED - Tentative Millage Rate of 4.1193

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

Excused: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

BGT-5 [18-0791](#)

Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2019 Tentative Budget, Personnel Complement, and Return on Investment for the City of Fort Lauderdale

Mayor Trantalis announced this is the first of two public hearings as required by law on the City of Fort Lauderdale budget for Fiscal Year 2019. The purpose of the hearing is to receive requests and comments regarding the City's budget and to explain the budget and any amendments thereto. The public hearing is now open. The City Manager will now present the tentative budget.

City Manager Lee Feldman announced the FY 2018 Tentative Budget, Personnel Complement, and Return on Investment for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The FY 2019 City of Fort Lauderdale Tentative Budget includes maintaining the same millage rate of 4.1193 and maintaining the annual Fire Assessment rate at \$256 per single residential unit. The tentative budget is premised on the following:

- Maintaining a Healthy Fund Balance
- Preserving and Enhancing our Service Levels
- Funding Key Commission Annual Action Plan Priorities & Community Investment Plan Projects
- Technology Improvements

City Manager Feldman announced the adjustments to the FY 2019 Budget that have been made since the submission of the July 10, 2018 Proposed Budget:

The following adjustments have been made to the General Fund Tentative Revenues:

Decrease of \$285,000 in the Communications Services Tax revenue

Increase of \$300,000 in the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax revenue

Increase of \$220,000 in the Municipal Revenue Sharing Sales Tax revenue

Decrease of \$5.1 million for the 25% Reduction in Return on Investment Charges to the Water & Sewer and Central Regional Funds

Increase of \$5.1 million for the .1455 Millage Rate Increase to offset the Return on Investment revenue reduction

Increase of \$1 million for a reimbursement from the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund to partially offset direct payments to retirees

The following adjustments have been made to the General Fund Tentative

Expenditures:

Decrease for a health adjustment according to the 2nd Quarter Arthur Gallagher Financial results \$208,653

Increase in funding for computer and software upgrades \$10,000

Decrease for estimated salary adjustments to Police and Fire-Rescue \$860,000

Increase in transfer to the General Capital Fund for Community Investment Plan for the Coconut Isle Drive Milling & Resurfacing project \$67,900

Increase in funding for the 2019 Railroad Crossing Maintenance Program \$321,000

Increase in transfer to the Other Post-Employee Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund for Police and Fire Member Contributions \$1.5 million

Increase City transfer to the to the Community Redevelopment Agency associated with the City's Millage Rate Increase \$284,071

Increase in funding Fire-Rescue clothing allowances \$40,300

Increase to fund a Records Management Coordinator Position in the City Clerk's Office \$33,262

Increase in funding to the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce for a contribution to Business First \$95,000

\$5.1 Million reduction in Transfer to General Capital Projects Fund

These revenue and expenditure adjustments make up the FY 2019 Tentative General Fund Budget of \$358,691,561.

Changes to other funds since the submission of the FY 2019 Tentative Budget include:

The Water & Sewer/Central Regional Wastewater Fund Budget was increased by \$946,683; the new Tentative Budget is \$154,791,590.

The Community Redevelopment Agency Fund Budget was increased by \$490,791; the new Tentative Budget is \$30,197,071.

The Sanitation Fund Budget was increased by \$40,500; the new Tentative Budget is \$24,106,150.

The Central Services Fund Budget was increased by \$70,000; the new Tentative Budget is \$22,101,617.

The Vehicle Rental Fund Budget was increased by \$5,100; the new Tentative Budget is \$21,273,441.

The City Property & Casualty Insurance Fund Budget was increased by \$11,500; the new Tentative Budget is \$19,991,444.

The Airport Fund Budget was decreased by \$2,704,830; the new Tentative Budget is \$12,062,378.

City Manager Feldman confirmed completion of his report on the FY 2019 Tentative Budget.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dr. George L. Hanbury II, President and CEO of Nova Southeastern University. Dr. Hanbury thanked Mayor Trantalis and the Commission for its support of the Nova Southeastern Museum of Art, commenting on its cultural importance.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Bonnie Clearwater, M.A., Director of the Nova Southeastern Museum of Art. Ms. Clearwater thanked Mayor Trantalis, the Commission, City Manager Feldman and others in attendance for their support. She commented on the work of the Museum to bring the community together, its history, and current and future program plans.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Elisa Mogilefsky, 5100 Dupont Boulevard. Ms. Mogilefsky commented on the importance of the Museum's cultural contribution to the community. She expounded on the manner in which the Museum serves both residents and visitors, commenting on upcoming programming and the importance of the arts for children and serving the needs of students.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Dana DuQuesne, 1818 SW 24th Avenue. Ms. Duquesne spoke in support of the Museum, noting its importance in providing youth engagement with the arts and other members of the community. She expounded on the critical significance of the Museum's contributions to the community. Ms. Duquesne thanked Mayor Trantalis and the Commission for their continued support.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Robert Walsh, 401 E. Las Olas Boulevard. Mr. Walsh commented on his opposition to City funds for the homeless and other non-profit organizations.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Carol Henderson, Brightline Representative and Marketing Partner for Nova Southeastern Museum of Art. Ms. Henderson commented working with Ms. Clearwater on behalf of the Museum and it being a driving force for Palm Beach and Miami visitors. She discussed Brightline's commitment to making the Museum and the City a visitor destination, expounding on planned programming.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road. Mr. King commented on tonight's budgeting process. He discussed his

perspective on addressing homelessness, urging the Commission not to fund the homelessness initiative with the County.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Boyd Corbin, 12 NE 26th Street. Mr. Corbin commented on efforts to address water quality. Mayor Trantalis noted plans for an upcoming roundtable discussion involving Staff and other stakeholders. Mr. Corbin discussed regional drinking water quality concerns, citing specific issues.

Mayor Trantalis requested Mr. Corbin to assist in communicating with Erin Brockovich and her organization to set up a meeting, stating the City's door is open to address these concerns. Further comment and discussion ensued on coordinating this meeting.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Stan Eichelbaum, 411 N. New River Drive, and President of the Downtown Civic Association. Mr. Eichelbaum commented on assisting in setting up a meeting on the water quality. He commented on a recent meeting with members of the downtown community and their vote endorsing a millage increase to be dedicated to livability concerns, expounding on this topic.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive. Ms. Fertig commented on the budget process and the request for \$1,000,000 for the homeless. She recommended an improved, consistent budget process.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Commissioner Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Moraitis. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Moraitis, and Mayor Trantalis. EXCUSED: Vice Mayor Sorensen. NAYS: None.

Mayor Trantalis announced the total all funds budgeted as amended for the City of Fort Lauderdale is \$785,338,523, which will fund the various operations of the City of Fort Lauderdale for the fiscal period beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

Mayor Trantalis announced the date and time of the next budget hearing, 6:00 p.m. on September 12, 2018, in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to adopt this Resolution as amended for the tentative total of all Funds Budget of \$783,338,523 which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED - Tentative Total All Funds Budget -
\$785,338,523**

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner
Moraitis and Mayor Trantalis

Excused: 1 - Vice Mayor Sorensen

EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION

Mayor Trantalis announced the City Commission shall meet privately to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, for the following case(s):

**Fort Lauderdale Food Not Bombs, et al. vs. City of Fort Lauderdale
Case No.: 15-60185-CIV-ZLOCH**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the Special Budget Hearing Meeting of
September 6, 2018 at 9:11 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli
City Clerk