



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 24, 2021
Subject: Status Report for the April 13, 2021 Town Council Meeting

Proposed Upcoming Town Council Meeting Schedule

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

July 13th – 6:30 PM Budget Workshop, Regular Town Council Meeting and CRA Meeting

Upcoming Events

2021 Great American Clean-Up, April 16-24, 2021. Register online, supplies will be dropped at your home address on Friday, April 16, you cleanup at your own pace for the week, a dumpster will be available at Boat Ramp Park during the cleanup event. Supplies will need to be dropped at Town Hall on Sunday, April 25 by those registered.

Police Officer Dismissal Arbitration

Testimony was taken as a virtual arbitration meeting on March 25, 26, and April 6 2021. We are preparing written closing comments to be submitted in May.

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. A check was received from Palm Beach County for \$49,430 on March 11, 2021. A budget amendment is being prepared to reflect the revenue and to reflect the expenditure of a portion of the revenue for the Town Council Chambers modifications.

American Rescue Plan

Lake Clarke Shores is getting \$1.52M directly from the ARP. Staff is recommending \$1.4M be allocated to Utilities for sewer expansion and other needed capital improvements. The remaining \$120,000 be allocated to an IT Server upgrade to expand capacity, and improve our cybersecurity. Our IT servers are nearly at end of life (2023). We have used the Department of Treasury portal to ask questions about specific expenditures. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is very specific "water, sewer, and Broadband".

Lake Clarke Shores is also applying for the two Community Funding Projects. Application 1 is for septic to sewer conversion and application 2 is for the Pine Tree Lane Bridge replacement. Congress

Woman Frankel will get 10 application slots and there were 82 qualifying agencies on a pre-submittal call yesterday with the Congress Woman. Maximum allocation will be \$1M each /\$10M total. She has not decided on selection criteria so we're hoping one of our two priorities gets selected.

We are also submitting the Pine Tree Bridge for a Member Designated Project with the Congresswoman. MDP are only for transportation projects and require a 20% match, which we have as restrict funds (local gas tax).

2021 Legislative Agenda

We have submitted the following bills/requests:

- HB 973 Local bill on Annexation in the House (Rep. Silvers), this bill will not be heard this session.
- SB 832 Local bill on Annexation in the Senate (Senator Berman), this bill will not be heard because local bills are the House responsibility.
- HB 2097 \$1,000,000 request for a legislative appropriation in the House (Rep. Silvers), progressing forward.
- \$1,000,000 request for a legislative appropriation in the Senate (Senator Berman) also moving forward

HB1567/SB1944

FPL has asked us to send an email of support to the legislature for these two bills. They require ATT, Comcast and others to transfer their lines off of the old wood poles and onto the new concrete poles within 90 days or be fines by the Public Service Commission. After reading the bills and discussing the big picture issues with Florida League of Cities Lobbying staff, I sent an email of support for HB1567 and sent an email to FPL saying we could support SB1944 until it received the same amendments the HB received in committee.

PACE Funding Bill

Both the House and Senate versions of the PACE Funding bill are moving. They still include seawalls and sewer connection language. There has been language added to the bills requiring a significant amount of financial review making PACE loans very similar now to getting a new mortgage. This, in my opinion, reduces one of the benefits of using PACE. FRED staff are watching these bills closely.

License Plate Reading (LPR) Cameras

The L3 LPR camera system that we invested in in 2013, 2015, 2018 has reached it's end of life. It no longer functions, and it doesn't meet criteria established by FDLE for our secure FCIC/NCIC communication protocols. Staff has been looking for a better system (more reliable, less costly to maintain and upgrade). We believe we have found that in a system owned and operated by Flock Safety. They have agreed to a one-month free trial followed by an additional 5 month no obligation paid trial (total \$6500). We want to give them a try.

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 \$735,491.70. 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 (\$610,491.7 of which \$575,123.17 is allocated from the 2016 Series Note and \$35,368.53 will come from Repair & Replacement).