



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

**#20-0660**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** September 1, 2020

**TITLE:** Second Reading - Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. C-13-39, which Vacated, Abandoned and Closed All of a Certain 15-Foot Platted Alley, to Delete an Obsolete Condition of the Vacation Relating to the Provision of Pedestrian Access in Connection with the Development of the Property Located at 409 NW 4th Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale – New Mount Olive Baptist Church - **(Commission District 2)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission consider amending Ordinance No. C-13-39, which vacated, abandoned and closed all of a certain 15-foot platted alley, to delete an obsolete condition of the vacation requiring a public access easement on the property located at 409 NW 4th Avenue.

**Background**

On October 1, 2013, the City Commission adopted Ordinance No. C-13-39 (Exhibit 1) vacating, abandoning and closing the 15-foot platted alley associated with the development known as the New Mount Olive Baptist Church, conditioned on the applicant conveying a public access easement as approved by the City Engineer in accordance with Commission Agenda Memo #13-1157 (Exhibit 2).

It has been determined by the City Engineer that the public access easement is no longer necessary, therefore, staff recommends approval of the modification to the Ordinance to remove the condition requiring the conveyance of a public access easement. The City Engineer has determined that based on the predominantly residential land uses in the area and the absence of commercial or other substantial pedestrian traffic destinations, additional access/permeability is not needed through this block/private development site. In his opinion, the sidewalks around the site perimeter satisfy the pedestrian access, connectivity/circulation adequacy requirements in Section 47-25.2.M of the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR), and therefore, the City Engineer deems the subject conveyance unnecessary.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Fiscal Year 2020 Commission Annual Action Plan* priority, included within the Management Agenda, advancing the Business Development initiative.

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community.
- Objective: Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with partners.

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

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance No. C-13-39

Exhibit 2 – Commission Agenda Memo #13-1157

Exhibit 3 – Ordinance

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