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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM**: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE**: August 20, 2019

TITLE: Motion Authorizing Execution of a Revocable License with MW

Lauderdale LP for a Temporary Right-of-Way Closure on Viramar Street, Breakers Avenue, and Windamar Street, in Association with the Four Seasons Development Located at 525 North Fort Lauderdale Beach

Boulevard / State Road A1A – (Commission District 2)

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion to authorize the execution of a Revocable License with MW Lauderdale LP for a temporary right-of-way closure on Viramar Street, Breakers Avenue, and Windamar Street, contiguous to the Four Seasons development.

# **Background**

The subject project consists of 84 multifamily residential units and 4,698 square feet of commercial uses with structured parking for 301 parking spaces. The site plan received City approval in March 2008 for a 22-story (240' high), 374,978 square foot building under DRC Case No. 122-R-07. Since the site has already been cleared, the developer is anticipated to commence with construction subject to the issuance of this Revocable License and a Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) permit. A Location Map is attached as Exhibit 1.

The closure is being requested as a safety measure for pedestrians due to site access constraints and the high volume of material deliveries generated by a project of this size. The proposed closure is described below and graphically shown in the "License Area", attached as Exhibit 2 and the "Pedestrian Detour Plan", attached as Exhibit 3. A copy of the Revocable License is attached as Exhibit 4.

 Along this section of Viramar Street, the proposed temporary traffic plan would close the adjacent existing five-foot sidewalk and displace one (1) unmetered and twelve (12) metered public parking spaces on a continuous basis, in which mitigation would be paid by Licensee prior to the issuance of an MOT permit. Both vehicular lanes would remain open to traffic, and pedestrian traffic would be detoured to the sidewalk on the south side of Viramar Street, at the intersections with State Road A1A and Breakers Avenue.

- Along this section of Breakers Avenue, the proposed temporary traffic plan would close the adjacent existing seven-foot sidewalk on a continuous basis. Both vehicular lanes would remain open to traffic, and pedestrian traffic would be detoured to the sidewalk on the west side of Breakers Avenue, at the intersections with Viramar Street and Windamar Street.
- Along this section of Windamar Street, the proposed temporary traffic plan would close the adjacent existing five-foot sidewalk and displace fifteen (15) metered public parking spaces on a continuous basis, in which mitigation would be paid by Licensee prior to the issuance of an MOT permit. Both vehicular lanes would remain open to traffic, and pedestrian traffic would be detoured to the sidewalk on the north side of Windamar Street, at the intersections with Breakers Avenue and State Road A1A.
- The requested period for the closure is 24 months. The City Manager would have the ability to approve up to two 30-day extensions.
- The proposed MOT plan does not appear to present any conflicts with the other construction projects in this area.

## **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this action.

## **Strategic Connections**

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

- Goal 1: Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal City.
- Objective 2: Integrate transportation land use and planning to create a walkable and bikeable community.
- Initiative 3: Develop a citywide comprehensive public/private sidewalk policy and plan to improve sidewalks and connections.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Connected.

#### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Location Map

Exhibit 2 – License Area

Exhibit 3 – Pedestrian Detour Plan

Exhibit 4 – Revocable License

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