



Item No. 11a

# AGENDA ITEM MEMORADUM

**Administration**

**Pat Himelberger, Asst to Town Mgr**

Department

Department Director

COMMISSION MEETING DATE (*) - 7:00 PM	Deadline to Town Clerk
<input type="checkbox"/> Oct 11, 2011	Sept 30th
<input type="checkbox"/> Oct 25, 2011	Oct 14th
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nov 8, 2011	Oct 28 <sup>th</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/> Nov 29, 2011	Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec 13, 2011	Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>

**\*Subject to Change**

- Presentation     Reports     Consent     Ordinance  
 Resolution     Quasi-Judicial     Old Business     New Business

**FY2011 DESIGNATED HIGH PRIORITY ITEM - PRIORITY TOPIC**

**SUBJECT TITLE: Sea Turtle Grant Application for El Prado Parking Lot Pedestrian Lighting**

**EXPLANATION:** Staff has been researching various lighting options to address the low level of lighting in the El Prado Parking Lot during turtle nesting season. The Sea Turtle Grant, funded through the Florida Sea Turtle Specialty License Plate, currently has funds available to protect sea turtle habitats and we have learned that grant applications for municipal lighting which is sea-turtle friendly have been awarded from this program in amounts normally ranging from \$20,000 - \$35,000.

The Sea Turtle Grant application deadline is November 18, 2011. Although we have identified turtle -friendly stainless steel bollards that have a twenty year warranty, we are continuing to explore other options which might provide the Town with durable, maintenance free, turtle friendly lighting.

We are requesting that the Commission authorize the Town Manager to apply for a grant to purchase 22 turtle friendly lights along the walkway in the El Prado lot to provide a safer parking lot environment at a cost of up to \$30,000 with the Town committing to a match of \$5,000 for installation. Additionally, although not required, staff recommends that the Town propose the match to make the application more attractive to the reviewers. We have funds in the CIP for parking improvements which can be used for the match.

If we are successful in our grant application, the grant funds are expected to be available in May of 2012.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Town Commission authorize submission of a Sea Turtle Grant application for El Prado Parking Lot Pedestrian Lighting for \$30,000 with a Town match of \$5,000, for a total estimated project cost of \$35,000.

**EXHIBIT(S):**

Reviewed by Town Attorney  
 Yes     No

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