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Meeting Date:	Jun 20, 2019		Item Type: (Enter X in box)	Resolution X	Ordinance		Other	
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Project Number:	N/A		RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:		N/A			
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SHORT TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE; AND ESTABLISHING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE DEBT OBLIGATION FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION GENERAL OBLIGATION (GO) BOND; FIRE ASSESSMENT RATES; AND LOT MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT FIGURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020; AND SETTING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES; FIRE ASSESSMENT RATES; AND LOT MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT FIGURES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF SUMMARY:

Summary:

This agenda memorandum is to adopt the tentative millage rate for the City and the Parks General Obligation Bonds, Fire Assessment Rates and Lot Maintenance Assessment figures for FY 19/20. The millage rates and assessment figures need to be forwarded to the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office (BCPA) by August 2, 2019. This item will also set the dates for the public hearings in September to adopt the tentative and final millage rates and budget; the Fire Assessment Rates and Lot Maintenance Assessment figures for the upcoming fiscal year (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020).

Background:

During the City Commission meeting held on June 29, 2018, the City Commission set the City's General Fund tentative operating millage rate at 6.3191 and the Parks General Obligation Bonds tentative millage rate at .4162 mills for 18/19 and authorized the City Manager to sign the Certification of Taxable Value and advise the appropriate agencies on the tentative millage rate. Two Public Hearings were held to adopt the budget. At the first Public Hearing held on September 12, 2018, the City Commission adopted the tentative General Fund millage rate of 6.3191 mills and the Parks General Obligation Bonds at .4162 mill. At the second Public Hearing for final millage/budget adoption held on September 24, 2018, the City Commission adopted these final millage rates for FY 18/19.

Current Situation:

The Broward County Property Appraiser's Office (BCPA) has submitted its June 1, 2019 Estimate of Taxable Value. The rolled-back millage will be 6.2959. The City's gross taxable value had an increase of \$255,161,752 (or 4.60%) from \$5,546,934,480 in 2018 to \$5,802,096,232 in 2019. This taxable value increase, when combined with the increase in millage proposed herein, would amount to an overall ad valorem revenue increase of \$5,508,852. Please note that the amounts provided above will be adjusted once the July 1, 2019 Certified Taxable Value figures are released by the BCPA.

The City's current millage rate is 6.3191. The proposed millage rate staff recommends to provide to the County is 7.1556, which is 0.8365 mill higher than the current millage. The millage rate increase of 0.8365 will generate an additional net revenue of \$3,732,651 to cover the General Fund deficit in the City Manager Recommended Budget. The debt service millage rate will remain at .4162 mill. Note that in the past it has been the practice of the City to set the tentative millage rate higher than what was adopted to provide the flexibility for financial adjustments should they be needed, as once the City sets its proposed millage rate, it cannot go above that rate without re-advertising.

In addition to the millage rate, the City must also advise the Broward County Property Appraiser the date and time of the public hearings and the total amount to be collected from the Fire Assessment and the Lot Maintenance Assessment. The current Fire Assessment Rates recover 90% of the total fire protection service costs. The remaining 10% of these costs are funded by General Fund revenues. It is proposed to increase the Fire Assessment Rates to recover 95% of the total fire protection service costs. The residential rate will increase from \$251.11 to \$265.06 per year as well as the rates for the other property types. The new Fire Assessment Rates will generate additional revenue of \$489,000, which will also help cover part of the General Fund deficit. The Lot Maintenance Assessment amount to be collected is \$31,742. However, additional properties may be added to the list for the month of June 2019 activity. The final list submitted to BCPA will include the activity that occurs in June 2019.

The date of the First Public Hearing by law must be set between September 3 and September 18, 2019. Further, the public hearing cannot conflict with either the County or the School Board's budget hearings. The County has set its First Public Hearing for September 10, 2019 and its Second Public Hearing for September 24, 2019. The School Board will hold its hearings on August 1, 2019 and September 4, 2019. Also, note the City's Public Hearings must be held after 5:00 p.m. Accordingly, the First Public Hearing is scheduled for September 12, 2019 at 5:05 p.m. Also, staff proposes to conduct the Fire Assessment hearing at 5:10 p.m. and the Lot Maintenance Assessment hearing at 5:15 p.m. on September 12, 2019 in accordance with State Statute.

The Second Public Hearing to adopt the final millage rate and FY 19/20 Budget must be held two to five days after advertising the Hearing and no later than October 1. In addition, the advertisement must be within 15 days from the First Public Hearing date. Accordingly, the Second Public Hearing is scheduled for September 23, 2019 at 5:05 p.m.

Why Action is Necessary:

The Truth-In-Millage (TRIM) Bill legislation requires Municipalities to submit the Certification of Taxable Value (Form DR-420) to the County Appraiser by August 2, 2019. Cities are required to certify in this form the rolled-back millage rate, current year proposed millage rate, and the date, time and location of the first public hearing. The rolled-back rate essentially requires any new revenues from year to year caused by inflation in property values rather than new construction, additions and deletions of property to be advertised as a "tax increase". It further requires municipalities that have special assessments to advise the appropriate agencies of the total amount to be collected for the special assessments and the date, time and location for the public hearings.

PROPOSED ACTION:

The City Commission approve the resolution establishing the Tentative Millage Rate for the City and the Parks General Obligation Bonds; Fire Assessment Rates; and Lot Maintenance Assessment Figures for FY 19/20; and Setting the Date, Time and Place of Public Hearings to Consider the Tentative Millage Rates; Fire Assessment Rates, Lot Maintenance Assessment Figures and Tentative Budget.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Exhibit 1 – Resolution Setting Tentative Millage Rates Exhibit 2 – Millage Rate Calculations Exhibit 3 – Fire Assessment Calculation Exhibit 4 – Lot Maintenance Assessment Schedule