

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE ADMINISTRATION'S AS WELL AS THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION (FROM ITS MAY 26, 2020 MEETING), AND APPROVING OPTION 1 FOR THE LOCATION OF THE STORMWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM ("SWTS"), AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO INSTALL THE SWTS IN THE SOUTH POINTE PARKING LOT AND INSTALL THE OUTFALL, UNDERGROUND, THROUGH SOUTH POINTE PARK TO GOVERNMENT CUT.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach is committed to preserving the welfare and safety of its residents, visitors, and businesses. As part of this commitment, the City has diligently worked to provide a higher level of service to the South Pointe neighborhood by implementing improvements to its infrastructure with the proposed First Street Neighborhood Improvement Project (the Project); and

WHEREAS, since the start of the Project, the City continuously involved the South of Fifth Street community at every step of the process; and

WHEREAS, a testament to the extraordinary level of community engagement, are the 40 stakeholder outreach meetings held during a 4-year period; and

WHEREAS, feedback from stakeholders including, but not limited to, SOFNA, and residents and business owners in the South of Fifth Neighborhood, led to multiple design variations, including the evaluation of different locations for the proposed SWTS and outfall; and

WHEREAS, to date, the location of the proposed SWTS has not been finalized due to a lack of consensus; and

WHEREAS, at its May 26, 2020 meeting, the Land Use and Sustainability Committee made a motion to accept the Administration's recommendation to proceed with the location of the pump station and outfall discharge at South Pointe Park; as well as to proceed with Option 2 for the roadway design for First Street; and

WHEREAS, at its July 24, 2021 meeting, the City Commission directed the City Manager to proceed with Option 2 for the First Street roadway design, but no final decision was made with regard to the location of the SWTS; and

WHEREAS, everyone agrees that the project is necessary, and no one disputes that flooding occurs along the First Street corridor or its surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, however, the various factions within the South of Fifth Neighborhood cannot agree on the location of the SWTS; in fact, after obtaining prior approval from the South of Fifth Neighborhood Association (SOFNA), the location of the SWTS is still disputed; and

WHEREAS, consequently, the Office of the City Manager recommended to the Mayor and City Commission, via LTC 056-2021, to postpone the First Street Project and proceed with the adopted Neighborhood Prioritization developed by Jacobs Engineering; and

WHEREAS, this would place the First Street Neighborhood Improvement Project at Number 10 on the prioritized list; and

WHEREAS, LTC 056-2021 prompted requests from some members of the City Commission as well as from some Project stakeholders to reconsider the Manager's recommendation, and analyze (and in some cases the re-analyze) the following options:

- Option 1: Locate the SWTS at the South Pointe parking lot with the above ground equipment located in the median at the south end of Washington Avenue and install the outfall, underground, through South Pointe Park to Government Cut;
- Option 2: Locate the SWTS in the median at the south end of Washington Avenue, by South Pointe Park and install the outfall, underground, through South Pointe Park to Government Cut;
- Option 3A: Locate the SWTS at the Triangular Park on 1st Street and Alton Road, and install the outfall, underground, through Jefferson Ave/Alton Road, south to South Pointe Dr., then east to Washington Avenue and south to Government Cut;
- Option 3B: Locate the SWTS at the Triangular Park on 1st Street and Alton Road, and install, the outfall, underground, through 1st Street, east to Washington Avenue, then south to Government Cut;
- Option 4: Locate the SWTS at a new roundabout on Washington and First Street, and install the outfall, underground, through Washington, then through South Pointe Park to Government Cut;
- Option 5: Locate the SWTS at the City owned parking lot on Washington and First Street, and install the outfall, underground, through Washington Avenue, then through South Pointe Park to Government Cut; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 City staff presented its analysis of the five (5) options to the newly elected SOFNA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, SOFNA requested an onsite meeting with staff, which took place on Friday, April 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the SOFNA Board ultimately requested that staff perform one (1) additional analysis of a site generally described to be at the northeast corner of the intersection of Washington Avenue and 2nd Street; thereby adding a new Option 6; and

WHEREAS, The Administration continues to recommend proceeding with Option 1 of the First Street Neighborhood Improvement Project, related to the installation of the stormwater treatment system (SWTS). This is also consistent with the Land Use and Sustainability Committee's recommendation from its May 26, 2020 meeting; and

WHEREAS, Option 1 would authorize the Administration to install the SWTS at the South Pointe parking lot, and install the outfall, underground, through South Pointe Park to Government Cut.

WHEREAS, of the six (6) options considered and evaluated by the Administration, the Administration continues to recommend Option 1 because it offers the lowest estimated cost,

along with the greatest benefits and advantages, including minimal loss of greenspace, the least amount of utility conflicts, least traffic impacts, and best maintenance accessibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the Administration's as well as the Land Use and Sustainability Committee's recommendation (from its May 26, 2020 meeting), and approving option 1 for the location of the stormwater treatment system ("SWTS"), and authorizing the Administration to install the SWTS in the South Pointe parking lot and install the outfall, underground, through South Pointe park to Government Cut.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 12th day of May, 2021.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk