



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**APPROVED**

**BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
MAY 17, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.  
Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport  
Red Tails Conference Room  
6000 NW 21st Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>10/2022 through 9/2023 Cumulative Attendance</b>	
		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Brian Donaldson, Chair	P	5	0
Jeff Lowe, Vice Chair	P	5	0
William Brown [via Zoom]	P	4	1
Ross Cammarata	P	5	0
John Rodstrom	P	3	0
Christian Macellari	P	3	2
Michael Marshall	A	4	1
Prabhuling Patel	P	5	0

**Staff**

- Greg Chavarria, City Manager
- Susan Grant, Assistant City Manager
- Laura Reece, Office of Management Budget Director
- Patrick Lynn, Police Chief
- Kenneth Campbell, Business Operations Manager
- Wesley Acosta, Senior Management Analyst
- Christopher Cooper, Sustainable Development Director
- Porshia Garcia, Sustainable Development Deputy Director
- Juan Rodriguez, Division Manager
- Tamecka McKay, Information Technology Services Director
- Valerie Florestal, Business Operations Manager
- Patrick Reilly, City Auditor

**Communications to the City Commission – Merchant Fees**

**Motion** made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Patel, to make the following communication to the City Commission. The City is incurring fees in excess of \$3.7 million for processing to support the use of credit cards. The Budget Advisory Board (BAB) recommends that the City Commission pass along the processing fees for credit cards to the consumer if they choose to use a credit card for any and all City services. This will result in approximately \$900,000 in savings to the General Fund in the FY 2024 budget. The BAB suggests that this is implemented as soon as possible. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Budget Advisory Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.

**III. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2023**

**Motion** made by Mr. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Rodstrom, to approve the minutes of the Board's April 11, 2023 meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Floor Open for Neighbor Input**

None

**V. Old Business**

None

**VI. New Business**

None

**VII. Communications to/from the City Commission**

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**VIII. Board Member Comments**

Mr. Rodstrom disclosed of a voting conflict and has completed Form 8B – Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal, and Public Officers, a copy of which is attached to these minutes for the public record.

**IX. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m. The FY 2024 Departmental Budget Review presentations with Police, Development Services, and Information Technology Services followed thereafter.



**APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)**

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

**DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST**

I, John E. Rodstrom III, hereby disclose that on May 24, 20 23 :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of River Oaks Civic Association, Inc., Kevin Cochrane and Save Snyder Park Com., by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

In the abundance of caution, I would like to disclose that I am working with the above referenced homeowners association, community group and individual against the Snyder Park Pickleball development by My Park Initiative, LLC. I perform these services pro bono but am reimbursed for costs by one of my clients. At the May 24, 2023, Budget Advisory Board meeting, in which we were meeting with various department heads, I asked the Director of Parks & Recreation a question pertaining to where the funding for the relocation of the seaweed recycling facility at Snyder Park was in the budget and how its relocation was being funded. The seaweed recycling facility is part of the proposed development site for the Pickleball facility. My question was not to influence any decisions made by the BAB and was only for discussion purposes. No vote was taken in relation to the issue or this disclosure.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

6/2/2023  
Date Filed

  
Signature

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