>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Let's wait a few seconds. Everybody is so quiet because it is so cold outside. Is everybody ready for winter to be over? Can I get a motion on that? [Laughter]We will call the Volusia County Counsel meeting February 3 to order at 9:02 AM. We are going to start with an invocation in just one minute. Then the Pledge of Allegiance. When I invite the Reverend up for the invocation if you would care to stand please stand and join us. If you are a member of a faith group that would like to participate in the invocation please just send an email to K Green @Volusia County.org and she will get you all set up. It is open for all faith groups. This morning we have the Reverend Darrell to merriment with the Memorial Temple Southern Pacific Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association. Reverend Demerit.

>> Good morning thank you for the introduction. It's a pleasure to be here with you all this morning. Please join me in a moment of silence as we assume an attitude of prayer. Loving and infinite God who created and watches over all of that is we thank you for your ever presence with us and within us. We ask that this group in your presence guide our council members as they consider the opportunities and challenges that have been brought before them. We ask for your support in their collaborative work this morning to do what is best for Volusia County, and its residents and businesses. For today, tomorrow and into the future. We ask this in all grace and gratitude, amen.

>> "I Pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.".

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Karissa, would you call the roll.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Here.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Here.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: Here.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: Here.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Here.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Here.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Here we are all here we have a quorum. Yes we do have some public participation. I will call your name when I do, just come up to the podium there is a button on the left that will raise and lower. We would like to have a microphone right at your mouth so that everyone in the room can hear you and all the people online. You will have three minutes to talk about anything that pertains to the County that the Council might be able to act on in the future. We just ask you to be respectful of everyone in the room and by listening online you can say anything you want to us. Please be respectful in your language to people that are listening in. First, also if you would tell us where you are from and the County you don't have to give your full address for safety reasons if you do not care to. Let us know what part of the county you're from so your representative here knows where you are. Nobody wants to go first but this morning it is Kathy Thompson.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Kathy Thompson Ormond Beach, January 18, Tim Bailey presented the cultural Counsel updated recommendations for modifying the community cultural grant program and operating budgets $40,000 or less would receive a maximum grant of $8000 with no match required and a maximum of three applications over the organization's lifetime. Larger organizations would receive a gradual reduction of maximum rent amounts $70,000 in FY 25/26, 50,000 in FY 26/27 and 35,000 for all future years. The formulas would be 20% of the first $40,000 in expenses +10% of expenses over $40,000 1/1 match would be required and the program will transition from operating grants to RAM-based grants. Additional recommendations included one capacity building grant awarded annually to $25,000 to help applicants hire consultants. Maintaining the current per capita funding rate of $1.08 adjusting for population. Counsel membersDiego moved to approval the cultural Counsel recommended modifications as amended to have a max Of $5000 per consultant and to eliminate any language per capita. After comments and will call the motion carried 6/1 which Chair Brower opposed my question to you gentlemen is can we trust our government when you promise us something and we do everything that was asked of us? Please, honor what you committed to. If you want to change future years, you

