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CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH – MEMORANDUM

TO: HON. MAYOR, CHAIRPERSON AND CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: JONATHAN EVANS, CITY MANAGER, MPA, MBA, ICMA-CM

FROM: RICHARD BLANKENSHIP, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZATION TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE NORTH OCEAN AVENUE**

DATE: APRIL 7, 2021

CC: GENERAL PUBLIC

Background:

In March 2020, the City shut down all City recreation activities and facilities due to the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic.

The Municipal Beach and the surrounding area is very popular for amateur athletics and special events. We host special events, volleyball tournaments, soccer tournaments, beach tennis tournaments and running and cycling races.

Two such events, the Jeeps on the Island event and the Triathlon of the Palm Beaches were events impacted by the shutdown. Both events have returned to Riviera Beach bringing economic impact, overnight stays and recreation. In order to produce these events safely, the North Ocean Avenue section behind Ocean Mall should be temporarily closed for the events.

Both events will be the weekend of April 30-May 2, 2021. This is due to statewide activities calendar and our desire to wait until spring to host these events.

Recommendations:

We are recommending the closure of the North Ocean Avenue section behind the Ocean Mall in support of the events as follows:

- **Palm Beach's Triathlon:** Friday, April 30, 2021 Noon until Saturday, May 1, 2021 Noon
- **Jeeps on the Island:** Saturday, May 1, 2021 Noon until Sunday, May 2, 2021, 8 p.m.

Both entities are required to follow the City's special event policy and provide a Covid plan, that they are responsible for enforcing.

Citywide Goal:

Building great neighborhoods and sustainable prosperous economy.

Budget/Fiscal Impact:

Parks and Recreation budget, page 157.

Recommendation(s):

Staff recommends authorization of road closure.

Attachments:

1. Cover Memorandum
2. Resolution