



# AGENDA ITEM MEMORADUM

**Development Services**

**Bud Bentley**

Assistant Town Manager / Development Services  
Director B3

Department

<b>COMMISSION MEETING DATE (*) - 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Deadline to Town Clerk</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Aug 23, 2011	Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>

\*Subject to Change

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

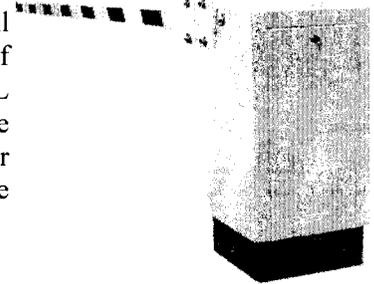
FY2011 DESIGNATED HIGH PRIORITY ITEM - PRIORITY TOPIC

## SUBJECT TITLE: Imperial Lane Traffic Calming Project

**EXPLANATION:** On July 26, 2011, after public input and Commission discussion about the proposed traffic calming project for Imperial Lane (**Exhibit 1**), the Commission tabled the item to the August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting and asked for information concerning the cost of traffic control arms. Staff was also asked to address some of the concerns raised by an adjacent property owner.

### Traffic Control Arms

Municipal Services Director Don Prince's preliminary estimate of the cost to install new traffic control arms at the entrance to Imperial Lane would be in the range of \$14,000 to \$16,000 (for control arms, site work and electrical). This includes a FPL meter and electrical service to the control arms, which in this case would include cutting and installing conduit beneath the street. In addition, we can expect other expenses such as safety lighting, signage and stripping. The end product would not be very attractive without landscaping.



The Terra Mar Neighborhood is the only location in town with traffic control arms installed in the public right of way; they were installed prior to Terra Mar's annexation to the Town. Town policy and the agreement with the Terra Mar Neighborhood Association requires them to maintain the entranceway improvements and carry liability insurance. The Terra Mar neighborhood Association advises that they pay \$750 for an annual preventative maintenance contract for the control arms and \$500 for insurance.

The Imperial Drive residents indicated in earlier meetings that they were not interested in funding the costs of traffic control arms. Some Imperial Drive residents would be happy if the Town funded the control arms and absorbed the ongoing maintenance costs; others have expressed opposition to the traffic control arms.

For the Town to fund the installation, ongoing maintenance, and assume the liability for traffic control arms for a single street or a neighborhood would be a very significant expansion from the Town's past and current practice and policy.

### Adjacent Property Owner's Concerns

During the July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, Holly Schaefer (215 Imperial Lane), who lives directly north of the proposed location of the traffic calming project, noted her objection to the project because of concerns about noise, additional storm water diverted onto her property, and limiting access to her driveway.



We took a look at these concerns and offer the following:

1. **Noise.** The noise from the speed table should not be any greater than noise produced at the two speed humps already installed on Imperial Lane. This is a very low volume street with most of the traffic occurring during the day, thus the nighttime impact should be nominal.
2. **Storm Water.** As noted during the July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, the project cannot be built if it makes the current drainage conditions worst.

We met on site with our drainage engineer to evaluate the situation. He advised that rebuilding the swale in front of Ms. Schaefer's property will address the water coming from the right-of-way. Most of the problem she is experiencing results from the elevation and slope of her own property

3. **Driveway Access.** If the speed table was built as designed, Ms. Schaefer would have the same access from the right of way as a typical single family driveway. We could reduce the length of the curb in the right of way next to Ms. Schaefer property to improve the turning movements into and out of Ms. Schaefer's driveway.

Our neighborhood contact, Ms. Clark, advises, that in her opinion, most of the neighbors want to proceed with the project as proposed in July – i.e. Town-financed speed table and curbing on both sides, and the ability for the neighborhood to add landscaping at their own cost.

**RECOMMENDATION:** We recommend Commission approval of the proposed traffic calming project as reflected in Exhibit 1 with modification to the curbing to expand driveway access to 215 Imperial Lane. The Town Manager should be authorized to administratively approve the beautification improvements to be funded by the neighborhood. We will include a statement in the approval documents that the Town's policy is that replacement of damaged improvements shall be the responsibility of the neighborhood.

- EXHIBITS:**
1. July 26, 2011 agenda item 16b
  2. Draft minutes of agenda item 16b

**FISCAL IMPACT AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS:** The preliminary cost estimate for this project is \$4,350. This does not include the swale restoration work within the right of way as that can be accomplished by Town staff.

Funds are available in the current year Capital Improvement Traffic Calming Account (310-575-200-500-630). The project, however, won't be completed this fiscal year, so we'll modify the FY12 CIP Budget to provide for this project.

Reviewed by Town Attorney  
 Yes     No

Town Manager Initials CA



# AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Item No. 166

## Exhibit

Town Manager's Office

Bud Bentley

Department Submitting Request

Assistant Town Manager EB

**REGULAR**  
**COMMISSION MTG**  
**Meeting Dates - 7:00 PM**

**DEADLINE TO**  
**Town Clerk**

**ROUNDTABLE**  
**MEETING**  
**Meeting Dates - 7:00 PM**

**DEADLINE TO**  
**Town Clerk**

July 26, 2011

July 15 (5:00 pm)

July 12, 2011

July 1 (5:00 pm)

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**SUBJECT TITLE: Imperial Lane Traffic Calming Project**

**EXPLANATION:** The residents on Imperial Lane have been working with the Town for some time to develop a workable traffic calming project to reduce reported errant/lost drivers from attempting to use Imperial Lane to return to Commercial Boulevard, and reported eastbound acceleration by drivers attempting to "make the green light." The Commission most recently discussed this project at its April 12, 2010 and September 20, 2010 meetings. The September 20<sup>th</sup> agenda item is attached (**Exhibit 1**) as are the minutes for both meetings. At the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Commission authorized a temporary choker to be installed. At the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Commission authorized staff to pursue the traffic calming alternatives recommended in the August 30, 2010 Kittelson Report prior to proceeding with the choker. The County moved the traffic signs but the recommendations concerning the cycle length for the traffic signal and installing a limited visibility traffic signal head were not approved by the County Traffic Engineering Division.

Over the past several months, staff and the Town's traffic consultant, Molly Hughes, met several times with residents to make suggestions, answer questions and refine residents' ideas into a viable project. Vice Mayor Dodd and Mrs. Jeannine Clark facilitated the conversations and meetings with the residents.

In addition to calming traffic, the residents would like to beautify the entrance of Imperial Lane. The attached drawing (**Exhibit 2**) shows a proposed project that does both. The traffic calming elements are proposed to be funded by the Town and the beautification elements, if undertaken, would be funded by the residents as shown on Table 1.

Table 1 - Project Elements and Preliminary Cost Estimates

Element	Town Expense	Resident Expense
Asphalt removal	\$350	
Concrete Curbing	\$750	
Speed Table	\$3,150	
Pavement & stop bar stripping	\$100	
Treatment on top of speed table		\$2,940 (1)
Landscaping		TBD
Signage		TBD
Total	\$4,350.00	\$2,940.00

(1) We are exploring less expense alternatives.



The Imperial Lane representatives have provided the attached documentation (**Exhibit 3**) of the residents' support of the project. The residents immediately north (215 Imperial Lane) and south (220 Imperial Lane) of the location of the proposed traffic calming element are opposed to the project. The comments of Ms. Schafer (215) and Mr. Roberts (220) are attached (**Exhibit 4**).

Molly Hughes met with the two neighbors to explain the project and the fact that it will be totally located within the right-of-way. Ms. Hughes' recap of the issues is included as **Exhibit 5**. In subsequent discussions with Ms. Hughes, we believe that several of the issues such as the turning radius into 215 Imperial Lane, drainage and a pedestrians sidewalk can be addressed in the design of the speed table to mitigate impact to the neighbors. **Exhibit 6** is an aerial view of the intersection of Imperial Lane and Thomas Lane.

The traffic calming project is viable regardless of when or if the beautification improvements are made. It is not at all unusual for the traffic calming project to be completed and then for the residents to raise funds for beautification improvements. Based on our understanding of Commission policy, we have consistently told the residents that they would be responsible for all of the capital cost for the beautification elements and the ongoing maintenance. However, since Imperial Lane residents are not members of an organized neighborhood association, they will not be able to secure their own insurance. The Town could explore insuring the improvements and billing the residents. Given the proposed improvements, we believe the liability risk to be minimal and recommend the Town accept the responsibility.

A more likely situation is a car will drive through the landscaping and damage it. In this situation, we recommend the Town policy to be that we remove the damaged improvements and the residents be responsible for their replacement. The Town would pursue recovery from the driver and any proceeds related to the beautification improvements would go to the residents since they funded the improvements, maintenance and any replacements. Any recovery related to the Town-funded improvements would be used for those repairs.

