



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

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

**DATE:** April 20, 2021

**TITLE:** Resolution Accepting a Supplement to the Noise Management Plan Associated with the Extension of Time Granted by Resolution 21-52 for a Special Permit to Extend Construction Hours for the Broward County Convention Center Subject to the Requirements of Section 17-10 – Construction of Large or Complex Projects (Transportation and Non-Transportation) of the City of Fort Lauderdale’s Code of Ordinances - **(Commission District 4)**

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission consider adopting a resolution accepting a supplement to the noise management plan associated with the extension of time granted by Resolution 21-52 for a special permit to extend construction hours for the Broward County Convention Center subject to the requirements of Section 17-10 – Construction of Large and Complex Projects (Transportation and Non-Transportation).

**Background**

Due to unforeseen circumstances related to weather and the pandemic, which have substantially delayed completion of the Broward County Convention Center expansion, Broward County requested approval of an extension of construction hours. On March 2, 2021, the City Commission approved described request through Resolution 21-52 permitting Broward County to extend the hours of construction subject to the limitations of the submitted noise management plan (attached as Exhibit 1) and as listed below in Table 1.

<b>Table 1: Description of Work Schedule</b>		
<b>Subcontractor Work</b>	<b>Daylight to Dusk (Monday – Saturday, Sunday)</b>	<b>Monday – Saturday: 7am – 10pm (15 hours) Sunday: 10am – 7pm (9 hours)</b>
Steel Erection	Yes	Only during Daylight Hours
Civil Work	Yes	Yes
Steel Detailing	Yes	Yes
Interior Masonry	Yes	Yes

MEPF Systems	Yes	Yes
Concrete Pours	Yes	Yes
Finishes	Yes	Yes

The County originally indicated the request was for work until October 2021; however, the City Commission limited the request until June 16, 2021, with the understanding they would consider an extension request if needed.

However, since the approval of the original request, the County has determined that to stay on schedule and meet the timeline of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, some overnight concrete pours will be necessary.

The County has submitted a supplement to the Noise Management Plan, previously submitted and used as the basis of the approval of Resolution 21-52, that includes overnight concrete pours (attached as Exhibit 2).

The following is from the County's supplemental Noise Management Plan (please see Exhibit 2 page 3 for more information):

- Justification for Work:
  - o There was a significant increase in rainfall during 2020 which impacted the construction schedule by 30+ workdays. The project is estimating that in order to make up the 30+ days, the project will have some overnight concrete pours. The project completion date is October 15th, 2021, and it is estimated that the 2021 Boat Show will start loading around the 10th of October.
  - o Safely putting more people to work during COVID-19
  - o Early morning pours will assist with the acceleration of the overall project schedule and subsequently lessen the impact of construction on surrounding residential neighborhoods and businesses by keeping the project within the original completion date.
  - o Early morning concrete pours will help alleviate the amount of Construction traffic on SE 17th Street during peak traffic hours.
  
- Commencement Date and Duration of Work:
  - o Early Morning Pours will commence on (DATE TBD)
  - o Concrete pours will be up to 72 hours each depending on weather and availability of material. The average duration of pours will be approximately 10-12 hours assuming weather and materials do not impact the pour.

In addition, the County is committing to the following to address complaints, should they arise (please see Exhibit 2 page 5 for more information):

## 6 Complaint Response

## 6.1 Procedure and recording of complaints

- The Balfour Beatty Construction – Broward County Convention Center Team will be responsible for logging and responding to all complaints
- Any complaints can be made via phone or in writing to:

Balfour Beatty Construction  
ATTN: Ron Ferguson  
7901 S.W. 6th Court, Ste. 200  
Plantation, FL 33324  
(407) 713-1877

Balfour Beatty Construction  
ATTN: Chris Baran  
7901 S.W. 6th Court, Ste. 200  
Plantation, FL 33324  
(407) 461-4107

## 6.2 Community Notification

- Balfour Beatty Construction will post a Community Notification around the project site on the perimeter fence. (Reference Appendix 8.3).
- The project will also utilize the Fort Lauderdale Office of Neighbor Support to ensure maximum outreach.
- Notifications will identify early morning concrete pours and will be posted prior to the commencement of work.

The City Commission may approve this request pursuant to Section 17-10 – Construction of Large or Complex Projects (Transportation and Non-Transportation); Exemption for Time to Comply, which states:

The City Commission may authorize additional special permit extensions of time beyond the authority of the City Manager through adoption of a resolution upon a showing of good cause when it is demonstrated the special permit is in the best interests of public health, safety, and convenience. The City Commission may revoke such special permit if it is found that a violation of the special permit has occurred or if it is found that the special permit no longer serves the interest of the public health, safety, and convenience.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Business Development Focus Area
- Goal 5: Build an attractive global and local economic community marketplace.
- Objective: Nurture and support existing local businesses

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

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Noise Management Plan

Exhibit 2 – Supplemental Noise Management Plan

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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