



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#16-0686

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

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

DATE: July 12, 2016

TITLE: Motion Authorizing Execution of a Revocable License with LM Hotels, LLC, for Temporary Right of Way Closure along SE 1st Street Associated with the Fairfield Inn Fort Lauderdale Development

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion to authorize the execution of a Revocable License with LM Hotels, LLC, owner of the Fairfield Inn Fort Lauderdale development, for the temporary closure of City Right-of-Way (ROW) along SE 1st Street. The closure is needed to facilitate construction of off-site ROW and utility improvements adjacent to the development site.

Background

The Fairfield Inn Fort Lauderdale development is an eight story, 108 room hotel project approved under Development Review Committee (DRC) Case 31R13. A copy of the location map is attached as Exhibit 1.

Throughout the anticipated eighteen (18) month construction period, the sole access to the development site for construction traffic is along SE 1st Street, and due to the project size and number of construction trucks and vehicles that need to access the site each day from SE 1st Street, the temporary closure is warranted by City Staff. The DRC reviewed the request for the roadway closure and recommended approval of the Maintenance of Traffic Plan (MOT) and Construction Staging and Storage Plan under DRC Case Number PRW16003. A copy of the MOT and Construction Staging and Storage Plans are included in the Revocable License agreement and attached as Exhibit 2.

There would be three phases of closures during the project. The first phase is a full width closure of SE 1st Street, to be closed during work hours and the street closure reopened each evening. The second phase is a partial closure which affects the northern half of SE 1st Street during work hours, with the street closure reopened each evening. The third phase affects only the north sidewalk area along SE 1st Street throughout the completion of construction.

The temporary closures are needed to mitigate impact to the surrounding area, install improvements within the ROW (utilities and streetscape improvements), control and limit access to the construction site, and ensure the safety of pedestrians. The Revocable License will require insurance, indemnification, and will prohibit the staging of cranes and construction materials within the City ROW.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan* initiative, included within the Business Development Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 7: Be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the South Florida region, leveraging our airports, port, and rail connections.
- Objective 2: Facilitate a responsive and proactive business climate.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Prosperous*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Location Map

Exhibit 2 – Revocable License

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