**RECOMMENDATION:** We recommend the traffic calming project be approved. The residents have worked a long time on this project and we believe the proposed alternative is a cost-effective means of addressing the issues. If the concept is approved by the Commission, we will administratively approve the beautification improvements and the documentation will include a statement of the Town's policy regarding replacement of damaged improvements.

- EXHIBITS:**
1. September 20, 2010 agenda item and minutes
  2. Proposed Traffic Calming Project
  3. Resident Document of Support
  4. Comments from Ms. Schater and Mr. Roberts
  5. Ms. Hughes comments
  6. Aerial view of the intersection of Imperial Lane and Thomas Lane

**FISCAL IMPACT AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS:** Funds are available in the Capital Improvement Traffic Calming Account (310-575.200-500.630).

Reviewed by Town Attorney  
 Yes  No

Town Manager Initials CH

File: 7-19 Imperial Lane Traffic Calming AC

<sup>1</sup> Note: The initial concept drawing shown pavers on top of the speed table with concrete bands. Since pavers are no longer being considered both the pavers and the concrete bands have been removed from the project drawing (**Exhibit 2**).



# TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA

## ROUNDTABLE ITEM REQUEST FORM

### Exhibit 1

Town Manager's Office

Bud Bentley  
Assistant Town Manager

Meeting Date / Time

Deadline w/o Backup

Deadline w/ Backup

September 20, 2010 7:00 PM

Oct 13, 2010 / 7:00 PM

Oct 6, 2010 / Noon

Oct 1, 2010 / Noon

Oct 27, 2010 / 7:00 PM

Oct 20, 2010 / Noon

Oct 15, 2010 / Noon

ITEM/ITEMS\*: **Traffic Calming Report for Imperial Lane**

The Commission last discussed this topic at its April 12, 2010 Roundtable meeting. The minutes of that meeting are attached (Exhibit 1). The minutes reflect the Commission consensus to install a temporary choker at the east end of Imperial Lane.

After consulting with BSO, the County Traffic Engineering Department, the Town Engineer, we were concerned that the proposed solution would not produce the results desired. We secured the services of a Traffic Engineering firm, Kittelson & Associates, Inc. to review the alternatives and provide their recommendations. Their report is attached (Exhibit 2.)

We recommend implementing the Kittelson recommendation prior to trying other alternatives. If the Commission finds merit in the Kittelson recommendations, we will meet with the neighborhood representatives to explain why we are implementing these measures before trying a temporary choker.

Town Manager's Initials: CB

\*ITEMS LISTED THAT WOULD BE GOING TO REGULAR COMMISSION AGENDA REQUIRE NEW AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM WITH AMPLE TIME TO PRODUCE BACKUP

TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA

TOWN COMMISSION

ROUNDTABLE

MINUTES

Jarvis Hall

4505 Ocean Drive

Monday, April 12, 2010

6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR

Mayor Roseann Minnet called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Also present were Vice Mayor Stuart Dodd, Commissioner Birute Ann Clotey, Commissioner Scot Sasser, Commissioner Chris Vincent, Town Attorney Richard Weiss, Town Manager Esther Colon, Assistant Town Manager John Olinzock, Town Clerk June White, and Town Engineer James Barton.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Bocce Ball Court Expansion (Town Engineer James Barton) Deferred at the March 23, 2010 Commission meeting - Vice Mayor Dodd

Vice Mayor Dodd believed the idea was first class and believed it should be approved.

Mayor Minnet inquired as to whether the item needed to go back on the agenda. Attorney Weiss stated that the Commission could either refer back to staff for additional work or, refer back to staff with direction to do a particular thing or, if ready, refer to staff to place on next agenda.

Commissioner Vincent was concerned about delaying the process by referring the item back to staff. Manager Colon explained that the estimate received was not compliant with the dollar amount Town Engineer James Barton submitted. Commissioner Sasser questioned whether Engineer Barton had a chance to review the material submitted by Mr. Salentino and inquired of his thoughts.

Engineer Barton stated that he researched other bocce ball courts and established a recommendation to do something similar to the current court or the Commission could do whatever they wanted. He added that if they chose the latter he could not guarantee it.

there may be something else available within.

Clerk White stated that she was looking into the upgrades. She asked whether the minutes produced to date were acceptable. The Commission agreed they were.

Commissioner Sasser requested that this be placed on the Town Manager Report in order to keep up with the status. Manager Colon said she would and advised that the Public Information Officer d'Oliviera was looking into updating the equipment.

- f. Discussion and/or action to have the Town Engineer research the traffic flow on Imperial Lane to see if signage or a barrier is needed to prevent through traffic from A1A from entering this street (Commissioner Birute Clotey) Direction given at the January 26, 2010 meeting for additional information (Town Engineer James Barton) - Deferred at the March 23, 2010 Commission meeting - Vice Mayor Dodd

Commissioner Clotey requested a list of businesses on Imperial Lane that proved not to create a lot of traffic. She wondered whether a sign could be posted under the streetlight at Imperial Lane with an arrow that indicated "Dead End" or "No Outlet". Engineer Barton believed that since there was a light there, people felt it was a regular street. He stated that he looked into the gate possibility but did not believe it was feasible as it had to be open to everyone, including emergency services to which there was not enough room for the emergency vehicles to turn around. Engineer Barton added the cost would be expensive. He suggested a visible impediment that would force people to turn as he believed tourists would not notice the sign.

Vice Mayor Dodd stated there were 3 speed humps on Imperial Lane and people hurried down the street to make the green light at the end of the road. He added that the residents requested narrowing the road to one lane on a temporary basis by using concrete parking barriers and bring the signs in closer.

Commissioner Vincent asked whether that could be done legally and without impeding the flow of traffic. Assistant Town Manager Olinzock stated that under the Broward County Interlocal Agreement, everything the Town did as far as traffic signage or paving markings had to be brought to them. He stated that Broward County was more comfortable with choking the road.

Commissioner Sasser questioned whether the residents on Imperial Lane would consider paying for the installation and maintaining their own arms and whether there would be problems associated with that. Manager Colon stated they would have to go through Broward County Traffic Engineering. She added that would be an option so long as the Town had no liability.

Commissioner Sasser asked whether the choker effect could be tried on a temporary basis. Assistant Town Manager Olinzock said he would work with Town Engineer Barton to see if there was something temporary in the industry that could be used and accepted by Broward County.

Commissioner Sasser expressed concern with having one lane. Assistant Town Manager Olinzock said they would have to share the road. Vice Mayor Dodd indicated that other areas used this as a form of traffic calming. He added that the residents were trying to avoid putting another speed hump at the beginning.

It was the consensus of the Commission to move forward with a temporary choker.

- g. Discussion and/or action for the Commission to give its final approval to the final construction drawings for the El Mar Drive beautification before construction begins (Commissioner Stuart Dodd) Direction given at the January 26, 2010 meeting to go before the Master Plan Steering Committee - Deferred at the March 23, 2010 Commission meeting Vice Mayor Dodd

Vice Mayor Dodd wanted the MPSC (Master Plan Steering Committee) to look at other options. Commissioner Sasser believed that the MPSC was looking at a grant brought to their attention previously by Commissioner Clotey. He was concerned as to whether the Commission was locked in to what was previously selected.

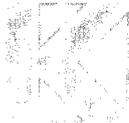
Commissioner Clotey stated that the drawings were drafts and the MPSC was to get with engineers.

Commissioner Sasser asked for clarification that the Town was not locked in. He added that drawings left room for change, and were waiting on the MPSC to meet with the engineers to finalize them.

Manager Colon stated that the MPSC could not meet with just any engineer. She added that the MPSC would first have to tell the Commission what they want to do, and then the Commission would need to decide whether the MPSC would use the Town Engineer or go out for RFP. She reminded the Commission there was a deadline.

Commissioner Vincent questioned whether the project was classified as a beautification project or a pedestrian friendly project and whether the Town met the criteria. Commissioner Clotey stated it was both and that the beautification may bring additional jobs to the restaurants and hotels. She added that specifically it was for job creation and then pedestrian friendly.

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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: August 30, 2010 Project #: 11153  
To: James Barton, Chen and Associates  
Bud Bentley, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea  
  
From: Mike Coleman and Thuha Lyew  
Project: Imperial Lane, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea  
Subject: Traffic Calming Recommendations

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This memorandum summarizes the traffic conditions on Imperial Lane in Lauderdale-by-the Sea and recommends potential considerations to enhance the street.

