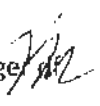## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor England
Vice Mayor Samora
Commissioner George
Commissioner Rumrell
Commissioner Torres

FROM: Max Royle, City Manager

DATE: July 26, 2021

SUBJECT: Construction of Parking Area Along North Side of Pope Road: Request for County to Include Project in a Five-Year Plan

BACKGROUND

At its August 6, 2012, meeting, the City Commission heard a presentation from Mr. Billy Zeits, who at the time was the County's Beach Operations Manager. Mr. Zeits reported about the County's plan to hire a consultant, Zev Cohen and Associates, to do a County-wide public parking study. The Commission agreed to include the City in the study and to pay $6,400 as the City's share of cost.

Zev Cohen's report was provided to the City in the spring of 2014. Its evaluations and recommendations included such areas as the pier park, 8th Street east and west of the Boulevard, **A** Street, and various plazas. Also, included was a recommendation for an improved parking area at the east end of Pope Road. The County later did delineate parking spaces there and have regulation handicapped parking spaces and a sidewalk built from the Boulevard to the beach.

Also, in the Zev Cohen report, there were these two sentences: "There are also potential public parking opportunities along Pope Road, west of [County Road] A1A along the right-of-way. The County's recent intersection improvements will allow safe crossing of CR A1A." However, the County, which owns Pope Road, did not proceed with developing plans for public parking along it.

THE PROPOSAL

On July 22, 2021, during a conference call Mayor England was having with County staff persons about moving the County fire station, she asked about constructing parking improvements along Pope Road. The County staff said the City should ask that the project be included in a five-year plan.

ACTION REQUESTED

It is that by motion and vote you ask the County to include in the County's five-year construction plan public parking improvements along Pope Road, west of A1A Beach Boulevard.

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