

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: June 14, 2022

TO: Mayor and Town Council
VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager
FROM: H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works
RE: Utility Construction Services Work Hours
DATE: May 18, 2022

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that Town Council approve a waiver of work hours for utility construction work as deemed necessary by the Public Works Director or his designee.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Recent adoption of revised Town ordinances regarding work hours for construction work has resulted in limiting staff's ability to approve work within the road right-of-way, primarily by FPL and the City of West Palm Beach. Work performed by the utilities in the evening (non-peak hours) or on weekends would create less impacts on businesses and residents.

Currently, work is being delayed several weeks to present to Town Council and request a waiver. Staff is requesting the Town Council grant the Public Works Director the discretion to issue the necessary right-of-way permits to allow the work to be performed. The Director will only approve this work when the work is determined to actually limit the impacts on property owners where the construction is being performed. In these instances all surrounding property owners will be notified. Staff believes this will allow certain utilities to perform work in a timely manner in the least impactful way as possible.

Public Works' objective is to work with the utilities to accomplish this type of construction work in the most efficient, effective, and least disruptive manner possible.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

There are no funding impacts associated with this item.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

This item has been reviewed by the Town Attorney.

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