# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
# DANIA BEACH CITY COMMISSION
# TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Lewellen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

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| Mayor: | Lori Lewellen |
| Vice-Mayor: | Lauren Odman |
| Commissioners: | Chickie Brandimarte |
| | Bill Harris |
| | Tamara James |
| City Manager: | Ana M. Garcia, ICMA-CM |
| City Attorney: | James White |
| City Clerk: | Thomas Schneider |

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lewellen called for a moment of silence after the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

3. Presentations and Special Event Approvals

3.1 Walmart Pharmacy Public Service Announcement presented by A.J. Ubaque, RPh, PharmD - Requested by Commissioner Harris

Mr. Ubaque provided a public service announcement about flu season and encouraged everyone to get the flu vaccine.

3.2 Dania Beach Chamber of Commerce update by Randie Shane

Ms. Shane was unable to attend the meeting.

3.3 Dania Beach Walker's Club Awards

Anthony Ifedi, Athletic Director, described the Walker's Club and presented 2019 Walker of the Year awards to Calvin Williams and Ricky Young.

3.4 Special Event request from Dania Beach Lions Club for their 5th Annual Moonlight Classic Car Show to be held at Frost Park on February 22, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. The applicant is requesting Special Event fee waiver of $150.00,

Port-o-toilets for Frost Park, and BSO Police Escort and Security Details for the event.

Jim Silvernale, President of the Dania Beach Lions Club, gave a brief overview of the event and thanked everyone for their support.

**Commissioner James motioned to approve the Special Event request for the Lions Club Moonlight Classic Car Show, including fee waiver, port-o-toilets and BSO services; seconded by Commissioner Harris. The motion carried unanimously.**

3.5 Special Event request by the City of Dania Beach to have various Martin Luther King, Jr. Day activities throughout the City on January 18 and 20, 2020. The applicant is requesting the following: Special Event fee waiver of $150.00; Port-o-lets for CW Thomas Park; BSO Police Escort Detail for the parade; and BSO Security Detail at C.W. Thomas Park for the festivities.

**Vice-Mayor Odman motioned to approve the Special Event request for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities, including the fee waiver, port-o-lets, and BSO services; seconded by Commissioner Harris. The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Proclamations

4.1 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Commissioner James

Commissioner James read the proclamation for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and presented it to Bobbie Grace, President of the MLK Renaissance Corporation. Ms. Grace described the MLK Day activities planned in the City.

5. Citizen Comments

Craig Valentine, Gangrel's Wrestling Asylum, 1982 Tigertail Boulevard, spoke of the Toy Drive Giveaway held at the Casino and asked for more coverage from the City for their upcoming events.

Steven Jones, 4930 SW 29th Way, spoke about the City's 115th Anniversary celebration and noted none of the old-time black families were invited.

Emmanuel George, 17 NE 2nd Avenue, noted he has been coming here since 2016 and has spoken about establishing an historical society, yet his name is not associated with the historical society that has been set up.

Jackie Centofanti, Treasurer, Meadowbrook Association Phase 5, expressed concerns regarding BSO investigating several board members based on accusations from two other members.

Marge Perry, 5521 SW 44th Terrace, spoke about item 9.2 being on second reading, when the first reading displayed an error in the dwelling units per acre. She noted development in her area causes traffic to cut through 54th Court and 40th Avenue. She is working with Marc LaFerrier, Director of Community Development, but does not know which organization to reach out to for help on the matter.

6. Public Safety Reports

Captain Daniel Marks, BSO Chief of Police, addressed Ms. Centofanti's earlier comments. He spoke about the upcoming Census and being aware Census workers should produce identity, and reported on criminal activity in the City. BSO is meeting with management of hotels regarding the upcoming Superbowl relative to human trafficking and related issues.

Captain Sergio Pellecer, BSO District Fire Chief, reported on fire rescue call statistics.

Mayor Lewellen requested a breakdown of calls for each station.

7. Consent Agenda

Mayor Lewellen noted item #7.5 would be withdrawn from the agenda.

***Items removed from Consent Agenda: #7.4, #7.5 (withdrawn)***

7.1 Minutes:
Approve Minutes of December 10, 2019 City Commission Meeting

7.2 Travel Requests: None

**Resolutions**

7.3 RESOLUTION #2020-001

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS BY VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS FOR SERVICES TO BE PURCHASED FROM PUBLIC UTILITY MANAGEMENT PLANNING SERVICES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 (ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020), THAT EXCEED AN ANNUAL VENDOR TOTAL AMOUNT OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($25,000.00); AUTHORIZING SUCH PURCHASES TO BE MADE WITHIN THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS' APPROVED ANNUAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Public Services)*

7.5 RESOLUTION #2020-003 ***WITHDRAWN***

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CORRADINO GROUP FOR A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION/TRANSIT ANALYSIS UTILIZING THE LEE

COUNTY CONTRACT #160427/ANB C-7770 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($41,000.00), WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING SUCH PURCHASES THAT ARE TO BE MADE WITHIN THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S APPROVED ANNUAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Public Services)*

7.6 RESOLUTION #2020-004

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) FORD F-350 UTILITY BODY TRUCK WITH A CRANE INCLUDED FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE DOLLARS ($64,979.00) FROM PALMETTO FORD TRUCK SALES, INC., WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND WITHOUT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS BY UTILIZING THE PRICING UNDER THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION ("FSA") CONTRACT 19-VEH17.0; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Public Services)*

7.7 RESOLUTION #2020-005

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE THREE (3) FORD F-250 FULL SIZE TRUCKS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO DOLLARS ($103,552.00) FROM BOZARD FORD, WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND WITHOUT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS, BY UTILIZING THE PRICING UNDER THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION ("FSA") CONTRACT 19-VEL27.0; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Public Services)*

7.8 RESOLUTION #2020-006

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO UTILIZE DELL MARKETING LP UNDER THE STATE OF FLORIDA CONTRACT NO. 43211500-WSCA-15-ACS ENDING MARCH 31, 2020 AND TO EXCEED THE CITY'S ANNUAL VENDOR THRESHOLD TOTAL AMOUNT OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($25,000.00) FOR THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING SUCH PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE WITHIN THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS' APPROVED ANNUAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Finance)*

**Commissioner James motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Item #7.4 and #7.5; seconded by Commissioner Harris. The motion carried unanimously.**

7.4 RESOLUTION #2020-002

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPROPRIATION OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($200,000.00) OF UNUSED FUNDS FROM THE OASIS XIV PROJECT FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 TO PROVIDE NEEDED FUNDING FOR A TRANSIT OPERATIONS STUDY FOR THE MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT AND BEACHFRONT PARKING LOT LIGHTING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Public Services)*

Attorney White read the title of Resolution #2020-002.

Commissioner James asked if we are no longer doing the Oasis projects. She noted we do not have numbers for the remaining balance of the $159,000.00 allocation as there is only one amount of $41,000.00 identified. She called on the Commission to explore all opportunities on this.

City Manager Garcia explained we lost thousands of dollars last year because we had lack of ridership on our community bus. We would like to move some of this money to do a transit survey based on the needs of our residents.

Commissioner James said the question is why we are not using these funds for an Oasis project. She does not favor taking away the funding for enhancement of various neighborhoods for this item.

City Manager Garcia noted staff totally supports the Oasis projects, but we have been losing money from the County due to our ridership.

Fernando Rodriguez, Director of Public Services, explained no money was budgeted for lights at the beach or for some unforeseen complications resulting in additional cost of the multimodal project. The allocation may not cover all projects, but it will help. This is funding from an older Oasis project; future Oasis projects will go forward. We would simply be taking money that was setting there from the older Oasis XIV project that the community did not support.

Commissioner James commented she does not want to approve a blank check, and requested more definitive numbers in order for the Commission to decide the priority of projects. She proposed continuing this item until the next meeting.

City Manager Garcia noted the manager of the Quarterdeck called regarding the lack of lighting. Sometimes we may not have planned for something, but issues come to the surface regarding public safety; therefore, staff has a responsibility to bring the matters to the Commission. She added we are going to do a citywide lighting study.

Commissioner James felt the Commission should know the numbers before voting on this.

Commissioner Brandimarte spoke of Oasis projects being in CRA areas to enhance and improve neighborhoods, and even expanding them to a wider net of the City. If there is money left over, she wants it to go back to an Oasis project. She favors lights on the beach and the rest of the money going where it belongs, which is back in the Oasis projects. She is not going to vote on a study over the money going for the residents.

Mayor Lewellen noted the Oasis projects are not just in the CRA; this is not a CRA issue, it is a citywide issue. She said public safety affects everyone and questioned whether this can wait until the next meeting.

City Manager Garcia commented our beach is very dark and dangerous. She does not want to lose money to the County and would like to engage in the transit study. She recommended

setting money aside for a transit study ($50,000.00 from Reserves, perhaps) and Director of Public Services Rodriguez could get a number on the lighting next week.

Mayor Lewellen asked if this item could wait until the next meeting.

City Manager Garcia responded the item would be brought back to the next meeting. Based on the discussion, an appropriation for an Oasis project that everyone is in support of would be left. A number for the transit study and what the cost will be for the lighting would be brought back to the Commission.

**Commissioner James motioned to continue Resolution #2020-002 until the January 28, 2020 City Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Brandimarte. The motion carried on the following 5-0 Roll Call vote:**

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| **Commissioner Brandimarte** | **Yes** | **Vice-Mayor Odman** | **Yes** |
| **Commissioner Harris** | **Yes** | **Mayor Lewellen** | **Yes** |
| **Commissioner James** | **Yes** | | |

8. Bids and Requests for Proposals

8.1 RESOLUTION #2020-007

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A BID RELATED TO INVITATION TO BID ("ITB") NO. 19-009 FOR COMMUNITY BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO LIMOUSINES OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC. IN AN AMOUNT OF FORTY FIVE DOLLARS ($45.00) PER HOUR; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Parks & Recreation)*

Attorney White read the title of Resolution #2020-007.

Eric Brown, Parks & Recreation Director, explained this item is to move forward with our bus service.

**Commissioner James motioned to adopt Resolution #2020-007; seconded by Commissioner Brandimarte. The motion carried on the following 5-0 Roll Call vote:**

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| **Commissioner Brandimarte** | **Yes** | **Vice-Mayor Odman** | **Yes** |
| **Commissioner Harris** | **Yes** | **Mayor Lewellen** | **Yes** |
| **Commissioner James** | **Yes** | | |

9. Public Hearings and Site Plans

9.1 ORDINANCE #2020-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ENTITLED "PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT", ARTICLE IV, ENTITLED POLICEMEN AND

FIREMEN", SECTION 18-42, ENTITLED "BENEFIT AMOUNTS AND ELIGIBILITY" OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AMENDING THE ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 2019-21, LAWS OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(SECOND READING)** *(Police & Fire Pension Administrator)*

Attorney White read the title of Ordinance #2020-001.

Mayor Lewellen opened the Public Hearing. Seeing as there was no one to speak in favor or opposition, she closed the Public Hearing.

**Commissioner James motioned to adopt Ordinance #2020-001, on second reading; seconded by Vice-Mayor Odman. The motion carried on the following 5-0 Roll Call vote:**

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| **Commissioner Brandimarte** | **Yes** | **Vice-Mayor Odman** | **Yes** |
| **Commissioner Harris** | **Yes** | **Mayor Lewellen** | **Yes** |
| **Commissioner James** | **Yes** | | |

9.2 ORDINANCE #2020-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE REQUEST MADE BY LEIGH ROBINSON KERR, ON BEHALF OF BEJL 4200 REAL ESTATE, LLC, TO AMEND CHAPTER 28, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE," OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING PART 2, "SITE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS," ARTICLE 205, "TABULAR SUMMARY OF SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR ALL ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 205-10(B) "PRD-1 AND MULTIPLE-FAMILY DISTRICTS" (TX-155-19) TO AMEND THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED DENSITY IN THE MULTIPLE-FAMILY (25 DU/AC) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (RM-2); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(SECOND READING)** *(Community Development)*

Attorney White read the title of Ordinance #2020-002.

Corinne Lajoie, Planning & Zoning Manager, gave a brief presentation on the text amendment request.

Mayor Lewellen opened the Public Hearing.

Arturo Vives, 5420 SW 44 Avenue, noted proposed developments include closing down 40th Avenue at SW 50 Court, which would shut out those residents from the City. His son is a special needs student and the closure would cause a delay in school transportation. He noted emergency calls have increased in the area.

Michael Paesani, 5510 SW 44 Avenue, requested that the Commission try to put themselves in the residents' shoes. Many people on 44th Terrace have been there a very long time. Most of the homes are one-story or two-story; imagine 60-70 foot buildings next door and now there is talk of closing 40th Avenue, which would cut off access to the neighborhood.

Judy Vastardis, 5510 SW 44 Terrance, expressed opposition to the development proposed for her neighborhood. They had a huge hit from Hard Rock being developed.

Laurie Ann Groover, 5451 SW 44th Avenue, opposed having 40th Avenue closed and having an apartment community (Serenity House). She spoke in opposition to further development in her neighborhood because of traffic issues and suggested a case study be performed before closing off the 40th Avenue side.

Nancy Self, 5531 SW 44 Terrance, spoke in opposition to further development in her neighborhood due to traffic and parking problems. She said they need more no parking signs; they are not sure who they can talk to about posting more signs.

Steve Goldberg, 4010 SW 54 Court, spoke about development traffic issues. He favored the closing of the street and creating a Y shape roundabout as access should be given to the neighborhood. He noted the majority of the opposed residents on the street are all renters, not homeowners.

Aryeh Fraser, 3911 SW 56 Street, noted he views this as progress and you have to come up with solutions. It is a beautiful six-story building and this project may protect the neighborhood from living in the eye of the Hard Rock. He supported the project going forward.

Dennis Mele, Greenspoon Marder, representing the applicant, noted this item is a text amendment and does not approve a development itself being built. He spoke of the Planning & Zoning Board meeting where he heard concerns raised. They are going to have community meetings and he will get with City staff to distribute information. The development items will come to the Commission at the next meeting.

Commissioner James said she spoke to the developer about cutting off the community and putting in a cul-de-sac; the developer told her he would do what the Commission wanted. Her advice to the community is to organize, be involved in the process and be in control of the project.

Vice-Mayor Odman spoke of a previous example of the Sea Oats development project; people finally got involved and they all supported the project. Residents should not walk away from this, but instead stay involved.

Commissioner Harris noted the residents are doing the right thing, being involved and participating in the project, and learning the process. The matter tonight is for a text amendment, allowing the Commission to look into increasing density, and not for approval of a particular project.

Attorney White explained what approval of this item would mean.

Commissioner Harris added this is a process; the residents have to get involved in the process and they may get what they want.

Commissioner Brandimarte suggested the residents take advantage of the developer; if he wants something, they should make sure they get something.

Mayor Lewellen noted the issues where the residents are located have more to do with Hollywood. She encouraged them to work with Attorney Mele; they should take a step back, this is a process, attend the meetings and make sure they get their points across.

City Manager Garcia commented she is concerned about the young lady getting kidnapped; residents should look at the lighting, landscaping, and sidewalks. This is an opportunity to enhance the community as a whole.

Commissioner James noted she would attend the meetings with the residents.

Christine Musial, 5414 SW 44 Terrance, expressed opposition to closing off 40th Avenue and speeders coming out of the garage.

Seeing as there was no one else to speak in favor or opposition, Mayor Lewellen closed the Public Hearing.

**Commissioner Harris motioned to adopt Ordinance #2020-002, on second reading; seconded by Commissioner Brandimarte. The motion carried on the following 5-0 Roll Call vote:**

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| **Commissioner Brandimarte** | **Yes** | **Vice-Mayor Odman** | **Yes** |
| **Commissioner Harris** | **Yes** | **Mayor Lewellen** | **Yes** |
| **Commissioner James** | **Yes** | | |

9.3 ORDINANCE #2020-003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 28, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE," OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING PART 2, "SITE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS," ARTICLE 205, "TABULAR SUMMARY OF SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR ALL ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 205-10(B) "PRD-1 AND MULTIPLE-FAMILY DISTRICTS" TO AMEND THE MINIMUM LOT WIDTH AND DEPTH, MAXIMUM ALLOWED HEIGHT AND COVERAGE PERCENTAGE, AND THE MINIMUM INTERIOR OR SIDE, REAR, AND CORNER SIDE YARDS FOR TOWNHOUSES IN THE RM-1 AND RM-2 DISTRICTS (TX-165-19); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(FIRST READING)** *(Community Development)*

Attorney White read the title of Ordinance #2020-003.

Corinne Lajoie, Planning & Zoning Manager, gave an overview of the text amendment.

Mayor Lewellen opened the Public Hearing. Seeing as there was no one to speak in favor or opposition, she closed the Public Hearing.

**Vice-Mayor Odman motioned to adopt Ordinance #2020-003, on first reading; seconded by Commissioner Harris. The motion carried on the following 5-0 Roll Call vote:**

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| **Commissioner Brandimarte** | **Yes** | **Vice-Mayor Odman** | **Yes** |

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| **Commissioner Harris** | **Yes** | **Mayor Lewellen** | **Yes** |
| **Commissioner James** | **Yes** | | |

9.4 RESOLUTION #2020-008

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SITE PLAN (SP-145-19), VARIANCES (VA-157-19, VA-158-19, VA-159-19, VA-160-19, VA-161-19, and VA-175-19,) AND DESIGN VARIATIONS (OT-172-19, OT-173-19, & OT-174-19) SUBMITTED BY LEIGH ROBINSON KERR & ASSOCIATES, INC., ON BEHALF OF COMERLAT HOSPITALITY 1, LLC FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 321 N. FEDERAL HIGHWAY IN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A," A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Community Development)*

Attorney White read the title of Resolution #2020-008, and advised the item was a quasi-judicial hearing and swore-in those who would speak. He asked the Commission to disclose any communication they had on this matter.

Mayor Lewellen, Vice-Mayor Odman and Commissioner Harris noted they had met with the developer.

Corinne Lajoie, Planning & Zoning Manager, gave a presentation on the site plan, variances, and design variations requests for the Avid Hotel.

Vice-Mayor Odman asked why the trees could not be put along Federal Highway.

Leigh Kerr, representing the applicant, addressed the visibility issues with the trees and noted the entire building front on Federal is in the sight triangle.

Commissioner James asked if there would be a parking garage.

Planning & Zoning Manager Lajoie responded there would be a surface parking lot behind the structure; 13% would be valet parking.

Discussion ensued about using different kinds of trees.

Mr. Kerr described details of the development.

Mayor Lewellen opened the Public Hearing. Seeing as there was no one to speak in favor or opposition, she closed the Public Hearing.

**Vice-Mayor Odman motioned to adopt Resolution #2020-008; seconded by Commissioner Harris. The motion carried on the following 5-0 Roll Call vote:**

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| **Commissioner Brandimarte** | **Yes** | **Vice-Mayor Odman** | **Yes** |
| **Commissioner Harris** | **Yes** | **Mayor Lewellen** | **Yes** |
| **Commissioner James** | **Yes** | | |

10. Discussion and Possible Action

10.1 Infrastructure concerns - Mayor Lewellen

Mayor Lewellen noted she asked for an assessment in writing of where we are with all of our projects in order to get a sense of what we need to do. She distributed a memo to each Commissioner, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these minutes. She noted every part of the City has issues needing to be addressed. In this way, we can determine where we need to go during budget time.

City Manager Garcia noted this gives us an opportunity, whether in Washington, Tallahassee, or Broward County, to move forward with the assessments and master plans, and identifying matching funds in the budget should there be grant opportunities available.

Commissioner James said this was touched upon at the Parks Master Plan Funding workshop.

10.2 Dune restoration - Vice-Mayor Odman

Vice-Mayor Odman displayed pictures of the dunes during the last 10 years. She requested that she be able to work with City staff to meet with FAU about options available to us for dune restoration and bringing them back.

Mayor Lewellen noted dune restoration is included in the memo she distributed.

Vice-Mayor Odman referred to a past solution and bringing forward new innovative ideas to restore the dunes.

Mayor Lewellen noted this was brought up in Tallahassee.

City Manager Garcia noted there was discussion on the matter with Mayor Lewellen and Commissioner Harris during a visit to Tallahassee. Whether restoration is all at once or multi-phased, addressing the areas of greater concern first, with a goal of completing that project, is very important.

Vice-Mayor Odman hopes that Tallahassee works out; she will be going to Washington soon, and she wants to do this now.

City Manager Garcia commented the work is in progress; our goal is to say this is the area of greatest concern, identify the cost, and what it will take to get started.

Commissioner Brandimarte questioned why we are not moving on to the next phase of the beach plan.

Vice-Mayor Odman said there are things that can be done now; we should talk to those oceanographers and start these conversations, focusing on the solutions.

Commissioner James felt a conversation needs to begin, laying the groundwork with people who are subject experts; funding is a different matter.

Commissioner Harris felt we should start the conversation sooner than later.

Mayor Lewellen agreed, but wondered whether the strategic plan would include the dune restoration as well.

City Manager Garcia noted subject matter experts are the key to the best direction moving forward with the proper order. She added all of the Commission's ideas are a prelude to the strategic plan.

10.3 Art in Public Places - Commissioner James

Commissioner James recommended a committee be formed of seven people; two from the CACAB, one each from the Chamber of Commerce, CRA, Community Development, and Parks & Recreation and a Commission appointee.

Vice-Mayor Odman noted it should be a committee with the best people; otherwise, things that the Commission wants to get done may not get done. She suggested finding out what the cities with the best programs have done.

City Manager Garcia said the key is having the right individuals; finding out what other cities, local or national, have done is important.

Mayor Lewellen wanted to make sure people show up for meetings.

Vice-Mayor Odman asked City Manager Garcia to look into three other cities that are in our position regarding what they have done with their program.

City Manager Garcia requested to work with Attorney White on the matter.

Commissioner James wanted some type of recommendation to be brought back to the next meeting in order to solidify the process.

City Manager Garcia noted staff will attempt to do so, but may need more time; the latest would be the first meeting in February.

11. Commission Comments

11.1 Commissioner Brandimarte

Commissioner Brandimarte thanked staff for the curtain at IT Parker.

11.2 Commissioner Harris

Commissioner Harris spoke of the Airbnb bill that came before the legislature, and the increasing number of people moving to South Florida. He noted there will be another meeting of the Part 150 Study on February 5th. Regarding the 1-cent sales tax, the ILA has undergone the sixth or seventh modification; the red flag came up last week in that the County will take most of the tax money.

11.3 Commissioner James

Commissioner James spoke of the entranceway sign that is being installed, as well as the park signs that are part of the rebranding effort. She requested more BSO presence at City parks, particularly at Dania Cove and Chester Byrd.

Commissioner James noted a Sports Clinic would be held on Saturday with former NFL players present; registration is with Dania Pointe.

Commissioner James spoke of the Dania After Dark Superbowl event; current and former NFL players will be there.

Commissioner James wanted the community to be aware of the merging of two schools in our district, Attucks Middle School and Bethune Elementary due to under-enrollment.

11.4 Vice-Mayor Odman

Vice-Mayor Odman spoke of the 115th Anniversary event for the City held last Sunday.

11.5 Mayor Lewellen

Mayor Lewellen noted there is a job fair at Dania Pointe this Saturday for businesses in Dania Pointe. We also need to do a job fair for other businesses in the City.

Mayor Lewellen also spoke of the 115th Anniversary celebration; it did benefit our Historical Society and was advertised.

12. Appointments

12.1 Complete Count Advisory Committee – no appointments

12.2 Creative Arts Council Advisory Board

Mayor Lewellen appointed: Lilli Schipper

12.3 Education Advisory Board – no appointments

12.4 General Employees Pension Board – no appointments

12.5 Green Advisory Board

Mayor Lewellen appointed: Laura Lombardo

**Commissioner James motioned to approve the appointments; seconded by Vice-Mayor Odman. The motion carried unanimously.**

13. Administrative Reports

13.1 City Manager

City Manager Garcia reported on the Parks & Recreation Department's first Holiday Winter Camp's success. She noted our new EMS truck is up and running and saving lives. She asked the Commission to let her know when they are available during the week of January 27th for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the entranceway sign. She also noted staff has been meeting with a multitude of cities in order to move forward with the Parks Master Plan.

13.2 City Attorney

Attorney White had no comments.

13.3 City Clerk - Reminders

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| Tuesday, January 28, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. | City Commission Meeting |
| Tuesday, February 11, 2020 - 5:30 p.m. | CRA Board Meeting |
| Tuesday, February 11, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. | City Commission Meeting |

14. Adjournment

Mayor Lewellen adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

THOMAS SCHNEIDER, CMC
CITY CLERK

CITY OF DANIA BEACH

LORI LEWELLEN
MAYOR

Approved: January 28, 2020

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# REQUEST TO ADDRESS CITY COMMISSION AT REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETINGS

The City is required by state law to keep minutes of City Commission meetings. To properly identify persons who address the City Commission in those minutes, the City requests that this form be completed and provided to the City Clerk, before the meeting begins.

DATE OF COMMISSION MEETING: 1/14, 2026

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ADDRESS: 1982 Tigertail Blvd

PHONE NO. (optional): 954 258 4848

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Upcoming Events

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PRINT NAME: Steven Jones

ADDRESS: 4430 SW 29th way

PHONE NO. (optional): _____

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115 Year Event

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PRINT NAME: Emmanuel George

ADDRESS: 17 NE 2nd ave Dania beach FL 33004

PHONE NO. (optional): _____

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PRINT NAME: Jackie Cernotanti

ADDRESS: 321 SE 3rd St. Dania

PHONE NO. (optional): 954-604-2021

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BSO - Investigation of Association Board Members Meadowbrook Phase V Assoc A

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PRINT NAME: Marge Perry

ADDRESS: 5521 SW 44 Terr Dania Beach

PHONE NO. (optional): 9546495521

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PRINT NAME: ARTURO VIVES

ADDRESS: 5420 SW 44 Ave

PHONE NO. (optional): 954 240 3932

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DATE OF COMMISSION MEETING: JANUARY 14TH, 2020

PRINT NAME: MICHAEL PAESANI

ADDRESS: 5510 SW 44TH TERRACE ; DANIA BEACH 33314

PHONE NO. (optional): 954-805-1069

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PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE SUBJECT MATTER OF YOUR COMMENT:

SERENITY HOUSE PROJECT DOESN'T FIT WITH THE 1 & 2 STORY NEIGHBORHOOD (60-70FT TALL BUILDINGS)

2) X ____ PUBLIC HEARINGS – ITEM # 2 (AS PRINTED ON AGENDA)

(SERENITY) 2020-002

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PRINT NAME: JUDY C. VASTARDIS

ADDRESS: 5510 SW 44th TERR, DANIA BCH., FL 33309

PHONE NO. (optional): 954-805-5033

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REZONING OF FORMERLY "SHERIDAN HOUSE" FOR SERENITY CLOSING OF 54th CT. AT 40th AVE. I OPPOSE BOTH

2) ☑ ____ PUBLIC HEARINGS – ITEM # 2 (AS PRINTED ON AGENDA)

2020-002

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PRINT NAME: Laurie Ann Groover

ADDRESS: 5451 SW 44th Ave, Fort Lauderdale/Dania Beach FL

PHONE NO. (optional): 954-993-5276

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PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE SUBJECT MATTER OF YOUR COMMENT:

Do not want to close 40th St. Do not want 6 story building built on 2nd Sheridan House, Serenity oaks property we are not the issue pertaining to traffic on 40th & our streets 54th ct. Building is too large for our area.

2) [X] ____ PUBLIC HEARINGS – ITEM #__2__ (AS PRINTED ON AGENDA)

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PRINT NAME: Nancy Solk

ADDRESS: 5531 SW 44 Terr Dania

PHONE NO. (optional): _____

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# CITY OF DANIA BEACH
# PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Candido Sosa-Cruz, Assistant City Manager

**FROM:** Fernando J. Rodriguez, Public Services Director
Marjorie G. Craig, PE, Deputy Public Services Director

**DATE:** January 13, 2020

**RE:** **City of Dania Beach – Infrastructure Requirements Memo Report – Preliminary Approach and Cost Estimates**

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### Executive Summary

This memo report is intended as a high level look at where the City of Dania Beach (City) is in terms of infrastructure needs, a brief glance at how we got here, and our path looking forward. It focuses on eight infrastructure areas, not the entire spectrum of City needs. Where some level of condition assessment has been performed, that information is provided, but several focus areas have rough estimates made with stated assumptions. In some categories firmer condition assessments and cost estimates are forthcoming. The City is about four square miles in area, with a population of about 30,000 people. Some residents are seasonal, and with the proximity of the Fort Lauderdale Airport, the Brightline Train and our beautiful beach, Dania Beach is also a destination for local and international visitors.

As the oldest city in Broward County, this brings with it aging infrastructure challenges. When combined with a ten-year economic slump where property values dropped steeply, and were slow to recover, there has been little money to provide the level of routine and preventive maintenance needed to maintain basic service levels. Staff has done their best to maintain the infrastructure and keep the systems running as effectively as possible. The exception to this is the water treatment plants, one of which is an upgraded lime softening plant and the second a state of the art nano-filtration plant with upgrades completed in 2012. It is the only LEEDS certified plant in the world, but we must ensure maintenance continues and is funded appropriately.

New City and Public Services Department (PSD) leadership has been committed to enhancing responsiveness, service, and infrastructure. To that end, PSD has been evaluating the current status of our infrastructure, developing a ten-year capital investment plan (with a projection out to 20 years), and seeking grants to assist in funding initiatives that will be prioritized by the City Commission, with assessment information and risk assessment of infrastructure failure, where possible. It is very important to remember that if and when we add infrastructure, it adds to the maintenance list of a very slimly staffed department and that resources will need to be added, whether via contracted services or engaging City staff to perform the required general and preventive maintenance.

Now, an economic resurgence has begun, with several new developments under consideration and in progress. Property values have started to slowly recover, and there is a need to re-invest in the City's

infrastructure. This will be vital to the economy, to maintain even a basic level of service, and to minimize emergencies caused by the inability of resources to perform critical upkeep and preventive maintenance. This investment is needed for underground pipes, water resources, roads, lighting, transit, historic buildings, and the beach including the pier and the dunes, which are the eight focus areas addressed in this memo report.

In total, these eight areas will require and estimated first year investment of **approximately $22 million (M),** with significant capital outlays in subsequent years. These estimates do not factor in costs associated with increased maintenance or administrative resources required for additional (or upgraded) infrastructure and programs such as transit.

## Background

Most of the country, including Broward County, experienced the "Great Recession," officially lasting from 2007 through 2009, but the impacts have been felt for well over a decade with a ripple effect on reduced property values proportionately reducing the ad valorem revenue. Dania Beach was no exception and hit a low value in 2012. Since 2012, the average property value has increased by almost 80%, with about 20% since 2017. This includes a 3.3% increase last year and a projected 2.7% over the next year. However, the CPI index for public works and utilities has increased at a substantially higher rate per year from 5-12%, causing construction projects to cost more. Current ad valorem revenues exceed $30 MM for the City.

A portion of the ad valorem tax collected is used to fund the operation, maintenance, and capital needs of roadways, lighting, and facilities. Water and wastewater, stormwater, parking, and the pier are considered "enterprise divisions" and are funded via rates and fees. Revenues from these rates and fees are kept in separate accounts or funds and are used for operating and maintaining those services and funding capital needs. The City has not had a water and wastewater rate increase since 2012, and since we have one of the highest rates in the County, there is little inclination to raise them without significant justification.

1) **Water**

   Although the City population is about 32,000, the City only provides water services to customers east of I-95, which is about 19,000 people, or about two thirds of our population. The residents and businesses west of I-95 are served by Broward County.

   The average drinking water use by those customers is approximately 2.5 million gallons per day (MGD), with a peak demand of about 2.7 MGD, and a projected buildout demand of 3.2 MGD.

   a. Water resources – the City receives its untreated drinking water (or source water) from Broward County's Brian Piccolo Wellfield, which is a limited resource. The City has reserved 1 MGD of untreated source water from the C-51 reservoir project, scheduled to be operational by 2025.

   b. Water pipes – old pipes do not necessarily have a higher risk of failure than do newer pipes as there are many factors that weigh in on prioritizing pipe replacement.

The charts below summarize the water and sanitary sewer system's short-term needs and estimated costs:

| NEED | PROJECT | FY | COST ESTIMATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Water Resources | Add additional supply | 2022 | ~$5 M |
| Water Treatment Plant Maintenance & Enhancements | Paint, valve replacement/upgrade, automation, slaker rehab/upgrade, chemical tanks, pumps, nanofiltration membrane skid replacement | Varies | TBD |
| Immediate Need Water Pipes | Various critical pipe replacements throughout City | 2021 | $3.5 M |
| Water Pipes | Condition assessment/risk of failure for entire piping system; hydraulic model update needed for first part of this study | 2021 | Total TBD (just for hydraulic model $50k) |

**2) Sanitary Sewer (Wastewater or Sewer)**

| NEED | PROJECT | FY | COST ESTIMATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Infiltration and Inflow Study | Determine how much stormwater is getting into the sewer pipes; by reducing amount, reduces flow to Hollywood WWTP, reducing our cost to Hollywood for treatment | 2020 | $50k |
| Condition assessment – pipes and repairs | Conduct condition assessment – desktop model; hydraulic model for sewer needed for this | 2021 | Estimate: $2M (just for the hydraulic model: $50k) |
| Lift Stations and Pumps | All lift stations need to be on SCADA; grant received to install generators at 7 lift stations | 2020-2025 | TBD |

**3) Stormwater**

Within the last few years, a clear worsening of temporary stormwater flooding has been experienced within the City and throughout south Florida. Even though nearby cities have spent millions of dollars on drainage, they still experienced severe flooding in a recent storm even on December 21-23 of 2019, which is estimated to be a one in 100-year storm event. Some parts of the City never had any drainage improvements constructed, particularly west of I-95, which was

re-annexed from Broward County in the 1990's. Although the law says the City is not required to provide drainage or enhancements, the City's aim is to maximize the level of service by applying the prevailing revenue stream from associated utility fees.

Our current stormwater rate is charged on landowner's property tax bill as a non-ad valorem rate. PSD is evaluating the current level of service and cost and proposed level of service and associated costs. Based on that evaluation, we will make a recommendation on various levels of service and costs. The stormwater rate is an enterprise fund to be used for maintenance and capital costs. The City has 814 stormwater structures and can only clean out about 10 -12 per day with the current staffing levels.

Planned stormwater projects include:

- Southeast Drainage Improvements - $6.2M (budgeted), however, this estimate was calculated several years ago and with the increase of construction costs of about 8-12% per year, this cost will be higher.
- SW 43 Terrace - $2.2 million: although not funded, there is a very strong likelihood funding through the Transportation Surtax will be appropriated in April 2020.
- The City has started conceptual discussions with the City of Hollywood to consider a joint stormwater master plan. While the City has conducted some area drainage studies, this would be a more holistic approach involving cost sharing with our neighboring municipality. Estimated costs for stormwater improvements could range from $10 to 20 million or more, depending on the level of service provided.

**4) Roadways**

In recent years the city has programmed limited annual road resurfacing work. Exacerbating this, some suboptimal methods were used, such as applying "microsurfacing" layers and paving roadways without adequately addressing sub-base issues. These factors gradually led to a situation where a significant number of pavement road miles distributed throughout the city have deteriorated. It must be noted that the issues go beyond surface "top layer" deterioration, but also include sub-base degradation.

In the summer of 2019, a pavement condition assessment and prioritization study was conducted by the city's consultant. The "backlog" of roadway resurfacing and repairs need was quantified, *resulting in an overall estimated cost of $5.6 million to address.* Given the current rate of annual resurfacing expenditures ($550,000) and factoring in normal cost increases, ***an additional $1M annually over roughly the next four years to address the citywide roadway resurfacing and repair needs. Eligible for Transportation Surtax Funding (maintenance).***

**5) Street Lighting**

The city has an estimated 1800 streetlights. While the streetlight inventory has been increased by approximately 60 over the past three years (primarily solar powered lights), an estimated shortage of 500 to 700 street lights remains. The City currently has at least 100 solar lights out of service and although staff actively works to replace the solar batteries, they are unable to keep up with the current number of solar lights in the City with the current staffing levels and resources. Given the City's recent experience with the maintenance demands of solar lights and the relatively low maintenance cost ($50 per month) of hard-wired (FPL-installed) fixtures, the suggested mix for addressing the shortage would be roughly four hardwired lights to one solar light. Projecting this ratio to the estimated 600 lights to be added, it equates to about 350 hard-wired lights and 150 solar lights. A planned citywide lighting assessment in the coming months will provide a more concrete needs quantification and recommended breakdown.

The estimated upfront cost of the hard-wired lights would be approximately $675,000, in addition to roughly $270,000 in annual electricity costs. The solar lights, while entailing no electricity costs will entail an installation cost of approximately $1.5 million. Battery and bulb replacements will result in additional annual costs.

*The total initial cost for addressing the city's lighting shortage is estimated to be approximately $2.2M.* ***A reasonable time table to complete this work would be a three-year period, resulting in about a $700,000 initial capital investment expenditure requirement. Annual operating costs will be $270,000.***

**6) Transit Service**

The city's transit service, the Dania Community Bus, provides free service to residents via two routes covering the east and west areas of the city. Ridership for the six day per week service is low, at less than 40,000 rides annually. The routes have not been evaluated in years, and vehicles currently used offer none of the amenities that are becoming common in today's transit systems. These include on board Wi-Fi, GPS vehicle tracking that enables the use of a route tracking app, on-board surveillance cameras, and front mounted flat screen monitors to provide informational video broadcasting. Other features such as a driver panic button serve to enhance rider safety.

