



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
SPECIAL MEETING

#21-0733

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 13, 2021

TITLE: Public Hearing - Resolution Adopting the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and Non-Ad Valorem Assessment of \$15 Per Parcel Abutting on the Canals - **(Commission District 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution approving the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and Annual Non-Ad Valorem Assessment of \$15 per parcel abutting on the canals for Fiscal Year 2022, beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022.

Background

The Lauderdale Isles Water Management District was created as an independent special district by the Broward County Commission in November 1970 for the purpose of protecting the water quality of the waterways in Lauderdale Isles. The District became a dependent district within the City of Fort Lauderdale when it was annexed in 2002. The primary duty of the District has been to provide aquatic weed control in canals. Additional duty areas being explored are compliance with Broward County concerning water quality, permitting and construction of new and dilapidated docks, enforcement of the Florida Derelict Vessel Program, safe consumption of fish and blue crabs, proper canal depths, dredging to remove obstructions, canal dumping of lawn debris, nuisance alligators, waterway cleanup, safe navigation, and waterway safety.

The District is authorized to prepare and submit a tentative assessment rate and budget to the Fort Lauderdale City Commission, annually, for approval. The special assessment and budget must be established for the purposes of maintaining the canals and, as such, the District Board adopted a resolution determining that the District's expenses and cost of maintaining the canals should be specially assessed against all properties within the District abutting on the canals. The District advertised its intent to establish the non-ad valorem assessment and budget and approved its tentative budget at its March 15, 2021, District meeting.

The Lauderdale Isles Water Management District budget is \$114,665 which includes a special assessment of \$15 per parcel abutting on a canal within the District that generates \$8,265 plus a balance of \$106,400 from prior years.

The chair of the local governing board, or his or her designee, is required per Section 197.3632(5)(a), Florida Statutes to certify the non-ad valorem assessment roll to the Broward County Tax Collector no later than September 15, 2021.

Resource Impact

There is no impact to the City's budget.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective: Maintain financial integrity through sound budgeting practices, prudent fiscal management, cost effective operations, and long-term planning

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - FY 2022 Lauderdale Isles Water Management District Budget

Exhibit 2 - Lauderdale Isles Water Management District Minutes - March 15, 2021

Exhibit 3 - Resolution

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