

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Tom Harmer, Town Manager
FROM: Isaac Brownman, Public Works Director
DATE: May 13, 2019
SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Public Forum Permit Fees and Temporary Closure of Bay Isles Road for July 4, 2019 Freedom Festival

Recommended Action

Approve the requests for waiver of the \$100 Public Forum Permit Application Fee for Public Forum Permit (PFP) Application 2019014 and Public Forum Permit (PFP) Application 2019015 in addition to closure of Bay Isles Road for the 17th annual Freedom Festival on July 4, 2019.

Background

The Town Commission adopted Ordinance 2017-01 amending Chapter 92 that, among other changes, institutes a \$100 application fee for special event public forum permits. Additionally, these amendments include a provision that the Commission may waive all or part of this fee and all or part of the expenses for departmental assistance for communitywide events.

Public Forum Permit (PFP) Application 2019014:

The Christ Church of Longboat Key wishes to hold a sunset praise and worship service on 6/22/19 from 7:30pm-8:30pm at the Gulfside Road public beach access. Attendees will gather for a brief service on the beach. No assistance is required from Town Staff.

Public Forum Permit (PFP) Application 2019015:

The Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce wishes to hold the 17th annual Freedom Festival on 7/4/19 from 9:00am-11:00am on Bay Isles Road. The applicant also requests closure of Bay Isles Road for this event. Town staff will support as needed similar to previous years events.

Staff places these requests on a Consent Agenda as a routine matter. Removal of the item from the Consent Agenda provides for Commission discussion if desired.

Staff Recommendation

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End of Agenda Item