



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

#15-0418

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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: April 21, 2015

TITLE: Approval of a Revocable License with LOYCA Property Owner, LLC, for the Temporary Closure of Public Right-Of-Way along SE 5th Avenue and Installation of a Temporary Covered Pedestrian Canopy Along Las Olas Boulevard to Facilitate Construction of the ICON Las Olas Development and Right-Of-Way Improvements

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the execution of a Revocable License with LOYCA Property Owner, LLC, for the temporary closure of public right-of-way along SE 5th Avenue and the installation of a temporary covered pedestrian canopy along Las Olas Boulevard, public right-of-ways located immediately adjacent to the development site with the ICON Las Olas (500 E. Las Olas Boulevard).

Background

The Icon Las Olas development is a 42-story 272-unit multifamily project approved under DRC Case 83-R-05. A copy of the location map is attached as Exhibit 1. The Applicant's sole access to the development site for construction traffic is along SE 5th Avenue. Given the size of the development and the number of construction trucks/vehicles that need to access the site each day from SE 5th Avenue, the temporary partial closure of SE 5th Avenue is warranted. The closure only affects the east one-half (½) of SE 5th Avenue and is needed to (1) mitigate impact to the surrounding area (2) install certain improvements within the right-of-way (utilities and streetscape improvements) (3) control and limit access to the construction site and (4) ensure the safety of pedestrians. Additionally, the temporary closure will be separated into two (2) phases with two (2) Maintenance of Traffic Plans to minimize the impact to the neighborhood and to maintain (for the majority of the term of the License) northbound and southbound vehicular travel and parallel parking on the west side of the SE 5th Avenue. The Revocable License will require insurance, indemnification and will prohibit the staging of cranes and construction materials within the right-of-way.

As a condition of approval, the Applicant will also be installing a temporary covered pedestrian canopy along Las Olas Boulevard adjacent to the development site and reimburse the City for lost revenue associated with the displacement of thirteen (13) parking meters. The closure is requested until December 31, 2016 or upon issuance of

a Final Certificate of Occupancy, whichever occurs first.

The Development Review Committee / Property & Right-Of-Way Committee reviewed the request of the roadway closure and recommended approval of a Revocable License for the temporary road closure under DRC Case Number PRW15005.

A copy of the Revocable License is attached as Exhibit 2 and Phase 1 & 2 of the proposed location of closures and temporary covered pedestrian canopy are attached as Exhibits 3 & 4.

As noted above, the term of the Revocable License expires on December 31, 2016, but can be extended upon approval by the City Manager for up to two (2) 60-day periods for each MOT phase and close out of the Revocable License.

Resource Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the City.

Strategic Connections:

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

Goal 7: Be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the South Florida region, leveraging our airports, port, and rail connections.

Objective 2: Facilitate a responsive and proactive business climate.

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

Attachments: Exhibit 1 – Location Map

Exhibit 2 – Revocable License

Exhibit 3 – Phase 1 Closure & Pedestrian Canopy Location Map

Exhibit 4 – Phase 2 Closure & Pedestrian Canopy Location Map

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