



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#25-0886

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: October 23, 2025

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Drainage Easement with SHM LMC, LLC – River Oaks Neighborhood Stormwater Improvements -
(Commission District 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission accept a drainage easement with SHM LMC, LLC, in substantially the form attached hereto, for the purpose of maintaining existing stormwater infrastructure and landscaping within the Coconut Canal between SW 20 Street and the New River.

Background

On September 9, 2021, the City Commission awarded a construction agreement to Ric-Man in the amount of \$25,043,981.79 for construction of the River Oaks Stormwater Improvements Project (CAM #21-0803). The project consisted of stormwater infrastructure installation, utility relocation/installation, swale reconstruction, and pavement restoration.

To ensure the newly constructed stormwater infrastructure can properly convey the stormwater runoff to the South Fork of the New River, SHM LMC, LLC has agreed to grant a drainage easement in favor of the City to allow for canal maintenance. The proposed drainage easement is further described in Exhibit 1.

The proposed drainage easement over the Coconut Canal provides the City Fort Lauderdale with access rights to maintain and dredge the canal for conveyance purposes including any emergency response needs. The City plans to dredge the canal in Fiscal Year 2030 and has incorporated \$2.9 million for this purpose in the Community Investment Plan (CIP).

Resource Impact

There will be no fiscal impact to the City associated with this item.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience

initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community.

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 giving due consideration to the City's natural and built environment.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Sketch and Description of Proposed Drainage Easement

Exhibit 2 – Drainage Easement

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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