GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES April 4, 2005

- 1. Attendance See Attendance Sheet attachment.
- 2. Review and Acceptance of March 7, 2005 meeting minutes.

ACTION: Mr. Frank DelVecchio motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Deede Weithorn. The motion passed.

3. Contingency Report

Mr. Jorge Chartrand, Acting Director of the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Office, informed the Committee that no new items were approved since the last report given during the March Committee meeting.

4. Project Status Report

(A) Fire Station No. 2

Mr. Mauro Burgio, Senior Project Coordinator for the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Office, informed the Committee that the Contractor is still preparing the site for Fire Station No. 2, including the temporary parking lot, which is almost complete, and the fencing around it that is 90% complete. A major component that is taking place right now is the piling foundation work, which the contractor ran into a problem with because of a conflict with the foundation of the existing building. Plans had to be revised, piling locations have to change a little and the foundation as it was designed for the building has to be modified to account for the existing foundation that could not be seen during design. After revising the plans and getting them permitted, the revised plans are now approved and next week the piling contractor should be back on site. No significant impact on the schedule is anticipated.

Mayor David Dermer asked if there would be an impact on cost. Mr. Burgio stated that there would be no impact on cost. Mr. Chartrand stated that this is a Construction Manager at Risk project which included taking into account possible unforeseen conditions underground.

(B) Fire Station No. 4

Ms. Alex Rolandelli, Senior Capital Projects Coordinator for the project, informed the Committee that final activity on the seawall is taking place.

Work should be completed in the next 2 weeks and all the documents including the relocation of existing planting and certifications should be complete in about 30 days. That portion of the work will be closed out. There were some issues as to the construction of the stem walls in the building not installed according to drawings. The architect and contractor worked diligently to resolve the issues, which are now complete. The construction schedule has been submitted as requested at the last meeting. However, since then a recovery plan has been received from the contractor which reduces the additional time on the schedule to 31 days, which may be shortened because the civil work has already been completed and is going faster than originally planned.

Mayor David Dermer asked what was the estimated time of completion. Ms. Rolandelli stated that the completion date was currently estimated at February of 2006.

(C) Normandy Isle Park and Pool

Ms. Rolandelli, Senior Capital Projects Coordinator for the project, informed the Committee that the Capital Improvement Projects Office has been working with a consultant for the Surety Company providing all documentation for them to issue an Invitation to Bid to complete the pool portion of the project. The invitation has not yet been issued, and is in the process of being prepared. On the park portion of the project, pricing has been received for site grading, drainage irrigation and installation of the electrical conduits from a JOC contractor. A notice to proceed with the site grading and demolition of the existing basketball court has been signed. The CIP Office is looking for the contractor to mobilize within the week to do site work.

Mr. Rotbart asked if the bond company had come up with any estimate to complete the work at the pool. Mr. Chartrand stated that the bonding company has an obligation to finish the project with the money that is left in the budget, and anything that exceeds that would be the responsibility of the bonding company. There have been discussions between CIP and the Surety Company. However, the performance bond obligates them to complete the project. The Surety Company is hoping to bring the project price to a reasonable cost by using a competitive pricing process with their contractors.

Mr. Rotbart asked if there is an estimated start date for construction. Ms. Rolandelli stated that an Invitation to Bid has not been issued, but all the required documentation has been provided and the Invitation to Bid document needs to be prepared. Mr. Chartrand stated that the Surety Company had some questions regarding documents, which response to have been submitted by The Corridino Group, the consultant on the

project. The Surety Company should now be able to go ahead with the Invitation to Bid.

Mr. Scott Needleman asked if CIP felt the Surety Company was trying to prolong the Invitation to Bid process. Mr. Chartrand stated that the Surety Company has been fairly cooperative by comparison to others, and have been active in working with the City to get issues resolved.

(D) Dade Boulevard

Mr. Fred Beckmann, Director of Public Works, informed the Committee that the condition of the Dade Boulevard Bridge, which heads into the Venetian Causeway, has been inspected, and that the portion of the bridge in question belongs to the County. The County has been informed of the sidewalk conditions, which have cracks in them and holes, some of which have been patched with black top. If the County can not repair the problem now, the possibility of repairing them when the County's Venetian Causeway project starts will be an option. There is also a guard rail that was hit by a vehicle a few weeks ago that is now rusting and on it side. This is more of a safety issue, and the County has been informed of it. If the County does not respond, the City will take over and make sure the guard rail gets repaired.

Mayor Dermer asked if when we take over these projects, is the County then billed for the work that has been done. Mr. Beckmann stated that the County does get billed if the City does the work itself. Mayor Dermer asked if the sidewalks that were mentioned earlier were the County's responsibility. Mr. Beckmann stated that it is a County roadway, therefore, making sidewalk replacement their responsibility.

Mr. Rotbart asked about barriers that had not been replaced between Dade Boulevard and Washington Avenue. Mr. Beckmann stated that to his knowledge those barriers had been replaced; however, he would obtain clarification of that.

Ms. Amy Rabin asked about a photograph of an exposed water pipe. Mr. Beckmann stated that it was an abandoned pipe and as seawall replacement is being done, the issue of the pipe hopefully will be handled at that time. Until then Public Works has been asked to put soil material there to cover the pipe.

(E) Alton Road and Chase Avenue

Mr. Beckmann informed the Committee that this was a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) project on Alton Road from Michigan Avenue to

63rd Street. The primary concern was at Chase Avenue where there were some issues with signs. As of now all of the signs have been installed, with the exception of the signs going northbound that have incorrect wording. Those signs will be replaced by FDOT.

Ms. Sherri Krassner asked if there was supposed to be different kind of signage displayed coming southbound off of the Causeway. She asked if there was supposed to be a sign at the sidewalk. Mr. Beckmann stated that the signs right now are located on the traffic mast arm, but he will gain clarification into whether or not a sign was to be located at the sidewalk.

5. Informational Items

A) <u>Updated Calendar of Scheduled Community Meetings</u>

The updated Calendar of Scheduled Community Meetings was presented, but not reviewed during the meeting.

B) <u>Committee Appointments</u>

Mayor Dermer advised the Committee of recent changes to the Committee membership.

C) Formation of Sub-Committee to assist with Public Outreach Efforts

Ms. Rabin, Ms. Weithorn, Mr. DelVecchio and Mr. Rotbart are interested in joining the Sub-Committee.

Mr. Frank DelVecchio recounted a series of reports regarding the City's capital projects sequencing plan and funding challenges. He suggested that these reports be updated to assist the Committee in addressing neighborhoods in the Committee's expanded role. Mr. Chartrand advised the Committee that the Administration has prepared a presentation for the April 8, 2005 Finance and Citywide Projects Committee Meeting to discuss schedules, funding, processes and future expectations. This will also be brought to the Committee after that meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

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