



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-005

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: January 9, 2026
SUBJECT: **Las Olas Garage Lighting Façade Project Update**

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide the City Commission with an update on the Las Olas Garage Lighting Façade project.

On September 16, 2025, the City Commission approved an agreement with The Luminicos, Corp. (Luminicos) to replace the non-operational lighting system at the Las Olas Parking Garage. As part of a separate yet related effort, the City, via the City Attorney's Office (CAO) engaged outside counsel to handle the claim against the various parties involved in the previous design and installation of the façade lighting and architectural mesh (*City of Fort Lauderdale v. Skanska USA Building, Inc., et al.*, Case No. CACE25-013145).

Pursuant to the Agreement, Luminicos is required to complete this project within 120 calendar days following the Notice to Proceed (NTP). City staff and Luminicos originally planned to begin demolition on Monday, January 5, 2026. However, as staff was coordinating issuance of the NTP for the project in November 2025, the CAO and outside counsel recommended that the lighting project should not commence prior to January 2026 to allow the parties involved in the lawsuit additional time to inspect the lighting system prior to demolition of the existing system. This opportunity was shared with all the parties involved in the lawsuit.

On Friday, January 2, 2026, one of the parties to the lawsuit, EXP U.S. Services, Inc. (EXP), requested a ninety (90)-day stay of the project. The request was based on its recent retention of counsel and desire to engage an expert to inspect the lighting prior to demolition.

Based on recommendations from the CAO and outside counsel, staff will delay the NTP and commencement of the project by thirty (30) days to provide EXP the opportunity to inspect the lighting system prior to starting demolition. The project is now anticipated to commence in early February 2026. Updates will be provided as they become available.

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