



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

#18-0546

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

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

DATE: June 19, 2018

TITLE: Quasi-Judicial Resolution to Approve a Utility Easement Vacation –
RIVERPARC SQUARE Located at 501 S. Andrews Avenue – Ocita
Properties - Case E18007

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution vacating the utility easement which runs north and south through the northern portion of the subject property located at 501 S. Andrews Avenue. The request satisfies the provisions of the City's Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR), Section 47-24.7, Vacation of Easement.

Background

The proposed easement vacation application is part of a request to develop the Southside CityCentre project, a 2,296,006 square foot mixed use development located at 501 S. Andrews Avenue. The applicant proposes to vacate a 14 foot by 250 foot utility easement. The applicant will be responsible for relocating any utilities known or unknown and found to be within the vacated area during the development permitting process.

The City's Development Review Committee (DRC) reviewed the application on April 10, 2018, and all comments have been addressed. The application and record are available for review upon request with the Department of Sustainable Development. The utility easement location map is attached as Exhibit 1. The application, applicant's narrative responses to the vacation of easement criteria and letters of no objection from the utility providers are attached as Exhibit 2. The sketch and legal description are provided as Exhibit 3.

The City Commission shall consider the application, the record, staff recommendation, and public comment on the application when determining whether the application meets the criteria for vacation.

Should the Commission approve the proposed vacation, the following conditions apply:

1. Any City infrastructure known or unknown and found to be within the vacated area shall be relocated at the expense of the applicant and the relocated facilities shall be required to be inspected and accepted by the City's Public Works Department; and
2. Any other utility infrastructure known or unknown and found to be within the vacated area shall be relocated at the expense of the applicant and the relocated facilities shall be required to be inspected and accepted by the applicable utility agency or service provider.

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 2: Facilitate a responsive and proactive business climate.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Utility Easement Location Map

Exhibit 2 – Application, Applicant's Narratives to Criteria and Letters of No Objection
from Private Utility Providers

Exhibit 3 – Sketch and Legal Description

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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