



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: March 1, 2016

TITLE: Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide updates on public improvement projects including the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor and Beach Streetscape improvement projects, the Las Olas Marina expansion, and the Aquatics Center. There are 55 months remaining before the Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) sunsets on September 30, 2020.

Las Olas Boulevard Corridor and Beach Streetscape Improvement Projects

At the October 12, 2015 Joint City Commission and Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board (BRAB) workshop, the City Commission authorized moving forward to final design plans for the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor and Beach Streetscape Improvement Projects. On the November 3rd, 2015 City Commission Regular Agenda, the City Commission approved the second task order with EDSA, Inc. to refine design plans for the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project from 30% to 100% construction drawings (CDs), including construction administration. The current contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates for the Beach Streetscape Improvement Project (SR A1A) includes refining the designs to 100% CDs, and preparing bid specifications.

On December 8, 2015 the Las Olas Corridor Improvement Project was reviewed by the Development Review Committee (DRC). At the February 17, 2016 Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) meeting, the PZB recommended approval of the Site Plan Level IV Public Purpose request for Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project, conditioned upon the elimination of the proposed restaurant use on the top of the garage, and allowing the area north of the proposed garage to be used for overflow parking. It is anticipated that the first reading of this request by the City Commission will be on April 5, 2016.

Las Olas Marina Expansion

At the March 1, 2016 City Commission Regular meeting, staff will recommend that the City Commission reject the bids received for the Las Olas Marina, and authorize reissuing the intent to lease.

Aquatics Center

On December 1, 2015 the City Commission terminated the Developer's Agreement with Recreational Design and Construction, Inc. (RDC), and instructed staff to investigate the cost to rehabilitate the existing facility with available CRA funding. On February 2, 2016, the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors (CRA) and the City Commission approved funding and the execution of a task order to Walter Zackria Associates, PLLC to conduct a comprehensive evaluation and provide a cost estimate for the rehabilitation of the Fort Lauderdale Aquatics Complex. The information from the comprehensive evaluation will be compiled into a report and provided to City Commission for the April 5, 2016 Conference Agenda.

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