WEST PALM BEACH City Commission Agenda Cover Memorandum

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| Public Utilities (PU) | Regular | Required?: $\bigcirc$ Yes | No |
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Agenda Date:
08/31/2015

## Subject:

Resolution No. 269-15 approving a Right-of-Way Consent Agreement for Fencing between the City of West Palm Beach and Florida Power and Light Company.

## Ordinance/Resolution:


#### Abstract

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING A RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR FENCING WITH FLORIDA POWER \& LIGHT (FPL) ALLOWING INSTALLATION OF SECURITY FENCING ACROSS AN FIORIDA POWER \& LIGHT EASEMENT AT THE WEST PALM COMMERCE PARK; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.


## Staff Recommended Motion:

Approve Resolution No. 269-15.

## Background:

The proposed Right-of-Way Consent Agreement between the City of West Palm Beach (WPB) and Florida Power \& Light (FPL) will allow for the installation by the City of security fencing across the existing FPL easement within the West Palm Commerce site. The fence is necessary to curtail the high incidence of trespassing which has occurred over the past years at an ever increasing level. Trespassers are gaining acces to the M Canal levy and are dumping materials in the wetlands preserve mitigation area owned by the City. Public Utilities, the West Palm Beach Police Department, and FPL support the importance of reducing the illegal ingress/egress permitted by the present unsecured site conditions which exposes all parties to undue risk.

## Fiscal Note

Funding Source:
Other:
Water \& Sewer Capital Fund (453 Fund).

Comment: There is no fiscal impact for this Consent Agreement at this time. Public Utilities has approximately $\$ 100,000$ budgeted in the 453 Water and Sewer Capital Fund for this project.

Electronic Attachments: Click here for assistance with naming convention.
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Is this ACM related to a Grant? Yes No

## Is this ACM related to Housing? Yes No

Originating Department - Approved by: Poonam Kalkat on 08/18/2015


Poonam Kalkat

08/18/2015 Finance Department


08/18/2015 City Attorney's Department


08/18/2015 Asst. City Administrator


08/18/2015 City Administrator


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WHEREAS, the City desire to install security fencing across an FPL easement at the West Palm Beach Commerce Park to prevent unlawful access to the City's M Canal and wetlands preserve mitigation area; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of FPL's approval of the improvements, FPL requires the City to enter into a Consent Agreement setting forth the conditions of FPL's approval; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interest to enter into the Consent Agreement with Florida Power \& Light in order that it may proceed with the improvements at the West Palm Commerce Park.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1: The City Commission of the City of West Palm Beach hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into and execute a Consent Agreement between the City and Florida Power \& Light in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" ("Agreement").

SECTION 2: Upon execution of two (2) originals of the Agreement by the Mayor, all originals shall be forwarded to Suzanne Payson, Assistant City Attorney, for further handling. One fully executed original shall be returned to the City Clerk to maintain as a public record.

SECTION 3: $\quad$ This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS $\qquad$ DAY OF 2015.

# RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR FENCING 

FLORIDA POWER \& LIGHT COMPANY, a Florida corporation, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 14000, Juno Beach, Florida 33408-0420, Attn: Corporate Real Estate Department, hereinafter referred to as "Company", hereby consents to the City of West Palm Beach, a Florida municipal corporation, whose mailing address is 401 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, hereinafter referred to as "Licensee", using an area within Company's right-of-way granted by that certain agreement recorded in Deed Book 1023, Page 680 of the Public Records of Palm Beach County, Florida. The said area within Company's right-of-way, hereinafter referred to as "Lands", more particularly described as follows:

All that portion of Florida Power \& Light Company Easement dated June 23, 1953, recorded in Deed Book 1023 at Page 680, of the Public Records of Palm Beach County, Florida lying within the Southeast Quarter (SE $1 / 4$ ) of Section 02, Township 43 South, Range 42 East, all of the above said lands situate, lying and being in Palm Beach County, Florida.

The use of the Lands by Licensee, shall be solely for the purpose of fencing as shown on the plans and specifications submitted by Licensee, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

