



**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: April 4, 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 and Beach Streetscape improvement projects, the Las Olas Marina expansion and the Aquatics Center renovation. There are 42 months remaining before the Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) sunsets on September 30, 2020.

Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project

On March 22, 2017 Skanska USA Building and City staff met with representatives of the boards of directors of the four Condominiums abutting the Las Olas Marina property to outline Skanska and the City's plan for public outreach during construction. Skanska discussed a number of tools so that the public can keep informed about the project. These tools include:

- On-site staffed community office
- Webpage : www.fortlauderdale.gov/lasolasbeachpark
- Email: lasolasbeachpark@skanska.com
- Phone number: 877-252-7384
- Informational sign that is continuously updated

The Las Olas Corridor Improvement Project construction will be broken out into two phases. The first phase of construction will be the proposed parking garage which is expected to last approximately one year. The second phase of construction will begin immediately after the first phase and include the Oceanside Park, the Intracoastal Park, Las Olas Boulevard streetscape and the Intracoastal Promenade.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the project was held on March 25, 2017. Construction is anticipated to begin by the end of April 2017.

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 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. 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 light pole design with BID funds as this is in addition to the original scope of design services.

A design conflict with an existing City water main was discovered on the project. In order to maintain the current design, a portion of the water main would need to be relocated under State Road (SR) A1A. Staff discussed the potential water main relocation with the Beach Redevelopment Board (BRB) at their September 19, 2016 meeting. The BRB recommended keeping the current design – which means relocating the water main.

City staff met with FDOT on October 14, 2015 for determining if the water main could be relocated under the roadway of SR A1A . If FDOT approves, staff will present to the BRB for a recommendation to fund the water main relocation utilizing CRA funds and to add this to the scope of work for the Beach Streetscape Improvement. 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 anticipated for review by the City Commission on April 19, 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 Aquatics Center Improvement Project. The City will select a design-build team to provide all necessary professional design services, labor, materials, and equipment for the Aquatics Center 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 solicitation document.

City staff met with SRS on February 21, 2017 and again on March 15, 2017 to review the draft design criteria package and cost estimates. Staff and SRS will present the draft RFP documents to the Beach Redevelopment Board on April 17, 2017 and the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board on April 26, 2017.

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