

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(K)(2)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** April 20, 2021

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving, pursuant to section 17-02 of the Code, a loan of up to \$300,000.00 of Documentary Stamp Surtax funds to HTG Paradise, LLC or related entity for the development of the Max's Landing Affordable Housing Project; authorizing the County Mayor to execute a conditional loan commitment and standard shell contracts, standard shell documents, amendments and other documents or agreements necessary to accomplish the purposes of this resolution; and authorizing the County Mayor to subordinate or modify the terms of contracts, agreements, amendments and loan documents, and to exercise the termination, waiver, acceleration and other provisions

Resolution No. R-296-21

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The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Public Housing and Community Development Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.



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Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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# Memorandum



**Date:** April 20, 2021

**To:** Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava  
Mayor 

**Subject:** Loan of Prepaid Documentary Stamp Surtax Program Loan Funds to HTG Paradise, LLC,  
or Related Entity, for the Development of the Max’s Landing Affordable Housing Project

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## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board):

1. Authorize, in accordance with section 17-02 of the Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, a loan of pre-paid funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 of Documentary Stamp Surtax (Surtax) Program funds to HTG Paradise, LLC or related entity, for the development of the Max’s Landing affordable housing project;
2. Authorize the County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee to execute conditional loan commitments, standard shell contracts, standard shell loan documents, amendments and other agreements necessary to accomplish the purposes of the attached resolution; and
3. Authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee, upon a determination that such actions are in the best interest of the County, to subordinate and/or modify the terms of contracts, agreements, amendments and loan documents so long as such modifications are approved by the County Attorney’s Office and are not substantially inconsistent with this resolution and to exercise the termination, waiver, acceleration, or other provisions set forth therein.

## **Scope**

Max’s Landing, which is a new construction, 76-unit garden-style affordable housing development community formerly known as Paradise Lakes Apartments, is located at 8905 SW 169<sup>th</sup> Court, in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, Florida, in Commission District 11, represented by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.

## **Delegation of Authority**

This item requests a delegation of authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee, to execute conditional loan commitments, subordinate and/or modify the terms of standard shell contracts, standard shell loan documents, amendments and other agreements, including subordination necessary to accomplish the purposes of the attached resolution. Additionally, the County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee will be authorized to subordinate and/or modify terms of contracts, agreements, amendments and loan documents, and to exercise termination, waiver, acceleration or the other provisions set forth therein.

## **Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

This item is allocating prepaid Surtax funds to the Max’s Landing affordable housing project. There is no negative fiscal impact on the County’s General Fund.

**Track Record/Monitoring**

The project will be monitored by Michael Liu, Director, Public Housing and Community Development Department (PHCD).

**Background**

An allocation of \$300,000.00 of Surtax FY 2009 funds was awarded to HTG Veranda Senior, Ltd., through Resolution No. R-1071-09, for the Veranda Senior affordable housing project located at 28355 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Homestead, Florida 33033. Although the maturity date of the loan is May 31, 2041, the borrower paid off the loan in full on September 8, 2020.

| Loan # | Project Name              | Funding Source | Loan Amount  | Maturity Date | Pay-Off Amount | Pay-Off Date |
|--------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| 36198  | Veranda Senior Apartments | Surtax         | \$300,000.00 | 5/31/2041     | \$300,000.00   | 9/8/2020     |

The Board adopted Resolution No. R-1071-09, which approved a loan in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 to HTG Veranda Senior, Ltd. The borrowers, HTG Veranda Senior, Ltd, and HTG Paradise, LLC are both related entities to Housing Trust Group (HTG), the developer. On June 29, 2020, PHCD received a request from HTG, to redeploy \$300,000.00 of Surtax funds that were prepaid from Veranda Senior to Max’s Landing (Attachment 1). This item recommends that the Board approve a loan allocation of \$300,000.00 in Surtax funds to provide funding to support the development of the Max’s Landing affordable housing development project.

Upon approval of this item, a conditional loan commitment in substantially the form attached to the resolution as Exhibit A will be issued to the borrower, HTG Paradise, LLC, or related entity, for the development of Max’s Landing affordable housing project.

