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Memorandum

Date: August 2, 2024
To: Bayshore Drive Homeowners, Residents, and Interested Parties
From: Bob Robertson, P.E. Project Administration Department Director
Subject: Bayshore Drive Septic to Sewer – Construction Status Update

The following update and information are being provided on the subject project.

Construction Status:

- Project construction is substantially complete, and the contractor has demobilized (cleared equipment and staff) from the project area. All pipeline work is complete, and the roadway has been repaved. Work was completed more than two months ahead of schedule.
- City staff, the City's Engineer of Record, and the contractor have agreed on minor "punchlist" items that remain to be completed. These include final submittal of as-built (record) drawings, removal of a portable construction toilet, minor sod touch-ups, and any minor clean-up items that may be required.
- The City's Engineer of Record will be applying for final clearance from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Clearance to place the new sewer system into operation is estimated to be received from the FDEP by early September 2024.

Other Information:

- At this time, notifications regarding mandatory connection to the new sanitary sewer system are not being sent to residents. The Board of Commissioners (BOC) has asked City Staff to evaluate options regarding mandatory connections to present to the BOC for discussion at a later date.
- Residents and homeowners will have the ability to voluntarily connect to the new sanitary sewer system after the City receives clearance from the FDEP, estimated to be received by the beginning of September 2024. A separate guidance document regarding voluntary sewer connections with instructions on how to setup an account, abandon existing septic tanks, and other information will be sent to residents and homeowners when voluntary connection becomes an available option.

- City staff applied for grant funds to create a rebate program to help offset some costs to residents of connecting to the new sewer system. The status and schedule of the grant review and approval is pending.
- City staff will be working to review and update the water and sewer utility financial plan to meet long-term utility capital priorities in the coming fiscal year. It will include an evaluation of options to potentially alleviate some of the sewer connection costs.
- At this time, it is expected to be mid-year 2025 before all the information and options for connections and funding will be sent to the BOC for discussion and direction.

If you have any questions, please email projectadmin@ctsfl.us or 727-942-5638.

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