

G.O. BOND PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
APRIL 2, 2001
MEETING MINUTES

1. **Attendance** - See Attendance Sheet attachment.
2. **Review and Acceptance of March 5, 2001 meeting minutes.**

ACTION: A motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2000 Committee meeting was made by Frank Del Vecchio. Marty Hyman seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved. (01-0402-1)

3. Progress Status Report

Matthew Schwartz, Floyd Jordan and Kevin Smith reviewed the progress of neighborhood projects, fire facilities and equipment, and park projects.

Matthew Schwartz reviewed the procedure for approving funding for projects. He stated that it is necessary for the G.O. Bond Oversight Committee to recommend full appropriations for projects in order to move projects along. At each meeting, the Committee has the opportunity to review projects and how the funding is being spent.

Mr. Schwartz introduced Michael Nardone and Todd Osborn from URS/Kreitzberg whose firm has been selected to perform program management services for parks and facilities. The City is in the process of negotiating their contract and will report back to the G.O. Bond Oversight Committee at its May 7, 2001 meeting. Mr. Schwartz explained that the City will enter into a fast track contract with the company to provide immediate program management services for Flamingo Pool and Scott Rakow Youth Center since these projects are scheduled to begin construction in April, 2001.

Floyd Jordan, Fire Chief, reported that 2 new fire trucks will arrive by next week and 2 aerial trucks will be delivered in May. He requested authorization to purchase two thermal cameras

ACTION: Marty Hyman made a motion to recommend expenditure of \$40,000 for the purchase and delivery of two hand held Thermal Imaging Cameras as identified in the Fire Apparatus Replacement Project in the General Obligation Bond Program list. Leonard Wien seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. (01-0402-2)

Chief Jordan discussed Fire Station #4. The Phase II structural load test will be completed soon. After the load test is completed the City will analyze the results and determine whether the structure should be demolished or renovated. It was suggested that the report and recommendations should be presented to the Historic Preservation Board for review.

DISCUSSION:

Frank Del Vecchio questioned why the Administration had not informed the Committee about the decision to retain the current number of parking spaces in South Pointe Park. The G.O. Bond

Oversight Committee had recommended to the Commission to keep the total number of spaces in the park to the current number of 215 including 34 new spaces that would become available from the Washington Avenue extension project. Mr. Schwartz explained that this issue had been reviewed by the Parking and Transportation Committee and the Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Committee. These Committees did not concur with the G.O. Bond Oversight Committee's recommendation.

Marty Hyman emphasized his concern about the lack of adequate City staffing to undertake a large capital programs project. He stressed the importance of creating a Capital Projects Office.

Mike Brazlavsky expressed concern regarding the safety of North Beach residents while Fire Station #4 personnel is relocated. Chief Jordan assured the Committee they only had notice one day in advance to vacate the Fire Station and that the staff was relocated to Fire Station #3 for one night. Subsequently, the City placed a RV vehicle at Fire Station #4 to accommodate the emergency response unit. The City is in the process of installing trailers on the site to accommodate Rescue #4 and Engine #4 personnel.

Mayra Diaz Buttacavoli discussed the 10th Street Auditorium project. After public meetings and discussion with the City Manager, the City is proceeding with negotiating a contract with STA to undertake a comprehensive study of the auditorium, its uses and needs.

William Donahue stated that the funding available is for two facilities, the Auditorium and the Beach Patrol Headquarters.

4. Report from Hazen and Sawyer

Bert Vidal, Project Manager from Hazen and Sawyer, reviewed current activities including revisions to front end documents, creation of project prioritization schedule, contractibility review of Washington Avenue streetscape and development of standard specifications.

Mr. Vidal outlined possible incentives and disincentives to be included in contracts with contractors.

DISCUSSION:

Frank Del Vecchio asked for clarification regarding which consultant will design the streetscape for Alton Road since Alton Road is a boundary between two neighborhoods. Matthew Schwartz explained that neither consultant will work on Alton Road because it is a State road and there is a separate consultant hired by the State designing those improvements. The City' consultants will be tasked with coordinating with the State consultant.

5. Recommendation to Appropriate Funds for Washington Avenue Improvements

The Washington Avenue improvements project was discussed. The Administration requested up to \$444,000 of G.O. Bond funds from the Flamingo/Lummus neighborhoods be used for Washington Avenue project. The project budget had risen due to increase in the level of service for drainage.

DISCUSSION:

Jeffrey Bechtel, representing the Washington Avenue Task Force, expressed concern regarding the impact of increased level of drainage. The Washington Avenue Task Force does not have a position on the issue at this time and requested more information.

Frank Del Vecchio stated that the higher level of service for drainage had increased the budget by 15%. The City may experience more increases in streetscape budgets in order to design to higher standards. He believes that the Flamingo/Lummas neighborhood G.O. Bond allocation was written broadly enough to include Washington Avenue. He recommended that the City look at other funding sources, particularly the RDA, for this project.

ACTION: Frank Del Vecchio made a motion to accept the Administration's request and to recommend allocation of up to \$444,000 of G.O. Bond funds from the Flamingo/Lummas neighborhood for the Washington Avenue streetscape project. Leonard Wien seconded the motion. Francois Le Jeune, Frank Del Vecchio and Leonard Wien voted in favor. Michael Rotbart, Marty Hyman and Commissioner Dermer voted against the motion. The motion failed.

6. Review of Scopes of Work/Sample Contract and Recommendation to Appropriate Funding for Architectural and Engineering Firms for Group I and II Streetscapes (Oceanfront, Islands, Bayshore, Normandy Shores, Nautilus, Normandy Isle and West Avenue/Bay Road)

Frank Del Vecchio recommended that in the standard contract for architectural and engineering services that a clause be added regarding continuity of program manager.

ACTION: Francois Le Jeune made a motion to recommend appropriation for architectural and engineering services for Group I and Group II streetscapes not-to exceed the following amount: \$255,981 for Oceanfront, \$36,049 for Islands, \$291,309 for Bayshore, \$204,220 for Normandy Shores, \$291,610 for Nautilus, \$303,668 for Normandy Isle and \$132,932 for West Avenue/Bay Road. Leonard Wien seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. (01-0402-3)

7. Recommendation to Appropriate Funds for La Gorce Island Improvements.

ACTION: Michael Rotbart made a motion to recommend to appropriate \$200,000 from G.O. Bond Fund 373, for landscape and lighting improvements on La Gorce Island, as identified as La Gorce Island Enhancements in the General Obligation Bond neighborhood Program list. Francois le Jeune seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. (01-0402-4)

Recommendation to Appropriate \$175,000 from Street End Project for Replacement of Restroom at 29th Street.

ACTION: Frank Del Vecchio made a motion to recommend to the City Commission to appropriate \$175,000 from the G.O. Bond Series 2000 funds for the replacement of the beachfront restroom facility at 29th Street. Leonard Wien seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, (01-0402-5)

9. Indian Creek Greenway Presentation

William Cary from the Planning Department presented an overview of the Indian Creek Greenway project.

10. Amendment to the Cone of Silence Ordinance

Raul Aguila, First Assistant City Attorney, discussed the amendment to the Cone of Silence Ordinance. The amendment extends the Cone of Silence to include members of evaluation committees. The City Commission did not extend the ordinance to include the G.O. Bond Oversight Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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