

Local Option Sales Tax Citizen Committee
June 19, 2018
Milton, Florida

The Local Option Sales Tax Citizen Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on the above date with the following members present: Chairman Ed Carson, Tony Alexander, Stuart Viator, Scott Kemp, James Calkins, Dean Easterwood and Colten Wright. Also present were the Interim County Administrator (Dan Schebler), Budget Director (Jayne Bell) and Administrative Coordinator (Sabrina White).

- 1) **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Carson in the Santa Rosa County Administrative Center, Board Room at 9:00 a.m.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes from April 17, 2018** – Kemp made a motion for approval of the minutes for the April 17, 2018 Local Option Sales Tax Citizen Committee Meeting, the motion was seconded by Calkins and approved by the Committee.
- 3) **June 2018 Quarterly Update** – Schebler reviewed the report provided as backup and explained that this document has been used in budget meetings to capture capital projects and capital investments. He expects Optimus Park to be ready for a ribbon cutting next month. He listed finished drainage projects, specifically, Pace-Patterson and Sunrise Drive projects. Continued project reviews, with Edgewood Drive task order to be issued.

Kemp asked if issues with Edgewood were related to citizens not wanting to sell property needed.

Wright asked if property is in certain location. Schebler was unsure of geography of property.

Schebler continued with updates on roads paved by district with LOST funds.

Carson asked what the procedure was for taking savings on completed projects and reallocating. Schebler said savings are kept where they were approved until the next project is identified.

Kemp asked if there will be updates on public safety from captains. Schebler said they're available for questions.

Calkins commended the speed of which these projects were being completed. Kemp also commended the public works department on their work for the projects.

Carson asked if there were any updates on leveraged projects. Schebler said there was no change there, but they are looking at project designs in anticipation of approval.

- 4) **FY19 Draft Project List** – Schebler explained that there were few changes, but funds were pulled forward from future years to cover 47 new patrol cars at a cost of \$1.8 Million. Fire Department requests had not changed from previous approvals. Public Works capital equipment funds of \$600,000 were pulled forward like with Sheriff's Office funds. Public facilities in discussion on whether it is needed to fund them now or wait until FY2020.

Kemp questioned Fidelis Community Center. Schebler said they're still looking into whether it will be updated or a completely new building.

Alexander asked about Edgewood Drive project details. Schebler said it will be combined project of road widening and adding sidewalks.

Wright asked if the turn lane on Edgewood would be southbound to 98. Schebler confirmed the location.

Carson commented on pricing of new roofing being reasonable.

Schebler moved on to recreation. Plenty of projects, but biggest impacts have been Optimist, Floridatown, and Chumuckla parks. Swenson Park in District 5 has been approved for major renovations. Addressed need for additional recreational/field space with concepts for potential facilities off Avalon Blvd. and asked for feedback. Wright said the concept was in an ideal location for future growth. Calkins asked how the access road through the Moors would be gained. Schebler explained it would be through a right-of-way provided by owners of the property. Kemp agreed that the project looks great and is needed. Discussion continued.

Wright motioned to continue moving forward with the Soccer MegaPlex; the motion was seconded by Calkins and approved by the Committee.

Schebler finished presentation by taking questions from the Committee. Discussion ensued regarding the quality of work on the year's budget.

Tom Twarkins, representing Friends of the Pace Library, asked Committee to promote the addition to the meeting room of the Pace Library. Carson explained that there was a line item already dedicated to the facility. Discussion of those plans ensued.

Kemp motioned to accept 2019 proposals as documented, the motion was seconded by Wright and approved by the Committee.

- 5) **Other Business or Discussion** – Schebler suggested next meeting be in October or November. Discussion ensued.
- 6) **Adjournment**- With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 am.



Chairman