

#20-0852

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

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

**DATE**: November 17, 2020

TITLE: Motion Approving a Triparty Lien Settlement Agreement between MTGLQ

Investors LP, Jesus Aguilera, and the City of Fort Lauderdale

(Commission District 1)

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a Triparty Lien Settlement Agreement (LSA) for the property located at 5130-5132 NE 17 Terrace Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334.

## **Background**

On February 12, 2020, MTGLQ INVESTORS LP acquired the property through a Certificate of Title deed transfer after the previous owner, Carole Anne Matthews, was foreclosed. On February 21, 2020, the property was registered with the City as a vacant property. There are five code enforcement liens recorded against the property for violations that occurred against the previous owner.

Cases CE13040080, CE17042277, and CE19080457 are in compliance status, but remain open due to unpaid liens. Case CE12081386, for the roof being in disrepair; and case CE19080614 for the fence in disrepair, exterior building maintenance, and mildew stained roof; remain in violation and have accruing fines. The City's hard costs are \$9,723.20 and the five liens total \$252,975. The non-compliant cases prevent the property from receiving a lien reduction by the special magistrate.

The buyer, Jesus Aguilera, is aware of the violations and will comply the violations if the LSA is approved. There is an "as-is" purchase contract for \$325,000 with an escrow of \$32,500. According to the Affidavit of Owner-Occupancy, dated July 20, 2020, Mr. Aguilera will occupy the property for at least one year, following the purchase of the property. Mr. Aguilera plans to replace the roof, repair the fence, remove the trash, cut the overgrowth, paint the property, and change the doors.

### **Resource Impact**

There will be a positive fiscal impact in the amount of \$25,000 to the account listed below.

Funds available as of October 21, 2020					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
001-DSD040101-N996	Community Inspections	Miscellaneous Revenues/Lien Reduction Program	\$389,279	\$21,782	\$25,000
	TOTAL AMOUNT ▶		\$25,000		

# **Strategic Connections**

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

#### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Triparty Lien Settlement Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Affidavit of Owner-Occupancy dated July 20, 2020

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