



Town of Lake Clarke Shores

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Daniel P. Clark, P.E., Town Manager
Date: February 3, 2021
Subject: Status Report for the February 9, 2021 Town Council Meeting

Proposed Upcoming Town Council Meeting Schedule

February 9th, 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting
March 9th, 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting and CRA Meeting
April 13th, 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting
May 11th, 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting and CRA Meeting

Upcoming Events

No events planned due to COVID.

Police Officer Dismissal Arbitration

Currently rescheduled as a virtual meeting on March 24 and 25, 2021.

PBC CARES Act Reimbursement

Through the Federal CARES ACT, Palm Beach County has provided Lake Clarke Shores an opportunity to get reimbursed for a majority of our FY2020 COVID costs. We have submitted a request for reimbursement of approximately \$50,000. The criteria were pretty specific, so not all of our costs were eligible for reimbursement under this Program. We are awaiting the funds.

Upgrades and Improvements to the Council Chambers

The project is complete. The Code Enforcement Board Meeting was recorded and broadcasted using the new equipment. Staff needs experience/run time to perfect our broadcasts.

2021 Legislative Agenda

We have submitted the following requests:

- Local bill on Annexation to the House (Rep Silvers)
- SB 832 Our local bill on Annexation in the Senate (Senator Berman)
- HB 2097 Our \$1,000,000 request for a legislative appropriation (Rep Silvers)
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A special thanks to Representative Silvers, Senator Berman, Vicky Nowlan, and Richard Pinsky for their support of the Town and our efforts. Elliot Cohen is working on our 2021 Legislative Priority brochure. I am hearing Palm Beach County Days may be more virtual this year.

HB387 was filed to expand PACE to include seawalls and septic-to-sewer conversion costs. The bill also adds some significant consumer protections. It will have a Senate companion and seems to be building momentum. It's supported by Ygrene Energy Fund. We will be following this legislation closely. I believe this concept should be reflected in our Priority Brochure.

1475 Forest Hill Boulevard

This property is an 8-unit apartment complex at the corner of Lake Clarke Drive and Forest Hill Boulevard. They have been having septic and drain field issues since 2015. We expect to bring to the Town Council an agreement between the apartment complex owners and the Town for the construction and financing of the small sewer system. Estimated construction costs are changing. The owner will agree to an annual non-ad valorem assessment for 20 years to cover the costs of construction. The project is already permitted. Staff sees this project as a joint Town/CRA/Owner success project for maintaining, improving, and modernizing affordable housing while cleaning up the environment and increasing the Town's sewer system efficiency.

LCS Closed Point of Distribution

We continue to try and find a way to make this happen. We are negotiating with AMR for medical personnel to administer the shots. At this time, we will not be able to utilize our POD for COVID vaccines. Our Plan lacked a dedicated source of qualified staff to perform the inoculations as well as other minor issues. Staff continues to work on this matter.

FLC Municipal Practitioners Calls

I am participating in a weekly call of a select group of City Managers coordinated by the Florida League of Cities. We are commenting on proposed legislation so FLC staff can comment at the various legislative committee meetings currently being held in Tallahassee. This week, we discussed the following:

- HB 1 (McClain) – Combating Public Disorder (Rioting Bill)
- SB 60 (Bradley) – Code Enforcement
- HB 59 (McClain) and SB 496 (Perry) – Growth Management
- HB 337 (DiCeglie) – Impact Fees
- SB 856 (Hutson) – Energy Infrastructure

2021 Utility Rate Study

Staff just received the draft Utility Rate Study. We will be digesting it and returning comments in the next couple of weeks. We are planning for the Consultants to make a presentation on the findings and recommendations of the study to the Town Council at the March meeting.

2020 Audit

The Town's new audit firm CRI have nearly completed the 2020 audit. I'm expecting they will make a presentation to the Town Council in March. Ron Bennett has made some recommendations for changes to our next budget based on how General Fund dollars and Enterprise Fund dollars are accounted for differently. We'll be bringing forward his recommendations in a revised Accounting Procedures Manual. For example, restricted funds and unrestricted funds are accounted for and mean different things between the two Funds.