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

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

DATE: September 20, 2016

TITLE: Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide updates on the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor and Beach Streetscape improvement projects, the Las Olas Marina expansion and the Aquatics Center renovation. There are 48 months remaining before the Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) sunsets on September 30, 2020.

Las Olas Boulevard Corridor and Beach Streetscape Improvement Projects

On Tuesday, August 16, 2016 the City Commission approved the second reading of the final site plan for the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project. The design plans have advanced from 60% to 90%. Originally, staff had anticipated submitting the 90% design plans, a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for construction and a recommendation regarding the award of the contract at the November 15, 2016 City Commission Meeting. However, staff is incorporating additional security infrastructure into the design which will push the contract award to December 6, 2016. It is still anticipated that construction on the parking garage will begin in December 2016 or January 2017.

The Beach Streetscape Improvement Project design is on schedule. On April 11, 2016 the Beach Business Improvement District (BID) recommended approval to fund the design of turtle-compliant lights on the west side of State Road (SR) A1A, north of the Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) boundaries (Alhambra Street to Sunrise Boulevard). Staff is working with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to secure the remaining \$1.5 million from the Joint Partnership Agreement (JPA) grant that funded the turtle-compliant lighting on the east side of SR A1A.. The City must pay for the design and permitting of the lights, as FDOT JPA grants can only fund construction.

Las Olas Marina Expansion

The City issued a revised Request for Proposal (RFP) and one bid was received on August 23, 2016. The item is expected to be heard at the October 5, 2016 City Commission Meeting.

Aquatics Center

At the May 11, 2016 Joint Meeting of the CRA Board and Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board (BRAB), staff presented an Aquatic Center CRA budget of \$17 million to fund the following improvements:

1. Remove existing 50 meter (M) main competition pool and provide new expanded fully International Swimming Federation (FINA) compliant standard pool with (2) moveable stainless bulkheads.
2. Remove existing diving pool and underground observation room and provide new fully FINA compliant diving pool with dive tower including five (5) platform levels (1M, 3M, 5M, 7.5M, 10M), and 1M and 3M springboard. Provide metal bleacher for +/- 550 spectator capacity on the west side of the dive pool.
3. Remove existing spa for divers and provide new covered spa.
4. Repair existing 50M training pool with new surfacing and gutters.
5. Repair existing instructional pool with new surfacing.
6. Raise pool deck to allow for increased pool depths needed for competition level use.
7. Remove existing grandstand building and bleachers on north side of facility and provide new grandstand with spectator restrooms, concessions, ticket office, and metal bleachers for +/- 1500 spectator capacity with a fabric shade canopy.

The total project is estimated at \$18 million. However due to Section 163.370, Florida Statutes, the repairs/renovations deemed general government operating expenses unrelated to the planning and carrying out of the Community Redevelopment Plan are not eligible for CRA funding. As a result, the 50M training pool and instructional pool repairs (estimated at \$1 million) would need to be funded from an alternate source.

There will be an item on the October 5, 2016 CRA Board of Directors agenda to fund a task order to Synalovski Romanik Saye, LLC (SRS) to prepare a design criteria package for the Aquatic Center Improvement Project described above. The City will select a design-build team to provide all necessary professional design service, labor, materials, and equipment necessary for the Aquatic Center improvements. The design-build team will be selected through RFP; the design criteria package is needed as part of the RFP document. Approval of the task order will also be on the October 5, 2016 City Commission Regular Meeting agenda.

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