#21-0887

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

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

DATE: October 5, 2021

**TITLE**: Motion Authorizing the Execution of a Sovereignty Submerged Land

Easement with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida – Emergency Repairs to 30" Force Main A - Re-Pump to George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant (GTL)

(Commission Districts 2, 3 and 4)

## Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the execution of a Sovereignty Submerged Land Easement (BOT 060 241 346; Easement # 42104) with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida for the purposes of acquiring the use of sovereignty lands solely for the installation of a subaqueous force main crossing of the Tarpon River.

### **Background**

The City performed an emergency rehabilitation of approximately 11,620 feet of broken 30-inch diameter force main leading to the George T. Lohymer Wastewater Treatment Plant (GTL). A portion of this work included a 550 ft subaqueous crossing of 30-inch diameter pipe along SW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue at the Tarpon River. This subaqueous crossing was completed in February 2018, however, the City signatory authorization for execution of this easement, authorized by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida on January 25, 2018, was overlooked at that time.

The final execution of the Sovereignty Submerged Lands Easement with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida is necessary for the continued use of the underwater State Lands for this force main beneath the Tarpon River.

## **Resource Impact**

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

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a 2021 Top Commission Priority, advancing the infrastructure initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, stormwater, road and bridge infrastructure.

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

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 2: Develop and maintain an adequate water supply, treatment and distribution system, which meets existing and projected needs of the City and adjacent users in the Central Wastewater Region.

# **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Sovereignty Submerged Lands Easement

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