



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#22-0201**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** March 15, 2022

**TITLE:** Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Easement with  
Florida Power & Light (FPL)- **(Commission District 2)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an easement with Florida Power & Light (FPL) for the installation of underground power and FPL equipment to support the construction of the War Memorial Improvements and Florida Panther Training Facility at City-owned property located at 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive, commonly known as Holiday Park.

**Background**

On April 16, 2019, the City Commission approved a lease agreement with the War Memorial Benefit Corporation, a social purpose corporation of the Florida Panthers, which included renovations to the existing War Memorial Auditorium and construction of a new facility for public skating. These improvements require a new primary power feed to provide sufficient electrical capacity and redundancy. These improvements also require pad mounted FPL equipment to supply secondary power to the buildings and provide switching to facilitate the power redundancy. The proposed FPL underground power feed will run east to west from the approximate intersection of NE 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street and is depicted on Exhibit 1. It was discovered during this process that an existing aerial FPL power feed does not have an easement. The existing aerial feed runs north to south at the approximate intersection of NE 10<sup>th</sup> Ave and Sunrise Boulevard. The proposed resolution would authorize the City Manager to execute an easement with FPL for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the existing overhead and proposed underground electric utility facilities to be installed within city-owned property.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a *2021 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, waterways, parks, and open spaces for everyone

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Here

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Easement with Sketch and Legal Description

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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