



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#19-0064

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: February 5, 2019

TITLE: Motion Authorizing Execution of a Revocable License with 321 Birch Development, LLC for Temporary Right-of-Way Closures on North Birch Road, in Association with the 321 at Water's Edge Development Located at 321 North Birch Road

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 321 Birch Development, LLC for temporary right-of-way closures on North Birch Road, contiguous to the 321 at Water's Edge development (formerly known as the Grand Birch Condominium development).

Background

The subject project consists of 23 condominium units with structured parking. The site plan received City approval in April 2013 for or an eleven story (115 foot high) structure under DRC Case No. 53-R-12. Construction of the main building has been underway since 2017. The project is anticipated to be completed towards the end of 2019. A Location Map is attached as Exhibit 1.

The closures are being requested at this stage of construction as a safety measure for pedestrians due to site access constraints and the high volume of material deliveries. The proposed closures are described below and graphically shown in the "Maintenance of Traffic Plan", attached as Exhibit 2. A copy of the Revocable License is attached as Exhibit 3.

- This section of North Birch Road consists of a 50-foot right-of-way, one vehicular travel lane in each direction, a two-way left turn lane and five-foot wide sidewalks on both sides of the road.
- The License Area would occupy approximately 11-feet of the western-most portion of the North Birch Road right-of-way along the property frontage.
- Within that License Area, the proposed temporary traffic plan would close the existing sidewalk on a continuous basis for pedestrian safety. An additional 4-feet of pavement in the southbound travel lane would be used on an intermittent/as-

needed basis for construction deliveries.

- Pedestrian through traffic on the west side of North Birch Road would be detoured to the sidewalk on the east side of North Birch Road. The pedestrian detours would be located at the intersections with Bayshore Drive and Seville Street.
- Flagpersons would be provided at key locations to ensure safety and to facilitate driveway and parking access for adjacent properties at all times.
- The requested period for the closure is until August 1, 2019. The City Manager would have the ability to approve two 30-day extensions
- The license area would not displace any on-street public parking spaces
- The proposed maintenance of traffic plan does not appear to present any conflicts with the other construction projects in this area.

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 Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 1: Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal City.
- Objective 2: Integrate transportation land use and planning to create a walkable and bikeable community.
- Initiative 3: Develop a citywide comprehensive public/private sidewalk policy and plan to improve sidewalks and connections

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Location Map

Exhibit 2 – Maintenance of Traffic Plan

Exhibit 3 – Revocable License

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