The Max’s Landing affordable housing project will be subject to a full credit underwriting analysis, including subsidy layering review. The project must receive a favorable recommendation from the underwriter and show written financing commitments for the total development costs, all prior to the financial closing of the loan approved herein for the release of loaned funds. The loan shall be subject to those terms for loans issued in accordance with section 17-02 of the Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances and as set forth in the FY 2020 Surtax Request for Applications (RFA), subject to change at the discretion of the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee based upon the credit underwriting analysis.

Attachment



Morris Copeland  
Chief Community Services Officer



June 29, 2020

**VIA EMAIL**

Public Housing and Community Development ("PHCD")  
Attn: Michael Liu, Director  
701 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Court, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Miami, FL 33136

**Re: Veranda Senior - Request for Subordination and Allocation of Funds from a Repaid Loan to another related Affordable Housing Project**

Director Liu,

HTG Veranda Senior, LTD ("Borrower") hereby formally requests written approval from PHCD for the use of pre-paid funds for another related affordable housing development.

The Borrower is currently in the process of refinancing the existing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> mortgages with PNC Bank. After refinancing, the new loan will be for \$9,100,000 which will be used to payoff other existing loans including the \$300,000 2<sup>nd</sup> mortgage loan with Miami-Dade County.

A related entity of the Borrower, HTG Paradise, LLC is currently developing Max's Landing, a 76-unit garden style affordable housing development community located at 8905 SW 169<sup>th</sup> Court, Unincorporated Miami-Dade County. The site is under construction and is financed with 9% Housing Credits from Florida Housing Finance Corporation with Surtax and HOME subsidy from Miami-Dade County.

The Borrower is respectfully requesting that PHCD and Miami Dade County permit the utilization of the \$300,000 prepaid mortgage loan from Veranda Senior for Max's Landing to facilitate the development of this new affordable housing community.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (305) 860-8188 or at [mattr@htgf.com](mailto:mattr@htgf.com).

Sincerely,

**HTG Veranda Senior, LTD**  
a Florida limited partnership

By: HTG Veranda Senior GP, LLC  
a Florida limited liability company  
its General Partner

By:   
Matthew Rieger, VPS

## Miami-Dade County Conditional Loan Commitment

Date

To: Housing Trust Group, LTD., or related entity

Re: Max's Landing Affordable Housing Project  
8905 SW 169<sup>th</sup> Court, in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, Florida ("the Property")

Dear Borrower:

We are pleased to advise you that on \_\_\_\_\_, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved a Conditional Loan Commitment for development activity at the above-listed property (the "Property"). The loan is conditionally committed for the payment of hard construction cost as a portion of the development costs to construct the affordable housing units on the Property. This Conditional Loan Commitment is made based upon the application submitted by Borrower and is subject to the following terms and conditions:

**Borrower:** Housing Trust Group, LTD., or related entity

**Project:** Max's Landing, which is a new construction, 76-unit garden-style affordable housing development community formerly known as Paradise Lakes Apartments, is located at 8905 SW 169th Court, in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, Florida, in Commission District 11, represented by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.

**Loan Amount:** The loan shall be in an amount of not-to-exceed \$300,000.00 as approved by the BCC in Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ for \$300,000.00 and includes all terms and conditions of such BCC approval, including project scope, activity type and, for federal funds, national objective to be achieved (the "Loan"). The loan amount may be decreased as determined by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee, based upon Underwriting (defined below) and information and documentation provided by Borrower.

**Conditions:** The Loan is conditioned upon the terms, conditions and requirements set forth below (the "Conditions"). The County shall not issue a final unconditional loan commitment, enter into a funding contract, close on the Loan or disburse the Loan funds until all the Conditions are met.

**Collateral:** Upon satisfaction of the Conditions, Miami-Dade County (County) and Borrower will enter into a funding contract and loan agreement. The Loan shall be evidenced by a promissory note and secured by a construction/permanent mortgage with assignment of leases and rents, a collateral assignment of leases and rents, a collateral assignment of construction documents, a rental regulatory agreement (where applicable), and any other security or collateral as deemed appropriate by the Mayor or Mayor's designee, in his or her sole discretion, with approval of the County Attorney's Office. Borrower shall additionally be required to provide the County with an environmental indemnification agreement, a UCC-1, title affidavit, partnership affidavit (if applicable), corporate resolution approving the loan documents, opinion of counsel, certification of borrower to borrower's counsel, and title policy making the County an insured. The Collateral shall be determined based upon financial feasibility and subsidy layering underwriting to be performed by County staff in an internal process and by an independent underwriter and paid for by Borrower ("Underwriting") following review of a current title search. Additional forms of security may be required if liens, encumbrances, restrictions or covenants exist on the Property which

the Mayor or Mayor's designee determines, in his or her sole discretion, threaten the County's Collateral. The Mayor or Mayor's designee shall determine, in his or her sole discretion and in consultation with the County Attorney's Office, whether the Collateral provided by Borrower is sufficient to close and disburse the Loan.