### ***Background and Existing Conditions:***

Imperial Lane is a residential street. Its intersection with N. Ocean Drive is signalized. Thomas Way T's into Imperial Lane from the south at approximately 200 feet west of SR A1A/N. Ocean Drive. West of its intersection with Thomas Way, Imperial Lane is a dead-end street that is paved and has street lights but no curbs or sidewalks.

The street is straight and flat and has two speed humps. One hump is located 275 feet west of Thomas Way. The second hump is located another 750 feet west of Thomas Way. West of Thomas Way, a total of 37 single-family homes front Imperial Lane. Each home has at least one, but no more than two driveway accesses.

Imperial Lane is signed as a DEAD END street at its intersection with SR A1A/N. Ocean Drive. It is signed again at its intersection with Thomas Way (*photo 1*). There is are no speed signs on Imperial Lane, but there are a total of two advance warning signs for the speed humps that include a 20 mile-per-hour advisory speed sign. There is one advance warning sign in each direction. They are located in advance of the two speed humps (*photos 2 and 3*). There are no signs to manage on-street parking, but some areas adjacent to the street are paved for the apparent purpose of parking.

Traffic counts were conducted at two locations on Wednesday June 23 and Thursday June 24, 2010. At a location just west of Thomas Way a total of 306 vehicles were counted in 24 hours. The second location, between the two speed humps, counted 293 vehicles. Generally, counts in the summer months are slightly lower than those collected in the winter months; in this case, most of the residences are non-seasonal, it is believed that the counts are unaffected.

### **Findings:**

There appears to be less traffic activity on Imperial Lane than would be expected. A typical residential neighborhood tends to generate approximately 10 trips per home per day and the directional split is equal over a 24-hour period. Also a dead end street's traffic volumes will accumulate and reach a maximum at its point of access. The observed traffic volumes were indeed greatest nearest the Thomas Way intersection and decreased as you moved away from the intersection. An average of only 8.5 vehicle trips was generated by each home. The directional split of the traffic volume was unexpectedly out of balance during the 24 hours that were observed. More drivers left the neighborhood than arrived. Had the entering volumes matched the exiting volumes, the total traffic would have been approximately 360 vehicles, or approximately 10 trips per home.

As expected the observed vehicle speeds were quite low in the vicinity of the two speed humps. Also vehicle speeds were equally low for westbound vehicles near Thomas Way. However the overall speeds of eastbound vehicles approaching the Thomas Way intersection were higher. Twenty-four percent were observed traveling at least 30 miles per hour. Almost 10 percent were traveling at least 35 miles per hour. Anecdotal information suggests that eastbound drivers tend to travel faster when they are approaching a green light at the N. Ocean Drive intersection. The signal's cycle length is at least 2 minutes long during most of the day, so drivers may be trying to save at least 2 minutes of delay by hurrying to use the green light they see.

### **Recommendations:**

Traffic conditions are generally as expected for a street like Imperial Lane, however certain improvements and upgrades could be considered. They include:

- Installing two addition SPEED HUMP AHEAD warning signs, between the two existing humps. Also, the visibility can be improved by adequate vegetation trimming (*photo 2*).
- Installing at least one fiberglass white delineator at the pavement edge of each speed hump (*photo 4*). This will discourage drivers from maneuvering off of the pavement to avoid the speed humps (*photo 5*)
- Reinstalling the two existing DEAD END warning signs to ensure that they are at the standard 7-foot minimum mounting height. This will improve their visibility.
- Proposing to reduce the cycle length at the signalized intersection with A1A/N. Ocean Drive. Coordination will need to be made with Broward County Traffic Engineering Division to ensure the adequate pedestrian crossing time and the appropriate signal coordination/synchronization with Commercial Boulevard. Ideally, the cycle length can be at half of is what implemented at Commercial Boulevard for the respective peak period.
- Replacing the eastbound heads of the traffic signal at SR A1A/N. Ocean Drive with programmed visibility heads. Programmed visibility heads can be designed so approaching drivers cannot see the signal indication until they are within a determined

distance from the intersection. In the case of Imperial Lane, the heads could be programmed so eastbound drivers cannot see the signal indication from far away and be tempted to accelerate to "beat" a green light.

- Establishing a monitoring program such that speed and volume are collected every six months to ensure the consistently low speeds observed. In the event that high speeds are observed, other more significant treatments (such as installation of additional speed hump or neck down/choker) can be examined.

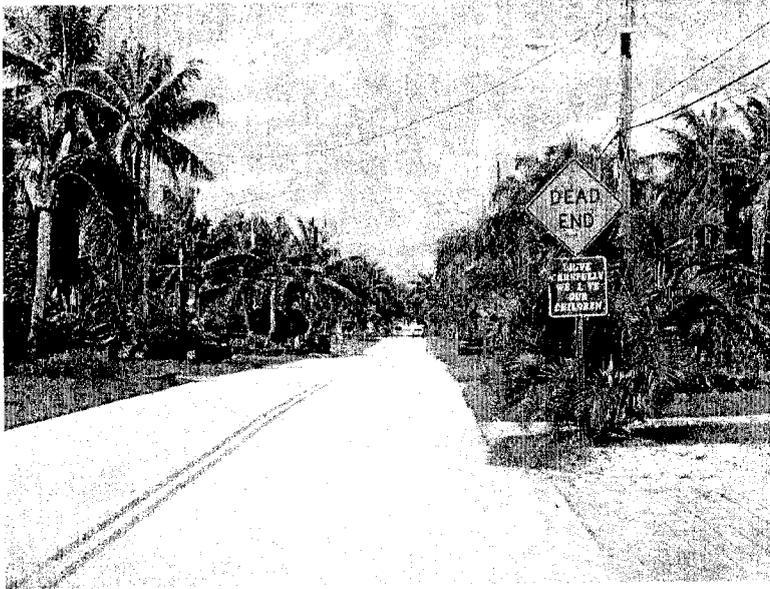


Photo 1: looking west, just west of Thomas Way.



Photo 2: looking west, from east of speed hump (sign located in front of Residence 223 Imperial Lane)



Photo 3: looking east, from west of speed hump (sign located in front of Residence 260 Imperial Lane)



Photo 4: Sample use of delineator



Photo 5: vehicle driving off of the pavement to avoid the east speed hump, located in front of Residence 227 Imperial Lane

Mayor Minnet requested staff notify the Commission of the amount being paid to Mr. Keller to update those parking studies. There was no further discussion.

f. Traffic Calming Imperial Lane (Interim Assistant Town Manager Bud Bentley)

Interim Assistant Town Manager Bentley stated that the Commission asked Town staff to look at this item back in April. He explained that the traffic engineer recommended traffic calming techniques prior to proceeding to the next step of a "choker". Interim Assistant Town Manager Bentley said that if the Commission concurred with the recommendations, Town staff would meet with the neighborhood residents, explain their position and begin moving quickly.

Vice Mayor Dodd stated that people exceeded the speed limit to make the green light. He believed it would be quicker if the light turned traffic south down A1A, and made a "U" turn at Flamingo. Vice Mayor Dodd said that any help from Broward County to reduce the traffic would be greatly appreciated by the residents. He pointed out that there were only three (3) dead end roads located within the Town, and a "choker" would create the proper precedence needed.

