

# **TOWN OF PALM BEACH**

Information for Town Council Meeting on: April 9, 2019

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TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

FROM: H. Paul Brazil, P. E., Director of Public Works

RE: Town Marina Project Update

DATE: March 26, 2019

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Gordon Thomson with Baird and Associates will be presenting a status report regarding engineering and design for the Town Marina Project at the April 2019 Town Council Meeting.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Town staff has been fully engaged with the project consultant W.F. Baird and Associates (Baird), and Edgewater Resources for this project, and are presenting updates to the Mayor and Town Council on a monthly basis. The project is in the permitting and design development/data collection phase, therefore, no approvals are required at this time and the presentation is for informational purposes only. Specific milestones and important issues to be presented include the following:

- Permit Application – The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) provided the Town with a Request for Additional Information on March 19, 2019. In review of FDEP's correspondence, the document was favorable to the Town as the items requested should not negatively impact the Town's permitting schedule. The Town's consultant is preparing a response for submittal to FDEP in the coming days. Town staff and consultants have met with FDEP staff onsite within the project area for the purpose of beginning the State land lease review process. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has yet to complete their initial review, provide a Request for Additional Information, and publicly notice the project. Should inactivity by the USACE continue, the Federal regulatory process could negatively impact the schedule. Impacts could include the inability to receive funds from the Florida Inland Navigation District for this grant cycle and the possibility to shift the anticipated construction timeline.
- ARCOM Review – The project was presented to ARCOM by the architectural consultant (REG) and Baird on March 27, 2019. Minor comments were received to include architectural enhancements to the Peruvian Building columns and substitution of the proposed Podocarpus plant material to a Caloosa plant material. ARCOM voted to approve the project.

- FPL Cable Conflict – Meeting was held at the Public Works office on March 15, 2019 with FPL representatives to discuss the cable crossing that exists in the vicinity of the proposed Palm Way Dock. FPL confirmed that they do not have sufficient as-built information available to verify the depth of the cable in this location. Recent correspondence with FPL indicates that they are pursuing hiring a contractor to accurately determine the exact location and depth of the submerged cable within the Town Marina Project limits.
- Solicitation (RFQ) for Dock Manufacturers – The dock manufacturer pre-qualification pre-bid meeting was held on Thursday, March 14, 2019. The due date for those RFQ proposals is April 2, 2019, and a Selection Committee will meet to review those proposals and rate/rank them. The Selection Committee recommendation will be brought to the Town Council for their approval at the May meeting.

Any recommendations for approval will be presented at subsequent Town Council meetings. The recent weekly updates are attached to this memo for your information.

#### Attachments

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