

#19-0333

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM**: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE**: April 16, 2019

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement with the Broward

County Property Appraiser's Office for Administration and Collection of a

Non-Ad Valorem Assessment for Utility Undergrounding

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of agreement with the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office, related to administration and collection of a non-ad valorem assessment for utility undergrounding.

## **Background**

On February 19, 2019, the City Commission adopted a resolution of intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessment for costs associated with utility undergrounding. Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, requires the taxing authority levying the non-ad valorem assessment to enter into a written agreement with the Property Appraiser for reimbursement of necessary administrative costs incurred. The costs are associated with the creation and maintenance of a non-ad valorem assessment roll and collection of the non-ad valorem assessment on properties benefiting within the City. The agreement will remain in place until the City provides notice to the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office. This agreement does not bind the City to levy, collect, or enforce the non-ad valorem assessment for utility undergrounding.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no funding impact in FY 2019. If the non-ad valorem assessment and rates are approved by the City Commission at a future meeting, the costs for administering the non-ad valorem assessment of \$2 per parcel will be included in the FY 2020 budget funded from the non-ad valorem assessment revenues.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Neighborhood Enhancement 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 2: Consider placing utilities underground when feasible.

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

# **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Agreement with Broward County Property Appraiser – Utility Undergrounding Assessment

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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