

#23-0811

**TO**: CRA Chairman & Board of Commissioners

Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

**FROM**: Greg Chavarria, CRA Executive Director

**DATE**: September 19, 2023

**TITLE**: Motion Approving the Transfer of Property at 515 NW 15 Avenue (Property

ID 5042-04-25-0110) from the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency to the City of Fort Lauderdale for Public Purpose - (Commission

District 3)

## **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners pass a Motion to approve the transfer of property at 515 NW 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Property ID 5042-04-25-0430) from the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency to the City of Fort Lauderdale for public purpose.

## **Background**

On March 7, 2017, the CRA Board of Commissioners passed a Motion to accept fifty-five properties from the City of Fort Lauderdale for redevelopment. Included was the property at 515 NW 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Property ID 5042-04-25-0430) which consists of a residential vacant lot in the Dorsey Riverbend neighborhood. A location map of the property is attached as Exhibit 1 and Broward County Property Appraiser information on the property is attached as Exhibit 2.

The City of Fort Lauderdale has requested that the property at 515 NW 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue be returned to them for public purpose. The property is needed by the City for construction of a stormwater pumpstation that will be part of the Dorsey Riverbend Stormwater Improvement Project. The pump station location was initially identified in 2016 out of the list of City-owned surplus properties as one of the City's planned pumphouse locations (Exhibit 3). Centrally located in the lowest elevation areas within the Dorsey Riverbend neighborhood makes this location optimal for the placement of a pumpstation, that will help drain both the Dorsey Riverbend and the Durrs neighborhoods and discharge in the North Fork New River waterway. The site is critical for improving storm drainage in these neighborhoods. All plans and permitting for this project have been completed showing the pumpstation location at 515 NW 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and the project is estimated to start construction in late 2023 with a duration of 30 months. A copy of the deed for conveyance of the property back to the City is attached as Exhibit 4.

# Consistency with the NPF CRA Community Redevelopment Plan

This action is permitted by the NPF CRA Plan as amended under Section 5(K) of the Community Redevelopment Program and Strategies, where it states that from time to time the CRA shall dispose of property that it acquires to private and public persons and may enter into agreements with such persons as provided in Section 163.380 Florida Statutes.

## **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

## **Strategic Connections**

This item is a 2022 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resiliency Initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, stormwater, road and bridge infrastructure.

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

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonably protected from flooding given due consideration to the City's natural and built environment.

#### Related CAM

CAM 23-0821

#### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Location Map

Exhibit 2 – Broward County Property Appraiser Information

Exhibit 3 – City of Fort Lauderdale Planned Pump House Locations

Exhibit 4 – Deed from CRA to City of Fort Lauderdale

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