



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

#19-0067

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: February 05, 2019

TITLE: Quasi-Judicial Resolution to Approve the Vacation of Two Roadway
Easements – CAMM Education Enterprises, Inc. – 120 NW 7th Avenue –
Case No. E18020

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution vacating two 2.5-foot wide roadway easements located at 120 NW 7th Avenue, generally located North of Broward Boulevard, between NW 6th Avenue and NW 7th Avenue and South of NW 2nd Street.

Background

The applicant seeks to vacate two 2.5-foot wide easements, totaling 988 square feet, originally established to provide additional width for vehicular movement within the alleyway, which bisects the subject property. The alleyway abutting the easements are in the process of being vacated, under Case No. V18007, and no longer require the two easement areas for vehicular movement. The City Commission reviewed Case No. V18007 during the January 22, 2019 City Commission meeting, with a scheduled second reading on February 05, 2019. The approval of the easement vacations is contingent on the approval of the alleyway vacation.

The City's Development Review Committee (DRC) reviewed the easement vacation application on November 27, 2018, and all comments have been addressed. The application and applicant's narrative responses to the vacation of easement criteria are attached as Exhibit 1. The sketch and legal description is provided as Exhibit 2.

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.

Pursuant to the City's Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-24.7.A.4, Vacation of Easement, the request is subject to the following criteria:

- a. *The easement is no longer needed for public purposes;*

The easement areas are no longer needed for public purpose, contingent on the vacation of the abutting alleyway.

- b. *All utilities located within the easement have been or will be relocated pursuant to a relocation plan; and the owner of the utility facilities has consented to the vacation; or a portion of the easement area is maintained; or an easement in a different location has been provided by the utility facilities by the owner to the satisfaction of the city; or any combination of same;*

There are no known utilities located in the two easement areas. Standard utility relocation language is included as a condition of approval, to ensure the relocation of any unknown utility facilities to be relocated are done so at the owner's expense and inspected by the City's Public Works Department and applicable utility agencies or service providers.

Should the City 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.
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.
- Initiative 4: Incorporate Business First feedback into City business development efforts.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Application, Applicant's Narratives and Criteria

Exhibit 2 – Sketch and Legal Description

Exhibit 3 – Recorded Roadway Easement

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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