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DATE: May 8, 2024
TO: Bayshore Blvd. Residents
FROM: Mark LeCouris, City Manager
SUBJECT: Bayshore Sewer Project, Next Steps

Thank you to those of you who attended the meeting with staff on Monday, May 6, 2024, and/or the Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, presenting your concerns. I want to assure you that we have heard your concerns and will work to address them if possible and as best as we can. This includes but is not limited to:

- potential grant opportunities for homeowners
- grinder pump alternative configuration options
- alternatives such as on-site private treatment systems (Distributed Wastewater Treatment Systems, or DWTS)
- researching mandatory connection options
- analysis of any other assistance options for residents

I have directed my staff to review all information and concerns raised by you and your neighbors, to provide you with additional information, and to hold future meetings with individuals and groups of residents.

However, the City has an active construction contract underway, and we must continue with the construction of the pipeline work to avoid significant delays. Though you may see workers tidying up and doing minor activities, we have put the construction project on hold for a few days to research your comments and verify the technical aspects and engineering that was completed to validate the Low-Pressure Sewer System (LPSS) recommendation and confirm the limitations regarding gravity sewers in this area. Unless the research indicates otherwise, the contractor will be instructed to continue construction of the pipeline in the City right-of-way while we work through the issues and options that are summarized in the list above.

As always, the City will be available to assist with any construction-related concerns or issues at 727-942-5638 or projectadmin@ctsfl.us.

Finally, City staff has posted the 2022 alternatives analysis for this project area which indicates very limited options for sewer installations in this part of town. You can review it by visiting the project page located here: <https://www.ctsfl.us/bayshore-drive-septic-to-sewer-project/> or by Google searching the phrase "Tarpon Springs Bayshore sewer." Please refer to this site frequently as new information will be posted as it comes in. Also, please consider opting into the City's text message notification service for this project by texting **BAYSHORE** to **43506**.

Thank you.