



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

**#18-0079**

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

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

**DATE:** January 23, 2018

**TITLE:** Motion Authorizing Execution of a Revocable License with LO3 Investors, LLC, for Temporary Sidewalk Closures on SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and East Las Olas Boulevard at 225 East Las Olas Boulevard

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion to authorize the execution of a Revocable License, in substantially the form attached, with LO3 Investors, LLC, owner of a proposed development at 225 East Las Olas Boulevard, for the temporary closure of sidewalks at the following locations:

1. East side of SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between East Las Olas Boulevard and SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
2. North side of East Las Olas Boulevard between SE 2 Avenue and SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

The closures are being requested as a public safety measure during construction.

**Background**

The subject closures are being requested in association with the construction of a proposed mixed-use development project on the northwest corner of East Las Olas Boulevard and SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue that consists of ground floor retail, office and restaurant uses and a 639-space parking facility (location map attached as Exhibit 1).

The Revocable License (attached as Exhibit 2) provides for sidewalk closures during the demolition and the construction phases of the project.

**Demolition Phase:** The sidewalks on SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and East Las Olas Boulevard would be closed for five months. The ADA ramps and sidewalk landing area on the northeast corner of East Las Olas Boulevard and SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue would remain open to facilitate pedestrian circulation at the intersection.

**Construction Phase:** The SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue sidewalk would continue to be closed for an additional 27 months during construction. The East Las Olas sidewalk would be opened for pedestrian travel as a covered walkway for this phase.

In addition, the northbound lane on SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue would be closed periodically during working hours and opened to vehicular travel at night, on weekends and during special events. Two-way vehicular travel will be maintained by flagmen at all times.

Concurrently with this Revocable License, the developer is seeking approval from Broward County for the closure of the sidewalk on the west side SE 3 Avenue between East Las Olas Boulevard and SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The sidewalk would be closed during demolition and construction; however, a temporary covered walkway would be provided during the construction phase as a pedestrian bypass.

No on-street public parking spaces will be displaced by the license areas.

City staff has reviewed the request for the sidewalk closures and have no objection. Sketches showing the limits of the closure areas within the right-of-way are included in the Revocable License.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan* 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 2: Facilitate a responsive and proactive business climate.

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

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Location Map

Exhibit 2 – Revocable License

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