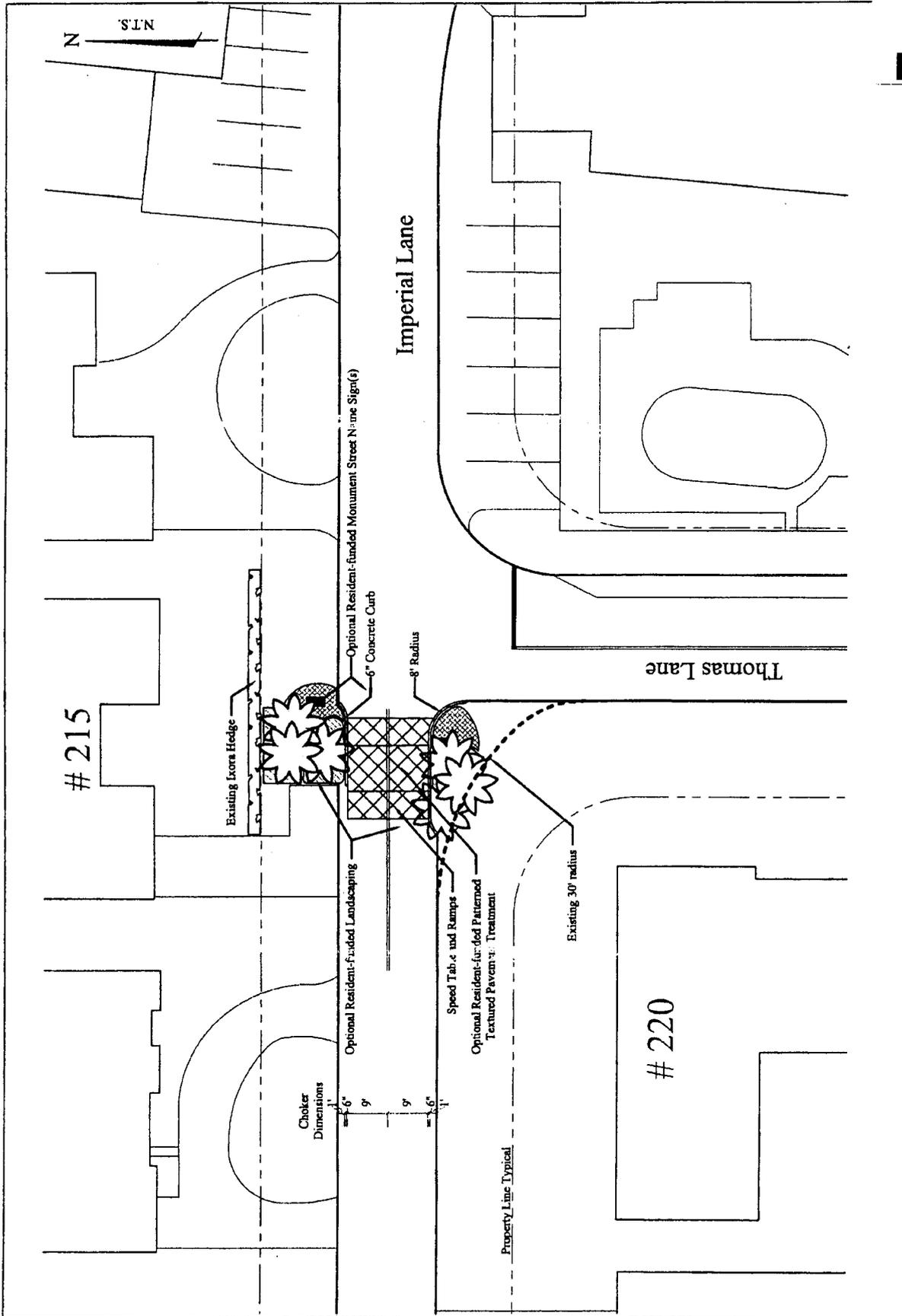
Interim Assistant Town Manager Bentley explained that discussion regarding "chokers" no longer fell under traffic calming, and was more in reference to neighborhood improvements. Mayor Minnet and Vice Mayor Dodd agreed. Vice Mayor Dodd said he would abstain from voting on this item when it came before the Commission due to the fact that he resided on that street. Commissioner Sasser requested that Vice Mayor Dodd discuss his decision with the Town Attorney to abstain from the vote, because he did not agree with the decision.

Commissioner Sasser questioned whether the recommendation would actually solve the problem, and maybe security gates could come into play. He requested that staff inform him of the amount paid to Chen & Associates and Kittelson & Associates for their work done on this item. Interim Town Manager Hoffmann explained that staff came to the conclusion that traffic engineers were necessary to assist with traffic calming issues. Interim Assistant Town Manager Bentley said that Kittelson & Associates cost the Town \$1,000.

g. Professional Services Contract with Armilio Bien-Aime (Interim Town Manager Connie Hoffmann)

Interim Town Manager Hoffmann stated that she could not increase the amount of the contract administratively and requested Commission direction. Vice Mayor Dodd and Commissioner Vincent supported the increase. Mayor Minnet questioned whether Mr. Bien-Aime no longer paid for advertising in the Town Topics. Interim Town Manager Hoffmann said he stopped paying for advertising in February. Commissioner Clotey believed that since Mr. Bien-Aime no longer paid for advertising, then in effect, he was getting an increase. Interim Town Manager Hoffmann stated that last year's

# Exhibit 2



## Choker & Speed Table Imperial Lane Traffic Calming Options

Transportation Engineers & Planners  
728 S.W. 4th Place, Suite 103  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312-2595  
(954) 563-1121 Fax: (954) 563-9790



HUGHES HUGHES INC.

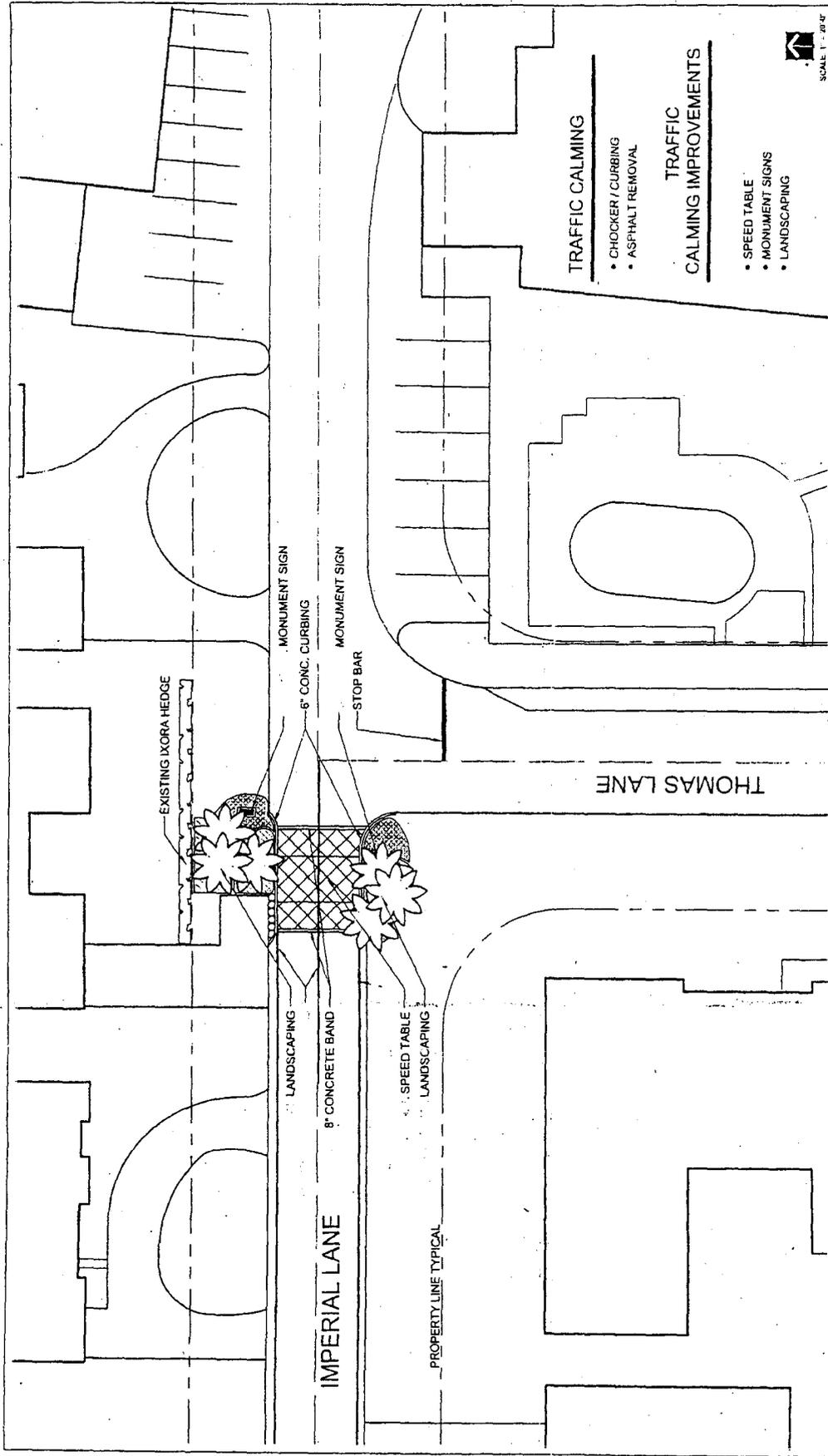
July 2, 2011

Dear Neighbor,

A traffic study was conducted by the town of Lauderdale by the Sea at the request of a significant number of residents because of problems with speeding and drivers disregarding the dead end signs.

The attached plan has been recommended based on the findings of the traffic study. The plan is designed to clearly identify the street as a dead end and to reduce speed both east and westbound.

