

RESOLUTION NO. 17-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.0 MILLION THROUGH THE BROWARD REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (BRP) FOR THE NE 4TH AVENUE COMPLETE STREET PROJECT FROM SUNRISE BOULEVARD TO NE 13TH STREET.

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners have announced a funding opportunity through the Broward Redevelopment Program (BRP) 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, on June 13, 2017, Broward County announced a third funding cycle for the Broward Redevelopment Program (BRP) and applications are due August 2, 2017; a total of \$8.5 million is available for cities and Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRA) to submit competitive applications; and

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

WHEREAS, the Central City Redevelopment Advisory Board passed a motion at a special meeting of its members held on June 28, 2017 requesting that city staff submit an application for BRP funding for the NE 4th Avenue Complete Street Project; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale and the CRA, staff seeks to submit an application for BRP funding for the NE 4th Avenue Complete Street Project; and

WHEREAS, the area proposed for the complete street project is along NE 4th Avenue from Sunrise Boulevard to NE 13th Street; and

WHEREAS, this improvement project is expected to 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; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated at \$1,184,000 including engineering, design, and construction; and

WHEREAS, the joint application for funding by the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Fort Lauderdale CRA will be requesting the maximum funding amount that may be awarded to a redevelopment program applicant of \$1 million; and

WHEREAS, construction, design, and construction administration/inspection of additional design enhancements to a portion of the project will include removing existing sidewalks, constructing wide sidewalks (9.5' wide) with tree grates, planting additional trees, decorative pedestrian level lighting along the east and west side of NE 4th Avenue, median landscaping, box wraps (3 traffic boxes), wayfinding signage, and gateway monument features; and

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

WHEREAS, this project is located within the Central City Community Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, this project will encourage pedestrian activity and make it easier to visit area businesses as well as travel through the area by foot or on a bicycle;

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

SECTION 1. That the City Commission hereby supports and authorizes the submittal of an application to Broward County through the Broward County Redevelopment Program for grant funding in the amount of \$1.0 million for the NE 4th Avenue Street Complete Street Project from Sunrise Boulevard to NE 13th Street.

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

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI