



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

**#23-0249**

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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** March 8, 2023

**TITLE:** Resolutions Authorizing the City Manager to Request from the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) (A) Conveyance of Fee Simple Interest in Surplus Real Property to the City of Fort Lauderdale (“City”) and (B) Assignment of Drainage Easement Right to the City of Fort Lauderdale - **(Commission District 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt Resolutions (A) & (B) authorizing the City Manager to request (A) conveyance of a fee simple interest in FDOT surplus real property to the City and (B) request assignment of drainage easement rights to the City from FDOT surplus real property for the benefit of restoring and maintaining the waterway of Osceola Creek, a tributary to the South Fork of the New River. The (A) fee simple interest in real property and (B) drainage easement rights are necessary for the Osceola Creek Restoration Project located in the Edgewood neighborhood. These requesting Resolutions are a condition precedent to FDOT authorizing such conveyance or assignment.

**Background**

The Restoration Project consists of restoring Osceola Creek from SW 32<sup>nd</sup> Place to Marina Boulevard. Restoration work includes removal of debris, maintenance dredging, vegetation removal, and bank stabilization. When the project is completed, the frequency, severity, and duration of stormwater flooding will be reduced, as the historical conveyance of stormwater is restored. The work boundaries of the Osceola Creek Restoration Project run through FDOT right-of-way, as well as City of Fort Lauderdale (City) right-of-way. The conveyance of fee simple interest in the real property and assignment of drainage easement rights will enable the City to perform the restoration work required for the Osceola Creek Restoration project and allows the City to perform future maintenance on the waterway of Osceola Creek, as required, to maintain discharge capacity of the City’s stormwater management system in the area.

The Osceola Creek Restoration project is one (1) of three (3) “In-kind” water quality projects to be completed as a condition of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Consent Order OGC File No. 16-1487. The Osceola Creek Restoration project must be substantially completed by May 2024, in order to fulfill the required “in-

kind” project condition of the Consent Order.

**Resource Impact**

There will be no fiscal impact to the City associated with this item.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a *2022 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resiliency initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, stormwater, road, and bridge infrastructure

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Ready

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonably protected from flooding giving due consideration to the City’s natural and built environment.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Resolution (A)

Exhibit 2 – Resolution (B)

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