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**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH**

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**TO:** HON. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**FROM:** JONATHAN E. EVANS, CITY MANAGER, MPA, MBA, ICMA-CM

**SUBJECT:** PEANUT ISLAND UPDATE – CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** JANUARY 21, 2020

**CC:** GENERAL PUBLIC

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**Background:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update concerning Peanut Island. The city staff has continued to have productive conversations with the Port of Palm Beach concerning the potentiality of the City of Riviera Beach participating in the restoration and reconstitution of the historical facilities situated on Peanut Island. The city staff has also identified additional funding sources that are available via multiple state funding programs, such as the Florida Communities Trust, the Land and Water Conservation Grant, and the Special Category Historical Grant Program. Additionally, the city staff has received inquiries from philanthropic, nonprofit and private-sector entities that desire restoration of these historic facilities.

Furthermore, the city administration would like to bring forward a proposal and scope that will allow for private-sector participation in funding the restoration and reconstitution of the existing facilities. The city staff understands and is looking to mitigate any risks, and it seeks to work with private funders who will bear the cost of the responsibility to bring these historic facilities to life. This will be a much-needed asset and tourist destination for the City of Riviera Beach and the great Palm Beach County.

**Fiscal/Budget Impact:**

A fiscal impact discussion is not currently germane to the conversation. However, subsequent discussions may result in additional resources needing to be allocated to solidify the terms and conditions of an agreement between the Port of Palm Beach and the City of Riviera Beach.



**City Goal(s):**

The city's goal is to strengthen community engagement and achieve a sustainable economy.

**Recommendation:**

The city staff recommends providing direction to the city manager to effectuate drafting the terms/scope of the contractual arrangement between the Port of Palm Beach and the City of Riviera Beach. This arrangement will be formally discussed at the first regular meeting of the City Council in February. If directed, city staff will begin to draft a Request for Proposal to solicit private- and public-sector entities participation in this project.

**Attachments:**

- Peanut Island Update(s)
- August 14, 2019
- October 4, 2019
- October 10, 2019 – LOI to the Port of Palm Beach
- October 28, 2019 – LOI Update
- City Manager – PowerPoint to Port of Palm Beach