Should you have any specific questions about the plan contact Bud Bentley, Assistant Town Manager at 954 776-3611 x 7103 or [Budb@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov](mailto:Budb@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov)



- TRAFFIC CALMING**
- CHOCKER / CURBING
  - ASPHALT REMOVAL
- TRAFFIC CALMING IMPROVEMENTS**
- SPEED TABLE
  - MONUMENT SIGNS
  - LANDSCAPING

SCALE 1" = 20'-0"

**TRAFFIC CALMING  
IMPERIAL LANE RESIDENCES**

Transportation Engineers & Planners  
728 S.W. 4th Place, Suite 103  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312-2598  
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Figure

**Exhibit 3**

Imperial Lane Traffic Calming Petition

**29 "yes"- strongly in favor of proposed changes**

1 "no"-220 Imperial

1 under construction property- 240 Imperial

1 for sale/vacant property- 268 Imperial

3 out of town resident- 283, 235,252 Imperial

3 occupied but no answer-288,219,215 Imperial

1 undecided; mailed info to NY -228 Imperial

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39 residences total

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Proposed Traffic Calming & Entry Feature for Imperial Lane

CAMPBELL TODD T, 260 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0320, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2685, 07/03/2003, 600000,

[Signature]  yes/no \$300

CLARK JOHN-MARC & JEANNINE, 271 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0191, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2259, 01/29/2003.

[Signature]  yes/no \$300

CUNNINGHAM ROBERT F & DORIS, 228 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0390, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 1796, ,100, 1 631 543 6728

\_\_\_\_\_ yes/no mailed diagram to NY, will respond

DIXON JOHN, 275 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0200, SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2019, 06/16/2008,

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\_\_\_\_\_ yes/no too busy to talk to us; 3 attempts

FIORENZA CYNTHIA, 255 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0170, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2224, 03/28/2008, 450000,

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Verbal yes  yes  no

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[Signature]  yes  no

GADSBY DAVID T, 259 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0181, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2901, 10/05/2007,

D. Gadsby verbal yes \$300  yes  no

GEESEY JR ADAM H & CYNTHIA ANN, 256 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0330, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2421, 07/11/199

C. Geesey / Ada Geesey, Jr  yes  no \$200

GONZALEZ LOUIS R, 235 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0120, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2881, , 100,

\_\_\_\_\_  yes  no out of town

GONZALEZ-BELLO JOSE A TRUST 219 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0080, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2871, 03/10/2005,

\_\_\_\_\_  yes  no no answer, 3 attempts

GROTNES CHARLES R & RUTH N, 239 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0130, SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2574, , 160000,

[Signature]  yes  no

GUIO G & ANNA M 252 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0332, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 3614, , 55000,

\_\_\_\_\_  yes  no out of town

KIROGLU MURAT H, 240 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0360, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2795, , 1035000,

\_\_\_\_\_  yes  no under construction

KOZAK JOSEPH JR & JAROSLAVA 223 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0090, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2277, 07/03

Joseph (yes) no

LAMARCA ANTHONY & DENISE, 287 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0230, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 5283, 08/15/1991, 522000

Denise Lamarca (yes) no \$200

LAMBERT GREGG & DENISE, 247 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0150, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 3700, 05/31/2007, 675000,

Denise Lambert (yes) no

LIONETTI GERARD V FAMILY TRUST, 267 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0190, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2121, 12/19/2006,

Sandy S. Lionetti (yes) no

LURIE ANTHONY & TERI, 222 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0400, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 4499, 03/26/1998, 628200,

Anthony Lurie (yes) no \$300

MANN ROBERT B TRUST, 248 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0340, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 3026, 07/13/2005,

Robert Mann (yes) no \$200

MICHAELS JOSEPH F & SYLVIA O, 227 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0100, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2529,

J.F. Michaels (yes) no

NAIR SOMNATH & ISHANA 236 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0370, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 4968, 11/19/1999, 365000,

Somnath Nair (yes) no

NOCERO D & DEVORA, 243 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0140, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2529,

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YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2038, , 35000,

D. Sere  yes/no

O'GRADY JOHN J, 272 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0290, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 3446, , 270000,

J. O'Grady  yes/no \$200.00

PASTURA MARY, 279 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0210, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 4111, 12/18/2006,

Mary Pastura  yes/no

PAULAITIS GEDIMINAS & VYTAUTE, 263 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0180, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2758, 10/31/2009,

G. Paulaitis  yes/no

REGOUT-FAVART CHRISTINA SOPHIA & 284 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0260, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 3123,

C. Favart  yes/no

ROBERTS ROLAND W & ADRIENNE A, 220 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0410, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B POR 0, 4747,

R. Roberts verbally  yes/no

ROY OUGRASINGH & REOWTIE 231 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0110, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2626, , 119500,

R. Roy  yes/no

SCHAEFER HOLLY L TRUST, 215 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0070, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 1745, 03/29/2002, 329900,

\_\_\_\_\_ yes/no NO answer; 3 attempts

STONE GEORGE W SR, 268 IMPERIAL LN, 4943, 18, 04, 0300, LAUDERDALE SURF & YACHT ESTATES 22-46 B, 2580, 09/12/2003, 830000,



## Exhibit 4

-----Original Message-----

From: Holly [mailto:Misshappytrails@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 9:44 PM

To: brob243@bellsouth.net; molly@hugheshughesinc.com

Subject: My concerns over the potential speed bump at Imperial lane

To whom this may concern, my name is Holly Schaefer and I live at 215 Imperial lane. I have lived here since April 2002. I love this neighborhood, very happy living here. I have had no issues in the ten years living here. It can be a bit noisy living so close to A1A, but I've gotten used to the sounds.

From what I understand there has been some people complain about some cars speeding on Imperial lane. I own a dog and walk him down the street, and am always outside and haven't noticed it myself. I have been approached by some people in the city about adding in a speed bump. Apparently the speed bumps that already exist aren't doing their job.

I have been shown the sketch and spoke to Molly about the future plans. At first I was open to it, even though I knew it was going to affect me negatively. Then I saw the sketch, after I studied it, I realized this thing was going to pose as a problem for me in the future.

First I'd like to mention I am a young, very active, and social woman. I own a jet ski, and have a couple of cars I keep at my property. I'm always moving around, taking my jet ski out often, and sometimes struggle with storing it along side my house. I have to angle it just right to get it in my driveway when it's time to wash it off. Then I have to back it out again to store it away. I feel strongly that this plan for the speed bump will make it even more difficult for me. If the planters, and the curb are installed it will make it near impossible for me. I shouldn't have mentioned that issue first, there is another major issue I'm concerned about.

I continue to have a big problem with flooding. Since I first moved here I always had flooding in my garage. At times it will flood up to six inches in my garage. I've tried many thing to prevent it, but nothing works. I feel that this speed bump, and curb, and planters will increase the flooding. I don't want to take that risk and find out. That is the most important issue of all, and I want to stress that.

There are two more things I'm concerned about. I have invested many thousands of dollars in my house since I've lived here. I am proud of my house and yard, and I do like to entertain.

When I have guests over, they usually wind up having to park in the grass in front of my hedge. If this project is completed it will prevent my house guests from parking there in the future.

Also it will make it difficult for me to pull into my own driveway. When I come home I usually come from the south. When I approach the neighborhood I tend to turn at Codrington dr, and then merge onto Thomas Way and cross over Imperial into my driveway. I do this because it's difficult to make a left turn on Imperial lane off off A1A due to fast merging traffic off of Bougainvillea Dr. I feel that this speed hump, curb, planter, all of the above will make parking in my driveway difficult.

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Last but not least, I'm concerned about the noise factor. It's already noisy as I mentioned before, and I'm thinking will just add to the noise. I walked over to the speed bump down the street where Molly told me to. And stood about as far as my bedroom window would be and listened as cars drove over it. I could hear the sound clearly as traffic would drive past. I'm a light sleeper and my bedroom window is almost directly in front of where this potential speed bump will be. I almost know for a fact, the noise will increase.

These are my concerns about this potential project. I know that there are some people in the neighborhood that think this is a good idea to slow traffic and maybe divert people from coming into the neighborhood. I think otherwise, and this will be all at my cost if this gets completed. I don't think the people in the neighborhood pushing for this have stopped to consider that anything negative will come of this. And I'm the main person who will be affected by this.

Please take the things I've talked about into consideration before you approve this. I love my home, I love my house, I love my neighbors, and I hope that never changes.

Thank you for your time.  
Sincerely Holly Schaefer.

