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Subject: Sea Turtle Agreement Agenda Item Postponed from September 10 City Commission Meeting to September 24
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Mayor and Commissioners,

The City retained Tyler Chappell (Chappell Group) to help us obtain FWC and FDEP authorization to install certain lights on the Fishing Pier. This was prompted by both agencies reluctance to approve our work due to perceived impacts to sea turtles. Our consultant had reached out to both agencies and obtained a copy of a basic agreement the was previously approved and used for a similar effort. The document was subsequently forwarded to our City Attorney to prepare the agreement that was presented to Commission for approval, but was later postponed until September 24. At the time, our consultant was confident everything was ready to go. The timing of the approval was important due to plans to have a grand opening of the Fishing Pier. It turned out that neither FDEP nor FWC staff ever responded to our request to confirm the document was compliant with their requirements. Instead, we learned their staff decided to re-circulate the document to other divisions and wait for comments.

After making attempts to get feedback (for weeks), FWC/FDEP finally came back with their comments. The comments are such that our City Attorney would have to make some minor modifications to the agreement and will require our design team to make modifications to the plans as well. I initially felt that postponing to October 7 would be sufficient, but plans must go to our design team and be later approved by the agencies, again. To that effect, I respectfully request to postpone the agenda item until the October 22 City Commission meeting.



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