



Agenda Item Summary

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2nd Quarter Infrastructure Surtax (January, February, March 2023) Financial Report Presentation and Joint Project Application Form

Presenter:

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Description:

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Recommended Action:

Hear presentation and approve the Joint Infrastructure Surtax Projects Application form as proposed

Prior Board Motions:

May 23, 2023 – Approve equal distribution between all nine cities (\$333,333 for Wild Spaces Public Places and \$333,333 for Infrastructure). Staff is to develop a standard application form to detail how the grant provides both countywide significance as laid out in the statute, and local significance for their respective municipality and that the form be reviewed by the Oversight Board.

April 19, 2022 – Entered into an agreement with the School Board to make improvements to Lake Forest Elementary School, which can be used as a public pocket park after school hours

Fiscal Note:

N/A

Strategic Guide:

Infrastructure

Background:

As required in Resolution 22-105, “the Oversight Board Liaison shall be responsible for presenting the Oversight Board’s financial report to the Board” (section 6.4).

At the June 26, 2023 Infrastructure Surtax Oversight Board (ISOB) meeting, the City of Alachua expressed interest in revitalizing the ballfield, lighting, basketball court, and multi-purpose field at Alachua Elementary. The park would be open to the public after school hours, on holidays, weekends, and during the summer. The Oversight Board requested a copy of their current Interlocal Agreement (executed in 1980) and justification for the project before making a determination.

At the July 24, 2023 ISOB meeting, the Oversight Board re-considered the Alachua Elementary project and asked for Board of County Commissioners policy direction on whether improvements on school board property is an appropriate use of surtax funds. Alachua County recently utilized Wild Spaces Public Places for improvements at Lake Forest Elementary. Outside Counsel, Patrice Boyes, provided the attached memo which addresses this topic.

The Oversight Board also reviewed the Joint Project Application Form at their June and July meetings. The attached was approved by consensus for your review and approval.