

## **M E M O R A N D U M**

**To:** Howard Tipton, Town Manager  
**From:** Charles Mopps, Assistant Public Works Director  
**Report date:** December 1, 2023  
**Meeting date:** December 11, 2023  
**Subject:** Canal Navigation Maintenance Program Update

### **Recommended Action**

Provide direction to Town Manager.

### **Background**

At the November 6, 2023, Regular Meeting, staff along with Taylor Engineering (Taylor) and its subcontractor, Anser Advisory, attempted to present to the Commission the progress and recommendation to move forward a funding methodology in support of the Canal Navigation Program.

Due to the complexity of the briefing and the questions it generated, the Commission requested that staff establish one on one briefings with the Commissioners. These meetings would provide additional clarifying information, examples, and alternative analysis as requested by the Commission, along with providing additional feedback to the staff. These meetings were established the weeks of November 27th and December 4th.

As a result of these meetings, the feedback provided at the November 6<sup>th</sup> presentation, and feedback provided through the Town Manager, the key takeaways are:

- Look for ways to reduce cost
- Convert the green cost share canal to red general benefit canals
- Utilize a consistent assessment method for all condos and HOA common elements.

In this presentation, staff will present to the Commission some potential cost reduction options. Staff will illustrate the effects of converting the Green Canals to Red to potential millage rates. We will provide examples of the distribution of Water Access Units and compare it to the Waterfront Footage methodology. Finally, staff will show an example of how the program work effort is utilized in the existing format and the next steps moving forward.

### **Next Steps**

- Resurvey Canal/Channel System
- Determine cost reduction options
- Potentially move forward with a millage funded Seagrass Mitigation Area
- Present updated information to the Commission
- Make community presentations
- Final presentation and approval to Commission

**Staff Recommendation**

Provide direction to Town Manager.

**Attachments**

PowerPoint Presentation (Available in Town Clerk's Office)

**End of Agenda Item**