



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**CRA BOARD MEETING**

**#19-0304**

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**TO:** CRA Chairman & Board of Commissioners  
Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, Executive Director

**DATE:** May 7, 2019

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving the CRA Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2019 –  
Appropriation – **(Commission Districts 2 and 3)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Community Redevelopment Agency (“CRA”) Board of Commissioners approve the Budget Amendment to abandon and appropriate unspent Capital Investment Project balances totaling \$1,331,354 to existing Community Investment Projects (CIPs).

**Background**

On June 19, 2018 the City Commission authorized Florida Power and Light Company (“FPL”) to prepare cost estimates necessary to relocate the utility lines to facilitate new development located at 543 NW 5th Avenue. The CRA Board of Commissioners approved the deposit of \$143,080 as preliminary steps for these services on June 19, 2018 (CAM 18-0630). FPL previously provided a non-binding preliminary estimate of \$1,361,600 for the relocation of the transmission line that bisects the property. The Sistrunk Phase II Underground Utilities was established for both the relocation of FPL utility lines for 543 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the undergrounding of utility lines on Sistrunk Boulevard between NW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and The FEC railway. The proposed fund transfer into the Sistrunk Phase II Underground Utilities Project will help to cover project budgets and successfully complete these services.

On July 14, 2011 the City Commission approved the Northwest 7<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Connector Project to reduce traffic congestion and facilitate more efficient traffic flow along Sunrise Boulevard. The authorization to appropriate multiple funding sources for this project was necessary to keep CRA and Grant funding separate. At the end of the project, the Miscellaneous Federal/State/County Grant fund was left with a negative balance and the Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights (“NPF”) CRA CIP was left with a positive balance. To help offset the negative balance left in the Northwest 7<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Connector Project, a proposed fund transfer into the Miscellaneous Federal/State/County Grant fund is needed.

Staff recommends the following Budget Transfers to Capital Investment Projects:

**(A)** The Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights CRA FY 2019 Community Investment Project balances of \$1,316,874; \$93,938 from the BCIP Flagler Village Project, \$437,624 from the NW Neighborhood Pedestrian Pathway Project, \$183,881 from the Northwest 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project, \$600 from the 2011 NCIP Midtown Business Association Streetscape, \$583,638 from the Flagler Arts and Technology Village Corridor Improvements Project, \$622 from the Carter Park Renovations and \$16,571 from the Lighting at Provident Park Project to the Sistrunk Phase II Underground Utilities Community Investment Project (P12096.347).

**(B)** The Northwest 7<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Connector Community Investment Project balance of \$14,480 (P09295.347) to the Miscellaneous Federal/State/County Grant Fund (P09295.129).

#### Consistency with the NPF CRA Community Redevelopment Plan

The Community Redevelopment plan encourages the development of infrastructure necessary to support the Northwest Regional Activity Center. The Redevelopment Plan will assist in providing public amenities and incentives as inducements to stimulate private development. The installation of public utilities will stimulate the development of the area necessary to attract development. The City and the CRA considers the Sistrunk corridor public improvements important to the successful redevelopment and revitalization of the redevelopment area, and the community redevelopment program and strategies states that priority consideration shall be given first to the funding and implementation of improvement projects, that through the upgrades to infrastructure, will improve the neighborhoods area, provide infrastructure support to businesses and commercial sectors, foster thriving businesses and commerce in the CRA.

Commercial nodes will help revitalize Sistrunk as a mixed-use corridor and the City owned property located at the intersection of NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Sistrunk should be targeted as a location for a commercial node. The undeveloped City owned property at 543 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue is part of the NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue /Sistrunk Boulevard commercial node planned for mixed use development. The relocation of overhead utility lines at this location to assist with the development of this site was identified in the CRA five-year program as a recommended capital project and incorporated into the Community Redevelopment Plan as a plan amendment on March 15, 2016.

#### Resource Impact

Funds for the NPF CRA transfer in the amount of \$1,331,354 are available in Fiscal Year 2019 in the accounts listed below:

#### **A.**

#### **Appropriate From:**

Funds available as of March 14, 2019					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUBOBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
347-P10932.347-6599	BCIP Flagler Village Improvements	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$332,000	\$93,938	\$93,938

347-P11485.347-6599	NW Neighborhood Pedestrian Pathway Improvements	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$1,692,850	\$437,624	\$437,624
347-P11487.347-6599	Northwest 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvements	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$1,405,000	\$183,881	\$183,881
347-P11705.347-6599	2011 NCIP Midtown Business Association Streetscape	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$15,000	\$600	\$600
347-P11988.347-6599	Fat Village Corridor Improvements	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$600,000	\$583,638	\$583,638
347-P12116.347-6599	Carter Park Renovations	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$250,000	\$622	\$622
347-P12167.347-6599	Lighting at Provident Park	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$251,323	\$16,571	\$16,571
				<b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>	\$1,316,874

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Funds available as of March 14, 2019					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUBOBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
347-P12096.347-6599	Sistrunk Phase II Underground Utilities	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$2,005,135	\$1,862,055	\$1,316,874
				<b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>	\$1,316,874

**B.**

**Appropriate From:**

Funds available as of March 14, 2019					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUBOBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
347-P09295.347-6599	Northwest 7 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Connector	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$16,787	\$14,480	\$14,480
				<b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>	\$14,480

**Appropriate To:**

Funds available as of March 14, 2019					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUBOBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-P09295.129-6599	Northwest 7 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Connector	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$465,068	\$(15,441)	\$14,480
				<b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>	\$14,480

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a Commission Annual Action Plan top priority, advancing the Beach Community Redevelopment Agency.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included in the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 1: Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal City
- Objective 3: Improve pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicular safety
- 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.

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

### **Related CAM**

#19-0026

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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