July 14, 2011

To: Molly J. Hughes, President  
Hughes Hughes, Inc.  
[Molly@HughesHughesInc.com](mailto:Molly@HughesHughesInc.com)

Subject: Objections to proposed "Choker" and "Speed Bump Table" on Imperial Lane

I believe the "Choker" and "Speed Bump Table" proposed for installation on Imperial Lane between the 215 and 220 properties (see drawing attached) would present serious safety and environmental hazards. These are, but not limited to:

**A. "Choker" problems:**

1. Narrowing Imperial Lane to 18 feet would present a serious hazard to vehicular traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists. This is a residential neighborhood and many of our residents walk the street for exercise for themselves and their dogs. Many also ride bicycles. Over the length of the "Speed Bump Table" it would be impossible for a pedestrian or bicyclist and one or two cars to safely pass.
2. The 6 inch concrete curbs on each side of the "Speed Bump Table", extending 18 inches inward from the normal grass line would present a hazard to automobiles, bicyclists, and pedestrians passing each other on any 18 foot wide roadway. At night, or during a heavy rain storm it would be all too easy for an accident involving either or both to hit or straddle the curb resulting in personal injury, property damage, or worse.
3. The curbs would also exacerbate existing flooding problem with storm water runoff. Rain water normally collects several inches deep in a rainstorm and runs off the crown of the roadway into permeable grass areas on each side, normally grass. The curbs would prevent this over the length of the "Speed Bump Table", increasing the depth of the water accumulating, and decreasing the water flow into the adjacent grass or landscaping. The property at 215 would be seriously impacted by this since there is already a problem there with rain water running into the garage in a downpour.
4. The proposal that local residents could landscape the 12 to 18 inches between the existing grass lines and the proposed 6 inch curbs to help hide the ugly "Speed Bump Table" is an absolute travesty, and would present a serious traffic hazard. Any bush or hedge planted on the south side berm would have to be kept trimmed so as to not obscure the vision of oncoming traffic for northbound cars stopped at the stop sign on Thomas Way. It is questionable that the resident at 220 would always be diligent in making sure this was done.
5. The narrowed street and curbs would present a problem to large trucks attempting the right turn from Imperial Lane into Thomas Way. Choice Environmental trucks do this on a regular basis. Emergency and construction vehicles do so on frequent occasions. A large crane truck barely made the existing turn last week while headed for a site on Codrington Drive. If the curb had been in place at that time it would probably have been run over and damaged or destroyed.

## B. "Speed Bump Table" problems:

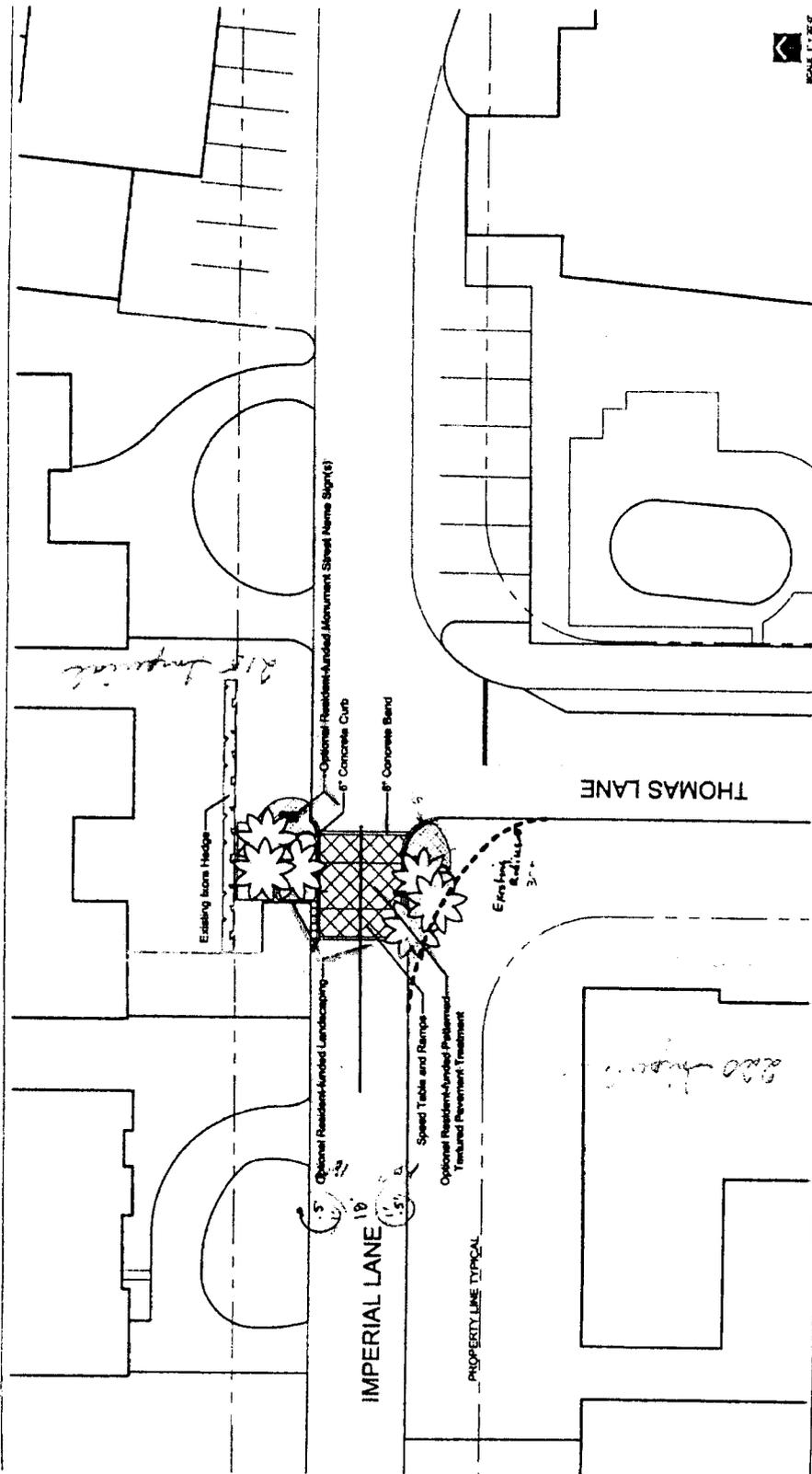
1. The elevation profile and construction material of the "Speed Bump Table" is not specified by the drawing. The drawing does show an 8 inch concrete band in the pavement at the east and west ends of the Table. This band may start out at the same elevation as the asphalt paving, but it is unlikely to remain that way over time. This means a dip or a bump condition developing over time at the beginning and end of the "Speed Bump Table".
2. Noise is generated by vehicles when they hit a bump or pothole. (Listen to the noise generated when vehicles cross the brick paver cross walks on A1A). Since the proposed "Speed Bump Table" is adjacent to the bedrooms of both the 215 and 220 properties, the noise pollution would be objectionable.
3. The damage done by speed humps or Speed Tables depends on the elevation and ramp angles. It is impossible to quantify the damage the Speed Table could do without the elevation profile information. There are already two speed bumps (traffic calming devices) installed further west on Imperial Lane. There is, however, no question that speed humps, bumps, or tables do damage the vehicles passing over them and increase the automobile repair bills. Broward County does not allow humps, bumps, or tables be placed on roadways used by their vehicles.

## Conclusions:

1. As a resident on Imperial Lane I have seen no evidence that the volume of traffic and number of speeding vehicles on Imperial Lane is sufficient to justify the expense, ugliness, and hazards of the proposed "Choker" and "Speed Bump Table". There is no cost/benefit analysis presented to support the expense based on the traffic volumes.
2. The only time there were a number of cars going down Imperial Lane looking for "a way out" was several years ago when an automobile on fire was blocking northbound A1A. Hibiscus Avenue is the most often used route by a lost motorist, not Imperial Lane.
3. If the motivation for installing this traffic calming measure is to make it safer for the young daughter of a resident on Imperial Lane to play in the street, then it would be far better to ask the daughter to stay away from the dangers of this and every other street, rather than subject taxpayers and residents to unnecessary expense and expose them to additional hazards.
4. The speed hump, bump, table traffic calming device was presented to the street residents on the basis of calming traffic, without consideration to any other factors. A rose by any other name will smell just as sweet, and, it is still a duck when it walks and talks the same way.

