



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM NO. _____

TO: Mayor Neisen O. Kasdin and
Members of the City Commission

DATE: June 6, 2001

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

**SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MAY 14, 2001**

The G.O. Bond Oversight Committee met on May 14, 2001. At the meeting, the Committee considered the following issues.

FIRE STATION NO. 4

The G.O. Bond Committee accepted the status report on Fire Station No. 4. The Committee determined that action was not necessary at this time for the following reasons.

The same informational report is being submitted to the City Commission and there is no recommendation for action.

Commissioner David Dermer entered into the record a letter from Mitch Novick, H.P.B. Representative regarding Fire Station No. 4. Mr. Novick urged the Committee members to take all necessary steps towards the restoration and preservation of Fire Station No. 4 which is representative of the architectural and cultural history of Miami Beach.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS VOTING RIGHTS AND NEW MEMBERS

The G.O. Bond Committee recommends that the City Commission amend the governing ordinance so that all G. O Bond Committee members can be voting members.

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

The Committee discussed the Normandy Shores Golf Course and was informed that construction will not begin for another year and a half (after Bayshore Golf Course is finished). Also discussed was the front-end documents for the URS contract. The contract should go before the City Commission in June.

AGENDA ITEM _____

The status of the Altos Del Mar project is that it is on hold pending transfer of Title. Apparently the City has a long-term lease on the park and the State will not transfer the Deed until a certain number of lots have been sold. Commissioner David Dermer advised that he is concerned that the referendum vote that was passed previously should be honored and plans to place the item on the Commission Agenda.

The issue of shade trees was raised and discussed. Staff provided a brief status report on the issue, as follows.

The City recently adopted a tree ordinance (12/2000) but the County failed to relinquish permitting authority to the City because it was not strong enough. The City is now revising the ordinance. The revised ordinance should be presented in July 2001 for consideration and will give the City the ability to require certain trees and review plans for trees. The Master Plan is also going to be revised to give more emphasis on native and shade trees.

HAZEN AND SAWYER UPDATE

Hazen and Sawyer finished the program work plan and submitted to the City staff a program schedule and prioritization is on going. Hazen and Sawyer has developed front-end documents, scope of services with A/E consultants and finalized negotiations with the six (6) consultants. Charlie Carreño presented the Streetscape status report included in the packet.

Committee members advised that certain portions of areas referred to in A/E documents as Biscayne Point should be changed to Biscayne Beach. The Committee also discussed three (3) issues for which early warning should be received: (1) severe under funding of projects (2) competency of contractors, and (3) City deficiencies in management capacity.

MATCHING FUNDS FOR STREETScape PROJECTS

Mark Alvarez reported on matching funds for the Streetscape Projects Report and on related FDOT Streetscape Projects. He explained the percentages, which have been represented as matching funds where funds are still required to obtain full project funding amount. Commissioner Dermer stated that it is a problem on several projects in the City.

Larry Herrup requested that the information be disseminated in a timely manner to all affected neighborhood groups in advance of any meeting being held.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR DESIGN SERVICES WITH COASTAL SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL FOR THE NORTH BEACH RECREATIONAL CORRIDOR

The Committee recommended that the City Commission appropriate funding for design services with Coastal Systems International for the North Beach Recreational Corridor.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THIRD LANE FOR SUNSET ISLAND

The Committee recommended that the City Commission approve \$85,000 for Sunset I and II improvements, of this, \$50,000 is for street improvements and \$35,000 is for landscaping. A stipulation was added that no money be borrowed from other neighborhoods for this purpose.

CHANGE ORDER - FLAMINGO POOL

URS explained that the construction sequence was changed and the information was left out during the process. There is no additional cost associated with the change order.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS REPORT

Mark Alvarez presented the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Report covering from 2001-2006. Robert Middaugh spoke about the CIP office and staff. A chart was handed out explaining the layout as far as number of employees, location, and monies to fund and a schedule on how it will be operating.

The G.O. Bond Committee thanks Matthew Schwartz for his role in the GO Bond process and he will be greatly missed.

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