In consideration for Company's consent and for the other mutual covenants set forth below, and for Ten Dollars and No Cents ( $\$ 10.00$ ) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Licensee agrees to obtain all necessary rights from the owner of the Lands in the event Licensee does not own said Lands; to obtain any and all applicable federal, state, and local permits required in connection with Licensee's use of the Lands; and at all times, to comply with all requirements of all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations applicable or pertaining to the use of the Lands by Licensee pursuant to this Agreement.
2. Licensee understands and agrees that the use of the Lands pursuant to this Agreement is subordinate to the rights and interest of Company in and to the Lands and agrees to notify its employees, agents, and contractors accordingly. Company specifically reserves the right to maintain its facilities located on the Lands; to make improvements; add additional facilities; maintain, construct or alter roads; maintain any facilities, devices, or improvements on the Lands which aid in or are necessary to Company's business or operations; and the right to enter upon the Lands at all times for such purposes. Licensee understands that in the exercise of such rights and interest, Company from time-to-time may require Licensee, to relocate, alter, or remove its fence, which interferes with or prevents Company, in its opinion, from properly and safely constructing, improving, and maintaining its facilities. Licensee agrees to relocate, alter, or remove said fence within sixty (60) days of receiving notice from Company to do so. Such relocation, alteration, or removal will be made at the sole cost and expense of Licensee and at no cost and expense to Company; provided however, should Licensee, for any reason, fail to make such relocation, alteration, or removal, Company retains the right to enter upon the Lands and make said relocation, alteration, or removal of Licensee's fence and Licensee hereby agrees to reimburse Company for all of its costs and expense incurred in connection therewith upon demand.
3. Licensee agrees that it will not use the Lands in any manner which, in the opinion of Company, may tend to interfere with Company's use of the Lands or may tend to cause a hazardous condition to exist. Licensee agrees to properly ground the fence in accordance with the FPL specifications, attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
4. Licensee hereby agrees and covenants to prohibit its agents, employees, and contractors from using any tools, equipment, or machinery on the Lands capable of extending greater than fourteen (14) feet above existing grade and further agrees that no dynamite or other explosives shall be used within the Lands and that no alteration of the existing terrain, including the use of the Lands by Licensee as provided herein, shall be made which will result in preventing Company access to its facilities located within said Lands. Unless otherwise provided herein, Licensee agrees to maintain a forty (40) foot wide setback, twenty (20) feet on each side, from Company's facilities.
5. Licensee agrees to warn its employees, agents, contractors and invitees of the fact that the electrical facilities and appurtenances installed or to be installed by Company within the Lands are of high voltage electricity and agrees to use all safety and precautionary measures when working under or near Company's facilities.
6. The use of the Lands by Licensee shall be at the sole risk and expense of Licensee, and Company is specifically relieved of any responsibility for damage or loss to Licensee or other persons resulting from Company's use of the Lands for its purposes.
7. Notwithstanding any provision contained herein, Licensee agrees to reimburse Company for all cost and expense for any damage to Company's facilities resulting from Licensee's use of the Lands and agrees that if, in the opinion of Company, it becomes necessary as a result of Licensee's use of the Lands for Company to relocate, rearrange or change any of its facilities, to promptly reimburse Company for all cost and expense involved with such relocation, rearrangement or change.
8. Licensee agrees, at all times, to maintain the fence and keep the Lands clean and free of debris and agrees to promptly remove any debris caused by Licensee.
9. Licensee agrees it will exercise its privileges hereunder at its own sole risk and agrees subject to the limitations contained in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, and without waiver of its sovereign immunity, to indemnify and save harmless Company, its parent, subsidiaries, affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, agents and employees (hereinafter referred to as "FPL Entities"), from all liability, loss, cost, and expense, including attorneys' fees, which may be sustained by FPL Entities to any person, natural or artificial, by reason of the death of or injury to any person or damage to any property, arising out of or in connection with the herein described purposes by Licensee, its contractors, agents, or employees or any breach of this Agreement, except to the extent such claim is caused by the sole negligence of Company. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to indemnify any of the FPL Entities against its own negligence, that of any other FPL Entity, or that of any party acting in behalf of any of the FPL Entities. It is expressly understand that this provision shall not be construed as a waiver of any right of defense that Licensee may have under Section 768.28 or any other statute.
10. This Agreement will become effective upon execution by Company and Licensee and will remain in full force and effect until completion of Licensee's use of the Lands pursuant to this Agreement, unless earlier terminated upon ninety (90) days written notice by Company to Licensee, or at the option of Company, immediately upon Licensee failing to comply with or to abide by any or all of the provisions contained herein.
11. The term "Licensee" shall be construed as embracing such number and gender as the character of the party or parties require(s) and the obligations contained herein shall be absolute and primary and shall be complete and binding as to each, including its successors and assigns, upon this Agreement being executed by Licensee and subject to no conditions precedent or otherwise.
12. Should any provision of this Agreement be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any applicable law, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be impaired.
13. Licensee agrees that any review or approval by Company of the plans and/or specifications submitted by Licensee attached hereto as Exhibit "A," the approval of the identity of any contractors, subcontractors and materialmen, or the delivery by Company of any construction specifications to Licensee, is solely for Licensee's benefit, and without any representation or warranty whatsoever to Licensee with respect to the adequacy, correctness or efficiency thereof or otherwise and it is understood that such Company's approval does not absolve Licensee of any liability hereunder. Further, Licensee, in connection with the construction, maintenance and/or removal of improvements depicted on Exhibit A to the Agreement, agrees to observe and fully comply with all construction,
operation and maintenance standards, as well as all applicable laws, rules and regulations of the United States, the State of Florida, and all agencies and political subdivisions thereof, including without limitation, the National Electric Safety Code and the Occupational Safety \& Health Administration regulations, standards, rules, registers, directives or interpretations.
14. Licensee may assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement to a solvent party upon prior written consent of the company, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The parties have executed this Agreement this $\qquad$ day of $\qquad$ , 2015.

Witnesses:
Signature:
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FLORIDA POWER \& LIGHT COMPANY

By:
Its: Area Real Estate Manager
Print Name: Samantha J. Saucier

## LICENSEE:

City of West Palm Beach
By:
Its:
Print Name: $\qquad$

Exhibit "A" To Right-of-Way Consent
Agreement for Fencing


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