R. W. (Bob) Roberts  
220 Imperial Lane

Copies to: LBTS Commissioners



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① Drinker  
② Speed Table

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 20, 2011 7:58 PM  
**To:** Bud Bentley  
**Subject:** Imperial Lane traffic calming - resident feedback

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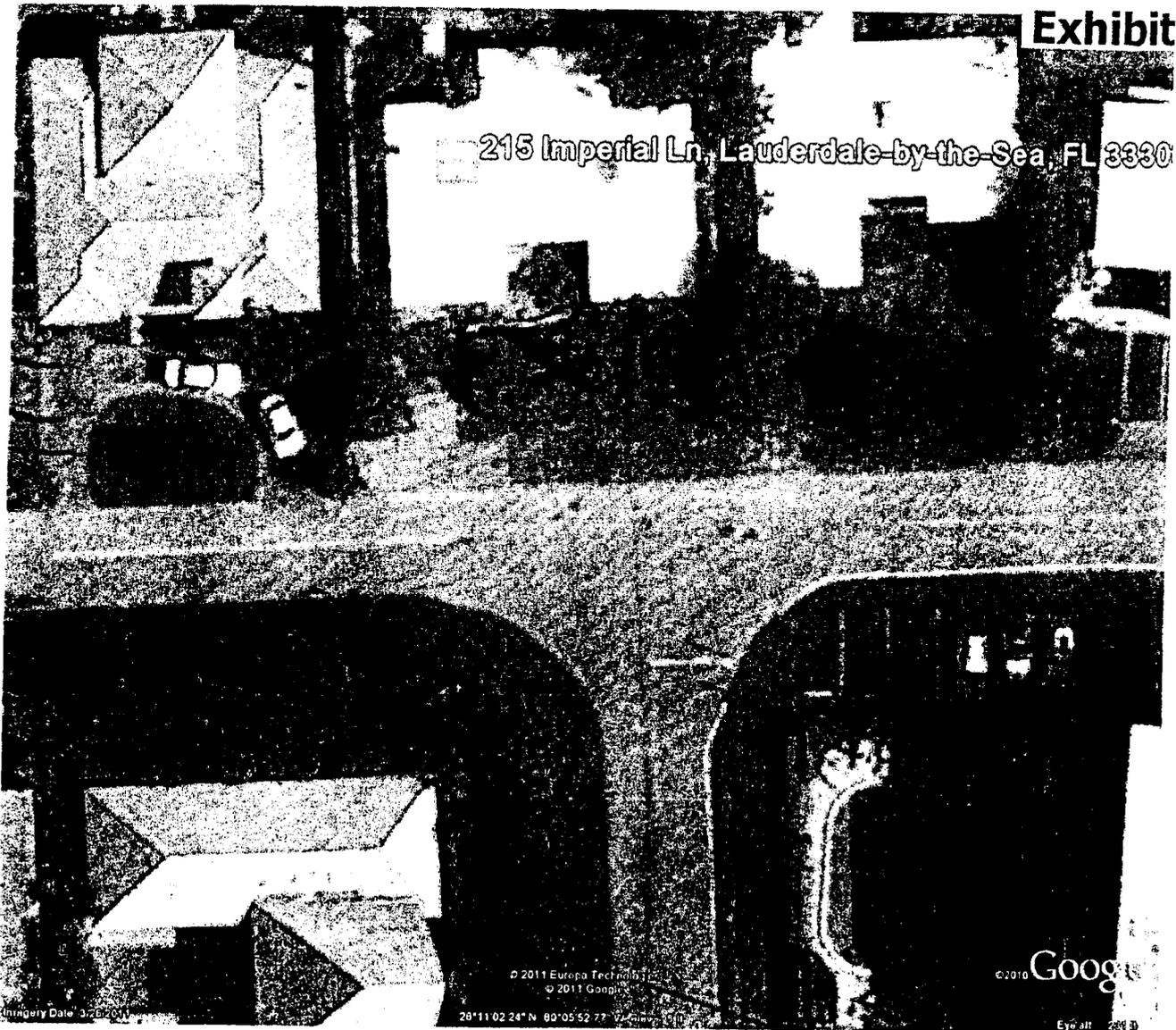
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**TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA**

**TOWN COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Jarvis Hall  
**4505 Ocean Drive  
Tuesday, July 26, 2011  
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR ROSEANN MINNET

Mayor Roseann Minnet called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Stuart Dodd, Commissioner Birute Ann Clotey, Commissioner Chris Vincent, and Commissioner Scot Sasser were present. Also present were Town Manager Connie Hoffmann, Town Attorney Susan L. Trevarthen, and Town Clerk June White.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Students from City College will be in attendance to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Minnet introduced the student and faculty from the University of City College who led the Town in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION - Pastor Jim Goldsmith

Reverend Goldsmith gave the Invocation.

4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, DEFERRALS OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additions, deletions or deferrals.

5. PRESENTATIONS

a. Presentation by Broward County Commissioner Chip LaMarca

Commissioner LaMarca said that he petitioned the Broward County Commission for \$10,000 for the Visitor's Center in support of the Visitor's Guide, and they came through. He stated that the proposed budget for Broward County for the fiscal year 2012 was \$3.2 billion, which included the elimination of numerous positions. Commissioner LaMarca added that the property tax portion of the budget was at 5.553 mils or 23% of a typical property tax bill in Broward County. He said that with the current millage rate remaining, the average property owner will see a reduction in their taxes due to the 2.7% decline in property taxes on the tax roll, and would result in \$200,057 loss for Broward County in fiscal year 2012. Commissioner LaMarca reported that no libraries would be closed and there would be no cuts in transportation or human services. Commissioner LaMarca stated that the unemployment rate in Broward County was

9.5% in June 2011. He added that out of a labor force of 987,898 people, 94,075 were unemployed in Broward County, with 2,500 due to loss of jobs in the construction business, 2,100 government jobs, and 1,200 in manufacturing. Commissioner LaMarca stated that the beach re-nourishment project was underway. He gave an update on construction projects, the 911 call center and dispatch centers, and the Broward County code of ethics. Commissioner LaMarca said he was hosting the District 4 Mayors Summit on Thursday, September 29, 2011 at the Broward County Governmental Center. He advised that anyone interested to obtain information can sign up on the Broward County web site.

Commissioner Vincent thanked Commissioner LaMarca and the Broward County Commission for their donation to the Visitors Center.

Mayor Minnet stated that Lauderdale-By-The-Sea tried hard to get their advertising out, and even though the Town was a part of Broward County, there seemed to be a disconnect between the Town and the Broward County Chamber of Commerce. She asked what the Town could do to have a better relationship with the county tourism office.

Commissioner LaMarca suggested that he and Mayor Minnet have a meeting with Nikki Grossman.

Commissioner Sasser expressed his concern regarding the mandates in the school board ILA, to which the Commission had no choice but to vote in favor of, and with Wheelabrator.

**b. Proclamation proclaiming August 20, 2011 as Honeybee Awareness Day**

Mayor Minnet introduced Robert Rutherford as the representative for Broward Beekeepers Association.

Mr. Rutherford thanked the Commission on behalf of the association, for issuing the proclamation. He said beekeeping was important to the natural environment, and due to their declining numbers, the Broward Beekeepers Association encouraged backyard beekeeping.

Mayor Minnet read the proclamation into record and presented the proclamation to Mr. Rutherford.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Boutin said he had put together a program for smokers at the Windjammer Hotel. He explained that the Hotel provided a bucket for smokers to use which proved to be successful. Mr. Boutin hoped other hotels would replicate the program. He said the name of the program was "The Butt Stops Here".

Bob Roberts was against road bumps on Imperial Lane. He asked what traffic the Commissioners were trying to intimidate.

Edmund Malkoon believed that the implementation of the swale restoration program, as opposed to the drainage project, would save the Town a substantial amount of money. He asked about the flow rates and whether the drainage program would be done piecemeal or would a package be put together so that an RFP could be more competitive? Mr. Malkoon inquired of the stormwater fees that were assessed in the past and what happened with the funds. He believed those funds would help fund the CIP.

Holly Schaefer stated that she was against the speed bump on Imperial Lane as it directly affected her and her neighbor, Mr. Roberts, and no one else on the street. She said the bump, located outside her bedroom window, would be disruptive with the noise from the cars going over the bump.

## 7. PUBLIC SAFETY DISCUSSION

### a. BSO Monthly Report - June 2011 (Chief Oscar Llerena)

Chief Llerena stated that National Night Out Against Crime was on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and located at El Prado Park. He said it was an opportunity for the community to meet with law enforcement and take a stance against crime.

Mayor Minnet inquired of the Child Infant Seat Program. Chief Llerena explained that deputies were actually sent to school to learn how to install the child infant seat properly. He strongly recommended that every parent participate in that program.

Mayor Minnet asked about Elder Links and suggested that it be advertised on channel 78. Chief Llerena explained that Elder Links was a central clearing house that linked with various social service agencies that could assist the elderly.

Commissioner Vincent made a motion to accept the report. Commissioner Clotley seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 - 0.

### b. VFD Monthly Report - June 2011 (Chief Steve Paine)

Vice Mayor Dodd made a motion to accept the report. Commissioner Clotley seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 - 0.

### c. AMR Monthly Report - June 2011 (Chief Brooke Liddle)

Mayor Minnet requested information regarding the number of AMR employees that were members of the Lauderdale-By-The-Sea fire department. Supervisor Barton said he would obtain the information.

expenses accrued for painting the dredger at the Lauderdale Marine Center.

