



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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: June 18, 2019

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Broward County for Administration and Collection of a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment for Utility Undergrounding (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4**)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Broward County, related to administration and collection of a non-ad valorem assessment for utility undergrounding, in substantially the form attached.

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 Broward County for reimbursement of necessary administrative and actual collection costs incurred. The agreement shall commence upon execution and shall continue year to year. 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 and collecting the non-ad valorem assessment 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 – Utility Undergrounding Assessment

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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