



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

**#21-0633**

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

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

**DATE:** June 15, 2021

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving a Request 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 approving a request 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 (“Convention Center”) expansion, Broward County (“County”) requested approval of an extension of construction hours. On March 2, 2021, the City Commission approved the 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 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

To address the need for additional time to meet the completion date of the Convention Center the County made a supplemental request to allow for concrete pours that could last up to 72 hours depending on the weather and availability of material. On April 20, 2021, the City Commission approved this modification to the original request through Resolution 21-73.

The County originally indicated the request was for work until October 2021; however, the City Commission limited both requests until June 16, 2021, with the understanding they would consider an extension request, if needed. The County is requesting the extension be granted so that they may complete construction, on or before the time the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show begins.

The new request is to extend the construction hours per that same restriction as outlined and approved under both Resolutions 21-52 and 21-73 from June 15, 2021 to October 31, 2021. Please see Exhibit 1 for more information.

The County remains committed to addressing complaints as outlined in Noise Management Plan (please see Exhibit 1 pages 6 through 8 for specific information).

To date, the City has not received noise complaints about the construction work on the convention center.

The City Commission may approve proposed 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 – Resolution

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