**Interest Rate:** Loan terms, including the interest rate, are those set forth in the FY 2020 Surtax Request for Applications (RFA) for Multi-family rental projects. Those terms are **0%** interest during construction - years 1 and 2-and **1%** interest-only payments for years 3–30 from development cash flow, **1%** interest accruing and due at maturity. Full principal is due at maturity; and as modified prior to closing by the Mayor or Mayor's designee in accordance with the results of Underwriting.

**Repayable:** There will be no penalty for prepayment of the Loan (payment of Loan balance before the end of the repayment term). Repayment terms are those set forth in the FY 2020 RFA for repaid loan funds in accordance with Section 17-02 of the Code. All terms may be modified prior to closing by the Mayor or Mayor's designee in accordance with the results of Underwriting. The prepayment of any Loan shall not affect the term of affordability set forth in the Rental Regulatory Agreement or in any of the other Loan Documents.

**Term:** The Loan will be for 30 years, or as may be established prior to closing by the Mayor or Mayor's designee in accordance with the results of Underwriting.

**Conditions:**

1. Underwriting, as explained above, shall include financial feasibility review, subsidy layering review, and credit review. Underwriting is performed to protect the County's scarce affordable housing funds and is performed to ensure that the Project has sufficient financing to be completed timely and that the Project is not over-subsidized, meaning the Loan is not needed or the Loan Amount is too high. The County reserves the right to reduce the Loan Amount subject to Underwriting. The County further reserves the right to refuse to issue a final, unconditional loan commitment to Borrower or to enter into a contract for the Loan or to close on the Loan in the event that Underwriting determines that the project is financially unfeasible or otherwise is unfeasible. The costs of Underwriting are to be paid by Borrower.
2. Borrower must prove control of the Property through purchase or lease, as evidenced by a deed or lease and recorded memorandum of lease in Borrower's name. Absence of any threat of foreclosure, taking by eminent domain, or pending bankruptcy are additionally required.
3. Borrower must provide the County with written financing commitments showing committed financing for the entire Development Cost of the Project, including any gaps between the Loan and the overall costs to develop the Project. The Development Cost of the Project means the total cost of completing the entire Project, from acquisition to the issuance of Certificate of Occupancy, including but not limited to the costs for acquisition, design and planning, zoning and variances, financing costs, legal costs, construction, and permitting. In the event of a dispute as to what amount constitutes the actual Development Cost, Borrower and County will use the amount determined by Underwriting to be the Development Cost.
4. Conformance of the Project with the County legislation approving the Loan.
5. Complete plans and specifications of the Project.
6. Payment and performance bond in the amount of the entire construction budget or otherwise in conformance with applicable law. Where a payment and performance bond is not required by law, the Mayor or Mayor's designee may alternatively accept – at the Mayor or Mayor's designee's sole discretion – a letter of credit in an amount acceptable to the Mayor or Mayor's designee.
7. Appraisal of the Property showing that the value of the Project and Property, when completed, exceeds the total amount of debt from all sources to be secured by the Project, unless waived by the Mayor or Mayor's designee.

8. A Phase I environmental report requiring no further action.
9. Such other conditions which are customary and reasonable for a loan of this nature, such as adhering to all Federal, State and local regulations, ordinances, codes and standards.
10. Meeting all requirements of the State Housing Initiatives Partnership ("SHIP"), Documentary Surtax or Home Investment Partnerships Program ("HOME") program, as applicable, and County resolutions and ordinances governing affordable housing development.
11. Compliance with Resolution No. R-346-15, establishing a maximum total development cost per unit; and, where applicable, Resolution No. R-343-15, establishing a maximum amount of total development costs that may be paid with Documentary Surtax funds.
12. The Loan, if SHIP or Surtax funds, may only be used for the development of affordable housing for residents with household incomes not greater than 140% of AMI. The Loan, if HOME or CDBG funds, may only be used for the development of affordable housing for residents with household incomes not greater than 80% of AMI.
13. This loan is conditioned on the repayment of the HTG Veranda Senior, LTD., loan in the amount of \$300,000.00.

