



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

**#23-0585**

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

**FROM:** D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney

**DATE:** June 6, 2023

**TITLE:** Miami Beckham United, Inc. – Mediation - **(Commission District 1)**

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On May 30, 2023, Miami Beckham United, Inc. and representatives of the City of Fort Lauderdale participated in an approximately 9-hour long mediation session that resulted in an impasse. An impasse means that the City and Miami Beckham United were unable to agree to terms that would resolve their dispute.

**Background**

Miami Beckham United, Inc. is in a public private partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale for the construction of a training facility, stadium, and a community site, collectively identified as the Qualified Project. The agreements that governed the public private partnership are an Interim Agreement, Comprehensive Agreement, and the First Amendment to Comprehensive Agreement.

The Interim Agreement effective April 18, 2019, permitted Miami Beckham United, Inc. to commence activities related to the proposed Qualified Project which included, project planning and development, design, and financial and business planning; the demolition of the existing improvements, including but not limited to Lockhart Stadium and Fort Lauderdale Stadium at its sole costs and expense; and the relocation of public utilities. The Comprehensive Agreement effective July 18, 2019, provided for the design and construction of the training facility, stadium, and community site. The First Amendment to Comprehensive Agreement extended the time for the completion of the Qualified Project for an additional year to July 18, 2023. The construction of the training facility and stadium were completed in July 2020, however, building permit fees were not paid by

Miami Beckham United, Inc. and therefore certificates of occupancy have not been issued.

Outstanding issues are:

1. The time for the completion of the construction of the Community Site.  
(Deadline is July 18, 2023, unless the time is extended).
2. Miami Beckham United, Inc. request for reimbursement of the costs for the demolition of Lockhart Stadium and Fort Lauderdale Stadium.
3. Payment of outstanding building permit fees.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1: Interim Agreement

Exhibit 2: Comprehensive Agreement

Exhibit 3: First Amendment to Comprehensive Agreement

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