



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#13-0852

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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: June 18, 2013

TITLE: Motion to authorize execution of a Revocable License with the Stiles Corporation for the temporary closure within the public right-of-way (R.O.W) on SE 1 Avenue between SE 6 Court and SE 7 Street, in association with the construction of the County Courthouse Parking Garage

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion to authorize execution of a Revocable License with the Stiles Corporation for the temporary closure within the public R.O.W. on SE 1 Avenue between SE 6 Court and SE 7 Street, in association with the construction of the County Courthouse Parking Garage.

Background

The proposed Broward County Main Courthouse Parking Garage will be a six-story precast structure located on 612 South Andrews Avenue. A copy of the Location Map is attached as **Exhibit 1**.

The project (Case No. 23-R-12) received final Development Review Committee approval on February 16, 2012 and the master building permit (No.12091671) was issued on February 1, 2013. At this time, foundations are 75% complete and erection of the precast shell commenced on May 28, 2013. It is anticipated that construction will be completed by August, 2013.

Purpose of the Revocable License

The exterior shell of the parking garage structure will extend up to the property lines on all sides of the project. The erection of the precast structure is to be progressed in an "L" pattern, starting from the northwest quadrant of the site, proceeding to the south, and then to the southeast quadrant of the site. The staging of cranes and materials will be contained onsite until just prior to the erection of the east wall. At that point, it will be necessary for the crane to exit the site (and the building envelope) so that the erection of the easterly building shell may be completed from the SE 1 Avenue R.O.W.

Due to the size of the panels, it will be necessary to employ a 250-ton crane with a footprint/dynamic envelope of approximately 35 feet by 45 feet. The placement of cranes in the public R.O.W. is considered only as a last option and the Licensee has confirmed to staff that all other scenarios have been evaluated and that this is the only viable alternative. The conditions of the engineering permit will require that a pad be installed to evenly distribute loads under the crane to safeguard subsurface utilities and to enhance the stability of the crane.

Traffic Modification Plan

A sketch showing the location of the License Area and proposed temporary closure is attached as Exhibit 2. The cross section of SE 1 Avenue on the east side of the project includes 30 feet of pavement (three lanes) with grass swales and five-foot wide sidewalks on both sides of the road. Approval of the Revocable License would result in the closure of the westerly sidewalk and the three vehicular lanes between SE 6 Court and SE 7 Street; the easterly sidewalk would remain open for pedestrian travel.

A fence would be installed on the perimeter of the License Area as a safety measure and 24-hour access provided for emergency vehicles and City personnel. The duration of the closure is anticipated to be approximately two weeks, from July 15 to July 29, 2013. The Licensee has reached out to the adjacent property owners that would be affected by this detour and has provided reasonable and safe access via SE 3 Avenue and SE 6 court.

A Traffic Modification Plan (TMP) prepared by a certified traffic zone safety supervisor has been submitted by the applicant and is on file with the Office of the City Engineer.

Revocable License Conditions

The Property and Right-of-Way Committee (PROW) reviewed the proposed closures in May 2013 and recommended approval of this Revocable License.

In addition to the standard insurance and indemnification provisions, the Revocable License would require the developer to:

- 1) Remove the lane closures and restore the R.O.W. if there is ever a conflict with a higher municipal/public purpose
- 2) Provide fencing on the perimeter of the License Area and access to emergency and public service personnel at the gated entrances
- 3) Provide a bearing pad under the crane to the satisfaction of the City Engineer

The term of the Revocable License would be for eight weeks, which is longer than the expected time needed to close the R.O.W., to allow for any unforeseeable delays. The Revocable License would also provide the City Manager the ability to extend the closures for two 90-day periods.

A copy of the Revocable License is attached as Exhibit 3.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City.

Attachment(s)

Exhibit 1 – Location Map

Exhibit 2 – Location of License Area

Exhibit 3 – Revocable License

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