

## **City of Pembroke Pines**

### **2020 Legislative Appropriations Requests**

The following is a narrative of seven (7) projects being requested thru the 2020 Legislative Session.

#### **1. Senior Transportation Buses:**

The City of Pembroke Pines, Community Services Department, Transportation Division, operates a senior transportation service free of charge. This service provides transportation from the home of a senior to the Southwest Focal Point Senior Center to medical and dental appointments, pharmacy, other service agencies, post office, banks, grocery stores, etc. Individuals participating in the program must be a registered member of Southwest Focal Point Senior Center, 55 years of age or older, and does not have access to other forms of transportation. This transportation is at the core of senior citizens aging in place. With this assistance, seniors in the Pembroke Pines community can stay independent. The Southwest Focal Point Transportation Division currently consists of 16, 20-passenger buses and 5 cars. There are 7 full-time drivers and 1 part-time driver who operate these buses 5 days a week, 10 hours a day. The yearly ridership is approximately 36,700 riders. Considering that almost half of the vehicles have over 100,000 miles and experience tells us that an aging fleet requires more repairs; this equates to down time for the vehicles and ultimately inhibits our service to the community. The total amount needed for this purchase is \$320,000 which the City will contribute 10% (\$32,000) thru a local match. The City asks the state to appropriate \$288,000 which equals 4 buses at \$80,000 per bus along with the City's contribution. These new buses would enable us to enhance the services we currently offer the community.

#### **2. Pembroke Road Extension 196 to US 27 Project:**

The City of Pembroke Pines is requesting funding for the Pembroke Road Corridor Project, which will connect Pembroke Road from 196th Avenue to US-27, approximately a 1 mile segment, through the construction of a two-lane highway. The estimated cost to construct this roadway is \$3,900,000 in which the City will contribute 25% (\$975,000) thru a local match. The City asks the state to appropriate \$2,925,000 for this project. The roadway will relieve congestion on both Pines Boulevard (State Roadway) and Miramar Parkway (County Roadway), two heavily congested corridors.

This project will serve a growing, diverse region which also hosts a large influx of visitors and seasonal residents:

- 165,000 residents of City of Pembroke Pines (41% Hispanic, 20% African American, 67% white; 24% under 18 and 15% over 65)
- 130,000 residents of the City of Miramar
- Southwest Broward County – approximately 500,000 residents

This project will complete Pembroke Road in order to realize its ability to serve as an east-west artery, linking US-1 on the eastside of Broward County with US-27 on the west, thereby improving Broward County's transportation system network efficiency. It will improve the accessibility and mobility of

residents and visitors, and improve access to employment and the mobility of goods. If this roadway is constructed, residents in the area will have access to a significantly faster and more direct evacuation route.

### **3. City of Pembroke Pines Police Headquarters Facility Project:**

The City of Pembroke Pines is requesting funding in the amount of \$42 million to assist in the construction of a new Police Headquarters building. The total amount needed for this project is \$62 million which the City will contribute 32% (\$20 million) thru a local match. The Pembroke Pines Police Department is the 3rd largest police agency in Broward County and the 6th largest police municipality in the state of Florida. We currently employ 379 full-time employees and additionally, we support approximately 45 civilian volunteers, all occupying a 28 year old building. Originally, the headquarters building was built to house a maximum of 200 persons. We have experienced significant growth during the past two decades, and continue to grow in numbers. With each passing year, the police department's focus on innovation, technology, and homeland security has evolved from conceptual thinking into a modern necessity. Unfortunately, the current building is not suited to support the needs of our city and the police department, nor does the building allow us to meet the mandates set forth by local, state and/or national standards. We have literally outgrown the original building. We are in dire need of additional square footage for our expanding Property and Evidence Unit as well as the plan to grow our Crime Scene Unit into a self-sufficient entity with expanded basic Crime Lab processing capabilities on-site. Our Community Affairs Unit currently hosts two Citizens Police Academy classes throughout the calendar year, with approximately 45 students per class. Each of those classes have extensive waiting lists, to which we would like to add additional persons, but due to the lack of classroom space, the larger classes are not possible. A new building would allow us to build a state of the art Community classroom, better suited to meet the needs of our residents. With Homeland Security concerns becoming a reality of life in 2019, our building does not meet the requirements set forth by FDLE related to access; a new building would meet the required criteria. In addition, with Homeland Security becoming a priority, we plan to add a "real-time" crime center which would allow our residents to be safer, allowing for our police officers to study real-time data and video footage from a remote location within the building. Finally, but no less vital, a new building would be built to South Florida hurricane standards, as our current building does not meet the Miami-Dade hurricane requirements for a storm above an approximate category 1 storm.

### **4. Utility Water Main Replacement**

The section of the City impacted by this project is bordered by SW 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to the West; Pines Boulevard to the North; the Florida Turnpike to the East and SW 9<sup>th</sup> Street to the South, approximately one square mile. A very small portion in the southeast corner falls just south of the Turnpike. This section of the City was developed over 50 years ago. The water main that was installed at the time was 6" asbestos cement pipe and 2" galvanized metal pipe, which still exists today. The City receives numerous communications each year from residents in this area who continue to complain about water pressure and water quality into their homes. This is due to the age, condition and size of the pipes. Additionally, fire hydrants were not installed in areas with 2" pipe, making some residences more susceptible in the event of a fire.

