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## Lane Reductions to Become Permanent in **Late 2022**

The commission meeting on February 22 was attended by approximately 70 residents in red shirts protesting our commission's lane reduction plan on Atlantic Blvd. After public comment, the commissioners took an important vote. Vice Mayor Perkins motioned to scrap the current plan and have the city come back with a new plan that would not include lane reductions. The vote was 2-4. The motion did NOT pass and the mayor concluded we are back on the original plan. The original plan involves removing the lane delineator poles while the design is finalized and contracts are signed to complete the permanent work.

### Motion

Scrap the lane reduction project and come back with a plan that does not reduce the lanes.

### Commission Vote

<b>YES (2)</b>	<b>NO (4)</b>
C. Floyd	R. Eaton
B. Perkins	A. McGee
	T. McMahon
	R. Hardin



**Result:** The city has NOT changed its mind. The removal of the poles is **temporary**. The commission plans to start the permanent repaving project at the end of the year, **after the election**.

## Neighborhood Updates

### Lyons Park Sewer and Drainage Project

- The outfall and seawall on SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue are completed. Road restoration will begin soon.
- A 6'x6' culvert is being installed from McNab Road north into Lyons Park.
- Sewer crews are starting their work at the pump station on Flagler.
- Supply chain disruptions have made sourcing materials for this project increasingly difficult. Pipe delays are currently 12-14 weeks.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Terrace Bridge

The bridge replacement plan is being re-evaluated by city engineers and designer Kimley-Horn. An initial design submitted to the Coast Guard for permitting showed only a six-inch improvement in bridge clearance for boats. The city has promised an update in April.

### Youth Sports Complex

Construction of the new soccer fields at 700 NE 10th Street is progressing slower than hoped due to material delays. Shiff Construction has been working with the nearby residents to resolve issues with property lines and fences. Completion is expected by the end of the summer.

# March Commission Meetings

The City Commission met twice in March: Tuesday, March 8 at 1 p.m. and Tuesday, March 22 at 6 p.m. Neither meeting was well attended by the public.

## Among the many topics discussed were:

- Changes to the planned *Hidden Harbour* development on US1
- Approval of the plat map for the *A1A Twin Towers*

One of the biggest decisions made in March was to give our City Manager, Greg Harrison, a **5 year contract extension** with 20 weeks of severance. He is paid over **\$300,000 a year**. As City Manager, Harrison is the chief administrator and responsible for the day-to-day operations of our city.

The commission was also completely surprised to learn that the city budget includes money to hire a **Homeless Outreach Specialist**. The City Manager reported they have hired someone after initially struggling to fill the position. With homelessness and associated issues increasing in our district, I found it worrisome that the commissioners were surprised by this important line in our budget.

**Upcoming Meetings: April 12 at 1 p.m. and April 26 at 6 p.m.**



**A1A Twin Towers**  
205-foot-high towers on 0.62 acres just west of North Ocean Park featuring 28 luxury condominiums



**Hidden Harbour**  
Mixed-use development planned near US1 and NE 16th Street

## Short Term Rentals (STRs)

We will keep hearing more about **STRs** as they continue to pop up in our neighborhoods.

District 3 is on the radar for investors and is quickly becoming **a hotspot for new vacation rentals**.

When pressed, the city points to state statutes that do not allow municipalities to prohibit or restrict these rentals.

I have asked a few additional questions. I have also requested that the City of Pompano Beach post **a list of registered STRs** with the contact information for the registered agent on the city website.

Ask Alison

**Q:** How do we get speed bumps on our street?

**A:** The process of installing speed bumps involves BSO, the county and the city.  
**Step One: Study and Driver Education**

The first step is a traffic study to determine if there is sufficient car travel. During this evaluation phase, BSO will often ramp up their presence in the area and pull drivers over to alert or ticket them if they are speeding.

**Step Two: Recommendations**

If the traffic study identifies the zone as an area with enough car traffic and excess speeds, either speed bumps or other traffic calming measures are recommended.

**Step Three: Vote**

The last step is a vote of the residents on the street. The city sends a paper ballot asking residents if they approve or disapprove of installing the speed bumps.



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