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City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

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| Meeting Date: | September 12, 2019 | | Item Type: <small>(Enter X in box)</small> | Resolution <div style="text-align: center;">X</div> | Ordinance | Other | | |
| Fiscal Impact: <small>(Enter X in box)</small> | Yes | No | Ordinance Reading: <small>(Enter X in box)</small> | | 1st Reading | | 2nd Reading | |
| | X | | Public Hearing: <small>(Enter X in box)</small> | | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Funding Source: | 2210-325220 | | Advertising Requirement: <small>(Enter X in box)</small> | | Yes | | No | |
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| Account Balance: | FY19/20 Revenue Budget: \$9,079,296 | | Quasi-Judicial: <small>(Enter X in box)</small> | | Yes | | No | |
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| Project Number : | N/A | | RFP/RFQ/Bid Number: | | N/A | | | |
| Contract/P.O. Required: <small>(Enter X in box)</small> | Yes | No | Strategic Plan Priority Area: <small>(Enter X in box)</small> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Safety</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Quality</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Vibrant Appeal</div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> | | | | | |
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| Sponsor Name: | Greg Chavarria City Manager | | Department: Fire Rescue | | Gregg Pagliarulo, Interim Fire Chief | | | |

Short Title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE TOTAL SUM OF THE ANNUAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT; SETTING THE AMOUNT ASSESSED AGAINST EACH PARCEL OF PROPERTY FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Summary:

Background:

The Fire Assessment Fee is a special collection to help fund fire services within the City of Hallandale Beach. The collected monies are specifically used for fire services only and exclude emergency medical services. The mentioned fire services are broken down into many categories including stations, fire equipment, personal protective equipment, and special firefighting supplies.

The City adopted Ordinance No. 2000-16, authorizing the imposition and collection of a fire protection services special assessment against property throughout the City. Pursuant to Section 8 of Ordinance No. 2000-16, the City utilizes the uniform method for levy, collection and enforcement of the assessment, as authorized by Chapter 197, Florida Statutes. In accordance with statutory requirements, staff has annually evaluated the projected cost for providing fire protection services to properties within the City that derive a special benefit from the availability of fire protection services and presented findings to the Commission via agenda resolution each budget year.

Current Situation:

The City currently recovers \$8,714,732 of the allowable costs of fire protection through the fire assessment annually. This represents 90% of allowable costs based on the cost apportionment, and is recovered through a residential rate of \$251.11. The remaining 10% of operational costs are supplemented by the General Fund.

For fiscal year 2019-2020, staff reviewed the methodology for the rate and proportion of funding for the fire assessment (Exhibit 2). As a result, staff is proposing modification of the total amount of the fire protection services special assessment or the amount assessed against each parcel of property. Because the assessment revenues must be recovered proportionally per property category, an increase in the apportionment to one category will result in an increase in the overall rate in that category. During the June 20, 2019 commission meeting, the City Commission approved the 95% cost recovery scenario. The projection shows a 95% funding rate (\$265.06 per residential property) would recover \$9,079,296, an additional \$461,506 in net funding for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in comparison to the 90% funding rate scenario.

Why Action is Necessary:

Pursuant to Section 8 of Ordinance No. 2000-16, the City utilizes the uniform method for levy, collection and enforcement of the assessment, as authorized by Chapter 197, Florida Statutes. Furthermore, Section 15 of Ordinance 2000-16 authorizes the annual modification of the total amount of the fire protection services special assessment and the amount assessed against each parcel of property. In order to comply with state statute, the collection of non-ad valorem

assessments must be approved by local government, in this case the City Commission. Local government must also hear input from citizens which this meeting will allow.

Fiscal Impact:

Based on the 95% Cost Recovery scenario approved by the City Commission on June 20, 2019, the estimated revenue for FY 2019-2020 will be \$9,079,296.

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| Proposed Action: |
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Staff recommends approval of the attached Resolution of the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Hallandale Beach, Florida, establishing the total sum of the annual fire protection services special assessment; setting the amount assessed against each parcel of property for the 2019-2020 fiscal year; and providing for the continued use of the uniform method of collection.

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| Attachment(s): |
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Exhibit 1 – Resolution
Exhibit 2 – Rate Worksheet