

HOMELAND DEFENSE/ NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD MINUTES

5-25-04 - 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF MIAMI
CITY HALL – CHAMBERS
3500 Pan American Drive
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33133

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m., with the following members found to be **present**:

Rolando Aedo
Kay Apfel
Ringo Cayard (*in at 6:41 p.m.*)
Mariano Cruz
Luis de Rosa
Robert A. Flanders (Chairman)
Jason Manowitz
David E. Marko
Gary Reshefsky (*in at 6:32 p.m.*)
Jami Reyes (*in at 6:32 p.m.*)
Manolo Reyes (Vice Chairman)
Albena Sumner

Absent:

Luis Cabrera
Walter Harvey
Ronda Vangates

ALSO PRESENT:

Rafael Suarez-Rivas, Assistant City Attorney
Jorge Cano, CIP Director
Ed Blanco, Parks and Recreation
Alejandra Argudin, Assistant Director, Conferences,
Conventions and Public Facilities
Danette Perez, CIP
Zimri Prendes, CIP
Eva Kilpatrick, City Clerk's Office

I. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2004.**

HD/NIB MOTION 04-42

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2004.

MOVED: R. AEDO

SECONDED: M. REYES

ABSENT: L. CABRERA; W. HARVEY; R. VANGATES

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-43

A MOTION TO ACCEPT AMENDED PAGE 7 OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2004 IN REFERENCE TO FUNDING FOR THE BICENTENNIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS SEAWALL/SHORELINE STABILIZATION PROJECT.

MOVED: R. AEDO

SECONDED: M. REYES

ABSENT: L. CABRERA; W. HARVEY; R. VANGATES

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

II. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:**

- **Albena Sumner – nominated by Chairman Teele.**
- **Jason Manowitz – nominated by Commissioner Regalado.**
- **Kay Hancock Apfel – nominated by Commissioner Winton.**

B. **AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- **Replacement of Field and Maintenance Equipment at the Orange Bowl Stadium.**

Total dollar amount: \$232,471

Source of funds: HDNI Bonds – Orange Bowl Stadium Ramps & Improvements

Report by: Rolando Aedo

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: May 18, 2004

Scope of project: Costs include the replacement of the stadium field (\$200,000) in time for the upcoming University of Miami football season and a new field mower and blade cutting units (32,471); these units are necessary to maintain field in optimum condition. The field has not been replaced for 4 years (standard recommendation is every 2 years). The final cost of the field replacement will be

determined by the City's purchasing department, the field mower/cutting units fall under a state contract.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-44

A MOTION APPROVING RECOMMENDATION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO ALLOCATE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$232,471 FOR PROCUREMENT OF TURF AND MOWING EQUIPMENT FOR THE ORANGE BOWL STADIUM FIELD.

MOVED: L. DE ROSA

SECONDED: M. CRUZ

ABSENT: L. CABRERA; W. HARVEY; R. VANGATES

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

- **New Playground and Wooden Deck at Jose Marti Park.**

Total dollar amount: \$86,000

Source of funds: HDNI Bonds Neighborhood Parks Improvements & Acquisitions

Report by: Rolando Aedo

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: May 18, 2004

Scope of project: Cost includes custom designing the playground per attached drawing (Q-00187), the use of a doublewide gate for a temporary chain link fence, and necessary excavation / disposal per cubic yard. This project is piggybacking under a county contract. Cost also includes removal of existing wooden deck adjacent to the playground and replacement of any deteriorating framing below existing deck. Any new wood used in project will be pressure treated and sealed, existing rails will be refinished and painted to match existing color. The requested \$86,000 covers both the playground equipment (equipment's quote is \$77,372) and the wooden deck (deck's quote is \$4,500); for a total quote equaling \$81,872. The remaining \$4,128 will help to cover any unforeseen costs.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-45

A MOTION APPROVING AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOCATE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000 TO COVER COSTS OF NEW PLAYGROUND; FURTHER DIRECTING THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO COME BACK WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF THE POSSIBLE USE OF SYNTHETIC VERSUS WOOD DECKS, INCLUDING ITS SAFETY FACTORS AND LIFE SPAN FOR EACH.

