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

**FROM:** Lee Feldman, City Manager

**DATE:** October 2, 2012

**TITLE:** Motion to authorize execution of a Revocable License with James A. Cummings, Inc. for the temporary closures of sidewalks, on-street parking spaces and vehicular lanes on SE 6 Street and SE 1 Avenue for the construction of the new Broward County courthouse tower

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing execution of a Revocable License with James A. Cummings, Inc., in substantially the same form attached, for the temporary closures of sidewalks, on-street parking spaces and vehicular lanes on SE 6 Street and SE 1 Avenue to facilitate the construction of the new Broward County courthouse tower.

**Background**

In association with the County Courthouse project, in November of 2011 the City issued a Revocable License to MAC Construction for temporary closures on SE 6 Street and SE 1 Avenue and to facilitate the demolition of the existing parking structure on the NE corner of SE 6 Street and SE 1 Avenue.

In preparation for the next phase, the County recently executed a contract with James A. Cummings, Inc. to construct the new 22-story, 730,000 square foot courthouse tower in the same location as the demolished parking structure. A location map is attached as **Exhibit 1**.

The construction of the new courthouse tower proposes to utilize essentially the same lane and sidewalk closures that are authorized under the existing Revocable License with MAC Construction for the demolition work; however, due to the change in contractors, it will be necessary to execute a new Revocable License with James A. Cummings, Inc. to transfer responsibilities. The temporary closures are described below.

- 1) SE 6 Street: Close the sidewalk, five on-street public parking spaces and one westbound vehicular lane on the north side of SE 6 Street from SE 3 Avenue to SE 1 Avenue. This closure will require a pedestrian detour, however, no vehicular detours will be necessary since two of the westbound lanes on SE 6 Street will remain open to traffic;
- 2) SE 1 Avenue: Close the northbound vehicular lane and sidewalk on the east side of SE 1 Avenue from SE 6 Street to 300 feet north of SE 6 Street. Vehicles will be able to travel in the southbound direction, however, a detour will be provided for northbound vehicles via Andrews Avenue and SE 5 Street. A detour will also be provided for pedestrians.

While the limits of the closures will remain the same, under the new Revocable License, for public safety purposes, the perimeter of the closures will be gated to facilitate entry of construction vehicles to the site and the traffic control devices will be reinforced to make the construction site less permeable to unauthorized pedestrian traffic. The updated traffic modification plan provided by James A. Cummings is attached as **Exhibit 2**.

In addition to maintenance of pedestrian and vehicular traffic during construction, the Revocable License requires delivery of written notices to property owners within 300 feet of the project, implementation of construction mitigation measures, adequate parking facilities for construction personnel, insurance, indemnification of City, and restoration of right-of-way features.

A copy of the Revocable License is attached as **Exhibit 3**. The Revocable License would expire on April 30, 2015 or upon issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the courthouse tower, whichever occurs first. The City Manager would have the authority to approve two 90-day extensions.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City.

### **Attachment**

- Exhibit 1 - Location Map
- Exhibit 2 - Traffic Modification Plan
- Exhibit 3 - Revocable License

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