#22-0070

**TO**: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM**: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE**: January 18, 2022

**TITLE**: Resolution Authorizing Execution of Sovereignty Submerged Lands

Easement Modification to Increase Square Footage with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida – Bill Keith Preserve Shoreline Stabilization – (**Commission District 4**)

### Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission authorize execution of the Sovereignty Submerged Lands Easement Modification Agreement between the Board of Trustees and the City of Fort Lauderdale ("City") to increase Square Footage of the sovereignty submerged land located at the Bill Keith Preserve Shoreline for a fifty-year period starting July 28, 2021, through July 18, 2071.

### **Background**

The Bill Keith Preserve, a City of Fort Lauderdale owned property, has been subject to erosion along the South Fork of the New River. To stop the erosion and rebuild the shoreline, staff recommends installing a rip rap breakwater structure, made of moderate sized rocks, into the riverbed along the shoreline of the preserve. To execute the described project, the State of Florida has agreed to modify the existing Sovereignty Submerged Lands Easement with the City to increase the square footage of the easement for a period of fifty years.

### **Resource Impact**

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$112 for the cost of recording the easement modification agreement.

| Funds available as of December 16, 2021 |                              |  |                                  |                                     |                    |
|---|------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| ACCOUNT NUMBER                          | INDEX NAME<br>(Program)      | CHARACTER CODE/<br>SUB-OBJECT<br>NAME                      | AMENDED<br>BUDGET<br>(Character) | AVAILABLE<br>BALANCE<br>(Character) | PURCHASE<br>AMOUNT |
| 001-PKR062901-3199                      | General Parks<br>Maintenance | Services/<br>Materials / Other<br>Professional<br>Services | \$7,501,556                      | \$5,711,689                         | \$112              |
| PURCHASE TOTAL ▶                        |                              |  |                                  | \$112                               |                    |

# **Strategic Connections**

This item is a 2021 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Resiliency initiative.

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

- Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Be a sustainable and resilient community
- Objective: Actively monitor beach resiliency and support nourishment efforts

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:

- Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Conservation Element
- Goal 5: Conserve, protect, and appropriately utilize the City's natural resources, including soils, designated sensitive lands, and natural reservations.

## **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Sovereignty Submerged Lands Easement Modification to Increase Square Footage

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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