



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CRA BOARD MEETING

#23-0333

TO: CRA Chairman & Board of Commissioners
Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

FROM: Greg Chavarria, Executive Director

DATE: April 4, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Florida Power & Light Easement for Underground Utilities at CRA-Owned Properties at NW 8th Street and 740 NW 10th Terrace - **(Commission District 3)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners adopt a Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to grant easements to Florida Power & Light (FPL) to install and maintain underground utilities at CRA-owned properties located at NW 8th Street and 740 NW 10th Terrace.

Background

FPL is requesting an easement from the CRA to convert power lines from overhead to underground at CRA-owned properties located at NW 8th Street (Folio # 4942-34-06-7980) and 740 NW 10th Terrace (Folio # 4942-34-06-7960). The easement will allow FPL to enter, install, maintain, repair and/or replace the power lines and other equipment.

The undergrounding of powerlines is a part of the Storm Secure Underground Program. This program replaces overhead neighborhood power lines with underground lines to improve resiliency during hurricanes and severe weather and to also enhance reliability during day-to-day conditions. While FPL will underground its utilities, some equipment may be placed above ground to ensure safe and reliable power. Additionally, FPL will not remove the existing power poles if other utilities such as cable, internet and phones remain aboveground.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

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 Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably
- Objective: Provide safe, well-maintained, and efficient facilities and capital assets

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Location Maps

Exhibit 2 - Easement with Sketch and Legal Description - NW 8th Street & 740 NW 10th Terrace

Exhibit 3 - Information Regarding the Storm Secure Underground Program

Exhibit 4 - Resolution

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