

CITY OF GREENACRES

Council Agenda Memo
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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Thomas J. Lanahan, Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: **Resolution 2016-04**
Boat Lift Connection between C-51 Canal and Intracoastal
City Council Agenda Item for 01-04-16

DATE: December 28, 2015

COPIES: James D. Stokes, City Attorney
Denise McGrew, City Clerk
File: C-51 & Intracoastal Connection

Background:

In January of 2009, a plan entitled "The Intracoastal Waterway Plan for Palm Beach County: Charting a Course for the Future" was published by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council after completion of an interactive community planning process. The plan called for increasing public access to the Intracoastal and the promotion of sustainable economic conditions. The report was updated in January of 2015 and found that the connection of the C-51 Canal and Intracoastal Waterway allowing the passage of small boats would provide enormous opportunities for public access to the Intracoastal and benefits to properties which abut the 26 mile "Chain of Lakes" in central Palm Beach County. To achieve this connection, the Town of Lake Clarke Shores has proposed a Boat Lift and asked for expressions of support from surrounding municipalities.

Analysis:

The proposed project will provide an economic benefit as well as recreational opportunities to central Palm Beach County and enhance one of the area's strengths – boating. A relatively small and simple project will open up miles of canals and lakes to access to and from the Intracoastal Waterway.

Financial:

While the direct financial benefits from the project to the City of Greenacres would be difficult to quantify, the residents and businesses in the City would benefit from the enhanced economic and recreational opportunities created.

Legal:

The Resolution was created in accord with applicable Florida State Statutes and City Code requirements.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution 2016-04 expressing support for the C-51 Canal to Intracoastal Boat Connection.

Thomas J. Lanahan
Acting City Manager

Attachments:

1. Resolution 2016-04