



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#16-1400

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

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

DATE: November 15, 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 46 months remaining before the Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) sunsets on September 30, 2020.

Las Olas Boulevard Corridor and Beach Streetscape Improvement Projects

The 90% construction documents were submitted to the Construction Manager at Risk, Skanska USA Building Inc., on Monday, October 17, 2016 to begin their subcontractor selection and to develop the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for construction of the Las Olas Corridor Improvement Project. Staff anticipates bringing a recommendation to award a construction contract at the January 17, 2017 City Commission Meeting. The Las Olas Corridor Improvement construction will be broken out into two phases over the course of two years. The first phase of construction will be the proposed parking garage which is expected to last approximately one year.

The Beach Streetscape Improvement design is on schedule. The construction for the project is expected to begin first quarter 2019. 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 CRA boundaries (Alhambra Street to Sunrise Boulevard). The construction funding for the lights would come from the remaining \$1.57 million Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) grant. The City would be responsible for any construction costs that exceed the FDOT JPA funds. However, the FDOT JPA funds are not available until Fiscal Year 2022. It is recommended to add this work to the Beach Streetscape Improvement project to potentially reduce construction costs and finish construction earlier. FDOT, City, and the CRA have discussed the option of a local government advancement that could be a mechanism to accelerate construction. However, this would be subject to approval from FDOT and City Commission. The City would need to provide FDOT construction plans, permits, and a construction schedule before FDOT will consider this option. CRA staff will bring a design change order to

City Commission to fund the light pole design with BID funds as this is additional scope of design services.

A design conflict with an existing City watermain was discovered on the project. In order to maintain the current design, a portion of the watermain would need to be relocated under SR A1A. Staff met with FDOT on October 14, 2015 to determine if they will allow the watermain to be relocated under the SR A1A roadway. Staff is working on an alternative to relocate a portion of the watermain under Almond Avenue. If FDOT approves the request, the next step is for the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board (BRAB) to recommend funding for the watermain relocation and add the additional design work to the Beach Streetscape Improvement Project scope of work.

Las Olas Marina Expansion

On October 5, 2016 the City Commission approved an award of the Las Olas Marina Lease, Management, and Development to Suntex Marina Investors LLC in partnership with Edgewater Resources, LLC and authorized commencement of negotiations of a lease agreement. On October 18, 2016 the City Commission selected proposal option C. The final lease agreement is expected to be taken to City Commission in February 2017.

Aquatics Center

On Wednesday, October 5, 2016 the City Commission approved a task order to Synalovski Romanik Saye, LLC (SRS) to prepare a design criteria package for the Aquatic Center Improvement Project. The City will select a design-build team to provide all necessary professional design services, labor, materials, and equipment for the improvements. The design-build team will be selected through a request for proposal (RFP) and the design criteria package is needed as part of the RFP document.

An onsite kick-off meeting was held on October 25, 2016. SRS is working on the draft deliverable.

Strategic Connections:

This item is a Commission Annual Action Plan top priority, advancing the Beach Community Redevelopment Agency.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included in the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas and parks.
- Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks, and open spaces for everyone.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Here*

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