



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

#19-0706

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 9, 2019

TITLE: Motion to Enter into a Comprehensive Agreement with Miami Beckham United, LLC ("Inter Miami") and to Approve the Qualified Project Pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 255.065, related to City-owned Property Commonly Known as the Site of the Former Lockhart and Fort Lauderdale Stadiums - **(Commission District 1)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion to enter into a Comprehensive Agreement with Miami Beckham United, LLC ("Inter Miami"), in substantially the form attached, and to approve the Qualified Project, pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 255.065, related to City-owned property commonly known as the site of the former Lockhart and Fort Lauderdale Stadiums.

Background

On January 28, 2019, the City received an unsolicited proposal from Inter Miami pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 255.065, to design, construct, occupy, and maintain Parcels 19B, 25, 26 and 27, commonly known as the site of the former Lockhart and Fort Lauderdale Stadiums, for a Major League Soccer (MLS) Training Facility and Stadium. At the February 5, 2019 City Commission Meeting, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 19-25 determining that the unsolicited proposal submitted by Inter Miami serves a public purpose as recreational, sporting, and cultural facilities which will be used by the public at large or in support of an accepted public purpose or activity, and as proposed constitutes a Qualifying Project pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 255.065. At the Conference and Regular Meetings of March 19, 2019, the City Commission unanimously selected Inter Miami's unsolicited proposal as the preferred and first ranked proposal, thereby authorizing the City to commence negotiations for a Comprehensive Agreement with Inter Miami, encompassing therein the development, improvement, design, construction, and occupation of the property.

The City has determined that the Qualified Project and having Inter Miami CF conduct its inaugural MLS seasons and having its permanent training soccer operations and youth programs in the City of Fort Lauderdale, benefit the community by providing new sports and recreational complexes, community fields, and facilities, a completely reconstructed

stadium, as more particularly described in the Comprehensive Agreement, as well as the creation of new jobs, increased tourist trade and promotional opportunities. As more particularly described in the Comprehensive Agreement, the overall project for the 64-acre property is inclusive of a northern portion known as “Inter-Miami Site,” and a southern portion known as the “Community Site.” The Community Site is inclusive, but not limited to, community parks and recreational areas, running and walking trails, public park space, playgrounds, a dog park, public fields, and public facilities. The Inter Miami site is inclusive, but not limited to, an 18,000-seat soccer stadium, training facilities, a turf field to include uses for high school football games, soccer fields and practice fields, parking areas, concessions and retail facilities, clubhouse facilities, and office space.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact.

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 – Comprehensive Agreement – Miami Beckham United, LLC

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