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AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.c

STAFF AGENDA REVIEW WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: July 7, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: Kimberly Dillon

ITEM TYPE: Resolution

TEMP. RESOLUTION NUMBER: 14276

AGENDA SECTION: **Regular Agenda:**

TITLE: TR14276 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Tamarac, Florida, relating to the provision of Stormwater Management provided by the City's Stormwater Utility; determining that certain real property will be specifically benefited thereby; establishing and confirming the method of calculating the cost of Stormwater Management Service against the real property that will be specially benefited thereby; directing the City Manager to prepare or direct the preparation of a preliminary Stormwater Utility Management Fee Roll based upon the methodology set forth herein; establishing a public hearing for the proposed Stormwater Utility Management Fees and directing the provision of notice in connection therewith; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Financial Services Director recommends initiating the process of establishing the Assessment Roll and re-imposing the Stormwater Utility Management Fee Special Assessments as put forth under TR #14276 for the provision of the Stormwater Utility Management Fee within the City of Tamarac for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

On April 24, 2013, the City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2013-05 providing for the home rule authority of the City to impose Stormwater Utility Management Fee Special Assessments against the assessed property within the City. Fiscal Year 2014 was the first year the assessments appeared on the tax bills.

This assessment is an equitable and efficient method of allocating and collecting the Stormwater Utility Management Fee Assessed Cost among parcels of assessed property. This resolution constitutes the preliminary assessment resolution as defined in the Ordinance which initiates the process for developing the Stormwater Utility Management Fee Special Assessment Roll and directs the imposition of a Stormwater Utility Management Fee Assessment, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025.

In order to impose this Stormwater Utility Management Fee special assessment, the ordinance requires the City Commission to adopt an annual rate resolution each fiscal year which occurs during its budget adoption process. The Resolution establishes the rate of assessment and approves the assessment roll for the upcoming fiscal year, with such amendments as the City Commission deems appropriate after hearing comments of all interested parties. Accordingly, an updated assessment roll must be made available for inspection by the public and a notice of public hearing must be published and mailed as required by the terms of the Ordinance providing notice to all interested persons of an opportunity to be heard. TR #14276 establishes these functions and sets the public hearing date for September 12, 2025 at 5:05 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers and will coincide with the first public hearing of the FY 2026 Millage Rates and Budget.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Stormwater Utility Management Fee special assessment for all properties within the boundaries of the City of Tamarac is $170.89 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) which is $4.98 higher than the rate of $165.91 for Fiscal Year 2026. The increase of $4.98 is 3.0% more than the prior year which is consistent with Section 22-254, Code of Ordinances. Section 22-254 states that adjustment will be made each year equal to the greater of 3% or the U.S. Consumer Price Index (CPI) as determined in June of the calendar year of adjustment. As of the end of May 2025 the published CPI is 2.4%.

City properties are not assessed as part of the resolution,

the Stormwater Management fees for City properties are paid via a transfer to the Stormwater fund. This exemption is referred to as an exempt buy down and amounts to $513,842.

ISSUE:

On April 24, 2013, the City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2013-05 providing for the home rule authority of the City to impose Stormwater Utility Management Fee Special Assessments against the assessed property within the City of Tamarac. TR #14276 describes the method of assessing the Stormwater Utility Management Fee costs against assessed property located within the City, directs the preparation of an assessment roll, authorizes a public hearing, and directs the provision of a notice for the public hearing.

STRATEGIC GOALS: Goal #3: Tamarac is Economically Resilient

ATTACHMENTS: