CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo **#19-0235**
REGULAR MEETING

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: April 16, 2019

TITLE: Motion to Accept the Cemetery System Master Plan

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion to accept the Cemetery System Master Plan.

Background

On March 6, 2018, the City Commission approved a motion to award a contract for the purchase of cemetery system master planning services to Keith and Associates, Inc. The overall purpose of the Cemetery System Master Plan (CSMP) is intended to serve as a comprehensive guide for the planning, acquisition, development and operations of the cemetery system.

Based on a comprehensive planning approach, this plan considers previous planning documents, department goals, existing conditions, and assessment of needs to provide a framework for recommendations and prioritization strategies. Over the past year, Keith has coordinated efforts to develop this plan by obtaining input from various sources. Interviews were conducted with key stakeholders including the Mayor, City Commissioners, City Manager, and the Cemetery System Board of Trustees.

The CSMP includes the following plan components:

- Site Analysis and Opportunities;
- Resiliency and Sea Level Rise;
- Analysis of the Perpetual Care Trust Fund;
- Preservation and Development of Cemetery Land;
- Implementation Guide; and
- Recommendations, as well as next steps.

The CSMP provides a focused and complementary direction for the development and delivery of the City's cemetery services over the next ten to fifteen years.

The CSMP was presented to the Cemetery System Board of Trustees and accepted at their meeting on March 6, 2019. A draft of the CSMP was presented to the City Commission on April 2, 2019.

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 Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.
- Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks, and open spaces for everyone
- Objective 2: Integrate arts and cultural elements into public places.

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

Attachment
Exhibit 1 – Cemetery System Master Plan

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