

**PORT OF PALM BEACH DISTRICT  
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION AND  
COMMISSION ACTION**

**DISTRICT REPORTS  
ITEM I-1**

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**PREPARED BY:** Manuel Almira      Executive Director      September 20 2018

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**SUBJECT:**                    **Executive Director's Report**

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**BACKGROUND:**      An outline of the topics to be reported on at the September 20, 2018  
Regular Board Meeting is attached for your review.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED:**      No \_\_\_\_\_      Yes   X  

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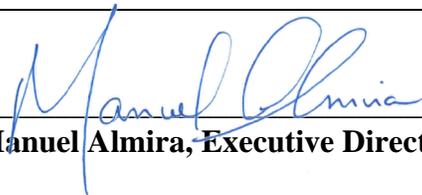
**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** N/A

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Informational Item Only.

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**Respectfully Submitted By:**

  
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**Manuel Almira, Executive Director**

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**DATE ACTION TAKEN:** \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_

Deferred To: \_\_\_\_\_

Incorporated into Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Unanimous:    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**PORT OF PALM BEACH DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
September 20, 2018**

**Around the Port**

- **Monarch Shipping / Teeters Agency – Shipments of automobiles to Saint-Marc, Haiti.**
  - Monarch Shipping provides roll on/roll off fortnightly service to Saint-Marc, Haiti from the Port of Palm Beach.
  - For years, this transporter has been very successful with this service. This year's volume has increased by 3,000 cars compared to last year.
  - This carrier receives dozens of vehicles for export on a daily basis.
  - They have two vessels that are able to transport approximately 280 cars and trucks per voyage.
  - Currently the Mullen's property is used by this carrier to receive vehicles
  - Given the daily volume of automobiles, the Port has had to provide additional space to accommodate the daily volume of cars.
  - This high volume of automobiles has created a challenge for the Port and the carrier.
  - The exporters have voiced their complaints regarding the lack of customer service, and as such, they have complained to elected officials, one being County Commissioner Mack Bernard.
  - In a recent meeting between Commissioner Wayne Richards, Ken Hern and I, we discussed at great length this problem with the ownership of the Monarch Shipping / Teeters Agency.
  - Among the changes we anticipate are:
    - Signs posted in Creole
    - A larger canopy to protect individuals from the weather
    - Additional personnel will be provided
    - Secondary windows available in the Receiving trailer to speed up the process.
  
- **Vertex**
  - The Vertex permit from the City of Rivera Beach was issued on August 15, 2018. Since the issuance of the permit, Vertex has accomplished the following:
    - Received the Insurance Certificate Contract with Expert Construction.
    - They have been granted permission by the Port to remove two light poles on the footprint where the Vertex Tower will be fabricated.
    - The Contractor has met with the Port and fully understands all of our concerns regarding their project, particularly as it relates to construction and how it would affect our tenants on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.
    - Expert Construction began mobilization of the project on September 3, 2018. Construction is expected to be completed by mid-October.
    - Thus far the tower will house one carrier (AT&T) and the Port will make \$28,200/year plus a one-time tower completion fee of \$15,000 in the 1st year.
    - For the 2nd and 3rd carriers, the Port will make an additional \$750 each month and an additional \$1,000 each month for the 4th carrier.
  
- **Cruise Industry Update**
  - Carnival Cruise Line and Port Canaveral Authority will be announcing the 2020 debut of Carnival's newest 180,000-ton ship fueled by LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas). The source of the LNG is located in Jacksonville, FL and will be transported by Shell's LNG Bunker Barge as part of Shell's Strategic Plan to develop a global LNG Bunkering network.

- **3rd floor Air Conditioning**

- Currently, the 3rd floor CBP LAN room equipment has exceeded the room's A/C ability to keep it cool. Port staff is reviewing the GSA contract concerning the responsibility of the expense, and our Facilities staff is working with our A/C provider to come up with a price for the best solution.

## Events

- The Florida Ports Council Annual Meeting was held in St. Petersburg on September 4 through 6. It was announced that the Port of Palm Beach has received three Grants:
  - Security Grant for a Perimeter Security Detection System. Total project cost is \$68,350. This is a 75/25 match with FDOT. Our portion will be \$17,087.
  - \$1.5 million FSTED Grant for the Annex Property Site Plan Improvements. This is at a 50/50 match with FDOT.
  - \$2.25 million for Environmental Mediation of Area D. This is at a 50/50 match with FDOT.
- The Florida Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association (FCBF) General Membership Meeting & Luncheon was held in Miami on September 19. This is a Port-Sponsored promotional event.
- AAPA Marine Terminal Management Training Program – Long Beach, CA – October 1-5, 2018.
- AAPA – 107th Annual Convention – Valparaiso, Chile – October 7-10, 2018.
- The Spain/US Chamber of Commerce will be at the Port on October 10 for a Presentation & Tour.
- The Delegation from Cap-Haitien will visit our port for a luncheon and tour – October 12, 2018
- On October 24, the Port will be sponsoring a breakfast featuring the Senate President-Designate Bill Galvano, hosted by the Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce.