

**October 19, 2021
ITEM 14.A.**

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Chapter 164 Mediation Update, October, 2021

FROM: Joseph E. Flescher, Chairman
Commissioner, District 2

BACKGROUND

On September 8, 2021, the City Council of the City of Vero Beach and the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners participated in a joint public meeting under Chapter 164, Florida Statutes. At that meeting, the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners agreed to schedule at least one more meeting on this topic and to delegate Mayor Robert Brackett, City Manager Monte Falls and City Attorney John Turner, along with myself, County Administrator Jason Brown and County Attorney Dylan Reingold, to attend such meetings.

On October 6, 2021, the parties participated in a meeting at the Council Chambers at the City of Vero Beach City Hall. At the conclusion of the meeting both Mayor Brackett and myself agreed to bring an agenda item back to our respective boards on October 19th to discuss the willingness of the two elected bodies to consider further negotiation of terms that would allow the County to serve water and wastewater to the Town of Indian River Shores.

I seek input from my colleagues on this issue.