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Good morning Gina.

I am glad to provide further information regarding the Cleather Hathcock, Sr. Community Center (HCC) project.

This project involves demolition of the existing structure and the construction of a new building. The existing structure was acquired in May of 2006 as a donation from the University of Florida IFAS. This community center, over the years, has required numerous repairs and/or modifications due to construction type and drainage, amongst other issues.

Several years ago, the City applied and failed to receive a \$1.25 million grant for this purpose. Furthermore, it has been a top priority of the City Commission for several years to provide a more adequate facility to serve this community.

You are well aware that the City has numerous recreation projects we intend to undertake and that the revenues received from the WSPP surtax are limited. The City intends to utilize the infrastructure surtax funding for this facility as it qualifies under the surtax ordinance:

"PROVIDING THAT 50.0 PERCENT OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE NEW SURTAX SHALL BE USED TO REPAIR ROADS AND IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY, CONSTRUCT OR RENOVATE FIRESTATIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES, ACQUIRE LANDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND FUND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 212.055(2)(d)(3), FLORIDA STATUTES ("NON-WSPP USES")".

Infrastructure, by definition, includes buildings and this project is a construction of a public facility. The proposed new facility would be designed to serve a variety of uses, other than recreation, to include human and health services to our community. Additionally, this location serves as an election polling place and is subject to any requirements of such location by the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections.

The City is extremely careful to ensure that surtax funds (WSPP and Infrastructure) are allocated in a legal and methodical manner in order to achieve the most impactful and meaningful outcomes for our community.

Regards.

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At last night's Oversight Board meeting, they requested clarification on the City's intended Sr. Center project and your justification for how that is an infrastructure, rather than a WSPP, project as it is on your Infrastructure report as a future project. Please advise so I can report back at their Feb. 26 meeting. Thanks!



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