reserved the right. But you specifically addressed and promise just this year. We have done everything. Please,!.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Dennis Morris.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Good morning I'm lucky to be in Mr. Dempsey's district. I'm here out of concern for the community. It's an older community and growing very fast with the 17 and 40 dual landing. They finished 401 sides of the project coming from Ormond Beach. They paved it as of November it was completed they have not done the south side which is remaining for Lane. We've got a new Dunkin' Donuts and a new Circle K. The little intersection is getting pretty crowded. My concern is when they're coming from Ormond Beach, I don't know if you're familiar with the area but when you come into our little town there is a pretty sharp curve to the left right before the last 500 or 600 yards before you get to the stoplight. When he came from Ormond Beach in the country all the way people are running pretty good speed limits. There is nothing but empty wilderness. When you pop around a curve you dive into the center of our community. They are coming around 60 -70 miles an hour on my driveways right there and you have the Volusia Lodge right there to Church Street, Pine Street, you've a couple of homes, you have the ultimate grill it is growing. When they come around the curve at 70 miles an hour there are people acting up there because Elaine the self four Lane has not been built yet it is dual-purpose on the other Lane going west all the traffic when you come around the curve your back up to the lodge there is nowhere to go. Those people come around there we had to wrecks last Sunday there was a turnover because Church Street where it comes 40 comes off to the right because you cannot stop and turn to completely stop to cut back especially if you're carrying a trailer and if there are from recent efforts we have had to wreck the Sunday before there was a turnover and another one on Friday it was a turnover both times they went across the double line to avoid rear ending if it was somebody coming it was disastrous. I just want to basically get distorted maybe get some help from Mr. Dempsey and FDOT I noticed the other end of the speedway when you get to Route 11 at the other end of the project is a flashing light in a blind curve also if the light comes on to tell you like is get them ready to turn red you're prepared to stop if we can have a something like that or maybe please slow down the speed limit a little bit where it warns people of the danger ahead, it would be very helpful. I spoke to a lot of the residents. There are a lot of elderly people. I'm just trying to avoid disaster. I appreciate any help you all can give me. Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you very much for coming in. Debbie Forrester.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Debbie Forrester Ormond Beach founder and Commander government strong nonprofit and fitting motoric veterans first responders, their families and patriots within the community. We started the chill morning pledge walk as your number on March 29 Vietnam Veterans Day 2015, when my husband and 200 local national guardsmen deployed for a one year mission to Afghanistan all came home safe, and we assisted with events we continued our bridge walks etc. Ormond strong, this being the semi Centennial historic event in our country we continue our daily morning bridge walks on for another bridge in celebration of our nation's birthday. We honor all who sacrificed their time, their strength, their ambition and their help and our lives on this earth so we can enjoy the freedoms that we have today. With that said one of these patriots which is why I am just the way I am, is Everett Simpson. She is a Revolutionary war hero, Deborah cut her hair down bosom and served in the Continental Army under General George Washington. She was 511 she served in the special forces she took a sword /to her head and to musket balls in her left thigh to not reveal she was a female she took out her pocket knife took out one of the musket balls and stitched herself up and she lived till the end of her life with the other musket ball. She was discovered as a female and they had an outbreak in Pennsylvania when they were fighting the fever. That gave her away and it revealed her gender. It was Paul Revere that got her an honorable discharge and a full pension. To hear more stories I'd like to invite everyone to attend the Veterans Museum and Education Center located 302 Vermont Avenue on a beach. They're open from one -4 PM Tuesday-Saturday come out and visit during this historic 250 years of America. Our group paid the first 20 years rent on the veterans because we feel that strongly about remembering our veterans and first responders. In closing I will quote 30th President Calvin Coolidge " a nation that forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten. God bless America! And happy semi when Centennial everyone Ormond Beach strong out.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: You for sharing that. Eileen S.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Good morning I am Eileen.[Listing Names] the education officer at the commemorative Air Force located at Katie/PD DeLand musical airport ironically

February 18th 2026, we all would've been able to hear the war of P 51 completely restored Tuskegee airmen Mustang at least 5000 Volusia County students would have been able to hear that roar touch that plane you ate 360° film about the restoration and the legacy of the Tuskegee airmen let's think about this. If a child does not have a connection to aviation and if they drive up to an airport what do they see? Barb wire! We offer an open gate and open hangar away for all children to see an opportunity and a future in the skies. That programming was canceled due to the loss of the grant. I humbly ask you to reinstate that program. So the children brought to Volusia County can see a future in the skies by looking upward and hearing the plane and by looking forward to their possibility of being an aviator and looking backwards to the legacy of the Tuskegee airmen Fred when children can see themselves in the cockpit they have a future. Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you for your comments. Michael Don Johnson.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Hello everyone Michael Don Johnson I'm not here to campaign this morning but for the record I'm running for Congress in the Republican primary for sure. There is some information that the voters and the residents of this county need to know about are very disturbing. I will address them by asking questions: is stolen valor bad? Would you vote for somebody that has investigations ongoing within the Army? That had stolen valor accusations is assaulting a mistress bad while you are married would you vote for somebody that has on record being called to the police for assaulting a woman. His threatening an ex-girlfriend would you vote for somebody that has a 14 page staining order against him by a Florida judge? Is meeting with the terrorist overseas in Syria had a 10 million dollar bounty on his head bad? Is running an adult education in New Smyrna Beach part-time a bona fide evidence that you are residents of our county? Is voting for morals over party labels more important to you? This is someone that does not pay their taxes and has multiple IRS liens filed against them bad? Would you vote for somebody that has multiple IRS liens filed against them? Is it bad that you have not paid a business loan and have a foreclosure lawsuit against Ukraine for $66 million and 34 million dollars? That lawsuit is interest you have not paid in that case in Taylor County right now. Is it wrong that you take loan money from a Canadian lender and live a lavish lifestyle pretending your millionaire value of a company in Taylor County Florida with employers sent home for Halloween without pay. Would you vote for someone like this? There are politicians that come to our county that a lot of the citizens don't know about their background and what is going on because technically they don't really fear they are in different areas with their federal laws going on in Virginia and the federal courthouses for fraud, would you vote for

