



Memorandum

Date: December 2, 2015
To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners
From: Jamie Titcomb, Town Manager
Re: Town Manager Update Report, December 2015

Here are brief updates on some of the Town's projects and events.

Midlane Road Closure

We are poised to install barriers at Midlane and Woolbright Roads. "No thru/local only" signage went up right after the Commission authorization on both Midlane and Ridge. Letters were mailed hard copy to all Ocean Ridge Beach subdivision residents. Pylons were ordered for the closure. Most recently, email news/ social media blasts went out on the pending closure. The Town Engineer wants to assure we are installing to FDOT standards and that Palm Beach County (right of way owner) has no concern, this has set us back a short while on the physical installation of the closure cones. I will be reporting on the timeline at the meeting on the finish date and status. Residents should expect a heightened series of unintended impacts initially as everyone gets used to the closure configuration, especially along Ridge. Police enforcement to mitigate negative impacts will be increased accordingly.

Barrier Island Fire District

We are meeting on the 8th and 9th this week in individual town, city and agency interviews with the selected consultants for the study. This is the first official data/information gathering under the newly let contract being managed by Gulf Stream. As the contract came in at a rate below original projections (up to \$15K), each municipality's prorated share was reduced. The cost share for Ocean Ridge at this time is \$9600. We have an agenda item tonight to authorize these funds officially out of contingency.

Town Landscaping Special Projects

Many Town areas are in need of substantial maintenance, removal or replacement of vegetation. In example: Ocean Avenue palms and hardwood trees, Coconut Lane trees, neighborhood entryway islands, bridges and medians, etc. Our drainage retention areas, rights of way and beach crossovers need additional scrutiny as well. We have contracts and agreements currently with Chris Wayne Associates, Able Tree and functions maintained by our own Public Works Department. Town kiosks and other installations ideally should be updated and beautified as well. While I will work within existing budget to get these jobs done, we should consider design proposals for "high visibility" signature beautification projects in the next budget cycle.

General Update

I am meeting daily with residents, vendors, staff and other intergovernmental associates to assess and recommend next steps on all Town issues. I welcome open communications with all interested parties.