MOVED: M. REYES

SECONDED: L. DE ROSA

ABSENT: L. CABRERA; W. HARVEY; R. VANGATES

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

- **Installation of New Tennis Court Wind Screen at Hadley Park.**

Total dollar amount: \$13,000
Source of funds: HDNI Bonds – Neighborhood Park Improvements & Acquisitions
Report by: Rolando Aedo
Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: May 18, 2004
Scope of project: Cost includes installing a ten-foot high tennis court screen. The requested \$13,000 is \$3,502 over the contractor's quote amount of \$9,498. These additional monies will help to cover unforeseen costs.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-46

A MOTION APPROVING AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO INSTALL A TEN FOOT HIGH WIND SCREEN AT HADLEY PARK TENNIS COURT.

MOVED: G. RESHEFSKY

SECONDED: A. SUMNER

ABSENT: L. CABRERA; W. HARVEY; R. VANGATES

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

- **New Playground Equipment at Triangle Park.**

Total dollar amount: \$12,335
Source of funds: HDNI Bonds – Neighborhood Park Improvements & Acquisitions
Report by: Rolando Aedo
Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: May 18, 2004
Scope of project: Cost includes new playground equipment and its installation, excavation/ disposal of fill supply and installing sand, pour a 5'X60' sidewalk. The requested \$12,335 is \$5,054 over the contractor's quoted amount of \$7,283. These additional funds will help to cover unforeseen costs. This project is piggybacking under a county contract.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-47

A MOTION APPROVING AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO PROVIDE NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND NECESSARY EXCAVATIONS AT TRIANGLE PARK.

MOVED: M. REYES

SECONDED: M. CRUZ

ABSENT: L. CABRERA; W. HARVEY; R. VANGATES

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

- **New Playground Equipment at Williams Park.**

Total dollar amount: \$200,000
Source of funds: HDNI Bonds – Neighborhood Park Improvements & Acquisitions

Report by: Rolando Aedo
Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: May 18, 2004
Scope of project: Cost includes new playground equipment and its installation, use of rental fencing and gate, pour-in-place safety surfacing, refuse containers, benches, concrete border, French drain and basin. The requested \$200,000 is \$2,655 over the contractor's quoted amount of \$197,337. These additional funds will help to cover unforeseen costs. This project is piggybacking under a county contract.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-48

A MOTION APPROVING AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOCATE \$200,000 FOR NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT WILLIAMS PARK.

MOVED: M. REYES
SECONDED: L. DE ROSA
ABSENT: L. CABRERA; W. HARVEY; R. VANGATES
Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

• **Police Mobile Command Unit.**

Total dollar amount: \$450,000
Source of funds: HDNI Bonds – Police Homeland Defense Preparedness Initiatives
Report by: Major Joseph Longueira
Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: May 18, 2004
Scope of project: Amount requested will cover costs of purchasing a Mobile Command Post to be utilized during Homeland Security incidents or other large events that pose potential targets for incident. The vehicle will be procured through a Federal GSA Program that allows permits for participation.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-49

A MOTION APPROVING AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOCATE \$450,000 FOR A POLICE MOBILE COMMAND UNIT.

MOVED: M. CRUZ
SECONDED: L. DE ROSA
ABSENT: L. CABRERA; W. HARVEY; R. VANGATES
Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

• **Police Bomb Squad Bunker Improvements.**

Total dollar amount: \$124,000
Source of funds: HDNI Bonds – Police Homeland Defense Preparedness Initiatives
Report by: Major Longueira
Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: May 18, 2004
Scope of project: Amount requested will cover costs of constructing an elevated 1050 sq. ft. self-contained modular office structure, thus maximizing space for the

bomb squad. This new area will improve on the sharing space for both training and equipment needs. Other improvements will be for: electrical and telephone work, computer networking, and security improvements. This project takes place in the old Orange Bowl parade float warehouse.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-50

A MOTION APPROVING AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOCATE \$124,000 TO REHAB AND BUILD A SELF CONTAINED MODULAR OFFICE STRUCTURE FOR TRAINING AND STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE BOMB SQUAD.

