

Date: September 2, 2004

I am providing you with brief updates on some of the Town's continuing projects and events. Special attention should be given to the Tropical Drive easements as addressed in a line item on the agenda.

Stormwater Drainage Project – Hudson Avenue Phase – This is a progress report of the Hudson Avenue roadway and drainage improvements. The Contractor (Chaz Equipment Company) has completed the second lift of paving on the roadway and the repair of the majority of the concrete and paver brick driveways, and the sod in the right-of-way was replanted. The Staff feels that the Contractor is performing an excellent job and the work is ahead of schedule.

Tropical Drive Easements – The Staff, Town Engineer and Attorney are still pursuing the execution of the easement documents for Tropical Drive but are addressed in the agenda.

State Revolving Fund Loan – The loan is in place and the funds are available to be drawn for the South Phase and Hudson Avenue Phase of the project. On August 20, 2004 a second disbursement check in the amount of \$276,961.00 was received from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). On August 26, 2004 the third disbursement request was submitted to the FDEP for the Hudson Avenue Phase of the stormwater drainage project. The request was for construction services of \$65,367.00 and technical services during construction of \$6,694.00 for a total disbursement in the amount of \$72,061.00. The Town should be receiving these funds in the beginning of September.

Storm Drainage Cleaning – Rockline Vac Systems, Inc. has completed the cleaning of the Town's drainage pipes on Harbour Drive North and South, River Drive, Spanish River Drive, Inlet Cay Drive, Eleuthera Drive, Bimini Cove Drive, Hibiscus Way and Ixora Way. They will also be cleaning the two (2) drainage pipes on Coconut Lane this week. This is part of the continual maintenance of the Town's drainage system.

Federal 319 Grant – A quarterly report for the Federal 319 Grant for the period of April 1, 2004 to June 30, 2004 was submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This report is part of the requirements of the grant and the Town must submit them on a quarterly basis. The Town received this \$300,000 grant from the Stormwater/Nonpoint Source Management Section of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) who administers grant money it receives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through Section 319 of the Federal Clean Water Act. These grant funds can be used to implement projects or programs that will help to reduce nonpoint sources of pollution. All projects must

include at least a 40% nonfederal match. This grant is part of the funding for the South Phase of the stormwater drainage project.

Red Valves – Two (2) red valves for installation on drainage pipe outfalls have been ordered and received. These valves help to prevent tidal water from backing up into the drainage pipe and flooding the roadway. One of the valves will be installed on a drainage pipe on Harbour Drive North and the other on a drainage pipe on Harbour Drive South. These valves should be installed in the next week.

Water Main Break – On June 25, 2004 a contractor clearing and grubbing the property at 5907 North Ocean Blvd. in Ocean Ridge broke the 8” water main located in the right-of-way. The City of Boynton Beach Utilities Department, the Town’s water provider, responded and repaired the water leak for the Town of Ocean Ridge in the emergency situation. The City of Boynton Beach charged the Town of Ocean Ridge \$956.23 for repair of the damage to the water main. The Town sent a letter to the general contractor who is building the house on the property and requested reimbursement for these costs. On August 12, 2004 the Town received a reimbursement check in the amount of \$956.23 from the general contractor.

Public Lands Grant Program – On August 31, 2004 the Town received the grant agreement from Palm Beach County for the Public Lands Grant Program for Invasive Non-Native Vegetation Removal. The agreement is for funding assistance to remove two (2) large Brazilian Pepper trees on Town property located on the northwest corner of Inlet Cay Drive and River Drive. The estimated cost for the removal of the trees is \$2,500.00 and the grant will provide the Town with 50% of the total cost. The Town and Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management must sign the grant agreement prior to removing the trees. It is expected that the agreement will be signed by the middle of September and the Town’s Contractor will remove the trees soon after.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2: Special Meeting @ 8:00 a.m.

September 7: Code Enforcement (if necessary) – 10:00 am

September 7: Budget & Town Commission Meeting – 5:01 pm

September 14: Budget Final Adoption – 5:01 pm

October 4: Town Commission Meeting – 6:30 pm

October 5: Code Enforcement (if necessary) – 10:00 am