someone like that? There's a case going on right now in the Eastern court of the district of Virginia, that this person has had to do a consent because he was sued for fraud for not delivering goods to and overseas and it came up with an agreement to pay back $8 million that they kept it because of fraud they were sued for fraud. Would you vote for someone like this? This person right now as many of you know who it is is Corey Lee Mills, your current congressional politician serving in this county. Thank you very much.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Carolyn Hickerson.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Good morning Carolyn Hickerson from Doctor not here to bring awareness I need your help this is regarding Elder auditory behavior in our state. Probably at the federal level is all part of the meeting. I hope there will be a story at the beginning of this week. My mother unfortunately has Alzheimer's and has been a victim of this auditory behavior. I'm here to bring awareness to all of you and for your help to help me get out of the word I've contacted my state legislators and my federal legislators and have had zero response. What has happened and it happens right now are the seniors of the testator receiving auditory calls to change their Medicare benefits. That is ongoing. Through this process we do have power of attorney over my mother or her health and for legal, but we were not aware needed power of attorney over her Medicare. That is something that seniors need to know in the state. What has taken place is that she answered one of the random calls, they changed her Medicare. Yesterday we had to take her to the hospital or in a fall we learned her Medicare benefits had been changed. She is not able to receive her Medicare benefits for her insurance at the moment we are working to change that to go back. I am not sure we can because you can only make a change once a year. We are really not sure what can take place. These calls need to stop! Especially without patients who are not in their mind when you pick up the phone it's obvious she is in assisted living. It is obvious she was not in her mind this person was able to change her Medicare benefits for insurance without any signed documents without any family interventions. With nothing that has taken place to help her to protect her I have now gotten a block on her phone, you can order this device on Amazon that blocks unwanted calls and trying to do the same with her cell phone I'm trying to best to protect my mother but these predatory calls that are happening on short members of the community are receiving them as well as I have. In our right mind we can make educated decisions, but when you are not that is predatory behavior that is taking place I need your help to help me get the word out to get legislators involved to stop this predatory behavior that we can elders can then make the decision on their own to contact a senator to make a change but not to prey on the most honorable

citizens of our state and our federal levels this needs to stop. My mother is a victim. I need your help and if so I'm asking you to help me make connections with the people that are not returning my calls. I've gone to the state attorney's office. I've done a police report. I've done everything I can do to help but I need your help. Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you you just started the process. Ellen W.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Good morning, I've come here often enough to got my name right. [Laughter] Whether it is art centers, Museum theaters, historic auctions, libraries , public art in Volusia County has built a reputation as a community that values quality of life education and a vibrant local economy. The Cultural Counsel of Volusia County exists specifically to help the student and amplify that investment connecting presidents and visitors with the arts. Today I'm asking you to honor that commitment to reinstating the already approved cultural grant funding. These funds are not an abstract line item, there is a difference between lights on and lights off at local theaters between open doors and shuttered galleries between meaningful afterschool arts programs and empty afternoons for our youth. Organizations across Volusia County light on this support to offer rate and low-cost programming preserving our history and our public spaces and welcome visitors who spend money in local restaurants, hotels and shops. When we pull back funding after it's already been approved, we don't just interrupt plans, we undermine the stability of the very organizations you best to help carry out the county's cultural vision. The cultural council was created by Volusia County in 1989 has he recognized local arts agency for the County with the clear mandate under state statute to support and strengthen the arts and culture here that partnership between the cultural Council and Volusia County government has been a long-standing commas to residents and to nonprofit organizations that serve them. Reversing already approved grants breaks trust with these partners, many of whom have signed contracts, hired staff and committed to programs based on the county's pirate decision. Reinstating this funding is basically responsible for every current dollar being leveraged by private donations, ticket sales and volunteer hours multiplying the county's investment. Arts and culture drives tourism to spur small business activity to make Volusia County more competitive and attractive to retain residents, employers, healthcare professionals and education only support the arts or supporting jobs public safety through positive community engagement and long-term economic growth. You have within your powers the ability today to steady the ground under our cultural community by reinstating the approved grant funds you affirm Volusia County's identity as a place of values creativity history and opportunity you keep faith for the nonprofits that stepped up to partner with you

and most importantly to protect experience that makes this not just a place on a map but a place people are proud to call home and choose to visit. I urge you to restore the funding. Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you for your comments. Lloyd Bowers.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Thank you Chairman Brower Lloyd Bowers, Daytona Beach side resident Mr. Rienhart's designee for the cultural Council. I'm not speaking today for the Cultural Council but for myself and the cultural community. I'm here to address as you might expect the importance of honoring the February 18 2025 decision he made to support the grant initiative. A decision after a thorough transparent process of scoring and reading implications. When the community's cultural grants they did so in good faith invested time, resources, creativity to proposals that were evaluated according to the criteria you approved the scoring process was not arbitrary from it was deliberate there, and is designed to ensure taxpayer dollars are invested in projects that bring the greatest benefit for Volusia County prison to reverse funding now as you've done up to this point after the process was completed, not only undermines the trust in our local government also sent a troubling message to artist educators and community leaders that even the follow the rules their work can be disregarded. In every Council meeting we have where nobody brings up this issue to discuss, real harm continues! Initially. I'm so glad to get to hear from the commemorative Air Force to see the real harm for our children in this community who did not have the opportunity to learn more but the Tuskegee airmen. I know for many of you World War II is an important earmark that is a real sad day that we lost them. The February 18 decision was a commitment to invest in these benefits. Upholding that decision is about more than funding, it is about integrity, consistency, and respect for the process you all agreed upon. I urge you to stand by that commitment. Let the residents, the cultural partners and the broader community that Volusia County keeps its words it values fairness and understand that culture is not an expense it's an investment for the future. Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you four your comments. John Nicholson.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: John Nicholson Daytona Beach side couple of things on the Consent Agenda Item H the naming of the lighthouse I thought we were in the process of

renaming. Didn't we have a discussion about Kirk Road or something? We are going to discuss how we would rename etc. isn't this a bit early to do so? Secondly, historic names I'm not really fond of changing. I would not like the Daytona Beach name change to some other name like Trump Village or whatever I would ask is to not do this. I would ask us to wait until you have a firm consensus of how we will rename and what we will rename. Secondly with regard to the cultural arts, again, I thought we had agreed years ago, to enhance our cultural arts, I think it was one dollar per person from each of the communities to go to the cultural arts. Secondly, I thought your assignment last year to the cultural arts was because you wanted them to enhance the cultural arts in other words to reach out to people that would not normally like, the poor and elderly that would not be able to enjoy the cultural arts. Which they did then you condemn them for the first thing they did was to cut things back because you're not funding what you asked them to find. It did not make sense to me. I'm asking you to look at this again. I thought that your workshop Don came to the realization that your word is your bond and several of you made a comment that you hate pulling the rug out from the cultural arts that would revisit this. Last meeting she did not, which kind of shocked me a bit. Lastly, I think I've convinced David that Daytona Beach has a value to this county, that tourism has a value to this county. I've asked several times to find a Republican somewhere who would look into the problems in Daytona Beach. They are now doing that, but they're looking in the wrong direction. It is our system of government. We cannot base a government on race. We cannot determine that one race will dominate and the others will stick all of the white people out West in one half of the city. One half of the city is in one zone. We have 25,000 people in one zone and all the rest of the zones are 11,000 per piece. They are supposed to be equal, this has not been addressed. That is our core problem.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Inc. you for your comments Cameron Vincent.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Good morning my Ms. Cameron Vincent, Port Orange Florida I am a mother, a taxpayer, a voter I make the executive director of our Art foundation and vice president of Volusia County cultural alliance. I'm here and perhaps our County residents in the mini arts historic and cultural organizations across Volusia County rely on the county's cultural grant funding to serve our community I want to respectfully urge this council to release the already approved and budgeted cultural funds from Volusia County cultural grant program delays and distribute Inc. these funds are no longer administrative they are actively causing real damage and losses throughout our cultural sector. Volusia County residents have already spoken clearly on the importance of this work. The people of this

