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

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

DATE: April 5, 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 53 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.

At the February 17, 2016 Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) meeting, the PZB recommended approval of the Public Purpose application and Site Plan Level IV, conditioned upon the existing parking lot north of the proposed parking garage remain for overflow parking and that the restaurant proposed at the top of the parking garage be removed. The first hearing for the Public Purpose application and Site Plan Level IV approval is scheduled for the April 19, 2016 City Commission Regular Agenda.

In an effort to keep on schedule and begin construction on the proposed parking garage immediately after the Boat Show, staff and the consultants are simultaneously advancing the 60% design plans. A Joint City Commission/BRAB workshop is scheduled for April 13, 2016 to review the 60% design plans and cost estimates.

Las Olas Marina Expansion

On March 1, 2016 the City Commission adopted a resolution declaring the City's intent to lease the Las Olas Marina and issued a Request for Proposal (RFP). A pre-bid meeting was held at the Las Olas Marina on March 17, 2016. The proposals are due on April 14, 2016, after which time an evaluation committee will meet, rank the proposals and make a recommendation to the City Commission.

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. Staff issued a task order to Walters Zackria Associates (WZA) under an architectural continuing services agreement to evaluate the existing facility, assess the current condition of the buildings and pools, and present three options for the repair, renovation, or replacement of the buildings and pools. A facility assessment report including cost estimates will be provided to Commission at the April 19, 2016 Conference Agenda.

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