



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Bertha Henry

Department: County Administration

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO APPROVE license agreement with The Port Condominium Association, Inc. for the placement of a monitoring camera on their roof for the Convention Center Expansion and Headquarters Hotel project, and authorize Mayor and the Clerk to execute the same.

Why Action is Necessary

Agreements with outside entities require Board approval.

What Action Accomplishes

Allows the County to place a camera on the roof of The Port Condominium Association, Inc.'s building (Condo) that would monitor and record the construction progress of the Convention Center Expansion and Headquarters Hotel project (Project).

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

None

Summary Explanation/Background

In 2019, the County awarded a contract to EarthCam to monitor and record the construction progress of the Project (Exhibit 1). Two cameras were strategically placed on the roof of the Convention Center until alternative sites with better vistas of the Project could be secured. The Condo has since agreed to host one of the cameras (Exhibit 2).

The camera will serve as both a public relations tool to better promote the Project and the Convention Center as a destination for the meeting industry, and to document site conditions in real time. The camera feed will be available on the Project website for anyone interested in watching the progress of the Project. It will also monitor and record the activity on the construction site and the prevailing environmental conditions (e.g. temperature, humidity etc.). The pictures and recordings can potentially provide evidence of wrongdoing, mistakes, accidents and/or delays caused by the contractor, sub-contractors or other third parties. We have found from experience that in some cases contractors have made financial claims against the County based on false representations (e.g. weather-related delays), and it has been shown on other projects that the use of cameras to record real time activity has proved very effective in countering false claims.

The Condo has agreed to host the camera for \$10 a year for an initial five-year term with the option of a one-year extension.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

Funds are available in the Convention Center Expansion and Headquarters Hotel project funds.