



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING**

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

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

DATE: February 21, 2017

TITLE: Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide updates on the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project, the Beach Streetscape Improvement Project, the Las Olas Marina Expansion and the Aquatics Center Renovation. There are 43 months remaining before the Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) sunsets on September 30, 2020.

Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project

On January 11, 2017 the CRA Board of Commissioners and the Beach Redevelopment Board (BRB) reviewed and agreed on a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project, as submitted by Skanska USA Building Inc. (Skanska), the City's Construction Manager at Risk. On January 18, 2017 the CRA Board of Commissioners and the City Commission approved the construction contract and GMP with Skanska. City Staff are working with Skanska to finalize the terms and conditions of the construction contract.

The Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement construction will be broken out into two phases over the course of two years. The first phase of construction will be the construction of the parking garage which is expected to last approximately one year. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for March 25, 2017. The second phase will include Oceanside Park, Intracoastal Park and Las Olas Boulevard Streetscape Improvements.

The construction agreement includes a robust public outreach component. Skanska will contract with Garth Solutions, Inc. to spearhead the public outreach effort. Garth Solutions, Skanska, and City staff have agreed upon a public outreach plan for the duration of the project. A copy of the proposed draft public outreach plan is provided as Exhibit 1.

Beach Streetscape Improvement Project

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 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 FDOT Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) grant. The City would be responsible for any construction costs that exceed the FDOT JPA funds. Staff received correspondence from FDOT that JPA funds will be available Fiscal Year 2020. It is recommended to add this work to the Beach Streetscape Improvement Project to potentially reduce construction costs and finish construction earlier. Staff will bring a design change order to the City Commission to fund the lightpole design with BID funds as this is in addition to the original 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 discussed the potential watermain relocation with the Beach Redevelopment Board (BRB) at their September 19, 2016 meeting. The BRB recommended keeping the current design – which means relocating the watermain.

Staff met with FDOT on October 14, 2015 to determine if FDOT would allow the watermain to be relocated under SR A1A roadway. If FDOT approves, staff will present to the BRB for a recommendation to fund the watermain relocation utilizing CRA funds and to add this to the Beach Streetscape Improvement Project scope of work. The additional scope and expenditure will be presented to the CRA Board and the City Commission for approval.

Las Olas Marina Expansion

On October 5, 2016 the City Commission approved an award of the Las Olas Marina Lease, Management, & Development to Suntex Marina Investors LLC in partnership with Edgewater Resources, LLC (Suntex) 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 the second quarter of 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 request for proposal (RFP). The City will select a design-build team to provide all necessary professional design services, labor, materials, and equipment for the Aquatic Center improvements.

A copy of the draft site plan and elevations is provided as Exhibit 2. Staff and SRS will meet on February 21, 2017 to review the preliminary cost estimates and make any revisions to the draft site plan. Staff and SRS will present the draft RFP documents to the Beach Redevelopment Board on March 20, 2017 and the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board on March 22, 2017.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Draft Public Outreach Plan

Exhibit 2 – Draft Aquatic Center Site Plan and Elevations

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