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SENT VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

May 23, 2019

Ms. Bertha W. Henry, County Administrator Broward County Board of County Commissioners 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 409 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Re:

Joint Meeting for Dispute Regarding Communications Tower Location

Dear Ms. Henry:

We are in receipt of your letter dated May 20, 2019 (attached). While the preference for conducting the meeting in Hollywood was due wholly in an effort to contextualize the sites being proposed in the City, as described in my May 14th letter (attached), we do understand the constraints of schedules on this date. As we have indicated prior, the City will continue to support the County and this critical infrastructure project. It is still anticipated that City of Hollywood Commission will consider the Site Plan for West Lake Park at their June 5th meeting.

This letter serves as confirmation for the City's attendance at the joint public meeting, pursuant to Section 164.1055, Florida Statutes, which was earlier invoked by the County, on *Thursday, June 6, 2019, at 2 p.m. at Government Center, 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 430, Fort Lauderdale, Florida*.

We look forward to continuing to work with County staff to ensure the permitting for both properties (West Lake Park and Circ) continue to move forward on a parallel track, as you stated it would at the May 7th County Commission Meeting.

We look forward to promptly resolving this project and appreciate the County's willingness to work with the City on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wazir W. Ishmael

City Manager

Enclosure:

Letters dated May 20th and 14th

cc:

Mayor and Members of City of Hollywood City Commission Mayor and Members of the Broward County Commission

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May 20, 2019

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager City of Hollywood 2600 Hollywood Boulevard, Room 419 Hollywood, Florida 33022

Re: Joint Meeting for Dispute Regarding Communications Tower Location

Dear Dr. Ishmael:

I am in receipt of your May 14, 2019 letter, which responds to my May 7, 2019 letter seeking to schedule a joint meeting pursuant to Section 164.1042, Florida Statutes, regarding the site plan application pending before the City of Hollywood and, more generally, the location of a radio communication tower in West Lake Park.

Your letter indicates that of the three offered dates, the June 6 date is preferred by the City of Hollywood. I appreciate your offer of a tour of the Circ building and an alternate location for the joint public meeting. As noted in my letter, the County has already arranged the location for the joint meeting, namely Government Center, 115 S. Andrews, Room 430, Fort Lauderdale. As the initiating party under Section 164.1042, the County has the responsibility of arranging the location. The Board of County Commissioners has an all-day budget meeting (including a working lunch) already scheduled for June 6, 2019, which we will recess temporarily to attend this joint public meeting due to the critical nature of the issue. In light of our tight schedule, as well as the sunshine law impediments to conducting a tour, we must decline your offer. Therefore, the joint public meeting will proceed on Thursday, June 6, 2019, at 2 p.m. at Government Center, 115 S. Andrews Ave., Room 430, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. We will promptly notice this meeting accordingly; the City should consult with its legal counsel regarding its notice obligation.

Your letter notes in closing that the City will be considering the Site Plan application for West Lake Park at its June 5, 2019 meeting. While the County reserves all rights in this regard, I am hopeful that the City will approve the site plan on June 5 as submitted and promptly grant all necessary approvals, such that the joint public meeting of the parties may be promptly resolved.

Sincere

Bertha Henry

County Administrator

cc: Mayor and Members of the County Commission

Mayor and Members of the City Commission for Hollywood

Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney

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May 14, 2019

Ms. Bertha W. Henry, County Administrator Broward County Board of County Commissioners 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 409 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Re: Communications Tower Location

Dear Ms. Henry: Ben MA

We are in receipt of your letter (attached) requesting a joint public meeting between the City of Hollywood and Broward County Commissions pursuant to Section 164.1055, Florida Statutes, which was invoked by the County earlier this year.

While we recognize the P25 project is county-wide, the issue at hand pertains to an ultimate location for a second tower to be located within the City of Hollywood. As you know, the City has been working diligently with your team to assist in their assessment of an alternative location to the West Lake Park site at the newly constructed Circ Hotel and Residences. In an effort to garner a better sense of scale and compatibility, we believe that, in our mutual benefit, the requested meeting be held at the City of Hollywood immediately following site visits to both West Lake Park and the Circ Hotel locations. Accommodations have been made for any staff or commission member to tour the Circ in advance of the joint meeting. The preferred meeting date is:

June 6, 2019
Circ Tour
Anytime Between 12:30-1:30 p.m.
1780 Polk Street
Residential Lobby

Joint Meeting
2:00 p.m.
Fred Lippman Multi-Purpose Center
2030 Polk Street
Main Auditorium

At the moment, we anticipate the City Commission considering the County's request for Site Plan approval at West Lake Park at their June 5, 2019 City Commission Meeting.

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The City remains committed to working collaboratively with Broward County to complete this project in an expeditious manner and in concert with the overall county-wide P25 program. Please promptly advise if an alternate date is needed due to the change in location; otherwise, we look forward to meeting on June 6th.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wazir A. Ishmael

City Manager

Enclosure:

Your letter dated May 7, 2019

c: Mayor and Members of City of Hollywood City Commission Mayor and Members of the Broward County Commission Assistant City Managers Douglas R. Gonzales, City Attorney Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney