

September 25, 2017

R9 V ~~DISCUSS REQUEST BY THE HISPANIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR FUNDING TO BE PROPERLY ALLOCATED FOR THE RECOMMENDED PROGRAMMING AS PART OF THE BUDGET PROCESS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.~~

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

ACTION: Item moved to C4 Q – **John Woodruff to handle.**

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R9 W DISCUSS REINSTATING MARIANO FERNANDEZ, BUILDING DIRECTOR / BUILDING OFFICIAL, FROM ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE.

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

ACTION: Item withdrawn by the Sponsor.

Handouts and Reference Materials:

1. Email from Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez to Rafael E. Granado dated September 21, 2017, RE: R9W can be removed.

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3:01:08 p.m.

R9 X DISCUSSION REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF PERMANENT GENERATORS AT STORMWATER PUMP STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

Public Works

ACTION: Discussion held. Item heard in conjunction with R9 AB. Motion by Commissioner Alemán to give direction to staff to look into dual fuel and battery-powered generators; seconded by Commissioner Malakoff. Voice vote: 6-0. Absent: Commissioner Grieco. **Eric Carpenter to handle.**

Eric Carpenter, Assistant City Manager / Public Works Director, introduced the item that refers to the installation of permanent generators throughout Miami Beach. These generators would be used to power the various City pumps while the power is down. Currently, the City uses mobile generators, but the permanent ones would better suit the City's needs in emergencies.

Commissioner Alemán asked whether there is a preference for natural gas, diesel, or dual fuel generators.

Mr. Carpenter explained the difference between the various generators.

Mayor Levine asked about the viability of the Tesla "power packs."

Mr. Carpenter stated that they are currently looking into this option, and have reached out to Tesla.

Commissioner Malakoff expressed her concern over the loudness and imposing presence of the generators. The City's aesthetics may be compromised.

Mr. Carpenter added that in addition to Commissioner Malakoff's comments, the generators also require weekly check-ups and monthly engine runnings to make sure they are operating correctly.

Mayor Levine stated that it is a difficult task to keep Miami Beach dry, and it may involve having large generators throughout the City, and weekly loud tests; but if that is what it takes, he believes the City should go ahead with it.

Discussion continued regarding dual fuel generators.

Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez stated that the City needs to have better alternate plans before spending the enormous \$40 million for the fixed generators. She believes an RFP should be issued to gather the best minds in the world to help decide what to do.

Vice-Mayor Arriola agreed that this project will cost a large amount of money, but the City needs an uninterrupted source of power for its generators. If there is another and cheaper solution, he would like to hear it.

Mayor Levine stated that resiliency efforts have cost half a billion dollars. Without power, the pumps will not work. There needs to be an energy source for when the power is cut off.

Commissioner Steinberg appreciates the message the Mayor is conveying, but she believes the residents of Miami Beach are unaware of the sheer size of the generators. The pumps they will be powering are only one-third of their size.

Commissioner Alemán directed staff to study the dual fuel generators and make a recommendation.

Commissioner Steinberg also gave direction to look into battery-powered generators to better discuss all options.

3:21:07 p.m.

Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez changed her vote to a yes.

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3:32:12 p.m.

R9 Y DISCUSSION REGARDING ADDITIONAL PARKING OPTIONS FOR THE BISCAYNE BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD.

Capital Improvement Projects

ACTION: Discussion held. Direction given via motion made by Commissioner Alemán; seconded by Vice-Mayor Arriola. See below Direction. Voice vote: 6-0; Absent: Commissioner Grieco. **David Martinez to handle.**

DIRECTION:

- Proceed with Options one (1), two (2), three (3) and five (5)
- Repurpose \$250,000 in the Capital Budget held in Option four (4).

David Martinez, CIP Director, introduced the item and explained the options. They have been looking at additional opportunities to find more parking in the Biscayne Beach neighborhood, and have narrowed it down to five general areas: