



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 24-00388

Agenda Date: 5/14/2024

Agenda Item Name:

Authorization to Advertise a Public Hearing and Notice of Intent to Use the Uniform Method to impose Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for a Special Assessment District for Quail Street.

Presenter:

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Description:

Authorization to advertise a Public Hearing for Board consideration of the establishment of a Special Assessment District (SAD) to use an alternative surface treatment (chip seal) on Quail Street in Melrose, Florida, to be funded through non-ad valorem assessments.

Recommended Action:

Adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the advertisement of a Public Hearing to consider the establishment of a Special Assessment District to use an alternative surface treatment on Quail Street and Notice of Intent to use the uniform method for collecting non-ad valorem assessments. Authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution.

Prior Board Motions:

Item # 24-00130 - On February 13, 2024, the Board directed County staff to continue with the process for the establishment of the Special Assessment District for Quail Street by conducting a Property Owner Interest Poll.

Fiscal Note:

The applicant paid \$250 to start the SAD process which is intended to cover costs such as the advertising costs. The check was deposited in the Gas Tax Uses Fund and expenses would be paid from account 149.79.7910.541.49.00 which has the description of other charges and obligations.

Strategic Guide:

Infrastructure

Background:

Quail Street is a public right-of-way, dedicated to the public by the plat of Melrose, recorded in Deed Book J, Page 847 of the Public Records of Alachua County, Florida. It is an unpaved lime rock road maintained by the County. The County received a resident initiated Preliminary Special Assessment District Petition, signed by the requisite number of benefitted property owners, with the required application fee, requesting the County to initiate the process for the creation of a Special Assessment District for the purpose of improving the road with an alternative surface treatment (chip seal).

On February 13, 2024, the Board directed County staff to conduct a Property Owner Interest Poll (the Poll), as required by Chapter 37 of the Alachua County Code. Staff prepared the Poll describing the improvement, showing the area to be specially benefitted, containing the estimated improvement cost and the allocation of the cost to each benefitted property owner. Staff mailed the Poll to all benefitted property owners and has received a signed response from 87.5% (7 out of 8) of the benefitted property owners. Of the responding property owners, 100% (7 out of 7) have voted in favor of establishment of the Special Assessment District, exceeding the response requirement and affirmative vote requirement contained in Alachua County Code Chapter 37.09.

The next step of the process to create the Special Assessment District is publication of a notice of intent to use the uniform method to impose a non-ad valorem assessment for four consecutive weeks immediately prior to a hearing by the Board of County Commissioners to consider the establishment of the Special Assessment District.

It is not anticipated that this roadway will qualify for the County's Graded Road Improvement Program in the foreseeable future. If the County establishes the Special Assessment District and improves the roadway, the County will be responsible for maintaining the improved roadway.