

Memorandum

Date: July 7, 2010
To: Mayor & Commissioners
From: Ken Schenck, Town Manager
Re: Town Update – July, 2010

I am providing you with brief updates on some of the Towns continuing projects and events.

COCONUT LANE DRAINAGE -

This project is on hold until the Commission decides whether or not to proceed depending on the availability of funds. We have received the construction permits from the SFWMD. The construction permit is good for 5 years and the dewatering permit for 1 year. The dewatering permit has been renewed for another year. We have submitted the project to the State for a 319 grant which would pay for 30% of the cost we have received a verbal confirmation that we are in line for a grant of \$119,000. The funds won't be available until next summer.

ISLAND DRIVE BRIDGE -

Construction started on the bridge replacement the week of August 17th. One lane will remain open at all times. The water lines have been changed and approved by Boynton Beach. The water lines were much more involved than was anticipated, once they were exposed, but the improvements have been completed. Traffic has been moved to the north lane. There has been a delay of about 8 weeks waiting for FPL and Comcast to move the lines back to the north. They finally completed the move and the contractor is finally back on the job. Additional seawall construction was required and the contract amendments will be addressed later in the meeting.

Shark Fishing-

We obtained the ordinance from Delray Beach banning shark fishing. The attorney is reviewing it to see what we can do within our Town.

Hurricane Debris Removal-

Republic Services has prepared an agreement for debris removal in case of a hurricane. It is included in the consent agenda.

OLD OCEAN BLVD.-

The Garden Club Dune Committee is developing a plan to landscape this section. They plan to remove the invasive vegetation and then begin planting new vegetation when that has been completed. They will be working with the State and DERM and will present the final plan to the Commission for approval. They have contacted the owners of the neighboring properties to have a coordinated effort.

Energy Grants-

We have received a notice to proceed from the County for the \$50,000 grant for energy improvements on Town Hall and Ocean Ave. The engineering survey for this work is in the State grant. As soon as we get that grant we will get the survey and start the work.

We have received notification from the State that we have been awarded an energy grant from them. It should be about \$230,000 but we haven't received confirmation on the amount. This grant is for 2 hybrid vehicles and a rebate program for residents to help with energy saving items around the home. We still haven't received the grant from the State or the details on how it will be implemented.

Telephone Contract-

We contracted with the League of Cities last year to review our telephone expenses. They have developed some cost saving ideas that we have been reviewing. We received proposals from 3 companies. We have selected Nuvox over our present ATT system. It will save us over \$5,000 a year. We also got a refund from ATT for \$2,281 for taxes they shouldn't have billed us. We are working with Nuvox to develop additional savings in our telecommunications system.

Entrance Signs

The cost of the entrance signs will be addressed later in the meeting.

Briny Breezes

The Briny Breezes' Council selected Ocean Ridge to provide police service for the next 3 years at a cost of \$185,000 a year. We start October 1st. They spoke very highly of the police service we provided before. We look forward to working with them again.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS-

Commission Meeting -----August 2, 2010 @ 6:00 P.M.

Code Enforcement-----August 3, 2010 @ 10:00 A.M.

cc: Chris Yannuzzi, Police Chief
Karen Hancsak, Town Clerk
Town Employees