



## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez

DATE: October 11, 2006

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF THE JOINT FINANCE AND CITYWIDE PROJECTS COMMITTEE AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2006.**

### **JOINT ITEM**

- 1. Discussion regarding the Capital Budget for FY 2006/2007 and Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2007-2011.**

### **ACTION**

The Committee members endorsed the City of Miami Beach Fiscal Year 2006/07 Capital Budget and the 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Plan and asked that it be moved to the full Commission for final approval on September 21, 2006.

Budget and Performance Improvement Director Kathie Brooks presented the item outlining the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2006/07 Capital Budget and the FY 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Plan.

Commissioner Mattie Bower discussed at length various issues pertaining to Flamingo Park and Pool as it related to the residents in that Community. The major concern from the citizens in that community is the amount of projects that are being subject to master planning. The citizens feel that this is a lengthy process and some projects could be completed before the master plan is established.

Capital Improvement Project Director Jorge Chartrand explained that the projects in Flamingo Park and Pool area are not subject to Master Planning, but instead they are undergoing analysis for phasing out the projects. The City has hired a professional firm that can better assist to determine which phases of this area should be addressed first and in which order they should proceed in order to maximize economies of scale.

The Committee then directed the City Manager Jorge Gonzalez to see which components of the park could be phased in quickly to get the project started.

Chairman Saul Gross had several questions and concerns as it relates to specific projects in the capital budget among others he questioned the allocation of funding of \$110,000 for Natural Baskets for Arthur Godfrey Road; he felt this allocation of funds was a little extravagant. He also commented on the \$400,000 for Up-lighting of 5<sup>th</sup> Street (Lenox Ave. to Ocean Drive).

City Manager Jorge Gonzalez explained that through various meetings held in the community, especially those as it relates to the South Pointe community, the residents were very adamant about beautification in this area. He pointed out that the residents in this area are very involved in the community and the various meetings held appeared to be a good sample of the population. He further explained that these projects are being funded with Quality of Life Funds which has specific requirements for its allocation. He went on to further explain that these projects fall within the scope of Quality of Life Funding.

Chairman Saul Gross had many other questions, as it related to various other projects such as WiFi, Wayfinding, the Pier, Little Stage Theater, renovation of restrooms at Flamingo Park and Pool, etc, even the status of new hires for the CIP Department. His main concern was that there was enough money in the operational budget to maintain our streets and sidewalks. Furthermore, he commended budget, finance, and all other participating committees that contributed to the great work done on the Proposed 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Plan & FY 2006/07 Capital Budget Book, and suggested that for next year he would like to see time schedules for these projects added to the Capital Budget Book.

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