This Conditional Loan Commitment will expire in six (6) months if not extended by Miami-Dade County. An extension of this Conditional Loan Commitment may be granted at the sole and absolute discretion of Miami-Dade County. Any extension granted will be contingent upon compliance with and in accordance with Resolution No. R-232-14, as applicable and must be signed by the Mayor or Mayor's Designee to be valid. If the loan does not close prior to the expiration or extension of this Conditional Loan Commitment, the funds will be subject to recapture and allocated to other projects. This Conditional Loan Commitment is not assignable. This Conditional Loan Commitment is the sole and complete agreement between the parties as to the terms of the Loan described herein. The terms of this Conditional Loan Commitment may only be changed in writing in a document signed by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee. No representations, written or verbal, of Miami-Dade County employees, or others purporting to act on behalf of Miami-Dade County, may change the terms of this Commitment.

Miami-Dade County wishes to thank you for your proposal and the opportunity to provide financing for this development, and we look forward to closing this transaction.

Sincerely,

Miami-Dade County

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

c: Morris Copeland  
Chief Community Services Officer

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency

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Assistant County Attorney

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** April 20, 2021

**FROM:**   
Gen Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 8(K)(2)

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 8(K)(2)  
4-20-21

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ R-296-21

RESOLUTION APPROVING, PURSUANT TO SECTION 17-02 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY, A LOAN OF UP TO \$300,000.00 OF DOCUMENTARY STAMP SURTAX FUNDS TO HTG PARADISE, LLC OR RELATED ENTITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MAX'S LANDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A CONDITIONAL LOAN COMMITMENT AND STANDARD SHELL CONTRACTS, STANDARD SHELL DOCUMENTS, AMENDMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS OR AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO SUBORDINATE OR MODIFY THE TERMS OF CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AMENDMENTS AND LOAN DOCUMENTS, AND TO EXERCISE THE TERMINATION, WAIVER, ACCELERATION AND OTHER PROVISIONS

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that:

**Section 1.** This Board ratifies and adopts the matters set forth in the above recital and the accompanying justification memorandum as if fully set forth herein.

**Section 2.** This Board authorizes, pursuant to the provisions of section 17-02 of the Code of Miami Dade County, a loan in the amount of \$300,000.00 of Documentary Stamp Surtax funds to HTG Paradise, LLC or related entity for the development of Max's Landing, which is a 76-unit new, garden-style affordable housing development located at 8905 SW 169<sup>th</sup> Court, in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, Florida.

**Section 3.** This Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to execute conditional loan commitments in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, standard shell contracts, standard shell loan documents, amendments and other agreements necessary to fulfill the purposes of this resolution.

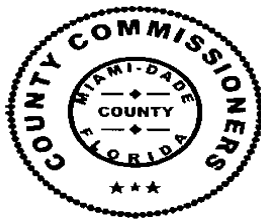
**Section 4.** This Board further authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee, upon a determination that such actions are in the best interest of the County, to subordinate and/or modify the terms of contracts, agreements, amendments and loan documents so long as such modifications are approved by the County Attorney’s Office and are not substantially inconsistent with this resolution and to exercise the termination, waiver, acceleration, or other provisions set forth therein.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** ,  
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins**

and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

|                                       |            |                        |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman            | <b>aye</b> |                        |            |
| Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman | <b>aye</b> |                        |            |
| Sen. René García                      | <b>aye</b> | Keon Hardemon          | <b>aye</b> |
| Sally A. Heyman                       | <b>aye</b> | Danielle Cohen Higgins | <b>aye</b> |
| Eileen Higgins                        | <b>aye</b> | Joe A. Martinez        | <b>aye</b> |
| Kionne L. McGhee                      | <b>aye</b> | Jean Monestime         | <b>aye</b> |
| Raquel A. Regalado                    | <b>aye</b> | Rebeca Sosa            | <b>aye</b> |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto                  | <b>aye</b> |                        |            |

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

**Melissa Adames**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "SDW", is written over a horizontal line.

Shannon D. Summerset-Williams