



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

DATE: May 16, 2017

TITLE: Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide updates on the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor and Beach Streetscape improvement projects, the Las Olas Marina expansion and the Aquatics Center renovation. There are 41 months remaining before the Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) sunsets on September 30, 2020.

Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Projects

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on March 25, 2017 for the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project. Staff and Skanska finalized the contract negotiations and a revision was brought to the City Commission on May 2, 2017 to extend the construction contract from (24) months to (26) months.

Beach Streetscape Improvement Projects

The Beach Streetscape Improvement design is on schedule. The construction for the project is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2019. On April 11, 2016 the Beach Business Improvement District (BID) recommended approval to fund the design of turtle-compliant pedestrian light poles on the west side of State Road (SR) A1A, north of the CRA boundaries (Alhambra Street to Sunrise Boulevard). The construction funding for the lights would come from the remaining \$1.57 million Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) Grant. The City will be responsible for any construction costs that exceed the FDOT JPA funds. Staff received correspondence from FDOT that JPA funds will be available for Fiscal Year 2020.

It is recommended to add these pedestrian light poles to the Beach Streetscape Improvement Project to potentially reduce construction costs and finish construction earlier. Staff will bring a design change order to the City Commission to fund the light pole design with BID funds as this is in addition to the original scope of design services.

A design conflict with an existing City watermain was discovered on the project. In order to maintain the current design, a portion of the watermain will need to be relocated under SR A1A. Staff discussed the potential watermain relocation with the Beach

Redevelopment Board (BRB) at its September 19, 2016 meeting. The BRB recommended keeping the current design which means relocating the watermain.

Staff met with FDOT on October 14, 2016 to determine if FDOT would allow the watermain to be relocated under SR A1A roadway. If FDOT approves, staff will present to the BRB for a recommendation to fund the watermain relocation utilizing CRA funds and to add to the Beach Streetscape Improvement Project's scope of work. The additional scope and expenditure will be presented to the CRA Board and the City Commission for approval.

Las Olas Marina Expansion

On October 5, 2016, the City Commission approved an award of the Las Olas Marina lease, management and development to Suntex Marina Investors LLC in partnership with Edgewater Resources, LLC (Suntext); and authorized commencement of negotiations of a lease agreement. On October 18, 2016, the City Commission selected proposal option C. Option C is the mega yacht option with 5,540 total lineal feet of dockage, and alternate restaurant and boater services locations. The final lease agreement is expected to be ready for City Commission action in the second quarter of 2017.

Aquatics Center Renovation

On October 5, 2016, the City Commission approved a task order to Synalovski Romanik Saye, LLC (SRS) to prepare a design criteria package for the Aquatics Center renovation. During the development of the design criteria package, it was discovered that the initial construction estimate was too low and the proposed budget needed to increase. Additional amenities to the facility were also identified. The Beach Redevelopment Board and the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board recommended including these additional amenities. There is a motion on the June 6, 2017 Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners Agenda to increase the Aquatics Center renovation budget consistent with those recommendations.

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