There is approximately 72,000 linear feet of this old pipe in the area with close to 50% located in the backyards of residences. Consideration should be given to relocating all water mains and meters to the front of homes to avoid the expense and disruption associated with the removal and replacement of fences and other features in the event of a repair or emergency.

Over time, asbestos cement (AC) pipe undergoes gradual degradation through leaching, internally due to water flow and externally due to groundwater which can result in softening of the pipe and loss of mechanical strength. Our experience has been an increased frequency in AC pipe failure in these areas.

Galvanized steel can last roughly forty years until it needs to be replaced. With over 50 years of service, and the present state of the pipe in this area, it is timely that we move to replace this aging infrastructure with an updated system as this pipe has reached its useful life. The City of Pembroke Pines began this project in FY2018 and split it into three phases.

This funding request is for the remaining 2 phases which will cost approximately \$13.4 million. The City of Pembroke Pines is requesting funding in the amount of \$4 Million to permanently remove from service and retire in-place, approximately 72,000 LF of 6" AC and 2" galvanized water main and installation of the same amount of 8" PVC water main, inclusive of service connections to relocate service to the front of residences. The total amount needed for this of which the City will contribute 70% (\$9.4 million) thru a local match.

#### **5. Studio 18 in the Pines Artist Village – AC System Replacement**

Studio 18 in the Pines is a community art space that has extensive gallery space, eighteen working artist studios and two classrooms that provide space for workshops, lectures, visual art classes and exhibitions. It is dedicated to attracting emerging and mid-career artists, and facilitates and nurtures a vibrant cultural environment that allows artists to exchange ideas, foster community engagement, advance artistic disciplines and inspire the creative process. Studio 18 presents many art exhibits through the year. Artist studios are open during events and receptions and these events are free to the community. Inside studios range in size, are well lit and have sinks. The outside work spaces are perfect for large scale sculptors, welders or wood workers. Resident and outside artists participate in exhibitions throughout the year which draws hundreds of people. Artists enjoy 24 hour secure access and the ability to teach their craft in classrooms and have full use of the artists' lounge. What is wonderful about Studio 18 in the Pines is that it is an art center that is a place for anyone in the community to come and belong, regardless of whether you are there to create, admire or be inspired. The Studio 18 facility currently uses an antiquated chilled water air conditioning system. Though still operating with some efficiency, the City is concerned that the underground pipes for the chilled water air conditioning system may soon be past its useful life and become corroded because of its age. Ninety-nine percent of the surrounding public facilities of where Studio 18 is located have already upgraded their chilled water air conditioning systems to a modernized air cooled machine system. The total amount needed for this purchase is \$320,000 in which the City will contribute 10% (\$32,000) thru a local match. The City asks the state to appropriate \$288,000 for the purchase and installation of the new AC system.

#### **6. Howard C. Forman Kitchen –Storage Freezer Replacement**

The Senator Howard C. Forman Human Services Campus located in Pembroke Pines is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of health care, community service, educational, and senior housing facilities serving numerous children, families and seniors of Southeast Florida. Positioned within these grounds is the Howard C. Forman kitchen which is utilized by the City's contracted food service company (FSC) who oversee the food service operation for the not-for-profit, municipally-operated Pembroke Pines Charter School System (PPCS). The FSC uses the Forman kitchen as a commissary kitchen, providing over 6,000 student meals daily in compliance with the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). The Forman

kitchen stores all of the FSC's food provisions and USDA commodities needed for the school food service program. The City asks the state to appropriate \$585,000 to replace eleven (11) kitchen walk-in storage freezers and coolers located at the Forman Kitchen which are currently inefficient and have reached its useful life. The total funding needed for this purchase is \$650,000 in which the City will contribute 10% (\$65,000) through a local match. This purchase will allow the City to minimize the loss of food provisions and USDA commodities stored at the kitchen facility.

#### **7. Howard C. Forman Kitchen - Emergency Backup Generator Project**

The Forman kitchen is also an integral part of the City's Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan. When the City experiences a hurricane, severe flooding or other natural disasters, the FSC operates the Forman kitchen as a satellite feeding service location, ensuring that the City's emergency response teams and local residents have an adequate supply of ice, water, and quality food during times of crisis. During Hurricane Irma in 2017, the use of the Forman kitchen was critical as it was an essential facility resource used to provide over 15,000 meals, water and ice to the City's residents and emergency response workers. The City heavily relies on having this commissary kitchen to be functional and available, not only to provide daily meals for the PPCS student population, but so the FSC can utilize the kitchen to assist in keeping residents calm and comfortable by providing necessary resources and food provisions, which in turn allows emergency response workers to focus on disaster recovery efforts instead. The City asks the state to appropriate \$270,000 to purchase a permanent emergency backup generator power system needed to supply electricity when there is a loss of power due to power surges, storms and natural disasters, as the facility currently does not have a permanent emergency generator. The funding needed to purchase a 350KW, 120/208v 3 Phase Generator is approximately \$300,000 in which the City will contribute 10% (\$30,000) through a local match. This purchase will allow the City to minimize the loss of emergency resources stored at the kitchen facility and keep the kitchen functional during daily operations and times of crisis.