MOVED: D. MARKO

SECONDED: M. REYES

ABSENT: L. CABRERA; W. HARVEY; R. VANGATES

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

- **Police Sky Watch Observation Tower.**

Total dollar amount: \$98,681

Source of funds: HDNI Bonds – Police Homeland Defense Preparedness Initiatives

Report by: Major Longueira

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: May 18, 2004

Scope of project: Amount requested will cover costs of procuring a Sky Watch Observation Platform that will be used for major events that are potential targets and Homeland Security incidents. It will provide officers with an excellent observation point. It also provides spotlights, regular and thermal video camera, and air conditioning. It raises approximately 24 feet above ground and is trailer mounted with a hydraulic lift mechanism and generator.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-51

A MOTION APPROVING AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOCATE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$98,681 FOR POLICE SKY WATCH OBSERVATION TOWER.

MOVED: D. MARKO

SECONDED: M. REYES

ABSENT: L. CABRERA; W. HARVEY; R. VANGATES

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

- **Security Gates at Police South Substation.**

Total dollar amount: \$40,000

Source of funds: HDNI Bonds – Police Homeland Defense Preparedness Initiatives

Report by: Major Longueira

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: May 18, 2004

Scope of project: Amount requested will cover costs to procure automated entry and exit gates for this facility, which would be interfaced to our security system in the

future. These improvements will cease the need for sworn personnel to provide security at the entrance.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-52

A MOTION APPROVING AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOCATE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000 FOR SECURITY GATES AT POLICE SOUTH SUBSTATION.

MOVED: M. CRUZ

SECONDED: L. DE ROSA

ABSENT: L. CABRERA; W. HARVEY; R. VANGATES

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

UPDATES:

1. Coral View Project – The Aston.

Total dollar amount: \$192,631

Source of funds: HDNI Bonds – District 4 Quality of Life

Report by: Mark Spanioli

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: October 20, 2003

Scope of project: Streetscape improvements from S.W. 22 Terrace between 29 and 31 Avenues, construction of curb, the filling of potholes and landscaping along right-of-way.

Mark Spanioli, consulting engineer with the firm of Bermello Ajamil Architects, reported that the plans for the project are completed and accepted. City is currently reviewing the bids and once accepted, will proceed with construction. The Board expressed concern for the lack of parking provided by this development. Board member D. Marko requested that at the next board meeting City staff provide a report of the discussion held between Mr. Spanioli and Commissioner Regalado regarding what was the most aesthetic and realistic approach to the problem of parking for the Aston project; and further report what the City's policy is for parking (off-site and in-site) to be provided for future high rise developments citywide.

2. Ballet Gamonet Project.

Total dollar amount: \$300,000

Source of funds: Quality of Life – District 2

Report by: George Mursuli

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: 5/7/03

Scope of project: Support "Ballet Gamonet" to open the new dance company in the Alfred I. Dupont Bldg. And support growth of the central business district and as a cultural center and promoting this neighborhood's recognition locally, regionally and internationally.

George Mursuli reported that this will be housed at the Alfred I. Dupont building downtown. There was a successful fundraising event last April. There will be a

company of 15 dancers in Miami. Season premiere planned for Fall of 2005 at the Gusman Center of the Performing Arts.

3. Memorial Linear Park Project.

Total dollar amount: \$3.2 million
Source of funds: District 3 Neighborhood Quality of Life (\$2 million) and Calle Ocho Improvements (\$1.2 million)
Report by: Sandra Vega
Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: 5/12/03
Scope of project: Consultant is Falcon & Bueno, Beautification project with improved drainage system.

Sandra Vega, from the CIP Department, reported that consultant is reviewing documents. Price of concrete has increased; so projected cost of the development needs to be revisited. Scope of work will include:

- Underground sleeves for irrigation,
- Repair of broken curbs and sidewalks along 8th to 13th Streets;
- Curbs on median along 13th to 19th Streets;
- Curbs and gutters on both sides of the street along 19th to 22nd

Design has been modified from original plan to accommodate traffic. Among the concerns are:

- The proposed widening of the median eliminates parking in front of residences
- Traffic flow and the ability of emergency vehicles to maneuver.

Technical review of the functionality of the project will delay the project for 2-3 months. Board member D. Marko requested Ms. Vega to inform Commissioner Sanchez of a realistic time frame for the construction of this project.

4. Steel Picket Fence at Triangle Park.

This project was completed. There are after pictures posted on the Bond Oversight Board website.

III. CHAIRPERSON'S OPEN AGENDA:

IV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.