#21-0649

**TO**: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

DATE: December 21, 2021

**TITLE**: Motion Authorizing the Execution of a Sovereignty Submerged Land

Easement with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida – Bayshore Drive Intracoastal Forcemain

Replacement - (Commission Districts 1 and 2)

## **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the execution of a Sovereignty Submerged Land Easement with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida for the purposes of acquiring the use of sovereign lands solely for the installation of a subaqueous forcemain crossing under the Intracoastal Waterway.

## **Background**

The City owns and operates an 18-inch diameter ductile iron force main which conveys wastewater from the area of Bayshore Drive and Vistamar Street, west under the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) to the transmission line near NE 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Middle River Drive. This forcemain was constructed in the 1980's and is nearing the end of its useful life. To ensure redundancy and reliability of the sewer system, a new project will replace the existing pipeline and install approximately 4,500 linear feet of force main, which includes 600 linear feet beneath the ICW.

The proposed Sovereignty Submerged Lands Easement with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida is necessary for the construction of the new force main beneath the ICW.

## Resource Impact

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

## **Strategic Connections**

This item is a 2021 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community
- Objective: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, stormwater, road, and bridge infrastructure

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 2: Develop and maintain an adequate wastewater collection and treatment system, which meets existing and projected needs of the City and adjacent users in the Central Wastewater Region.

# **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Sovereignty Submerged Lands Easement

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