



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 336-2008

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti H. Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: December 26, 2008

SUBJECT: Appointment of Interim CIP Director and Interim Public Works Director

RECEIVED
2008 DEC 26 PM 5:00
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

The purpose of this LTC is to advise you of some key temporary assignments I have made in the Administration in order to ensure the effective and efficient operation of the CIP Department upon the retirement of Jorge E. Chartrand.

As you know, Jorge E. Chartrand is retiring effective December 26, 2008. I want to take this opportunity to thank Jorge for his contributions to the City of Miami Beach and the CIP Department over the last 12 years. I, along with the rest of my team, wish Jorge the best in his retirement.

I have appointed Fred Beckmann, Public Works Director, as Interim CIP Director effective immediately. As Public Works Director, Fred has been directly involved in the right-of-way program for many years and is very familiar with our CIP program and processes. In addition, the Public Works Department and the CIP Department will continue to work closely as we move forward with our capital program. Therefore, I am confident that Fred is best suited to ensure continued progress on our capital improvement efforts. We are actively engaged in an extensive recruitment process to select our a new CIP Director. I expect this process to take a few more months. Fred is expected to remain in this new capacity through the duration of our recruitment efforts.

To provide leadership in the Public Works Department while Fred is assigned to CIP, I am assigning Assistant City Manager Robert C. Middaugh as the Interim Public Works Director. For several years, Bob had been the Assistant City Manager supervising the Public Works Department. In order to ensure that we continue to provide proper customer service from our accredited Public Works Department, Bob has been assigned to work directly in the department. I am sure that under Bob's guidance the Public Works Department will continue to provide the excellent customer service we are accustomed to.

During this Interim period, Assistant City Managers Tim Hemstreet and Hilda Fernandez and I will absorb Bob's other departmental assignments. Specifically, Tim will be responsible for the Parking Department, Hilda will be responsible for the Parks Department and I will again assume responsibility for the Police and Fire Departments.

While temporary in nature, I am sure that these assignments will allow us to continue to perform our duties and deliver the best quality services to our residents, businesses and visitors.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to let me know.

C: Executive Staff
Management Team

JMG/DM