

**Heather Finnell**

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TO: Mayor Holden, Mayor Pro Tem Myers, Commissioners Dyer, Paarfus, Smith and Thomas:

Thanks for your willingness to serve and represent the property owners for the Town of Holden Beach.

A few comments regarding the BOC agenda for 5/21/2024:

First, If you still have concerns about the Town of Holden Beach's legal requirements as it pertains to the PARTF grant and Public Beach & Coastal Waterfront Access Program grant for the pier project, it would seem that this should be the first issue you resolve before expending any other funds on this project. I would think from reviewing the grant application, grant guidelines, staff input and/or speaking with the funding authority any questions or concerns should have been or could be easily answered or resolved. I am not sure why this is even being brought up at this point in the discussion. You have 2 items on the agenda tonight pertaining to the pier so why would you even put forth a request to the staff to develop an RFP relative to items from "the plan" you approved at the last meeting if you are not comfortable about what your legal requirements are for the project as it pertains to the accepted grants?

Secondly, assuming you are going to go forward with the pier project, I would like to strongly encourage you to not divert the \$1 million set aside in the current budget for the project back to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year. I would like to encourage

you to establish a specific capital improvement line item for the pier project and transfer this \$1 million to that line item so it can roll over into next year's budget and funds can be budgeted to this line item as the project hopefully progresses along.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide input.

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