TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: July 9, 2019

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

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

RE: Authorization to Vacate and Abandon an Existing Public Utility Easement

Located at 239 Monterey Road, Palm Beach, Florida 33480

Resolution No. 59-2019

DATE: June 19, 2019

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that Town Council approve Resolution No. 59-2019 authorizing the abandonment of an existing public utility easement located at 239 Monterey Road.

GENERAL INFORMATION

In accordance with Town Code of Ordinances, Chapter 106, Article IV, the owner of the property has made application to abandon the public utility easement on 239 Monterey Road. The easement to be abandoned is shown as Exhibit A, Sketch and Legal Description of the proposed Resolution. An application fee of \$1,000 was received with the application for abandonment to cover direct costs and processing by the Town.

The property owner is planning on further developing the subject property with improvements that could potentially traverse the existing easement. An easement across the northern property line exists for the relocation of utilities. The existing easement is as shown on Exhibit A, Sketch and Legal Description of the proposed Resolution. All existing utilities within portions of the easements proposed to be abandoned have provided consent.

Information packages were sent to the 55 neighboring property owners within 300 feet of the easement to be abandoned via certified mail on June 21, 2019. To date, no responses have been received from the neighboring property owners. The abandonment request was also advertised prior to this Town Council meeting as required by Town Code.

This is an abandonment of an existing utility easement and no property is being gained by the owner. Therefore, a privilege fee is not applicable.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the Town.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

This Resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney for legal form and sufficiency.

Attachments

cc: Eric B. Brown, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works

Patricia Strayer, P.E., Town Engineer Craig Hauschild, P.E., Civil Engineer