TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: April 12, 2022

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

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

RE: Authorization to Execute Easement and Use Agreement at 1060 North Lake Way for

Florida Power & Light as Part of the Town-Wide Overhead Utility Undergrounding Phase

4-North

Resolution No. 051-2022

DATE: March 18, 2022

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that Town Council approve Resolution No. 051-2022 granting an easement to Florida Power & Light (FPL) upon Town owned land located at 1060 North Lake Way, the D-10 Storm Water Pump Station.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Staff is requesting that Town Council approve an easement location to place FPL switch cabinets at the D-10 Storm Water Pump property. At the February 2021 meeting, Town Council approved an easement for three (3) switch cabinets and one (1) PME-4 on the south side of the D-10 Pump Station site. When the contractor began the construction at this site, several constructability issues arose prohibiting the installation as planned. Staff has worked with Public Works, FPL, and the contractor to develop an alternative solution at the D-10 location. Staff has also spoken with the adjacent property owner to the north of the site about the proposed changes.

At the completion of the installation of the equipment, the Ficus Benjamina hedge around the entire perimeter of the site will be replaced with Podacarpus hedge. The north and east property lines will be replaced as part of the Town's undergrounding program which requires the screening. The west and south property line will be replaced as an opportunity to meet the Town's requirements to replace Ficus Benjamina. The surrounding properties in this area mostly have Podacarpus hedges along the property lines. Therefore, this will create a site that is more harmonious with the neighbors. Lastly, at the conclusion of the construction, the Town will request approval to abandon the easement that was previously approved, but not utilized.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

There is no funding/fiscal impact related to this item.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

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

Attachments

cc: Patricia Strayer, P.E., Town Engineer

Jason Debrincat, P.E., Senior Project Engineer

Michael Roach, P.E., Project Engineer