



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo

#12-2411

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, City Manager

DATE: November 20, 2012

TITLE: Resolution – 35-Foot Utility Easement Vacation – Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale - Case 11M12

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution vacating the utility easements 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 the utility easements generally located between Sistrunk Boulevard and NW 5th Street, east of NW 15th Avenue. The location map is attached as Exhibit 1. The Applicant’s Narrative and responses to criteria are attached as Exhibit 2. The vacation is requested in association with a proposed future multifamily affordable Housing Authority project. The current 35-foot utility easement runs north and south along the site, and bisects a 6-foot utility easement also proposed to be vacated by the applicant.

Pursuant to criteria outlined in ULDR Sec. 47-24.7, Vacation of Easement, the DRC reviewed the application on August 14, 2012, and has determined that the easements are no longer needed for public purpose further evidenced by letters provided by the applicant from the appropriate utility companies. The applicant will grant a new easement to AT&T per the company’s request. The vacation is conditioned upon the relocation of any City infrastructure known and unknown within the boundaries of the easements at the cost by the applicant and as approved by the City. The application and the record and report of the DRC are available for review upon request. The sketch and legal description are provided in the attached resolution.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 - Location Map

Exhibit 2 – Applicant's Narrative and Responses

Exhibit 3 - Resolution

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