



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
JOINT WORKSHOP

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *Rickelle Williams*

DATE: June 16, 2026

TITLE: **REVISED BUS- 1** - Fiscal Year 2027 Preliminary Budget Information and
Property Tax Reform - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

This is the second of three (3) joint workshops that will be held between the Budget Advisory Board (BAB) and the City Commission as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 budget development process. This will serve as the BAB's opportunity to share insights gleaned during departmental budget meetings as the City Commission prepares to set the maximum millage rate and fire assessment fee. The BAB has conducted targeted reviews with staff over the past year and will provide an update on these initiatives during this workshop.

The Legislature has asked that voters, in November 2026, consider significant reductions to ad valorem taxes for homesteaded properties, which could materially impact municipal revenues. City staff will share preliminary information regarding this proposed property tax reform, potential City impacts, and a potential approach for educating the public regarding this proposal.

In addition, staff will provide a presentation on the FY 2027 Preliminary Budget. This information can be found on the City's website at <https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/preliminarybudget>.

The final joint workshop of the budget process will take place on Tuesday, August 18, 2026. At this meeting, the BAB will provide recommendations on the City Manager's proposed budget before the September 2026 Budget Hearings.

Due to the timing of the Budget Advisory Board meeting held on June 10, 2026, the discussions and recommendations from that meeting could not be incorporated into the agenda materials before publication. Accordingly, Exhibit 4 was subsequently added to memorialize the discussions and recommendations made by the BAB.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- Guiding Principle: Fiscal Responsibility

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Property Tax Reform and City Impacts Presentation

Exhibit 2 – FY 2027 Preliminary Budget Information

Exhibit 3 – FY 2027 Preliminary Budget Presentation

Exhibit 4 (New Information) – Budget Advisory Board FY 2027 Diagnostic Review

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