



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#22-0557

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: June 7, 2022

TITLE: Resolution Providing Notice of Decision to Proceed with the Unsolicited Proposal Submitted by Fort Lauderdale Studio Initiative LLC to Develop, Construct, Operate, and Maintain a Full-Service Movie Studio Complex at 1400 NW 31st Avenue, and Authorizing Negotiations for a Proposed Interim and/or Comprehensive Agreement in Accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes – **(Commission District 3)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission consider a resolution providing notice of the City Commission's decision to proceed with the unsolicited proposal submitted by Fort Lauderdale Studio Initiative LLC to develop, construct, operate, and maintain a full-service movie studio complex on city-owned property located at 1400 NW 31st Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, commonly known as the former Wingate incinerator site, and authorizing negotiations for a proposed interim and/or comprehensive agreement, in accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes.

Background

On April 20, 2022, the City received an unsolicited proposal pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, to develop, construct, operate, and maintain a full-service movie studio complex on city-owned property located at 1400 NW 31st Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, commonly known as the former Wingate incinerator site. The proposer submitted the required application fee of \$25,000 in accordance with Resolution No. 13-187.

In Resolution No. 22-95, the City Commission determined that the proposed project would serve a public purpose as an educational and cultural facility and a public facility or infrastructure that is used and will be used by the public at large or in support of an accepted public purpose or activity, and constitutes a qualifying project pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes (2021). The City advertised and accepted other proposals for the same project in accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, for a period of twenty-one (21) days after the initial date of publication, or before 5:00 p.m. local time on May 31, 2022. The City did not receive any competing proposals during the aforementioned timeframe.

If and when a proposed interim and/or comprehensive agreement with Fort Lauderdale Studio Initiative LLC is negotiated, the City Manager will present the proposed agreement to the City Commission for its review and consideration. Furthermore, pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, the approval of the qualifying project by the City of Fort Lauderdale is subject to entering into a comprehensive agreement with Fort Lauderdale Studios Initiative LLC, and the City of Fort Lauderdale may reject the proposal until such time a comprehensive agreement is executed.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2022 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative.

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone

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

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Element
- Goal 1: Be a community where persons of all ages are able to partake in a fun and healthy lifestyle

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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