Contingent upon commission approval, a comprehensive transit study of the bus service will be completed in the coming months. It is expected that the resulting recommendations will include route modifications/expansions and upgraded vehicles. It is entirely possible that for the route recommendations alone, calling for a reasonable increase in weekly service hours and one additional vehicle or route, can result in a recurring annual cost increase of nearly $280,000. The vehicles currently used are near the end of their useful lives. Replacement of these buses with new ones fully equipped with the amenities described above can easily add another $200,000 annually to the cost of the service, assuming an increase in the hourly rate associated with the operator's purchase of the new, upgraded vehicles.

While the scenarios associated with operational changes will vary depending on the study recommendations and the degree to which the city will implement them, ***it is estimated that implementation costs will range from $300,000 to $500,000 annually. Upgraded transit services above current level is eligible for Transportation Surtax funds.***

**7) The Beach Including the Pier and Dunes**

The beach in Dania Beach is one of the jewels of the City – as such, a beach master plan was developed in 2012 through a FDEP Coastal Partnership Initiative Grant. The Beach Master Plan was completed 2014. The City Commission approved Phase I of Beach Master Plan to improve the aesthetics of the beach and to protect the park by making improvements to the dunes. In 2018, the City Commission authorized funding to begin the design of Phase II of the Beach Master Plan.

***a) The Pier***

The highly popular pier spans roughly 930 feet, with most the structure suspended over the ocean. Built in 1997, the pier has never been fully refurbished. Not surprisingly, many of its components show clear signs of deterioration brought on by over two decades of constant exposure to the corrosive seaside elements. Recent repairs to the pier's most worn wood planks and railings have addressed immediate needs, and upcoming fire alarm system repairs will further update the pier's infrastructure. Notwithstanding these steps, the pier is in dire need of a full-fledge refurbishing.

A proposal to fully identify the specific needs, program the work (possibly in a phased manner), and provide a cost estimate has been obtained. While the proposal is under review, a rough estimate for refurbishing the entire pier deck and associated components such as railings and lighting has been calculated. This estimate is based on the recent deck repairs and projected work on other pier components, and it is likely that the pending assessment will result in a higher estimate. *The total cost of the pier refurbishing is expected to range between $800,000 to $1.2M.* ***A possible phasing scenario would program a two-year project at a cost of approximately $600,000 annually.***

***b) Beach Nourishment***

The south end of the Broward County shoreline is part of a federal shore protection project known as Segment III (from Port Everglades south to the county line in Hallandale Beach). Since 1976, there have been four placements of sand north of the Dania Pier, and in 2006, a nourishment project placed sand directly on the city beach, extending the beach eastward. These nourishment projects are federally funded projects managed by Broward County and permitted by the state and the Army Corp of Engineers.

Broward County initiated the Segment III Shoreline Protection Project (beach nourishment) in 2013 with the local jurisdictions. Broward County funded and awarded the Segment III project

design contract in 2019. **The project's construction date is estimated to start in 2022. The city will participate in the cost-share of this project along with the federal, state, county, and other Segment III municipalities.**

Following Hurricane Sandy, staff explored a city-sponsored beach nourishment project. **At that time, the estimate was over $7 million without federal, state, and county participation.** Additionally, environmental liability was considered prohibitive. **A city sponsored beach nourishment plan is not advised for cost and time to complete (permitting 2 years).**

**Recommendation**
Continue with Phase II of the Beach Master Plan design. Estimated Cost of $500,000. Funding available in the project's CIP account.

***c) The Dunes***

The beach's dunes are relatively new. Historic photographs depict a flat open space where cars could drive on the beach. The dune system was first planted in the late 1970s in part by the Dania lifeguards.

Dune History

2012 – Dune Project: culled sea grapes, removed evasive plant species, and replanted the dunes.

2013 – Dune Restoration Project – ($200,000) replanting dune following Hurricane Sandy.

2016/17 – Ocean Park Restoration Project included improvements to the dune system: planted dunes, expanded the dunes by filling in at-grade beach access points, and added dune crossovers and a new dune north of the fishing pier.

2019 – Army Corp of Engineers Sand Project – Although not a dune project, the ACE placed several thousand tons of sand on the beach, the area between the dunes and the Mean High Water Mark. The project was a 100% federally funded.

**Recommendation**

Dune and beach sand placement project – Considering the increasing frequency and severity of storms, a sand placement project like the 2019 Army Corp of Engineers project may be necessary. The project would be a stopgap measure until the beach is nourished with the Segment III Shoreline Protection Project in 2022. Below are preliminary timelines and cost estimates:

- Design and Permitting 6-8 months
- Landscaping $170,000
- Sand Placement $500,000
- Engineering/Design $35,000

- Watering to establish dune $25,000

**Total Estimate $1.3 million**

***d) Beach Parking Lot Drainage***

There are immediate, short term, and long term solutions in the planning stage. Immediate improvements may include tidal valves where appropriate. The intermediate solution is currently estimated to be approximately $350K and the long term is roughly estimated to be $5M, but we will be seeking grants to help co-fund the improvements.

**8) The Historical Nyberg-Swanson House**

An RFQ for historic architectural services was done in 2018, and Architect1, LLC was selected. The City must negotiate a contract and scope of work with Archetect1, LLC. The preliminary estimate to restore the historical Swanson house is unknown. First year costs are estimated at $100k for design.

**Recommendation**

PSD recommends continuing infrastructure assessments to help determine the risk of failure and/or deterioration, firming up cost estimates, seeking grants, and initiating work when possible to maintain and enhance the level of service to our citizens. There may be other infrastructure focus areas that come to our attention. If that is the case, we will bring that information forward as soon as possible.

CC: Colin Donnelly, CIP and Grants Administrator