

June 13, 2008

TO: Property Owners/Residents on 9th and 10th Streets

RE: Stormwater Project Update

The 2008 proposed stormwater improvement project includes: 9th Street beginning at 360 to the dead end, and 10th Street beginning at 560 to the dead end.

The last letter you received stated the city commission had voted to proceed with this project using existing city funds for the matching portion of the grant. There have been several questions about this decision, so the following is a brief outline of the events:

- June 3 Received notice that the request to extend the grant for one year was denied.
- June 4 Researched ways to complete the grant project by September 15. Calls were made to several state agencies regarding possible funding for the city's matching portion. No other grant funds are available and due to economic conditions, those agencies do not think there will be grant funding in the next few years. A review of current fund balances resulted in a way to fund the \$308,990 matching portion using reserves for fixed assets, infrastructure and general funds. The low-bid contractor was called to see if they could complete this project by the deadline.
The city needed to act quickly to hire the contractor and begin the project. It is important that the city take advantage of all grant funding available to complete this project. Commissioners were called and an emergency meeting was scheduled for Friday, June 6.
- June 5 Meeting notices were posted in the post office and at city hall at 8:00 a.m.
- June 6 Commissioners met and discussed the issues and the sources of funding for the city's matching portion. They unanimously voted to go forward with the project.
After the meeting a letter was drafted to all 9th and 10th Street residents to inform them.
- June 9 Letters were mailed. They were in Key Colony post office boxes in the afternoon.

Property owners have some decisions to make regarding what is in the right-of-way in front of their property. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Swales: Swale depth will be 1 foot with a 4 foot flat area at the bottom. From the Street to the flat bottom, the slope will extend 6 feet. From the House to the flat bottom, the slope will extend 5 feet.

Grass and Pea Rock: Grass and pea rock will be replaced at no charge to the property owner.

Pipe under driveway: If the plan requires a pipe and there is none or it does not meet current code, a pipe will be installed at no charge to the property owner. If there is an existing pipe that meets current code, that pipe will be used.

Concrete or asphalt driveways: If a pipe has to be installed, driveways will be cut and repaired at no charge to the property owner.

Brick, Tile, Etc.: Repair or replacement of any material other than concrete or asphalt, such as brick pavers, tile or designed concrete, will be at the property owner's expense. Please consider hiring your contractor to remove these materials before construction begins and replace them after the project is completed.

Trees: Trees in the right-of-way will be removed and replanted in the street yard of the adjacent property, out of the right-of-way at no cost to the property owner.

The city will make every effort to contact all residents on 9th and 10th Streets with trees and driveways with brick pavers, tile, etc. However, don't hesitate to call with questions or to inform us of what you would like for your property.

At this time the property owner has an option to consider. The city received approval which will allow a PVC pipe to be installed in the swale which will be covered with pea rock. This option would permit easy access over the city right-of-way with a near level finish. However, the cost to the property owner is \$ 12.38 per linear foot. (Examples: for a 37.5 foot lot (half-duplex) the total cost = \$464.25; for a 75 foot lot total cost = \$928.50.) This offer is available only during construction on the right-of-way in front of each property.

If you prefer utilizing the PVC pipe option, please contact this office immediately at 305-289-1212, Ext. 0 as construction will start as early as June 20, 2008.

Please call Building Official Borysiewicz at 305-289-1212 Ext. 1 or me at 305-289-1212, Ext. 0 with any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

Ronald A. Sutton
Mayor