Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date:	November 18, 2026
Originating Department:	Public Works Department
Agenda Title:	Presentation, Discussion & Direction – Various Projects – Seacoast Utility Authority (SUA)
Agenda Category:	Presentations
Approved by Town Manager:	_____ **Date:** _____

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MDA Not applicable in this case

Summary Explanation/Background:

Mr. Rim Bishop, Executive Director, Mr. Keith Webber, Chief Operating Officer, with Seacoast Utility Authority (SUA) as well as members of their consultant engineering firm and construction contractor will provide the Town Commission with a presentation on the following:

- SUA's water and wastewater capacity to support the utility needs within the Town
- Update on the current water line replacement project within the norther section of the Town
- Update on future utility projects within the Town of Lake Park
- Provide information on how the SUA can assist the Town with the design and construction of the septic-to-sewer project that is planned to be completed.

It should be noted that SUA has a history of supporting the Town's capital projects, most recently along Lakeshore Boulevard, and they continue to be supportive of the Town with the proposed septic-to-sewer project. As a result, Mr. Bishop and Mr. Webber and the SUA team are expected to present ideas and

options for the Town to complete this important environmental project especially since funding is not fully available at this time and there will be a property owner amount/cost that will need to be funded (some of the properties are expected to be six-figures).

However, please note that this presentation will not discuss the funding options at length as the Town's PW Director has been directed to investigate assessment options similar to programs that the SUA has worked under with previous projects within other local communities (i.e., Palm Beach Gardens, etc.). This information, along with how to engage with the community that will be impacted by this program, will be brought back to the Town Commission for discussion and direction at a later date.

Note: After reviewing the design work that has been previously completed by the Town and its continuing engineering services contracted firm, Engenuity Group, SUA noted that the Town will need to meet Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) and state law with the selection of an engineering firm for this project. Although the Town engaged with Engenuity Group to do the design work earlier, the Town did not competitively solicit bids for design services on this project and, as a result (due to the expected overall pricing of this project), state law will require the Town to separately bid this engineering work as a separate project rather than using Engenuity Group under the Town's existing continuing services contract.

This is concerning as it will appear that the Town is double spending on this aspect of the project; however, the Public Works Department staff will attempt to obtain the completed design files that have been completed to be utilized by a new, competitively selected vendor to complete the design work going forward and not require the Town to support the costs for new design and engineering plans.

Further, since Engenuity has completed the work that we have today, they will not be able to bid/be selected as our project engineering firm on this project.

This is another example of the real need for the Town's staff to better understand the Town's procurement policy as well as local, state and federal purchasing laws and regulations. The Town Commission has authorized funding for a procurement specialist/manager position (reclassified a previously existing position within the Finance Department) and will begin the process of advertising once our new Assistant Finance Director begins (finalizing the vetting process) to help with these type of issues in the future.

Recommended Motion:

The Town Commission is requested to consider, discuss and provide input/direction regarding the Town partnering with the SUA to support the funding, design and construction of the Town's proposed septic-to-sewer project.