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

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

**DATE:** September 17, 2019

**TITLE:** Motion Authorizing Execution of a Revocable License with Edengate Las Olas, LLC and Cypress Las Olas LLC for a Temporary Right-of-Way Closure on SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, in Association with the Eden Las Olas Development Located at 419 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – **(Commission District 4)**

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### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion to authorize the execution of a Revocable License with Edengate Las Olas, LLC and Cypress Las Olas LLC for a temporary right-of-way closure on SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, contiguous to the Eden Las Olas development (formerly known as the NEXT Las Olas development).

### **Background**

The subject project consists of 374 multifamily residential units and 2,914 square feet of commercial uses with structured parking for 472 parking spaces. The site plan received City approval in March 2018 for a 32-story (344' high), 650,749 square foot building under DRC Case No. R17044. The developer is anticipated to commence with site clearing and demolition work subject to the issuance of this Revocable License and a Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) permit.

The closure is being requested as a safety measure for pedestrians due to site access constraints and the high volume of material deliveries generated by a project of this size. The proposed closure is described below and graphically shown in the "License Area", attached as Exhibit 1 and the "Pedestrian Detour Plan", attached as Exhibit 2. A copy of the Revocable License is attached as Exhibit 3.

- This section of SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street consists of a 60-foot right-of-way, one vehicular travel lane and on-street parallel (metered) parking on both sides of the road, with an eight-foot wide sidewalk on the north side of the road, and a six-foot wide sidewalk on the south side of the road.
- The License Area would occupy 25 feet of the northern-most portion of the SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street right-of-way along the property frontage.
- Within that License Area, the proposed temporary traffic plan would close the existing sidewalk and the adjacent westbound on-street parallel parking on a continuous basis.

- Since a covered pedestrian walkway would not be provided on the north side of SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, pedestrian through traffic on the north side of SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street would be detoured to the sidewalk on the south side of SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The pedestrian detours would be located at the intersections with SE 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and with Financial Plaza Drive (private driveway).
- The requested period for the closure is 24 months. The City Manager would have the ability to approve up to two 30-day extensions.
- Eleven metered public parking spaces would be affected by the License Area closure. Mitigation would be paid by Licensee prior to the issuance of an MOT permit.
- The proposed MOT plan does not appear to present any conflicts with the other construction projects in this area.

### **Resource Impact**

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

### **Strategic Connections**

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

- Goal 1: Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal City.
- Objective 2: Integrate transportation land use and planning to create a walkable and bikeable community.
- Initiative 3: Develop a citywide comprehensive public/private sidewalk policy and plan to improve sidewalks and connections.

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

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – License Area

Exhibit 2 – Pedestrian Detour Plan

Exhibit 3 – Revocable License

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