Mayor Minnet reminded everyone that the Night Out Against Crime was Tuesday, August 2, 2011 and the beach cleanup was Saturday, August 6, 2011. She also stated that the budget meetings were coming up and requested community input.

**16. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Warehouse Analysis (Public Information Officer Steve d'Oliveira)**

Mayor Minnet explained that staff recommended the Town keep the property rather than sell it and attempt to lease the portion not being used by the Town. She questioned when the offer of \$1.1 million was received. PIO (Public Information Officer) d' Oliveira stated the offer was received verbally four months ago, but never became a formal offer.

Commissioner Vincent asked when the last appraisal was completed on the property. PIO d'Oliveira stated the last appraisal was done in 2008. Commissioner Vincent recalled that an appraisal was performed recently. Town Manager Hoffmann explained that last year a company was brought in to determine the rental market value of the property.

Vice Mayor Dodd recommended the Commission revisit this subject in six months to see whether a portion of the building could be leased.

Commissioner Vincent recalled that the Commission previously requested updates regarding the warehouse, every six months. Town Manager Hoffmann clarified that the updates were in the Town Manager monthly report. Commissioner Vincent questioned the electric and insurance costs for the building. Finance Director Bryan explained the insurance totaled about \$7,000 a year and the electricity was about \$200 a month.

Vice Mayor Dodd explained that he preferred that the updates regarding the warehouse come before the Commission as a separate item, rather than within the Town Manager Report. Mayor Minnet questioned whether the Commission was in favor of moving forward with a realtor contract. Vice Mayor Dodd said he was.

Mayor Minnet questioned whether staff could draft a contract for realtor services in time for the next Commission meeting. Town Manager Hoffmann said the contract would be ready for approval at the August 23, 2011 Commission meeting.

Vice Mayor Dodd made a motion to approve to keep the Warehouse and proceed with efforts to lease out the unused portion of the building. Commissioner Clotney seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 - 0.

**b. Imperial Lane Traffic Calming Project (Assistant Town Manager Bud Bentley)**

Assistant Town Manager Bentley explained that the residents of Imperial Lane requested that some form of traffic calming be implemented along the street. He said that that the residents were concerned with visitors coming into the neighborhood. Assistant Town Manager Bentley explained that staff and Traffic Consultant Molly Hughes met with residents in the area to focus on their issues.

Assistant Town Manager Bentley stated that the residents were informed that if a traffic table was approved by the Commission, it would be installed at the Town's expense. Assistant Town Manager Bentley added that any landscaping added to the traffic table would be considered beautification and should be paid for by the community. He explained that the two properties directly affected by the traffic table rose concerns of drainage and damage to the properties. Assistant Town Manager Bentley said that Ms. Hughes spoke with both property owners to determine whether any of the concerns could be addressed. He said that she informed the Town that the curb could be pulled back in the design process to provide additional turning radius into one of the properties. He added that the drainage engineer would be asked to take a look at the work to ensure that the project was not increasing the drainage problem. Assistant Town Manager Bentley explained that the swale area could be looked at to increase the retention area.

Molly Hughes explained that the traffic calming device consisted of a choker that slowed the traffic, and two speed bumps beyond the choker to hinder the driver from increasing their speed after passing the choker. Ms. Hughes said she understood the drainage problem brought forward by the property owner; however, the Town could not receive permits for public improvements that would cast drainage into an adjacent property.

Commissioner Clotey said the complaint regarding the turning radius for trucks could be solved by moving the traffic calming structure one lot to the west. Ms. Hughes explained that a truck would be unable to make that turn regardless of the turning radius implemented. She said if the structure was moved one lot west it would end up beyond the entry point of the choker, and diminish the effectiveness.

Assistant Town Manager Bentley explained that if there was objection to the speed table, the choker could still be constructed. Ms. Hughes stated that she was working with Broward County Traffic Engineering to shorten the timing of the traffic signal.

Commissioner Vincent questioned whether the proposed landscaping would impede the property owner's vision for making left turns out of their driveway. Ms. Hughes explained that shrubs over 28 inches were not permitted at any intersection.

Mayor Minnet believed the proposed landscaping looked substantial and questioned how far it would go. Ms. Hughes explained that the street was narrow which gave the impression that the landscaping was substantial. She said that the landscaping would be about 12 feet and would not exceed property line. Mayor Minnet stated that 31 residents in the area were in favor of the project and 2 were not. She recognized the

resident's concerns and understood that there was no way to make everyone happy. Mayor Minnet requested clarification whether the speed table could be removed. Ms. Hughes stated that it could.

Commissioner Sasser questioned whether security arms were still an option. Ms. Hughes said the option was more expensive initially and over time to maintain. She said the street would have to be privatized unless the arms were left open for everyone, which would defeat the purpose of the mechanism. Commissioner Sasser asked how much more security arms would cost compared to the current proposal. Assistant Town Manager Bentley advised the Commission that the security arm could also create noise from cars breaking and accelerating. Ms. Hughes stated that the option to install security arms would cost about the same as the current proposal with the additional cost of electricity. Commissioner Sasser said that he preferred to look into the option of installing security arms before making any further decisions.

Commissioner Clotey said she preferred an automatic gate rather than the current proposal.

Commissioner Vincent questioned whether the residents that were polled were given the option of a security arm. Ms. Hughes said she was not aware of whether that option was presented to the residents. Commissioner Vincent said he preferred to have that information. Commissioner Sasser agreed. Assistant Town Manager Bentley explained that the security arm was not considered an option because it would privatize the street with public funds.

Vice Mayor Dodd recalled that the residents of the area did not want to install security arms because of the cost to maintain it. He hoped that the current proposal would alleviate some the drainage problem occurring at the property, adjacent to the project. Vice Mayor Dodd said that if the Commission chose to install a security arm, finding electricity would not be a problem because of the nearby light pole. He said that he did not want to steer the Commission in either direction.

Mayor Minnet said that the Commission needed to move forward with a plan. She explained that she was not in favor of the speed table due to the noise it created; however, the cost was minimal. In addition, Mayor Minnet did not favor automatic gates as it would encourage other neighborhoods to ask for them as well.

Commissioner Sasser recommended that staff present the opinions of the residents in that area, regarding installation of a security arm and the closest power source that would be available. Commissioner Clotey questioned whether language could be included in the motion to minimize the drainage problem to the adjacent property.

Commissioner Sasser made a motion to move forward with the project, asking staff to provide costs and options to put in security arms instead of the current proposal. The Commission would decide whether to move forward with security arms or the current proposal at a later date. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Town Manager Hoffmann requested direction from the Commission whether to move forward with the current proposal. or security arms.

Commissioner Clotley made a motion to table this item until the August 23 Commission meeting for further information regarding costs for the security arms. Commissioner Sasser seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 - 1. Mayor Minnet voted no.

c. Prepayment Penalty on Parking Debt (Finance Director Tony Bryan)

Finance Director Bryan explained that SunTrust Bank offered to reduce the prepayment penalty by 30% reducing the amount to \$90,370. He said that SunTrust also offered an accelerated payment schedule which allowed the Town to pay down the principal amount by 15% each calendar year without initiating the prepayment penalty. Finance Director Bryan stated that if the Commission chose the accelerated payment schedule, the loan would be paid off in five years, along with interest in the amount of \$104,000.

Commissioner Sasser said that he was disappointed that the bank only offered a 30% reduction. He asked for the Town Manager's recommendation and whether the accelerated payment schedule would alleviate the concerns regarding cash flow. Town Manager Hoffmann stated that she preferred to use the accelerated payment schedule offered by the bank and believed that the option made more sense. She advised the Commission that if interest rates rose in the future, the prepayment penalty could be reduced or eliminated.

Vice Mayor Dodd explained that he was in favor of paying the loan off in its entirety at this time.

Commissioner Vincent said that he was in favor of the accelerated payment schedule. Mayor Minnet agreed with Commissioner Vincent.

Commissioner Clotley questioned whether the amount of money the Town would save by paying off the parking loan, also reflected the amount of interest the Town was currently receiving on those funds. Finance Director Bryan said it did not.

Commissioner Vincent made a motion to approve option 3: to pay down the principle amount by 15% each year, penalty free; a payoff amount of \$1,470,516 and a savings of \$167,319. Commissioner Sasser seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 - 2. Vice Mayor Dodd and Commissioner Clotley voted no.

d. Traffic Calming for South Seagrape Drive (Mayor Roseann Minnet)

Ron Piersante stated that speed was not the issue on South Seagrape Drive. He said the issue was the cars using the street as a way to avoid the traffic light on A1A. Mr. Piersante requested that the Commission give the Town Manager the authorization to move forward with the installation of three speed bumps along south Seagrape Drive.