

RESOLUTION NO. 24-09 (CRA)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FORT LAUDERDALE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING A FORGIVABLE LOAN OF SIX MILLION DOLLARS (\$6,000,000) TO SIRROM COMMERCIAL, INC. FOR THE 1435 ART XCHANGE PROJECT UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING A LEASE OF COMMERCIAL SPACE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1429-1435 SISTRUNK BOULEVARD TO THE FORT LAUDERDALE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL RELATED INSTRUMENTS; DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency ("CRA"), an agency authorized under Chapter 163, Part III of the Florida Statutes, was created to eliminate "slum and blight" and to stimulate community redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 95-86 on June 2, 1995, finding the existence of slum and blight conditions in that area of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida (the "City") known as the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Area, as more particularly described in that resolution, (herein referred to as the "Redevelopment Area"); and

WHEREAS, by adoption of Resolution No. 95-170, the redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Area was approved by the City Commission on November 7, 1995, and was amended in 2001 by Resolution No. 01-86, in 2002 by Resolution No. 02-183, in 2013 by Resolution No. 13-137, in 2016 by Resolution No. 16-52 and in 2018 by Resolution No. 18-226 and as subsequently amended (the "Redevelopment Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the CRA Development Incentive Program (DIP) is intended to support projects with an investment of \$5,000,000 or more; and

WHEREAS, Sirrom Commercial, Inc., a Florida for-profit corporation ("Sirrom"), has applied for funding in the amount of \$6,000,000 for a mixed-use, mixed income development project located at 1429-1435 Sistrunk Boulevard with a total development cost of approximately \$27,918,960 (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the CRA Advisory Board for the Redevelopment Area approved

funding for this Project on April 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, staff finds that the physical improvements comply with the Redevelopment Plan and will improve the Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the CRA finds that development of the Project will enhance the physical appearance of the Redevelopment Area, create new businesses, new affordable housing, retail spaces, as well as facilitate a responsive and proactive business climate, all in accordance with and in furtherance of the Redevelopment Plan, as authorized by and in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the CRA Board finds that Sirrom has demonstrated that it has the financial capacity, legal ability, development experience and qualifications to develop this Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FORT LAUDERDALE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

SECTION 1. That the Recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. That the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency hereby approves a forgivable loan under the CRA's Development Incentive Program (DIP) in the amount of Six Million and No/100 Dollars (\$6,000,000), subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Letter of Intent, to Sirrom.

SECTION 3. That the Board of Commissioners of the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency hereby approves a lease of 2,650 square feet of commercial space within the Project consisting of two (2) bays at a rental rate of \$5 per square foot for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) years plus common area maintenance expenses to support and sustain small business development. Further, the governing body approves the assignment of leases to Invest Fort Lauderdale, Inc. on such terms and conditions as the Executive Director deems commercially reasonable.

SECTION 4. That the governing body of the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency hereby authorizes execution of the Letter of Intent, in substantially the form attached to Commission Agenda Memorandum No. 24-0430, and any and all other documents or instruments, without further action or approval of this body. Except for the authority to increase the amount of the DIP loan, the Executive Director or his or her designee is delegated authority to negotiate additional terms and conditions, modify the terms, take further actions, and make such further determinations he or she deems advisable in furtherance of the goals and objectives of the Redevelopment Plan and to execute all instruments and documents necessary or incidental to consummation of the DIP Loan and lease of commercial space within the Project, including without limitation, execution of a Commercial Lease, Development Agreement, Intercreditor Agreement, Satisfaction of Mortgage, Subordination Agreement or Estoppel Certificates.

SECTION 5. That the office of the General Counsel shall review and approve as to form all documents prior to their execution by the Executive Director.

SECTION 6. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

ADOPTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

  
Chair  
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

  
CRA Secretary  
DAVID R. SOLOMAN


Dean J. Trantalis      Yea

John C. Herbst      Yea

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND CORRECTNESS:

Steven Glassman      Yea

Pamela Beasley-Pittman      Yea

  
General Counsel  
THOMAS J. ANSBRO

Warren Sturman      Yea