

## MEMORANDUM

July 11, 2017

TO: City Commission

THRU: Greg Harrison, Assistant City Manager  
Brian Donovan, Assistant City Manager  
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Mark Korman, OHUI Program Compliance Manager

FROM: Horacio Danovich, CIP Manager

### Issue

Staff wishes to submit a grant application seeking Broward Redevelopment Program (BRP) funding to assist with construction of streetscape improvements in Old Pompano, more specifically for work to improve the following roadway segments (in sequential order):

- 1) NE I Street (entire right-of-way) between NE 2 Avenue (west right-of-way line) and NE 3 Avenue (east right-of-way line)
- 2) NE 2 Avenue (entire right-of-way) between NE I Street (south right-of-way line) and NE 4 Street (north right-of-way line)
- 3) NE 4 Street (entire right-of-way) between Flagler Avenue (centerline of the road) and NE 2 Avenue (east right-of-way line)
- 4) NE 3 Avenue (entire right-of-way) between NE I Street (south right-of-way line) and NE 4 Street (north right-of-way line)
- 5) Flagler Avenue (east half of the road) between NE 3 Street (south right-of-way line) and NE 4 Street (north right-of-way line)
- 6) NE 3rd Street (entire right-of-way) between NE 2 Avenue (west right-of-way line) and NE 3 Avenue (east right-of-way line)

Staff is seeking approval of a Resolution to pursue the BRP grant.

### Recommendation

Accomplishing this item supports achieving initiatives "4.0 (4.1) **Superior Capacity**. Increase pedestrian movement and safety; (4.2) Increase bicycling and pedestrian network; (4.5) Develop connection between major venues" identified in the City's Strategic Plan. Therefore, Staff recommends Approval of the Resolution.

### Background

The City secured a Section 108 Loan to help offset costs of design and construction of various roadways within Old Pompano. The affected area is bounded by the east right-of-way



line of NE 2 Avenue heading north from the north right-of-way line of E. Atlantic Boulevard (Point of Beginning) to the south right-of-way line of NE 4 Street. Then, heading west along the south right-of-way line of NE 4 Street to the west right-of-way line of North Dixie Highway. Then, heading north along the west right-of-way line of North Dixie Highway to the north right-of-way line of NE 10 Street. Then, heading east along the north right-of-way line of NE 10 Street to the east right-of-way line of NE 5 Avenue. Then, heading south along the east right-of-way line of NE 5 Avenue to the north right-of-way line of E. Atlantic Boulevard. Then, heading west along the north right-of-way line of E. Atlantic Boulevard to the Point of Beginning (see attached Exhibit 1).

The above-described area is proposed to be designated as a targeted “blighted area.” Generally speaking, a blighted area is a “declining area suffering from seriously decreasing property values and not likely to recover without some outside intervention. More than simply a market slip, a blighted area can be identified by deteriorating buildings, increased crime rates, and decreased occupancies.”

The Section 108 Loan was obtained to make improvements to streets within the targeted area that connect to Downtown Pompano. Recently, the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the City spent \$8 million in streetscape improvements in Downtown Pompano. The work included undergrounding overhead utilities, new water main and sewer mains, upgraded drainage system, new paver and asphalt roadways, landscape, lighting, etc. In addition, efforts were made to restore the old Bailey Hotel and converted it into the Bailey Contemporary Arts building (BaCA). The facility, a historically significant building, is one of three main cultural centers in Downtown and attracts many local artists. Lastly, the CRA funded construction of a new Downtown Plaza, which is expected to become a focal point of attraction.

Proposed improvements in Old Pompano include upgrading underground utilities (water, sewer and drainage); installation of new light fixtures and street furniture (benches, bicycle racks, trash receptacles); new landscape; road resurfacing including on-street parking; new and improved sidewalks, etc.

The project is partially unfunded due to severe increases in the cost of materials. Subject to review of bids received in response to a recent solicitation, Staff anticipates a funding shortage in excess of \$1 million. To that effect, Staff has identified the BRP grant. Staff wishes to submit an application seeking \$1 million in grant funding.

Staff recommends approval.