



Town of Miami Lakes Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers

From: Honorable Councilmember Luis Collazo

Subject: Retrofitting Alternatives for Lake Patricia and Lake Katherine Neighborhood

Date: October 8, 2019

Recommendation:

This item requires the waiver of Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order

Approximately 2 years ago the Town of Miami Lakes explored the feasibility of retro fitting areas in the Lake Patricia neighborhood to relocate existing over head power lines and place them underground.

At that time, the project was estimated to cost each homeowner, approximately \$30,000. During a community meeting were by the scope of the project was presented to the residents, many of them expressed concern that due to the cost, the project would not be feasible.

I have recently read stories about other communities which have taken a different approach to tackling the same problem and have partnered with FEMA and FPL in order to become more resilient to power outages created by wind events.

I want to have a discussion with my colleagues with respect to exploring these alternatives, and see if the cost associated with the under grounding of power lines could be significantly reduced or eliminated by partnering with FPL and FEMA, for the residents in the Lake Patricia and Lake Katherine neighborhood.

Attachments:

Channel 10 article North Bay Village awarded \$11 million in grant money to bury power lines

FPL website page on Storm Secure Underground Program

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Guiding Principles: 1, 2, 3, 4, 14

Objectives: 2, 4, 6