## **RESOLUTION NO. 13-117**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO BROWARD COUNTY FOR GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.5 MILLION THROUGH THE BROWARD REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (BRP) FOR THE NE 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET COMPLETE STREET PROJECT FROM NE 4<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE TO NE 9<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE.

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners have announced a funding opportunity for local governments and Community Redevelopment Agencies for redevelopment projects in defined redevelopment areas that can demonstrate existing conditions of blight, high unemployment, and declining property values; and

WHEREAS, the Broward Redevelopment Program (BRP) is a grant program created by utilizing \$15 Million Dollars from a prior Broward County redevelopment program – the Redevelopment Capital Program; and

WHEREAS, the BRP application requires an official form of support of the application from the City Commission and the CRA Board; and

WHEREAS, the Central City CRA Advisory Board passed a motion at its June 5, 2013 meeting requesting that staff submit an application for BRP funding for the NE 13<sup>th</sup> Street Complete Street Project from NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to NE 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue (excluding the FEC Railway); and

WHEREAS, a local funding match is required, but no specific amount is identified in the BRP program information and the local funding match must be from non-County funds or through in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, the Central City Redevelopment Area Trust Fund does not have funding available at this time to provide a cash match; however, the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Alliance has committed to a contribution of \$5,000 in cash and in-kind services and City staff is recommending matching funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the Storm Water Fund to cover expenses associated with improvements to the storm water system included in the project; and

WHEREAS, the improvements to NE 13<sup>th</sup> St are identified in the City's Community Investment Plan; and

WHEREAS, this improvement project will consist of roadway redesign, new wider sidewalks, on street parking, color enhanced bike lanes, in ground LED lights, shade trees and ADA improvements; and

WHEREAS, this project is part of the redevelopment vision and Plan for the Central City Community Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, this project would improve safety, lower transportation costs, promote economic development, increase property values, foster a green environment and encourage a healthier community by encouraging walking and biking;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That the City Commission hereby authorizes the submittal of an application to Broward County through the Broward County Redevelopment Program for grant funding in the amount of \$1.5 million for the Ne 13<sup>TH</sup> Street Complete Street Project from NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to NE 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of July, 2013.

Mayor

JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

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