



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#16-1403

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

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

DATE: December 6, 2016

TITLE: Resolution Extending the Downtown Helistop Avigation Easement with
Broward County for an Additional 10-Year Term

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an extension of the Downtown Helistop Avigation Easement with Broward County for an additional 10-year term.

Background

The John Fuhrer Downtown Helistop (DT1) has been serving the local business community since 2002. In the last 12 months, there have been a total of 777 operations. The Helistop is built on a space frame construction with a 114 foot elevated flight deck with a landing/takeoff position, a parking position, and a recently remodeled lobby, at an easily accessible downtown location. It is the only public use helistop located in a downtown area in the state of Florida.

In December 1996, the City of Fort Lauderdale in cooperation with Broward County executed an avigation easement of the airspace located above the Broward County Public Library (Exhibit 1). The easement promotes safety and protects air navigation for the primary approach path to the Downtown Helistop from the northwest.

The easement was approved by Broward County Resolution 96-1091 for a term of twenty (20) years with an option to extend for three (3) additional ten (10) year terms. The original execution date of the avigation easement was on December 10, 1996. Upon completion of the twenty (20) year term, December 10, 2016, the avigation easement will expire.

In order to continue to protect the approach path to the Downtown Helistop, Executive Airport is pursuing the first ten (10) year extension to the avigation easement between Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* 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 4: Deliver best-in-class regional general aviation airport amenities and services to domestic and international.
- Initiative 1: Examine the highest and best use of airport property to stimulate economic development and create jobs.

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

Attachment

Exhibit 1 - Primary & Secondary Approach Path Diagram

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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