#18-0580

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

**DATE**: August 21, 2018

TITLE: Quasi-Judicial Resolution to Approve a Utility Easement Vacation -

Reserve at Edgewood - 2807 SW 15th Avenue - Case No. E18004

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution vacating the utility easement which runs along the entire internal perimeter of the subject property located at 2807 SW 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Reserve at Edgewood project, a 102 residential townhouse development located at 2807 SW 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The applicant proposes to vacate a five foot utility easement located along the perimeter of the project boundary. 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 March 13, 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 private 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, or easements dedicated, and

the relocated facilities shall be required to be inspected and accepted by the City's Public Works Department; and

Any other utility infrastructure known or unknown and found to be within the vacated area shall be relocated at the expense of the applicant, or easements dedicated, 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 Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 5: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.
- Objective 2: Enhance the beauty, aesthetics, and environmental quality of neighborhoods

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

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - Utility Easement Location Map

Exhibit 2 – Application, Applicant's Narrative Responses to the Vacation of Easement Criteria and Letters of No Objection from Private Utility Providers

Exhibit 3 – Sketch and Legal Description

Exhibit 4 - Resolution

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