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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 14, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Carlos A. Solis, P.E. Director of Public Works & Engineering
Paul Bartnk, Public Works Manager

THROUGH: George Garrett, City Manager

SUBJECT: Public Works Update

The following is an update of the status of Public Works projects and related issues:

Capital Infrastructure Projects

- **117th Street, 116th Street & 112th Street Bridge Replacement:** The 90% plans are comple and will be submitted to FDOT next week Construction for 117th Street is expected to begin in May, followed by the other two bridges in the summer of 2026.
- **Quay Property Re-Development:** The project is ready to be bid, and will be let this week. We expect to bring the resolution for recommendation of award at the December meeting
- **Sombrero Beach Information/Security:** The Contract has been awarded, and building permit application are being submitted for approval. The Notice To Proceed has been issued. We received the appraisal report for the building cost and it is determined that the cost of the building addition is less than the 50% value of the building, therefore flood proofing of the existing building and new addition will not be necessary, saving the City approximately \$30,000. The finish floor is actually at flood elevation, not below, but the flood proofing would have been required for the two feet of freeboard above flood. .
- **City Hall Modification:** modified plans have been submitted to the building department and the building permit has been issued. The contractor is expected to begin work this week. The first improvement will be the conversion of storge spaces to offices to accommodate the IT director, IPO and additional code staff.

- **Seven Mile Marina Docks:** The project is moving along per schedule, and we are still expecting to be complete by the end of the year..
- **Seven Mile Marina Re-Development:** The project has not been let out to bid yet, but we anticipate to do so before the end of September. We have provided a few comments back to the architect for plan clarification to minimize any changes and ambiguities on the plans. Upon award of the contract, we plan on extending the electric service to the docks first so that they would be fully operational by the time they are completed.
- **92nd Street:** The survey field work is complete, and our consultant has started the design work. We are still seeking additional grant funding to fund as much of the construction cost as possible.
- **Community Park Skate Park:** Construction is well underway, and some of the new skate park features are complete. Construction will continue on the skate park and associated site improvements.
- **Community Park Splash Pad:** The Engineering staff has completed the layout for the future splash pad and new restroom building. We now working at a reduction of the splash pad features to keep the project within the allocated budget..
- **Parks & Rec Maintenance Building:** The metal building has been placed into production, and they are completing the foundation/slab design. We will contract with local contractors to construct the slab. City staff will be relocating utilities in the area and preparing the site for additional savings.
- **US 1 Beautification Project:** The 100% plans have been submitted to FDOT for their approval. We are anticipating putting the project out to bid in December. The project is partially funded by FDOT, and the balance from the tree fund

Upcoming Projects:

- **Sombrero Beach Road Bike Path Improvements:** Staff will begin the selection process for a consultant to prepare plans for the stormwater and bike path improvements at the curve on Sombrero Beach Road. The plan will raise the bike path and add an injection well for discharge of area runoff.

- **Aviation Blvd. Trail Lighting Project:** Our consultant is proceeding with the design of the trail lighting. The project construction is funded by a \$959,400 grant from FDOT. The City had budgeted \$60,000 for the design, based on information from FDOT, and we were able to negotiate the contract for \$31,702. Underground conduits and pull boxes are already installed as part of the trail construction project, which will minimize any impact to the area. The project is slated for construction in the summer of 2027.
- **Oceanfront Pickleball Courts:** Bids were received for the construction of the new Pickleball Courts at Oceanfront Park, and a recommendation is on this agenda for award. We expect construction to begin in December, pending building permits and State approval, and have a 90 calendar day schedule for completion.

General Public Works Issues and updates:

- **Building Plan Review:** The Engineering department has processed 68 permits reviews for Engineering and Utilities, and 81 total inspections for projects requiring engineering and utilities review and inspections in the month of October.

- **Boat Ramp and Beach Parking:** The revenue collected from parking and user fees are as follows.

October Gross Income	\$48,513.00
2025 Gross Income YTD:	\$1,107,100.85

- **Radar Speed Sign:** We have begun installing the permanent speed radar signs. Installation has been completed on Coco Plum Drive and Aviation Dr. In addition, we continue to relocate the portable speed trailer to various areas to help determine where additional permanent signs may be needed.
- **Oceanfront Bike Path Relocation:** We have begun preparations for the installation of the new pickleball courts. To accommodate the courts, a portion of the bike path will be relocated. Public Works crews are currently prepping the area for paving.

- **Invasives Removal:** Public Works staff have begun to remove the invasives encroaching in the dunes at Sombrero Beach. We will be planting additional Sea Oats to fill in the gaps.
- **Coco Plum Beach Shower Replacement:** Public Works staff will begin replacing the current shower and foot wash station at Coco Plum Beach. The existing shower will be removed due to recurring valve issues. The new shower will be identical to the one currently in place at Sombrero Beach. The new shower has been installed.
- **Sombrero Beach Coconut Tree Trimming:** Public Works crews are currently conducting palm tree maintenance, including trimming and coconut removal. This work is performed approximately twice per year to ensure safety and maintain the health and appearance of our trees.