



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

#19-0684

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 9, 2019

TITLE: Resolution Delegating to the City Manager the Authority to Approve Letters of Intent on Behalf of the City and Option Contracts for Real Property Acquisition - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution that would delegate to the City Manager the authority to approve letters of intent on behalf of the City and option contracts for real property acquisition.

Background

Subsection 4.01(b) of the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, provides:

All contracts, agreements, leases or other instruments to which the city is a party and under which the city assumes any liability, shall be executed in the name of the city by the mayor and city manager, attested by the city clerk, and the form of any such instrument shall be previously approved by the city attorney or assistant city attorney, provided, however, that where by ordinance or resolution, the execution of short-term leases or other instruments is delegated to another person, such instrument may be executed in the manner provided by such ordinance or resolution.

The City is in the process of acquiring real property for purposes of the parks bond. The City's Charter does not address the acquisitions of real property, nor outlines the responsibility of the City Manager in the process. As such, the City will be following the state's process as highlighted in Section 166.045, Florida Statutes. Under this process, the City Manager will have the authority to approve letters of intent and negotiate terms under an option contract and all of its amendments on behalf of the City. Letters of Intent is a document outlining the terms of the sale before the formalization of a legal binding agreement. The term "option contract" means a proposed agreement by the City to purchase a piece of property, subject to the approval of the local governing body at a public meeting after 30 days' public notice.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management.

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

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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