

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

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

**DATE**: July 1, 2014

**TITLE**: QUASI-JUDICIAL – RESOLUTION - Vacation of a Utility Easement – D. Fredrico Fazio - Case 12M12

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution vacating a 3,995 square foot utility easement, located on the southwest corner of SE 8 Street and SE 2 Avenue, consistent with ULDR Sec. 47-24.7, Vacation of Easement.

### Background

The City Commission is to consider the application, the record and recommendations forwarded by the Development Review Committee ("DRC"), and public comment on the application when determining whether the application meets the criteria for vacation.

The applicant proposes to vacate a utility easement containing 3,995 square feet. The easement to be vacated contains three segments running across the property. The sketch and legal description are provided in the attached resolution. The easement was dedicated by plat in 1993. The easement is being vacated to develop a multi-family residential project with parking structure known as "The Queue". The development has been approved by the Development Review Committee (DRC) and the residential units have been approved by the City Commission. The location map is attached as **Exhibit 1**. The Applicant's Narrative and responses to ULDR criteria are attached as **Exhibit 2**.

Pursuant to criteria outlined in ULDR Sec. 47-24.7, Vacation of Easement, DRC reviewed the application on August 28, 2012, and all comments have been addressed. The franchise utility companies have no objection to the vacation as further evidenced by letters provided by the applicant from the City's Public Works Department and the accompanying utility companies. Florida Power and Light, Comcast and AT&T will require a utility easement be dedicated, and that all infrastructure be relocated at the applicant's expense. The application, the record and the report of the DRC are available for review upon request.

Should the Commission approve the proposed vacation, staff proposes the following conditions:

1. If any City infrastructure is found within the boundaries of the identified area, the relocation expenses shall be borne by the applicant. The relocated utilities will be required to be inspected and accepted by the Public Works Department.

# Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 2: Be a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective 1: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, road, and bridge infrastructure.

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

## Attachments:

Exhibit 1 - Location Map Exhibit 2 - Applicant's Narrative Exhibit 3 - Resolution

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