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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager 

DATE: January 28, 2009

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING ON DECEMBER 1, 2008**

The Capital Improvement Projects Oversight Committee ("Committee") met on December 1, 2008 at 5:30pm in Commission Chambers.

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m.

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

At the meeting, the Committee considered the following issues:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Taken according to agenda item, no additional items heard.

OLD BUSINESS

44th Street and Royal Palm Avenue Drainage (6:22pm)
 Mr. William Goldsmith, 1820 West 25th Street, presented his proposed plan to address flooding conditions at 44th Street and Royal Palm Avenue.

Mr. Jeff Gale, 4360 Royal Palm Avenue, stated that he has lived at his address since 1992 and the flooding problem has been consistent since then.

Fred Karlton asked if the information that Mr. Goldsmith provided was useful and could further generate new direction to solve the flooding issues on 44th Street and Royal Palm Avenue.

Jorge Chartrand, CIP Director, responded that the material presented could be useful as a starting point, but further investigation and engineering would have to be done to complete the project. The aerial photograph with the overlay would be considered a planning document. It could not be considered an engineering document from which pricing could be determined.

Sunset Islands I & II (5:39pm)
 Mr. Goldsmith presented a memo he prepared dated December 1, 2008, which he said addressed two issues: The RFQ and the design-build proposal that Mr. Goldsmith himself secured for approximately \$3,700,000, which he called an "all-in" proposal.

The RFQ was approved by City Commission and scheduled to go to selection as early as January. Mr. Goldsmith asked that he and Elizabeth Camargo serve on the evaluation committee. The request is to be sent to the Manager.

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When Mr. Goldsmith got involved in this project in June, 2008, the budget had been revised, and the current budget for this project is \$4.215 Million. The original budget was \$2.8 Million in construction costs (soft costs additional).

STAFF ACTION: To present data on how much was spent on the Sunset Island I & II ROW project to date and where that money was spent.

Tim Hemstreet was asked to discuss his communication with Mr. Goldsmith on this project and the work that Mr. Goldsmith has done to obtain new pricing for the project. Mr. Hemstreet explained that Mr. Goldsmith had taken the scope of work to an A/E and a contractor and asked them what the value for this work would be, and that is the material that he presented.

A sub-committee has been formed to look at flood mitigation in non-priority basin neighborhoods. This project will be addressed and even looked at as an example for other projects through that sub-committee.

Commissioner Weithorn asked if Mr. Goldsmith is recommending that the RFQ be pulled so that the bid could be re-worked as a design/build project. Once the bids are open, it is too late to rethink it as a design/build project. Right now, the solicitation for engineering services is out. The next step is to go out to bid for a contractor. Mr. Goldsmith replied that he needed to know how any change would affect the timeline. He stated that his goal was to clear the air about what he considers to have been “wrong budgets” presented by the original engineer and to let this be a model for more Miami Beach Islands.

Mr. Hemstreet stated that the City Commission has the final say on pulling the RFQ. He described both the design-bid-build and design-build processes. He opined that following the competitive process is the best way to expedite this project. In order to follow Mr. Goldsmith’s proposal, using the firms he is recommending, the City would have to waive competitive bidding, and Mr. Hemstreet does not recommend waiving competitive bidding. Commissioner Weithorn agreed and stated that “we should have a little faith in the system,” adding that it is the job of the CIP Oversight Committee to take a critical look at how projects are bid and if the City is getting its money’s worth.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

South Pointe Phase II Scope of Work

(6:39pm)

Mr. Goldsmith recommended that the Commission table the bid and discontinue the add alternates on the bid documents. The recommendation was to include all alternates or none. The CIPOC is to take a closer look at proposals in the future.

After some deliberation, it was decided that the topic be brought up at the December 8, 2008 sub-committee meeting on Unit Pricing, for any further recommendations to Commission.

MOTION: To discuss the topic of the South Pointe Phase II project bid at the December 8, 2008 sub-committee meeting and send a recommendation to the Commission.

MOVED: Fred Karlton

2nd: Erik Agazim

PASSED

NOTE: *Although this was discussed at the sub-committee meeting on 12/8, no recommendation was sent to Commission on this item.*

**SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS
South Pointe Master Booster Pump Station
DEFERRED**

Stillwater Drive

The meeting was successful. New material for the swales has been presented for consideration as the swales will be used primarily for parking.

STAFF ACTION: When a material for placement in the swales is chosen, present it to the Stillwater sub-committee.

PUBLIC WORKS PRESENTATION ON STORM DRAIN MAINTENANCE 7:27pm

FLAMINGO NEIGHBORHOOD ROW OVERSIGHT AND FORMATION OF SUB-COMMITTEE 7:36pm

CIPOC is to look at developing a plan of how to handle this project. The goal is to make the project a model for other projects. The new subcommittee will address all the issues facing a project of this size. There are several geographic issues with which to deal, including Flamingo Park access and the only fire station for South Beach. There will be an introductory meeting December 16th in the CIP Conference room at 4:00pm.

Jack Johnson, 831 10th Street, of the Flamingo Neighborhood Association spoke about the project. Mr. Johnson indicated that flooding in the Flamingo neighborhood has gotten worse, not just with rain events, but also with the occurrence of high tides.

REPORT ON INSTALLATION OF PUMP STATIONS IN NAUTILUS NEIGHBORHOOD 7:53pm

CIP and Public Works met with the resident affected by the location of the drainage pump station. The electrical panel will be placed across the street.

STATUS REPORT: NORMANDY SHORES GOLF COURSE

A written report was included in agenda packet. All three areas of drainage issues have been successfully addressed.

ITEM CLOSED

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: NORMANDY SHORES NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 6:58pm

An HOA meeting held November 24, 2008, went very well. The residents have noted that they are seeing significant improvement.

David Alschuler, 955 South Shore Drive, brought photos to show the elevation variance of the swale, valley gutter and pavement. It was explained that these conditions will be remedied when the sod is placed and the final lift of asphalt is done. The contractor is placing barricades and tape to caution residents of the elevation variance.

Alfredo Rey, 610 South Shore, said he has seen that the work is accelerated, but now worries that there is a “rush to finish” which will result in a lack of quality work. The Committee assured him that this is not the case.

Written report included in agenda packet.

DISCUSSION: STANDING DATES FOR SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS 6:54pm

The Sub-committees are now broken down into three categories:

- Structural (issues of process, procedures and methods, changing contracts, etc.)
- In-depth Neighborhood or Project Review (Looking closely at issues pertaining to specific neighborhood projects as they come up)
- Pilot Project Program (Flamingo Neighborhood ROW)

The sub-committee meetings are now pre-scheduled for times and dates, subjects will be determined at regular CIPOC meetings. The sub-committees are scheduled for the 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, alternating times 9:00am and 4:00pm.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2009

MOTION: To accept calendar of regular CIPOC meetings, as included in agenda packet.

MOVED: Fred Karlton 2nd: Erik Agazim

PASSED

STAFF ACTION REPORT

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm

The next meeting of the Capital Improvement Projects Oversight Committee will be held at 5:30pm, Monday, January 12, 2009

**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	P	P
Erik Agazim	Capital Budget/ Finance/Citizen- at-large		P		P	A	P	P
Elizabeth Camargo	Architect		P		P	P	P	
Christina Cuervo	Developer/ Citizen-at-Large		P		A	A	P	P
William Goldsmith	Developer		P		N/A			
Fred Karlton	Developer		N/A		P	P	P	P
Rick Kendle	Engineer/ Citizen-at-Large		P		P	P	P	P
Stacey Kilroy	Construction		P		P	P	P	A
Dwight Kraai	Engineer		P		P	P	P	A
Israel Magrisso	Citizen-at- Large/Engineer		P		P	P	P	P

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