



TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
INDIAN RIVER – ST. LUCIE – MARTIN – PALM BEACH

MEMORANDUM

To: City of Riviera Beach Council Members

From: Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Staff

Date: June 26, 2017

Subject: Interlocal Agreement between the City of Riviera Beach and Port of Palm Beach

Introduction

The 162-acre Port of Palm Beach shares its northern and western border with the City of Riviera Beach. Operations of the Port and the City often interact and impact each other. On November 13, 1996, the City ratified an Interlocal Agreement (IA) with the Port of Palm Beach. The IA was intended to facilitate approvals of port construction projects and to establish certain protocol for governing the relationship between the Port and the City.

Background

The original IA included commitments to certain practices and communication between the City and the Port related to the City's comprehensive plan; the Community Redevelopment Agency; land use and zoning; site plan approvals, building permits and inspections; port expansion; municipal services; provision of local employment and goods and services acquisition; insurance and mutual cooperation. Much has changed since the original IA was executed. State law no longer requires the City to carry the Port Master Plan within its local comprehensive plan. The Port has added new land area to its boundary. The Port has expressed interest in some expansion. Subjects of mutual concern have been expressed related to perimeter landscaping and stormwater accommodations and utility fees.

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Conclusion

On June 9, 2015 a special joint workshop on the IA was held between the City and the Port (see Special Joint Workshop Summary Report, dated June 29, 2015). The purpose of the special joint workshop was to determine the willingness of both parties to still have an IA and, if so, establish a good framework for updating the 1996 agreement. Participants at the special joint workshop concluded that an updated IA was a good idea and an outline was established for the issues to be addressed in the IA.

Since that time several joint and individual staff level meetings have been conducted by Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) staff to discuss issues surrounding the preliminary redraft of the IA. TCRPC staff is here tonight to facilitate discussion by the City Council on how to proceed with the IA update efforts.

Attachment