



Town of Lake Clarke Shores

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MEMORANDUM

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

Proposed Upcoming Town Council Meeting Schedule

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
June 8th - 6:30 PM Regular Town Council 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. The Palm Beach County Clerk's office notified us they are processing the request.

2021 Legislative Agenda

We have submitted the following bills/requests:

- HB 973 Local bill on Annexation in the House (Rep. Silvers)
- SB 832 Local bill on Annexation in the Senate (Senator Berman)
- HB 2097 \$1,000,000 request for a legislative appropriation in the House (Rep. Silvers)
- \$1,000,000 request for a legislative appropriation in the Senate (Senator Berman)

Mr. Pinsky and I held zoom calls with Senate Committee staff hearing our Annexation Bill and with Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee staff (Mr. Eric Miller). HB 973 has been assigned to Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, and Mr. Pinsky has met with Chair Toledo. It is also assigned to Ways and Means Committee and State Affairs Committee.

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.

PACE Funding Bill

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

Update: Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability is reviewing this project to see if it meets their grant criteria under a local CDBG program. DHES doesn't have new monies, so it is looking for surplus or unassigned funds. If funds are available, they will come to the Town and the Town will construct and own the facilities. 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.

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 discussing 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 has reviewed the draft Rate Study. We are planning for the Consultants to make a presentation on the findings and recommendations of the study during the April Town Council Meeting.

Lawrence Road 12-inch Water Main Project

Palm Beach County is managing construction for the Town and is providing a \$125,000 CDBG Grant to help with the costs. Bids were open for the project on March 2, 2021. The apparent responsive low bidder is Hinterland Construction at a cost of \$728,613.16. The engineer's opinion of cost was \$734,375.20. The Town will be asked to sign a funding agreement with Palm Beach County for the costs over \$125,000 (\$603,613.16 of which \$575,123.17 is allocated from the 2016 Series Note and \$28,490 will come from Repair & Replacement).