

**GULF BREEZE CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP- DEADMAN'S ISLAND**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016
WORKSHOP, 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Discussion of potential impacts upon Deadman's Island from the project to replace the Pensacola Bay Bridge

2. NEW ITEMS

3. PUBLIC FORUM

4. ADJOURNMENT

If any person decides to appeal any decisions made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or public hearing, such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and any evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The public is invited to comment on matters before the City Council upon seeking and receiving recognition from the Chair. If you are a person with a disability who needs accommodation in order to participate in a public hearing you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the City Clerk's office at (850) 934-5115 or at 1070 Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze at least one (1) week prior to the date of the public hearing.



City of Gulf Breeze

Memorandum

To: Buz Eddy, City Manager

From: ^{NF} Nathan G. Ford, Assistant to City Manager

Date: October 6, 2016

Subject: Bay Bridge Replacement Impact to Deadman's Island

Concerned citizens who live near Deadman's Island recently inquired of staff relative to the impact of the Bridge Replacement project on Deadman's Island. In an attempt to address their concerns, City staff contacted Heather Reed, Marine Biologist and Project Manager with Ecological Consulting Services Inc. to look into this matter. Ms. Reed has been integral to several grant funded restorative and sustaining projects at the site.

Ms. Reed learned that the US Coast Guard is the agency with jurisdiction over the permitting of the bridge replacement project in relation to impacts to surrounding shoreline including Deadman's Island. Staff has reviewed areas of the construction permit where Deadman's Island is identified in documentation as "FL-100." There appears to be concerns from several sources, including US Fish and Wildlife (USFW). USFW staff specifically submits their concern of bridge construction impacting the health to Deadman's Island/FL-100. Ms. Reed has since inquired of review with the US Coast Guard, Eighth District. Currently, this agency is reviewing all permitting documents.

Deadman's Island is a part of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources Systems with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. There are only 131 systems identified throughout Florida with this distinction. The island's restoration and protection projects have totaled approximately \$4 Million to date. A majority of the funding for support of this unique site has come from the US Army Corps of Engineers Estuary Act, but other entities have been involved including, The City of Gulf Breeze, SARP, NFWF, USFW, FIVE STAR, Gulf Power, and community organizations.

Staff has also contacted the Florida Department of State Bureau of Archaeological Research. This agency has identified several historically significant sites on the island or in adjacent shallow waters including a shipwreck from the late 1700's and building remains and indigenous remains as early as 2,000 B.C. In addition to the ecological significance, Deadman's Island offers a unique historical significance. Protection of these historical

resources from erosion impacts on the island has been a concern in the past and will continue to be a concern.

Recommendation: That Council direct staff to develop a Resolution for the October 17th agenda, requesting that the Florida Department of Transportation and the US Coast Guard seek input from all appropriate agencies and include measures in the permitting of the bridge construction project to protect Deadman's Island and surrounding shoreline from the ongoing effects of the Bay Bridge on Deadman's Island.