

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: September 13, 2022

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

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

RE: Endorse Viking Yacht Service Center Environmental Enhancement and Seagrass Restoration Project and Approve Waivers to Town Code for Construction Hours and Noise

DATE: August 31, 2022

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends Town Council endorse the Viking Yacht Service Center Environmental Enhancement and Seagrass Restoration Project and approve a waiver of the Town Code of Ordinances 42-198 through 199 and 42-228, restrictions for construction hours and work during season.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Viking Yachts has received a permit to perform dock modifications and dredging to their facility on the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway. A special condition of their state and federal regulatory approval is to construct a 6.7-acre environmental enhancement and seagrass restoration project in the Lake Worth Lagoon and within the Town's jurisdictional boundaries. Please see the attached plan view drawing.

The site of the project is approximately 400 feet west of the Palm Beach Country Club. Approximately 40,000 cubic yards of clean material to be placed at this site will be dredged from the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway within the vicinity of the Viking Yacht Service Center. The fill will raise the bottom of the lagoon in this area from approximately -14.0' mean lower low water (MLLW) to -10.0' MLLW to promote the recruitment of seagrasses. Please see the attached cross-section view drawing.

The project provides an environmental enhancement to the Lake Worth Lagoon and discourages mooring. Note that the project does not include any feature that is emergent from the surface of the water and will not impact the vista of the lagoon.

No work on nights, weekends, or holidays will be approved. Construction would start immediately following Town Council approvals and continue for approximately 30 working days. The current plan is to be complete prior to Thanksgiving weekend.

Town staff recommends that Town Council endorse this project and approve the necessary waivers to Town Code in order to timely construct the project.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

The project has no funding or fiscal impacts.

Attachments

cc: Shore Protection Board
Nick Caristo, Chief of Police
Patricia Strayer, P.E, Town Engineer
Robert Weber, Coastal Program Manager