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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Dylan Reingold, County Attorney
DATE: June 26, 2020
SUBJECT: City of Vero Beach Water, Wastewater and Reclaimed Water Franchise Agreement

BACKGROUND.

In April 2011, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") gave notice to the City of Vero Beach (the "City") of its intention not to renew the water or wastewater franchises that were set to expire on March 4, 2017. Since that time the City has continued to serve those unincorporated areas of Indian River County that were served by the City prior to the expiration of the franchises.

Indian River County staff have been negotiating a new water, wastewater and reclaimed water franchise agreement with City staff. However, those negotiations have stalled. Please find attached the most recent draft that was sent to the City on March 5, 2020. The agreement attempts to mirror the franchise agreement between the City and the Town of Indian River Shores and preserve the current County rate structure, plus the franchise fee, for those customers located in the unincorporated areas of Indian River County. County staff has not received any input from the City since March 5th.

The County Attorney's Office would like authorization from the Board to attend the next City Council meeting on July 21st to receive input from the City Council on the franchise agreement.

RECOMMENDATION.

The County Attorney's Office recommends the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners authorize the County Attorney to attend the next City Council meeting, if possible, to discuss with the City Council the proposed water, wastewater and reclaimed water franchise agreement.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Water, Wastewater and Reclaimed water franchise agreement