



# MIAMI BEACH

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## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: November 5, 2008

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING ON OCTOBER 6, 2008**

The Capital Improvement Projects Oversight Committee ("Committee") met on October 6, 2008 at 5:30 pm in Commission Chambers.

Two members were not in attendance. See attached attendance sheet.

At the meeting, the Committee considered the following issues:

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m.

Note: Meeting conducted out of order from agenda. Please note times alongside each item.

### SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

#### **SOUTH POINTE MASTER BOOSTER PUMP STATION** 7:40pm

Dwight Kraai presented a written statement based on his investigation of the need for the Master Booster Pump Station at South Pointe. He concluded that there is no immediate need to build the station. **Mr. Kraai** recommends an additional study be made into the actual need for this pump station.

#### **SUNSET ISLANDS I & II** 7:28pm

**William Goldsmith**, 1820 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street, requested a time-date for a RFQ for the A/E for the Sunset Island I & II. He wants to see that the RFQ contains all the elements for needed repairs that he had requested.

**Tim Hemstreet** pointed out that this was brought to the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee on September 16, by Commissioner Tobin. The direction was that the City re-bid for the A/E. Direction from FCWP was also that Mr. Goldsmith, in the capacity of HOA representative over construction issues on Sunset Island I & II, review the RFQ before it is open for bid.

**Mayor Bower** (who took over the meeting from Commissioner Weithorn at 7:15pm) asked for clarification on Mr. Goldsmith's involvement. It was clarified that Mr. Goldsmith is not a lobbyist for this or any firm. He stated that his interest is only that the job is done at commercially reasonable prices. Mr. Goldsmith declared that he did not have to see the RFQ. It was decided that, rather than Mr. Goldsmith review the RFQ, Ms. Kilroy would review the documents.

### STATUS REPORT: NORMANDY SHORES GOLF COURSE

A copy of the LTC on the subject was presented in the agenda packet. The item was also discussed in part within the discussion on the Normandy Shores neighborhood project.

AGENDA ITEM CL A  
DATE: 11-5-08

**ITEM REFERRED TO CIPOC FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 2008 CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

5:43PM

*“DISCUSSION REGARDING THE STATUS OF CIP-RELATED LIGHTING, LANDSCAPING AND SIDEWALKS IN THE 1300–1700 BLOCKS OF MARSEILLE DRIVE AND CALAIS DRIVE”*

**Jorge Chartrand**, CIP Director, announced that CIP had developed a solution in response to the requests of the Normandy Isle North residents that was within budget. The revised plan adds 32 acorn lights to work with existing cobra-head lights, and decorative pavers at some intersections which also provide a measure of traffic calming.

**Daniel Veitia**, 1181 71<sup>st</sup> Street, gave some background information on this issue.

**Lillian Santana**, 1430 Marseille Drive presented a prepared statement.

The changes will be included within the project as a change order.

MOTION: To recommend to the City Commission to approve the revised plan to include the additional 32 acorn lights and pavers at the crosswalks.

MOVED: Stacy Kilroy 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fred Karlton

PASSED: Unanimous (Rick Kendle recused himself)

STAFF ACTION: Bring final revised plan with formal pricing back to Committee. (Mr. Chartrand added that Mr. Veitia will also be kept apprised of the progress as the plans are finalized).

**ADDITIONAL ITEM: 44<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND ROYAL PALM AVENUE DRAINAGE** 5:54PM

**William Goldsmith**, 1820 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street, distributed a copy of a report he concluded on proposed drainage work at 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Royal Palm Avenue. Mr. Goldsmith concluded that the recommendation to upsize outfall pipes in the Nautilus (Orchard Park) project (at a cost mentioned in the recommendation of \$780,000) was unnecessary and too expensive. He brought the information to CIPOC with the request to follow this situation, have the drains cleaned more often and avoid what he considers wasteful spending.

**Fred Beckmann**, Public Works Director presented copies of emails responding to requests from Mr. Goldsmith. There is a record kept of the cleaning, and the area is checked, but there is not necessarily a record of “test” on the line. A GIS map exists showing the record and frequency, plus “hot-spots” where more frequent cleaning is necessary. On the subject of the specific drainage study done at 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Royal Palm Avenue, it was determined that the severe flooding that occurred in May 2007 was the result of a ten-year flood. It was a single event.

The question was then raised as to why nearly \$800,000.00 was allocated to replace the outfall.

**Mr. Chartrand** clarified that the direction in that instance was to do a study on the area based on complaints and requests from residents on that intersection. The proposal was never approved. It was never negotiated or reviewed for value, pricing or accuracy. The proposal, which included an estimated cost of \$780,000.00, was only a quick engineering study with suggestions. It was *never* taken to the City Commission for approval.

STAFF ACTION: Upon formation of a relevant sub-committee on this matter, Public Works will provide the GIS maps that demonstrate the maintenance.

**MOTION ON FORMATION OF SUB-COMMITTEE:**

Formation of subcommittee to address flooding issues throughout the City and a comprehensive plan to address them, including technical evaluation of areas outside of priority basins. This sub-committee will review current criteria and procedures and will make recommendations for improvements.

MOVED: Israel Magrisso 2<sup>nd</sup> : Fred Karlton

PASSED: Unanimous

**EMERGENCY ITEM: FLOODING CONDITIONS IN NORMANDY SHORES NEIGHBORHOOD AS RELATED TO CURRENT CONSTRUCTION** 6:39pm

**Erik Schlein**, Normandy Shores HOA President spoke. He sees a sufficient response to the flooding, but the neighborhood sees additional problems. They see that the project is running behind schedule and want assurances that drainage will be the priority.

**Mr. Chartrand** replied that CIP and Public Works have emergency plans in place to avoid a repeat of what has occurred. The project has been re-prioritized and the schedule has been modified to address specific concerns first, such as flooding.

STAFF ACTION: Meet with Normandy Shores HOA to address flooding issues and present timeline. (Meeting scheduled for October 13 at Normandy Pool). Additional meetings are to be held on a monthly basis (where applicable) to update residents.

STAFF ACTION: Send regular communication to residents through the HOA on project progress.

STAFF ACTION: In addition to providing updates to Committee on the Normandy Shores Golf Course, also provide updates on the Normandy Shores Neighborhood project.

NOTE: Commissioner Weithorn handed the gavel to Mayor Matti Bower at 7:15pm

**Jorge Suarez**, 600 South Shore Drive, spoke about his frustration with construction.

**Steven Weiss**, 570 South Shore Drive, spoke about his frustration with construction, and conditions that affected his property.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM

The next meeting of the Capital Improvement Projects Oversight Committee will be held at 5:30 pm, Monday, November 3, 2008.

Attachment

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**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
 ATTENDANCE SHEET**

2008

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Discipline	6/2	7/7	8/4	9/15	10/6	11/3	12/1	
Hon. Deede Weithorn	Chair	Organizational Meeting	P	No August Meeting	P	P			
Erik Agazim	Capital Budget/ Finance/Citizen-at-large		P		P	A			
Elizabeth Camargo	Architect		P		P	P			
Christina Cuervo	Developer/ Citizen-at-Large		P		A	A			
William Goldsmith	Developer		P		N/A				
Fred Karlton	Developer		N/A		p	P			
Rick Kendle	Engineer/ Citizen-at-Large		P		p	P			
Stacey Kilroy	Construction/ General Contractor		P		P	P			
Dwight Kraai	Engineer		P		P	P			
Israel Magrisso	Citizen-at-Large/Engineer		P		P	P			

X = PRESENT      A = ABSENT