



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#21-0949

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: October 21, 2021

TITLE: Motion Approving a Music Exemption and Related Road Closures for A&R Enterprises of South Florida, Inc. to Host a New Year's Eve Event at Las Olas Oceanside Park, as an Extension of the Friday Night Sound Waves Event - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a music exemption and related road closures for A&R Enterprises of South Florida, Inc. to host a New Year's Eve event at Las Olas Oceanside Park (LOOP), as an extension of the Friday Night Sound Waves event.

Background

On September 1, 2020, the City Commission approved an agreement with A&R Enterprises of South Florida, Inc. to organize and coordinate certain outdoor events as the Fort Lauderdale Beach Open Spaces Coordinator. Since that time, A&R Enterprises of South Florida, Inc. has been successful in offering a wide variety of event programming for the LOOP.

The event promoter has notified staff, that they will host a New Year's Eve event at the LOOP, as an extension of the Friday Night Sound Waves event. The event promoter has requested that amplified music be permitted from December 31, 2021 at 10:00pm to January 1, 2022 at 12:30am, and related road closures of Las Olas Festival Street from December 31, 2021 at 10:30pm to January 1, 2022 at 1:30am, to celebrate ringing in the New Year. In order to promote a better quality of life for City residents, and in accordance with Commission Memorandum No. 19-076, amplified music is not allowed after 10:00pm for City outdoor events that are scheduled on a Friday or Saturday, except that outdoor events held in the City's Entertainment Districts are restricted to 11:00pm. Section 15-181 of the Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances provides City Commission approval is required for any amplified music exemption and/or road closure requests for outdoor events.

City staff has been working closely with the event organizer regarding event topics, such as logistics, maintenance, and security as detailed below.

The Police Department recommends approval of the closing of the City streets where appropriate, and event parking has been satisfactorily arranged. When applicable, amplified music was discussed, and the event organizers were advised of the noise ordinance and possible concerns.

The event organizer will secure all necessary permits and licenses that are required from other agencies. Specific event details are included in the attached event application.

Where applicable, the City Commission authorizes amplified music for the events listed below.

<u>Event 1: Friday Night Sound Waves/New Year's Eve</u>	
Applicant:	A&R Enterprises of South Florida, Inc.
Date/Time:	Friday, December 31, 2021 – Saturday, January 1, 2022 (6:30pm – 12:30am)
Location:	Las Olas Oceanside Park 3000 E Las Olas Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
Set Up Date/Time:	Friday, December 31, 2021 (2:00pm – 6:00pm)
Breakdown Date/Time:	Saturday, January 1, 2022 (1:30am – 3:30am)
Road Closing:	Yes – Las Olas Festival Street (10:30pm – 1:30am)
Alcohol:	No
Amplified Music:	Yes – Friday, December 31, 2021 – Saturday, January 1, 2022 (10:00pm – 12:30am)
Special Permission:	Amplified Music/Extended Road Closure – Yes
Insurance Required:	Yes
Banners:	No
Pending Code Violations:	No
Application Fee:	No application fee

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2021 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative.

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Building a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Offer a diverse range of recreational and educational programming

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

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Element
- Goal 1: Be a community where persons of all ages are able to partake in a fun and healthy lifestyle.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Commission Memo 19-076

Exhibit 2 – New Year's Eve Event Application

Exhibit 3 – New Year's Eve Site Plan

Exhibit 4 – Open Spaces Coordinator Agreement

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