



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#21-1102

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 5, 2022

TITLE: Motion Authorizing Execution of a Revocable License with CG Riverwalk LP for Temporary Right-of-Way Closure on North New River Drive East in Association with the Riverwalk Residences Development Located at 333 North New River Drive East – **(Commission District 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission consider approving a motion authorizing the execution of a Revocable License with CG Riverwalk LP for the temporary Right-of-Way closure on North New River Drive East contiguous to the Riverwalk Residences development.

Background

The site plan for this development received City approvals in March 2018 (DRC Case #R16066) and February 2021 (Administrative Review Case #UDP-A20007) for a 43-story (465-foot high) multiple-use tower that includes multi-family residential units, ground floor restaurant/retail space and structured parking, with a total gross floor area of 712,370 square feet. There is also a pending site plan amendment that includes increasing the number of on-site parking spaces from 178 to 334, per Administrative Review Case #UDP-A21037. The duration of the requested closure is 28 months. Since the site has already been cleared, the developer is anticipated to commence with construction, subject to the approval of this Revocable License and Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) permit. The “Location Map” is attached as Exhibit 1.

This Revocable License would close the existing sidewalk adjacent to the development site and detour pedestrian traffic to the existing sidewalk on the south side of North New River Drive East. The closure is being requested as a safety measure for pedestrians and motorists due to the limitations of the site and proximity of construction to the right-of-way. A summary is provided in the table below and depicted in the “License Area”, attached as Exhibit 2 and the “Detour Plan”, attached as Exhibit 3. A copy of the “Revocable License” is attached as Exhibit 4.

LICENSE AREA CLOSURE				
Location	Duration	Existing Right-of Way Width	Existing Sidewalk Width	Description
North New River Drive East	28 Months	45' & Varies	Varies (5' to 9'), north side of road Varies (5' to 12'), south side of road	Variable width (5' to 9') along site frontage – continuous closure of adjacent sidewalk, pedestrian detour required (see Detour Plan), to facilitate safety, security and construction of the improvements on the property and within City Right-of-Way

The proposed MOT plan is not anticipated to present any conflicts with construction projects in this area. The Revocable License authorizes the City Manager with the ability to extend the term of this closure up to four (4) 30-day periods, if necessary.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2021 Commission* Priority, advancing the Smart Growth initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community.
- Objective: Improve roads, sidewalks, and trails to prioritize a safer, more walkable and bikeable community

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

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Transportation & Mobility Element
- Goal 1: Ensure the equitable development of a Complete Network for transportation that prioritizes Safety and emphasizes multimodal mobility and accessibility.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Location Map

Exhibit 2 – License Area

Exhibit 3 – Detour Plan

Exhibit 4 – Revocable License

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