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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 10 10, 2026
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Carlos A. Solis, P.E. Director of Engineering
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 100% plans have been submitted to FDOT, and we expect to have approved bid set By March 31, at which time request for bids on the 117th Street Bridge will be let. FDOT is currently reviewing our bidding contract documents for concurrence. We are slated for construction to begin in June of 2026. We will also be putting out the RFQ for Construction Engineering & Inspection (CEI) services this month and anticipating bringing the ranking of firm to the April Council Meeting. The 116th & 112th bridges are about three months behind the 117th and follow the same sequence.
- **Quay Property Re-Development:** We held our Pre-Construction meeting with our contractor, Mike Haack Excavating, last week. We anticipate the building permit to be issued by the City this week, and are hopeful that the appeal review by the State will be very quick, if needed at all. Construction is estimated to begin as soon as the permit is released. The State requested that we reduce the submerged lease area to the limits of the boat ramp and the kayak launch instead of the entire basin as requested. Our surveyor is currently preparing the legal description and survey for the lease.
- **Sombrero Beach Information/Security:** The project has begun, and we have made a slight revision to the design as the cap rock was not encountered within the first 25 feet as anticipated. The design revision did not increase the cost of the project. The project is expected to be completed by mid-June.

- **City Hall Modification:** Work on the new office is mostly complete, with cosmetics to be completed. Work in the lobby area is progressing, and we have asked the contractor to perform certain work in the weekends to minimize noise and disruption for certain portions of the work. We have set up a station for the receptionist and building permit tech in the foyer to maintain the service to the public as we complete these improvements.
- **Seven Mile Marina Docks:** The Docks are nearly complete. We have requested pricing from our contractor for the completion of the site utilities, water and electric conduit, around the spit to serve the docks. This work was initially slated to be completed with the building remodel, however since we have the contractor on-site, and the desire to provide water service now, will allow the City to lease the docks ahead of the completion of the building remodel. The requested change order is in this month agenda.
- **Seven Mile Marina Re-Development:** We expect to put the project out to bid in the spring and be under construction by summer. The project will renovate the existing building to provide for the permanent reception for Pigeon Key, along with an office for Marina personnel use. We will also have an additional area for lease within the building. In addition to the mentioned uses, we will also provide an area for enclosed lockers for use by the charter boat captains.
- **92nd Street:** The city has reviewed the 30% plans and return them to our consultant with our comments. The design is proceeding. The City is still pursuing grant funding for the construction phase of this project.
- **Community Park Skate Park:** Construction is proceeding as scheduled, and the contract runs through the end of May. The new parking area has been paved with the first layer of asphalt for use during the Seafood Festival. The second and final layer will be laid upon completion of the project to ensure the new asphalt is not damaged by the heavy equipment used for the completion of the project.
- **Community Park Splash Pad:** We are proceeding with the site design to accommodate the splash pad with the site improvements for the Skate Park. The FKEC has identified the location of the underground primary feed serving Phase II of Community Park and is slightly different than the information previously thought. As such, we have made adjustment to the plan to accommodate the primary feed. We are still working with the Skate Park contractor on pricing for the Splash Pad to allow us to begin the project while the skate park is still being built.
- **US 1 Beautification Project:** We are still waiting on the revised agreement with FDOT for the grant installation of the landscaping in the FDOT R/W. As soon as we have the agreement in hand, the project will go out to bid.

- **Boat Ramp Dock Repairs:** We have received the permits from the ACOE and FDEP and have submitted the project for permitting with the City. We expect to begin the work on 33rd Street within the week, and will move to the Quay when that work is completed. All plans and permitting processing were performed in-house.
- **Community Park Soccer Fields Re-Sodding:** We have received three bids for the Soccer Field re-sodding. Instead of the typical Invitation To Bid, which is awarded strictly on cost, the project was bid as a Request For Proposal, allowing the City to evaluate the contractors on factors other than cost, though the pricing has a larger point basis. In this case the low bidder still showed sufficient quality, staffing and references to be awarded the contract. There is an agenda statement in the agenda for recommendation of award of the contract. We are scheduled to begin the work on April 3rd.
- **Sombrero Beach Road Bike Path Improvements:** We have negotiated a contract for the design of the improvements and have it on this agenda for recommendation of approval. Since the design is the City's match contribution for the project, we do not have to follow the extreme criteria from FDOT for selection of a consultant and used one of our continuous service providers under contract, saving time and money. Funding for the construction portion of the project is set for FDOT's fiscal year 2028, which begins July 1, 2027. We anticipate having all approvals in hand and the project being let to bid in the Spring of 2027 to start in July of that year.
- **Aviation Blvd. Trail Lighting Project:** We are proceeding with the design of the project and have 30% plans ready to submit to FDOT. On the recommendation of our consultant, we are opting to use solar light bollards in lieu of energized light bollards. The use of bollards in this area is both aesthetic pleasing and a better match adjacent to the airport. The path does have underground conduit and pull boxes, however the spacing of this was based on light poles when it was designed over seven years ago. As such the coverage of light using bollards is in sufficient and breaks in the conduit and additional pull boxes would be required impacting the path. The solar bollards will actually be installed at a lower cost since we would eliminate 1.5 miles of copper wiring, and three electric service connections, not to mention the energy cost savings in operations. 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. The project is slated for construction in the summer of 2027.
- **Oceanfront Pickleball Courts:** Construction has started on the new Pickleball courts at Oceanfront Park behind City Hall. The project is estimated to be completed by the end of May. With the revisions to the solar lights and other value engineering provided, we estimate all aspects of the work to come approximately \$300,000 under budget.

Upcoming Projects:

- **City Wide Fire Hydrant Project:** Plans, being prepared in-house, are proceeding for approximately 16 new hydrants to be installed throughout the City.
- **Community Park Restroom:** We have issued a design contract for the new restroom to be constructed in the vicinity of the new Skate Pak and Splash Pad. The project is funded by the TDC. We expect to be ready for bid by the end of May, and construction to begin by August.

General updates:

- **Building Plan Review:** The Engineering department has processed 52 permits reviews for Engineering, and 58 total inspections for projects requiring engineering reviews in the month of February.