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Start of Cherry Grove Dredging Project Postponed until the Fall of 2016

North Myrtle Beach, SC – April 27, 2015 – The start of the Cherry Grove canals dredging project has been postponed until the fall of 2016. The City postponed the project for one year after learning from its engineering consultants that material from other area dredging projects currently stored in the Tidewater Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) has not de-watered to the point where it can be removed from the basin by the intended October 2015 start date of the Cherry Grove dredging project. Material from the Cherry Grove project is to be temporarily stored in the same basin until it de-waters and is then moved to a permanent disposal site. Given this situation, the City now intends to dredge the canals during the fall of 2016 through to the early spring of 2017.

The May 11 and 22 hearings that had been scheduled for Cherry Grove canals property owners who had submitted written objections to the city manager regarding their assessments have been rescheduled for June 11 and 30, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., first come, first served. The deadline for submitting written objections has been extended to June 30 at 9:00 a.m.

Property owners who have already submitted written objections of their assessments to the city manager do not have to provide another one. Their written objections will be preserved and included in the record.

Because of the change in the dredging starting date, assessments within the Cherry Grove Assessment District will not appear on property owners' next property tax bill.

By way of an April 24 first class mailing, the City has notified assessment district property owners of changes in the dredging project. By way of a May 20 certified mailing, assessment district property owners will receive a revised "Notice of Assessment" reflecting all changes to the project.

Assessment district property owners who have questions concerning the dredging project may contact Patrick Dowling at (843) 280-5612 or pcdowling@nmb.us for assistance.

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