

## RESOLUTION NO. 2016-04

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENACRES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING EFFORTS BY THE TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES AND NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES TO UNDERTAKE DEVELOPMENT OF A BOAT CONNECTION BETWEEN THE C-51 CANAL AND THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES AND THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, known as the “Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969,” authorizes local governments to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities that will harmonize geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the desire of local governments to develop recreational opportunities, encourage economic development, and create new jobs within our central portion of Palm Beach County while enhancing the environmental attributes of the community should be commended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) created *The Intracoastal Waterway Plan for Palm Beach County: Charting a Course for the Future* ('09 Charrette) for the Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) published in January 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the '09 Charrette participants identified six core public themes including increasing public access to the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW), protecting natural resources,

expanding all forms of water based transportation, and promoting sustainable economics; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO requested the '09 Charrette be updated by TCRPC and their report was published in January 2015 which documented that a connection to the ICW at the S155 Control Structure on the C-51 Canal would have significant economic and recreational benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the C-51 Canal is connected to a 26 mile chain of freshwater lakes (Pine Lake, Lake Clark, Lake Osborne, Lake Eden and Lake Ida) and navigable canals within the central portion of Palm Beach County.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Greenacres supports improvements to the C-51 Canal that would enhance the recreational uses of the ICW, C-51 Canal, and the Chain of Lakes and provide for new economic opportunities and job creation because these opportunities could benefit residents and businesses in Greenacres; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Greenacres recognizes a significant environmental resource in the canals and lakes that must be protected and improved; and

**WHEREAS**, a connection between the ICW and the C-51 Canal at the S155 Control Structure would provide for economic development, job creation and recreational enhancement. The connection, referred to as the "Boat Lift", is estimated to provide significant economic benefit to the central portion of Palm Beach County well beyond its cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boat Lift project provides for environmental enhancement to the waterways and safe and effective portage opportunities for non-motorized recreational watercraft and small motorized boats to access the ICW.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENACRES, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The City Council of the City of Greenacres supports the development of a boat connection between the C-51 Canal and the Intracoastal Waterway by the Town of Lake Clarke Shores and others because it will provide economic and environmental benefits to Central Palm Beach County, including the City of Greenacres.

**Section 2.** The Resolution shall be transmitted to the Town of Lake Clarke Shores and the League of Cities.

**Section 3.** Effective Date.

The provisions of this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

**RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.**

**Voted**

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**Mayor**

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**Jonathan G. Pearce**  
**Deputy Mayor**

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**City Clerk**

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