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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

DATE: September 7, 2016

TITLE: Motion Authorizing the Execution of a Consent to Easement to Use Corps

of Engineers Right-Of-Way with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission authorize the execution of a Consent to Easement to Use Corps of Engineers Right-Of-Way with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the purposes of acquiring an easement for the installation of a new subaqueous water main and force main across the Intracoastal Waterway on the south side of the Las Olas Boulevard Bridge (Exhibit 1).

Background

The City owns and operates a 16-inch diameter subaqueous water main located on the north side of the Las Olas Boulevard Bridge crossing the Intracoastal Waterway. Dredging for this location is scheduled as part of the Intracoastal Waterway Deepening Project planned by the Florida Inland Navigation District (F.I.N.D.). The City determined that the existing subaqueous water main must be abandoned and replaced with a deeper water main prior to dredging. The City also intends to install a new 16-inch diameter subaqueous force main on the south side of Las Olas Boulevard Bridge. The City Commission approved the professional engineering services for the preparation of a design criteria package for the water main and sewer main on January 20, 2016 (CAM #16-0063). Additionally, City Commission approved execution of a Sovereignty Submerged Land Easement with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida during August 16, 2016 (Exhibit 2).

The proposed easement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is necessary for the construction of a section of water main and force main across the Intracoastal Waterway on the south side of the Las Olas Boulevard Bridge.

Resource Impact

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

<u>Strategic Connections</u>
This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 2: Be a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective 1: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, road, and bridge infrastructure.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Department of the Army Consent to Easement Exhibit 2 – CAM 16-0790

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