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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 3, 2014

TITLE: Motion to continue credit card processing services – contract 162-9557 -

\$639,789

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a continuation of credit card processing services with Elavon, Inc. (Elavon) in the amount of \$639,789 for a period not to exceed six months through March 31, 2015 and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

Background

On August 21, 2012 (CAM 12-1193) the City Commission awarded a three-year contract to JPMorgan Chase for merchant credit card services. The final agreement is contingent upon the completion of technical applications allowing for appropriate protocols. Negotiations have been interrupted and will be concluded once protocols have been achieved. The continuation of the current contract for the specified bridge period of October 2014 to March 2015 is necessary to allow the contract with JPMorgan Chase to be finalized.

Staff recommends continuing credit card services with Elavon pursuant to Section 2-189(a) of the City's Code of Ordinances, as the services are not readily subject to competition for this transition period and time is of the essence.

Resource Impact

There will be no current fiscal impact to the City. Future expenditures are contingent upon approval and appropriation of the Fiscal Year 2015 annual budget.

<u>Strategic Connections:</u>
This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing resources wisely and sustainably.
- Routinely examine and improve procurement and payment Objective 2: processes.

This item also furthers the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are United.

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