City of Boynton Beach
Agenda Item Request Form

Meeting Date: 09/ 2/2025

Proposed Resolution No. R25-231- Authorizing the City Commission to set rates, fees, and charges for Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, and Reuse Water, for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025-26 and adopting preliminary rates through 2028-2029.

Requested Action: Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R25-231.

Explanation of Request: Based on approved Ordinance 18-020, Utility rates and charges for water, wastewater, stormwater, and reclaimed (reuse) water, are implemented by resolution of the City Commission annually during the Budget adoption process. The Utility Management staff and rate consultant reviewed the rates, fees and charges, and proposed Capital Improvement Plan, as well as infrastructure needs and completed revenue sufficiency analysis. Utility staff presented the rate adjustments to City Commission during the FY 25/26 Budget Workshop.

The Utility is committed to the high level of service expected by Utility customers for providing safe and reliable drinking water, sewer collection, stormwater drainage and reuse water services. The Utility is mandated to meet regulatory requirements and recognizes the importance these services play in regards to our customer's quality of life and is committed to be fiscally responsible while reinvesting back into the community and utility infrastructure.

Staff recommends Commission approve the proposed rate increases.

The Utility is also proposing preliminary adoption of water, wastewater, stormwater, and reclaimed (reuse) water rates, fees, and charges for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2029 to help the Utility plan for the near future and complete proposed infrastructure CIP projects while preparing for financing for rebuilding and renovating the two water treatment plants to meet upcoming drinking water regulations. These rates will still be reviewed annually and set during the annual budget process in accordance with Section 26-9 of the City Code of Ordinances.

How will this affect city programs or services? This will allow the Utility to continue to provide safe and reliable high quality water, wastewater, stormwater, reuse water and chilled water service to all Utility customers. The rate increases are essential for the Utility to maintain and timely replace water treatment plants and underground infrastructure to meet upcoming regulatory requirements and reliable and consistent service.

Budgeted Item: Yes

Account Line Item and Description: Utility Operations - Multiple 401 Revenue Accounts based on the service and fees.

Fiscal Impact: These adjusted rates are in line with the budget projections and were discussed during the budgeting process and allows for balancing the Utility budget without depleting reserve funds while allowing completing of infrastructure CIP projects and planning for investing in water treatment infrastructure for the long term.

Attachments:
R25-231 Agenda_Item_3542-2025_Resolution_to_approve_water__wastewater__stormwater__and_reclaimed_water_rates_2029__2_.docx
Exh A to Resolution - Utility Rate Detail FY 2025-26.pdf
Ex. A Part 2 COBB Proposed Four Years Rate Sheet FY25-26 through FY28-29.pdf
FY 2025-26 Utilities Commission Presentation CIP.pptx
FY 2025-26 Utilities Commission Presentation-Operational Budget.pptx
FY26 Rate Presentation.pptx