



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

APPROVED
REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Tower 101, Suite 1100
April 2, 2026 – 4:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

		03/24/2026 – 04/02/2026	
		Cumulative Attendance	
Committee Member	Attendance	Present	Absent
Olivier Cale	P	2	0
Bill Livek	A	0	2
Laura Garcia	P	2	0
Parth Patel	P	2	0

Also Attending

Yvette W. Matthews, Assistant City Manager, City Manager’s Office
 Laura Reece, Director, Office of Management and Budget
 Keith Farrell, Assistant Budget Manager
 Anthony Fajardo, Director, Development Services
 Ella Parker, Deputy Director, Development Services
 John Travers, Building Official, Development Services
 Jim Hetzel, Division Manager, Development Services
 Ashley Garcia, Senior Financial Administrator, Development Services
 Porshia Garcia, Director, Community Services Department
 Katrina Johnson, Assistant Director, Community Services Department
 Danielle Murray, Senior Financial Administrator, Community Services Department
 Patrick Reilly, City Auditor, City Auditor’s Office
 Marco Hausy, Senior Assistant City Auditor, City Auditor’s Office
 Jonathan Frisard, Assistant City Auditor III, City Auditor’s Office
 Karla Acevedo, Assistant City Auditor III, City Auditor’s Office
 Latrish Davis, Assistant City Auditor III, City Auditor’s Office
 Jason Dengel, Assistant City Auditor II, City Auditor’s Office
 Laura McCoy, Senior Budget and Management Analyst, Office of Management and Budget
 Daniela Roberts, Budget and Management Analyst, Office of Management and Budget

III. The last meeting minutes were approved by the committee with one amendment – FPL Franchisee fees were rounded to \$23,400,000.

IV. Floor Open for Neighbor Input - There were no comments from the public.

V. New Business

- The Committee reviewed and reached consensus on Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 estimates for the following revenue sources within the Development Services Department, on the following page:

Revenues Reviewed Development Services	FY 2027 Department Estimate	FY 2027 Budget Estimate	FY 2027 Revenue Estimating Conference Committee Revenue Consensus
Landscaping Permits	\$ 625,000	\$ 638,159	\$ 625,000
Permits/Miscellaneous Engineering Charges	\$ 627,530	\$ 527,264	\$ 627,000
Development Review Fees	\$ 257,124	\$ 380,201	\$ 300,000
Building Permits – Premium Fees	\$ 310,045	\$ 319,528	\$ 315,000
Zoning Review Fees	\$ 1,677,361	\$ 1,621,361	\$ 1,700,000

- Discussion on Landscaping Permits – The Department shared that staff are evaluating an increase in landscaping permitting fees, which were last updated in 2021, and anticipate tying future rate adjustments to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- Discussion on Development Review Fees and Premium Fees – The Department noted that multiple factors may influence fee-based revenues in Fiscal Year 2027, including inflationary pressures, international conflicts, and proposed changes in state-level legislation, specifically House Bill 803.
- The Committee reviewed and reached a consensus on estimates for the following revenue sources for the Community Services Department:

Revenues Reviewed Parks & Recreation	FY 2027 Department Estimate	FY 2027 Budget Estimate	FY 2027 Revenue Estimating Conference Committee Revenue Consensus
Business Tax	\$ 3,554,957	\$ 3,942,026	\$ 3,700,000
Special Magistrate Board Fines	\$ 716,853	\$ 688,693	\$ 700,000

- Discussion of Business Tax – The Department outlined the rationale for not increasing the business tax rate in prior years, citing potential state-level actions to eliminate the revenue source, as well as the City’s efforts to maintain a business-friendly environment. The Department also shared plans to implement a pilot Certificate of Use program, which is expected to generate

additional revenue and assist businesses in obtaining the appropriate permits based on their services and applicable zoning regulations.

VI. Adjourned at 4:52pm

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PURPOSE: The purpose and duties are to serve as subject matter experts in reviewing revenue estimates for the City of Fort Lauderdale's budget process. **Note:** Two or more City of Fort Lauderdale Commissioners or members of a Fort Lauderdale Advisory Board or Committee may be in attendance at this meeting. If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this public meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. If you desire auxiliary services to assist in viewing or hearing the meeting or reading agendas and minutes for the meetings, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 954-828-5002 and arrangements will be made to provide these services to you.

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