

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING IN PART, THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (LUSC) AT ITS JULY 9, 2024 MEETING, REQUESTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER REPRIORITIZING THE LAKEVIEW A CRITICAL NEEDS PROJECT AHEAD OF ITS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED YEAR OF 2033.

WHEREAS, its June 26, 2024 meeting, the City Commission approved a referral (Item C4 Z) to the Land use and Sustainability Committee (LUSC), sponsored by Commissioner Alex Fernandez, to discuss a recent weather event, Invest 90L; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2024, Governor DeSantis issued an Executive Order declaring portions of South Florida under a State of Emergency and Miami-Dade County issued a State of Local Emergency, and on June 13, 2024, the City of Miami Beach issued its own State of Emergency following severe weather and flooding;

WHEREAS, sponsoring Commissioner Alex Fernandez requested that the LUSC review the areas severely affected by the storm and identify areas of critical concern and determine whether there was any impact to ongoing infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the referral requested the assessment to consider the Critical Needs projects that were part of the recently approved Stormwater Master Plan and the Commission-adopted multi-year Neighborhood Improvement Plan to determine whether any updates needed to be made, including the timeline and a reprioritization of projects; and

WHEREAS, it is important to note that the only way to address flooding is through a robust stormwater system containing pump stations and large diameter pipes to be able to convey and carry the large volume of water that has to be collected, treated and discharged. Road raising is also a key part of the strategy to address tidal flooding, which can exacerbate rainfall flooding; and

WHEREAS, the City has most of its stormwater pump stations located from 47th Street south, with two (2) stormwater pump stations at the northern end. Most of the drainage systems north of 47th Street work by antiquated gravity collection pipes and outfall discharges. Many of the pipes are undersized based on current standards. Finally, the extraordinary amount of rainfall that occurred in a 48-hour period completely overwhelmed drainage systems throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, at its March 13, 2024 meeting, the City Commission approved adoption of the Update to the Stormwater Master Plan, which included the implementation of 20 stormwater critical needs projects to be constructed over a 10-year period; and

WHEREAS, many of the areas severely impacted by Invest 90L will be addressed with these Critical Needs projects; and

WHEREAS, at the July 9, 2024 meeting of the LUSC, members discussed the item at length, and concluded with a recommendation to the City Commission, requesting the Administration to consider reprioritizing the Lakeview A critical needs project, scheduled to undergo under construction in 2033, so it may take place on an earlier date; and

WHEREAS, the City's updated Stormwater Modeling and Master Plan, presented by AECOM and approved by the City Commission on March 13, 2024, proposes the implementation of Critical Needs Projects in the areas severely impacted by Invest 90L, including Lakeview A; and

WHEREAS, the plan recommends a list of 20 critical needs projects, which were prioritized based on specific criteria, weight, ranking and score considering where temporary pumps have been historically deployed, low topography, flooding complaints, ease of implementation, NIP ranking, existing drainage sufficiency, historic district designation, community and emergency facilities, permitting complexity, connectivity to outfalls and projected 10-year design storm flooding; and

WHEREAS, the flooding complaints received during the unprecedented June 2024 rainfall were in line with historical information analyzed; and

WHEREAS, unless directed to change the specific criteria, criteria weights or rankings in any specific way, a re-prioritization of the critical needs projects is not deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, as such, the Administration does not recommend altering the order of the critical needs project list presented by AECOM and approved by City Commission on March 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends the allocation of funding towards fast-tracking the implementation of the adopted prioritized list of projects, and through these efforts, execute the recommended Critical Need Project for Lakeview A and others ahead of the currently proposed construction start of 2033.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept, in part, the recommendation of the Land Use and Sustainability Committee (LUSC) at its July 9, 2024 meeting, requesting the Administration to consider reprioritizing the Lakeview a critical needs project ahead of its currently scheduled year of 2033.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Steven Meiner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

 01/31/2024
City Attorney *DA* Date