



## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** July 12, 2023  
**To:** Board of Commissioners  
**From:** Robin I. Gomez, City Manager  
**Subject:** UPDATE ON JOHN'S PASS DREDGING - PRESENTATION

### **Background**

Since January 2023, the City has been utilizing the Pinellas County Professional Coastal Management Environmental Consultant, Aptim Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc, for the initial design and permitting process for the John's Pass Dredging Project. Nicole Sharp with Aptim will be providing a brief update on the project.

### **Discussion**

The City was awarded a \$1.556 Million grant by the 2022 Florida Legislature, through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (available until June 30, 2024), to assist with the dredging of a section of the John's Pass channel/waterway, more specifically an approximate 1.61 acres area on the northern side of the channel/waterway adjacent to a FDOT right-of-way, City property, and private property to the east (as more specifically identified in the enclosed Project Description documentation). In September City staff began preliminary discussions with the referenced Pinellas County contractor and in October began finalizing the grant documentation required by the State (FL Department of Environmental Protection), both documents enclosed.

At the Feb 8 Commission Regular Meeting, the Commission approved to utilize the Pinellas County continuing professional services agreement for Coastal Management Environmental Consulting Services, Aptim Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc. The agreement is to provide a variety of tasks, including:

1. Agency Pre-Application Meeting
2. Topographic and Hydrographic Survey
3. Engineering and Design
4. FEDEP and USACE Permitting
5. Request for Additional Information Phase
6. Final Permit Application Process
7. Construction Plans/Specifications
8. Bidding Assistance

All Aptim consulting tasks are estimated at \$136,727.00

At the same Feb 8 Commission Regular meeting, the Commission also approved the City's grant award of \$1.556 M, with the FDEP.