

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE City Commission Agenda Memo REGULAR MEETING

- 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 a First Amendment to a Revocable License with LM Hotels, LLC, for a Temporary Overhead Protective Canopy over the Alley Associated with the Fairfield Inn Fort Lauderdale Development

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion to authorize a First Amendment to the Revocable License with LM Hotels, LLC, owner of the Fairfield Inn Fort Lauderdale development, for the temporary closure of an alley and for the erection of a temporary overhead protective canopy over the alleyway. 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 construction, 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 partial 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.

Upon further review of the MOT Plan it was determined that the development construction would require erection of a temporary overhead protective canopy over the Alley ROW in accordance with the Florida Building Code standards. 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 – First Amendment to Revocable License

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