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New Fire Station Zoning Approved by Palmetto Village Council

Two-story, 13,000 sq-foot concrete-block structure to accommodate three bays, 12 firefighters/paramedics at a cost of \$3.5 million

PALMETTO BAY, Fla., (April 14, 2008) – The Palmetto Bay Village Council last night approved zoning to allow a fire station to be located at the north end of the Palmetto Bay Village Center (PBVC), 17777 Old Cutler Road. This station will be a permanent home for Engine 62 and will provide increased life-safety support to surrounding residents.

“This is an outstanding improvement for the life and safety of area residents,” said Mayor Eugene Flinn. “The construction of this fire station has long been the goal of the Village, as considered and determined by our Fire Rescue Advisory Committee during the early years of Village incorporation.”

The approval of this site represents an end to a healthy debate over location of a fire station, Flinn noted. The Council had previously denied a site in the far south end of the PBVC wherein the proposed station would have required a class one DERM permit – due to it being located in a wetland area. “The Village Council remains opposed to any development in any wetlands area,” he said.

“The north location is the most logical location and it was important for us to work hard to ensure that it best serves area residents and effectively serves the eastern area residents of Palmetto Bay and northern Cutler Bay community,” Flinn added. “It is a great day for Palmetto Bay, and I look forward to construction and the eventual ribbon cutting and operation of this great addition to the infrastructure of our community.”

The Mayor also extended his gratitude to Miami-Dade County and Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) officials for working with Palmetto Bay on locating this station.

Next step for MDFR is closing on purchase of the property, expected in June. MDFR officials advised that this station’s design will be consistent with that of the library, and this building will incorporate environmentally friendly design and construction. This station may possibly be LEED silver certified.

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The Village of Palmetto Bay is a vibrant community of 25,000 residents nestled between Biscayne Bay and So. Dixie Highway, about 15 miles south of downtown Miami. Incorporated in 2002, the Village is governed by a five-member Council and operates under a Council-Manager form of government. Dubbed “The Village of Parks,” Palmetto Bay offers an extensive system of attractive parks, unique recreational opportunities, and bay access. It also is home to several excellent public schools, and a robust commercial corridor along Dixie Highway offering a diverse range of restaurants, markets, and lodging. Specifically, the Village borders the centerline of SW 136 St., south to the centerline of SW 184 St., expanding west to the centerline of South Dixie Highway (including the center island), and east to Biscayne Bay.

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