

RESOLUTION No. 2008-83-770

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE BASIS OF DESIGN REPORT PREPARED BY CRAVEN THOMPSON AND ASSOCIATES RELATING TO THAT CERTAIN LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE AND THE PHASING SCHEDULE BEING RECOMMENDED BY CITY STAFF; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in June 2007, the City of Miami Gardens launched the Livable Neighborhoods Initiative, and

WHEREAS, as part of the Initiative, the Vista Verde/Miramar Gardens, Kings Gardens, and Garden Circle neighborhoods were identified as needing infrastructure improvements, and

WHEREAS, City staff has engaged in the process of transferring roads within this community so that the City can complete the necessary improvements, and

WHEREAS, the City retained the services of Craven Thompson and Associates ("CTA"), to assess the current conditions and develop construction drawings for the improvements to be undertaken, and

WHEREAS, CTA has developed a Basis of Design Report ("BODR") which will serve as the Master Plan for the proposed improvements, and

WHEREAS, City staff is requesting that the City Council approve the BODR prior to undertaking the necessary improvements, as well as the phasing for the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

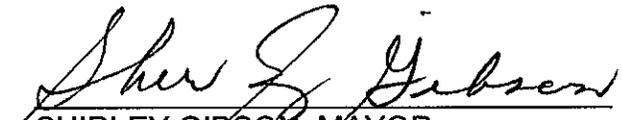
Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. APPROVAL: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby approves the Basis of Design Report prepared by Craven Thompson and Associates for the Livable Neighborhoods Initiative, as well as the following phasing for the project:

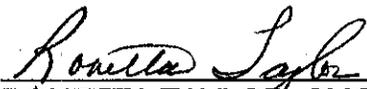
- Phase 1: Kings Gardens-sections I & II
- Phase 2: Garden Circle
- Phase 3: Kings Garden-section III
- Phase 4: Vista Verde/Miramar Gardens

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 23, 2008 .


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: DANNY CREW, CITY MANAGER

MOVED BY: Vice Mayor Watson
SECONDED BY: Councilman Gilbert

VOTE: 6-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilman Oliver G. Gilbert III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<input type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No) Out of country
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilman André Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)

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Date: April 23, 2008

Fiscal Impact: No Yes

(If yes, explain in Staff Summary)

Funding Source: N/A 1st Reading

Contract/P.O. Requirement: Yes No

Sponsor Name/Department: **Danny Crew, City Manager**

Public hearing

Ordinance

2nd Reading

Advertising requirement:

Quasi-Judicial

Resolution

Yes No

RFP/RFQ/Bid # N/A

Title

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Staff Summary

Background

As reflected in the Community Development Department's 5-year Consolidated Plan, the city residents identified infrastructure improvements as a priority project to be undertaken using Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG). This project (identified as the *Livable Neighborhoods Initiative*) encompasses 3 neighborhoods:

- Vista Verde/Miramar Gardens
- Kings Gardens
- Garden Circle

These neighborhoods were identified by the City's Public Works Department as having the worst infrastructure in the City.

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Approving the Basis of Design report
prepared by Craven Thompson and
Associates

In June of 2007, the Department of Community Development launched this initiative by conducting a public meeting with residents from each of these neighborhoods. At that time, the overall project scope was communicated. In addition, City staff advised residents that the roads in these neighborhoods were not publicly owned, but they were in fact "common areas" owned by the residents within each subdivision. In order for the City to invest public dollars into this project, ownership of the roads would need to be transferred to the City. This condition was also communicated to the residents.

Community Development staff worked under the guidance of the City Attorney to proceed with the process of transferring the roads within these communities in preparation for the City's possible investment in the infrastructure. Currently, the City has accepted ownership of all the roads within Kings and Gardens I and II. Staff is also currently in the process of obtaining the conveyance documents from the 63 individuals owners within the Garden Circle area. To date, 33 of those owners have signed the required documents, with only the mortgage holder approval pending.

At this time the city owns 51% of the roads in Vista Verde. Staff is currently working with the engineering company to complete the legal description for the roadways conveyances for the remaining portion throughout Vista Verde which is needed in order to effectuate the transfer of these roadways to public property.

Subsequent to the initial public meeting, City staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure the services of a qualified engineering firm to assess the current conditions and develop construction drawings for the improvements to be undertaken. Proposals were received from various firms, and staff recommended that Council approve the execution of a contract with Craven Thompson Associates (CTA).

During our initial meeting with CTA representatives, it was recommended that the proposed infrastructure improvements be approached by first developing a Basis of Design Report (BODR) which would serve as a master plan for the proposed improvements. This would allow the City to approve the proposed improvements in "conceptual form" prior to proceeding with the development of full scale construction documents. This approach would also allow CTA to provide the City with an estimated budget for the proposed improvements.

The BODR was developed with general improvements incorporated (improved drainage, new roads, new sidewalks, new/increased lighting, and landscaping). A draft BODR was submitted to City staff and reviewed by Assistant City Manager, Renee Farmer, Public Works, and Community Development. Some modifications were made to the draft BODR as a result of this review process.

Next, schematic drawings were prepared and City staff scheduled public meetings with the residents of each of the 3 neighborhoods to hear public comments relative to the proposed improvements. Those comments were reviewed by CTA representatives and where feasible, will be incorporated into the proposed improvements.

Proposed Funding Section:

Total Estimate cost of proposed project: \$15,000,000

Funding Sources:

1. Disaster Recovery Funds (FEMA)	\$400,000
2. Current year CDBG allocation	\$500,000
3. Section 108 Loan Funds	\$6,300,000
4. Federal Appropriation	\$5,900,000
5. Storm water Revenue Bond	\$1,900,000

Total of all Funding Sources: \$15,000,000

- Sources number 1 & 2 are funded
- Source number 3 requires an application to HUD
- Source number 4 has been applied for thru Kendrick Meek's office
- Source number 5 will be paid from our Storm water Enterprise fund and the collateral will be the annual revenue stream from storm water collections.

Note: The above funding sources are subject to change. Community Development Staff will continue to identify a range of grant funding opportunities to attempt to bring this project to full completion.

Proposed Project Phasing:

Given the grant funding currently available, and the ownership of the roads in Kings Gardens I & II, it is recommended that the City proceed initially with this section of the project. CTA has indicated that upon receiving a notice to proceed, they anticipate a 4-5 month process to develop the construction drawings for this section which will be followed by a formal bidding process to obtain prices for the construction work. During this time, Community Development staff will continue to work with our consultants in obtaining resident approval to convey ownership of the private roads in the other areas of the project. In addition, staff will pursue securing of grant funding to pay for the remaining portions of the project (Kings Gardens III, Garden Circle, & Vista Verde).

At this point, staff is requesting that the BODR be approved by City Council prior to us proceeding with directing CTA to develop the construction documents. Staff believes that the BODR appropriately addresses the improvements to be made in these areas, thus ultimately resulting in the desired outcome for these neighborhoods.

Further, staff is requesting that City Council approve the project phasing based on cost for each neighborhood, conveyance of the roads to public ownership, and acquisition of funds to pay for the improvements. The proposed project phasing is as follows:

- Phase 1: Kings Gardens-sections I & II
- Phase 2: Garden Circle

- Phase 3: Kings Garden-section III
- Phase 4: Vista Verde/Miramar Gardens

The proposed resolution does not commit any funding toward this project.

Recommendation

City staff recommends the approval of the attached resolution approving the Basis of Design Report submitted by Craven Thompson Associates, and the phasing of the project based on the criteria provided.