



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

13-1223

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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 3, 2013

TITLE: Second Reading Of Ordinance Approving the Dissolution of the NWNID

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission hold a second reading to adopt an Ordinance to dissolve the Northwest Neighborhood Improvement District (NWNID).

Background

Adopted by City Commission resolution in 1988, the NWNID was created to implement a Safe Neighborhood Plan and utilize various crime prevention techniques within northwest Fort Lauderdale. A safe neighborhood plan may include a variety of function as outlined in F.S. 165.513, by "preparing and initiating actions deemed most suitable to implementing NWNID's safe neighborhood plan." One of the tactics utilized by the City of Fort Lauderdale to implement the safe neighborhood plan was to acquire vacant properties, place them under the ownership of the NWNID to facilitate home ownership by disposing of properties for single-family housing developments.

The NWNID coverage area is attached as Exhibit 2. On April 16, 2013 the NWNID Board approved the transfer of 37 lots back to the City of Fort Lauderdale. When the lots were transferred back to the City, the value of the asset was added to the City's financial records.

Since 1998, the City has acquired vacant lots (*for its Infill Housing Program*), constructed housing units and transferred the lots and/or housing units to the NWNID to further affordable housing in the City. Once the housing units were constructed, the properties would be sold to eligible buyers.

The Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency (NPF CRA) includes the NWNID area. The NPF CRA is the preferred better option in assisting with affordable housing within the Northwest. Now that the 37 NWNID lots have been transferred to the City, staff is moving forward with its plan to dissolve the NWNID. Staff has discussed this with the NPF CRA, the City Auditor and the appropriate City Departments and we are all in agreement that the NWNID should be dissolved.

The dissolution Ordinance is attached as Exhibit 3. On August 20 2013, the City Commission approved the ordinance on first reading to dissolve the Northwest Neighborhood Improvement District (NWNID).

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action

Related CAM's: #13-0229, #13-0230, #13-0431, #13-0532 and #13-0818

Attachments: Exhibit 1 – Ordinance C-87-98, Exhibit 2 – Location Map, Exhibit 3 – Dissolution Ordinance

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