

1. Requested Motion:

Meeting Date: October 5, 2009

Town Council authorizes staff to proceed with Florida Power and Light to convert the overhead electric wires crossing the roadway to underground crossings on North Estero Boulevard. The estimated total cost for this additional work is \$610,000.00.

Why the action is necessary:

Town Council must approve all purchases equal to or over \$25,000.

What the action accomplishes:

This action provides a further enhancement to the North Estero Project.

2. Agenda:

Consent
 Administrative

3. Requirement/Purpose:

Resolution
 Ordinance
 Other

4. Submitter of Information:

Council
 Town Staff - Public Works
 Town Attorney

5. Background:

Consideration was given in the early design phase to underground all electric, but was found to be cost prohibitive. There are currently over 35 wire crossings along North Estero Boulevard which detract from the corridor. By taking those crossings underground it will create a substantial improvement to the overall appearance of the streetscape elements of the project.

6. Alternative Action:

Do not approve and retain the electric service overhead in this area.

7. Management Recommendations:

Staff recommends approval.

8. Recommended Approval:

Finance Director	Public Works Director	Comm. Development Director	Town Attorney	Town Manager
	<i>C. Lewis</i>			<i>J. Green</i>

9. Council Action:

Approved Denied Deferred Other



MEMO

DATE: September 24, 2009

TO: Jack Green, Interim Town Manager

FROM: Cathie Lewis, Interim Public Works Director *C. Lewis*

SUBJECT: North Estero Blvd. Drainage Improvement Project

As you know consideration is being given to convert the overhead electric wire crossing to underground crossings as part of the North Estero Blvd. project. Scott Baker, Project Manager, has been working with Florida Power and Light (FPL) to develop a cost estimate for making this change. He has also been working with them on pole relocation along the corridor.

FPL has indicated that they can meet our construction schedule and has estimated the cost to bring all their wire crossings underground at \$450,000.00. In addition to the work in the right-of-way the properties affected by this will also need to convert their service to underground. Prices have been received from an electrical contractor to achieve this is estimated at \$160,000.00.

Approval of this would add \$610,000.00 to project costs bringing total project cost (excluding the water line replacement – paid for by the water utility) up to \$2,184,316.00. Based on the original engineering estimates and budgetary restraints it was determined unlikely that this work could be afforded. With the bid being substantially lower than original estimates I believe it is worth reconsidering.

Immediate direction on this is necessary so as to coincide with construction commencement. If this addition is to move forward FPL requires a 10% deposit to begin planning and design so that infrastructure will be ready for installation when the Town's contractor begins the road excavation portion of the project.

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