county originally voted to approve the echo program for middle culture historical and outdoor on November 7, 2000. And on November 3, 2020 and overwhelming 72%, of the voters your constituents renewed this program for another 20 years. That is not a narrow margin that is not uncertain. That is a decisive public mandate. When there is a debate about what the core responsibilities of our local government should be, the answer is already written plainly in the will of the people. Local government is defined by what its residents value and what they choose to invest in together. Volusia County voters declared in overwhelming volume though pillars of our shared responsibility include the environmental cultural history and outdoor community services. At Art house alone we are facing immediate consequences because these cultural funds have not yet been released without access to the promised resources we are at risk of having to drop classes that serve students and families in our region we are unable to expand our programming we plan specifically and in response to community demand we are no longer able to meet that demand perhaps most critically residents to lose our scholarship programming for the 2026 fiscal year these scholarships in short the children from struggling families can participate in education enriching summer art programs regardless of financial circumstance without them many parents are left without affordable unfulfilling options for their children. This is more than an art situation as a community safety issue. Research and experience consistently show that accessible summer programs drastically reduce the rate of adolescence chronic by providing structured mentorship positive outlets during the summer months when the youth are most vulnerable. When cultural funding is withheld we don't just lose exhibitions or classes we lose prevention opportunities and investment. I ask you tonight spitefully and in urgency please police the cultural grant funds so that we can stop further program loss and continue serving Volusia County in this partnership. Thank you for your time and support.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you for the public participation or the opening of the meeting. We will move to Item number one the approval of the agenda can I get a motion to approve the agenda.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I make a motion to approve.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Just working ahead. [Unclear Audio] all in favor signify by saying,aye?

>> Board Voting: Aye.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: And he opposed the agenda that was approved 7/0. Does anybody have an Item they would like to pull for a vote? Or a comment after the vote.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Item letter and for discussion.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: Item letter H for discussion.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: Item letter H for a vote.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: F for discussion.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: I make a motion to approve to approve the Consent Agenda without Item letter H.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: All in favor? Of each Item except Item letter H.

>> AYE.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Opposed the consent agenda is approved. Let's deal with Item H first. Do you want to take it?

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: I am not opposed to just being renamed the James Milton Hunt Lighthouse Point ParkI'm not opposed to that when you are right you are right John Nicholson is right. We talked about this with Charlie Kirk Road. We talked about a process

that would follow. I believe that he will rename this but I think we need to do it following the process that we talked about as an elected body. Councilman Reinhart I'm appreciative brought this up. I think this will get full support. I have not heard anything negative. I'm not heard anything about it. I definitely have not heard anything negative. I am for this. I just want us to follow what we said we were going to do if it still is a bit. I'm okay with that because John Nicholson is ride-on that issue. Notice I said that issue. [Laughter]. Thank you Chairman.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR:

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: Thank you Mr. Kent I appreciate that. I agree we have a process for renaming things we talked about it the Charlie Kirk issue I was not here for that meeting the process I do SPECT that was for us renaming it all of this is is all we are asking is we do not have the authority to change this this is FDEP that is all the letter addresses showing our support for that is all we are doing we are asking we are saying we support if you take that opportunity to go there. I thought it was an excellent opportunity for the greater basically of that park and his daughter is here in the audience miss Lamar she is the one the first artist to me the mayor of Ponce Inlet commission or council from Ponce Inlet because it that is with the park was located wrote a favor in support of that favor the letter that they cannot rename it the road letter asking for support he supported the idea all you're doing is sending the same letter of support to FDEP we are not renaming it beautiful leave it up to them that is all thank you.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Thank you Mr. Chair Matt, you are right DEP owns it. We don't really have the authority to change it I think since I've been a process guy for a long time. I don't know if this is the dilemma. I don't know if we should apply this to that process. I would like to see what my other colleagues have to say. We never discussed supporting someone else renaming a building or a facility or whatever it might be. We may not have to apply that standard. That is just my dilemma. I don't have any opposition to it. Whatever we want the process to become, we follow it thank you.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: I am so glad his daughter is here I'm so glad she heard me say I'm excited to support the name change! Councilman Santiago I think you pose a really good question. I think we can argue it either way that we don't need to follow the process

because it is DEP and it is not doing it. But we are all putting our name on this plane. I think Woodfield is comfortable following that process. That being said I still reserve the right to vote yes on this today if it goes that way. I wanted Mr. Mickelson to note that he wrote up a very valid point. I think that Mr. James Milton Hunt is extremely deserving.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you it's an interesting dilemma Matt, you're correct I believe this is different enough we are not renaming it we don't own it the state of Florida decided to rename it they are asking for our support. It is not a name change for a road or anything else that originated with his council. I'm comfortable with voting for it. I do appreciate Mr. Mickelson bringing it up, the process is important. I think we are in good shape if we approve this.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I make a motion to approve.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any other discussion?

>> KARISSA GREEN,DEPUTY CLERK: Mr. Chair you do have public comments.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: I am sorry it's right here in my hand we have one member of the public that would like to speak on this before we vote. Jennifer L.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Hello I am Jennifer Longmire 684 Margaritaville Daytona Beach. I'm speaking in favor of James James Milton Hunt Lighthouse Point Park, the park name because that was my dad. My dad grew up in Mildred by the sea. He used to ride his bicycle to the inlet when he was young. He loved that piece of land even when he was a child. He rallied the community because so many people were shocked by the idea of having mini-malls and 500 condos on the site. Once he saved the land and it became a park he went several times a week to watch people enjoy it. He was so proud of it. With this being the 40th anniversary of the park I do hope you will agree to send a letter to the

state to help them make the decision to grant the name change to James Milton Hunt Lighthouse Point Park. Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you very much. Staff who had any negative feedback on the town of Ponce Inlet?

>> KARISSA GREEN,DEPUTY CLERK: No sir there is a letter of support in your packet I believe they initiated it.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: I will vote yes on this date. I think Troy is a very valid point. I'm voting yes for nothing against the individual, I do not know the person but we did not identify this particular area when we discussed the process. I think going forward we should consider this as being part of that process we outlined going forward. Those are just my thoughts.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I agree with you David I respect what you're saying Troy. I think we should follow through with the original intent of naming things. I think in this instance it's different because we are not doing one renaming. I would like to point out that Troy says he agrees with Mr. Nicholson is kind of proof that even a broken clock tells the right time twice a day. [Laughter] We are all with you John. Thank you. I appreciate it.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: Thank you Chairman, my last comment on this I said earlier I reserve the right to vote yes for this I will vote yes for this right now as well. I just want to remind the Council and the public your participation is impactful. Even though I'm glad Mr. Santiago agrees going forward will include this as well. I'm glad that we are talking and we will have a process in place for the spring. I think it is cleaner, it will possibly create less problems in the future. Thank you Jay.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Attorneys I think you hear the will of the Council here I think on this. Just add that to the rule when we discuss that. I don't know if I need to call the roll Carissa: the role.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Yes.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Yes.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: Yes.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: Yes.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Yes.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Yes.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Yes. Item letter H is approved 7/0. For discussion from Councilman Robbins Item letter M.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Thank you Chairman I want to highlight some of Ben's work and their team from the County manager's office looking at the storm water use agreement with the city of Edgewater and what we are doing to help people in South East Volusia.

>> STAFF: Edgewater has gone out and got a substantial grant for some stormwater improvements in order to construct those improvements they need to make modifications to some of the canals that we maintain. This is a standard use agreement for them to do that. We worked with them on that. They are actually ready to get going. To make those improvements we are happy to partner with them and help them out on it.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: Anything else we can expect down there.

>> STAFF: We've got a lot coming down the road. We are turning to stormwater projects where studies are fixing to come back with recommendations on other projects we have a lot going on.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you very much. Vice Chair Rienhart we dealt with Item or H but Item F you wanted to comment. Was that you done.[Unclear Audio]

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: On Item F I just want to make sure we are all in agreement before this passes that we do not want any type of state regulation of our water quantity quality or wetland management. I'm assuming by doing this we are all aware we are asking the state to stay out of Volusia County's business when it stays with water quality, water quantity and wetland management. I'm assuming if we vote for this that is what we are wanting and even more so in the letter itself, we are telling the state in paragraph number three, that we don't even want limited or partial preemption represents an unwelcome revocation of local decision making power, and undermines the ability of our county to tailor policies to the unique conditions infrastructure and community concerns of our county. Just want to make sure we are all in agreement with what we are petitioning the legislature to do. We don't want them to have limited or partial preemption powers over Volusia County. That is what it says in the letter when we passed this. I am hoping that we stay consistent in our other votes in the future about not even partially limiting our home rule. That's how we take this if anybody disagrees with that interpretation I would love to hear it now before I vote thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We already voted on this and it passed.[Laughter].

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: I was going to suggest for Councilman Dempsey's preference possibly if you are interested since that was already voted on the consent agenda we can unless legal tells me we are wrong we can make a motion to reconsider if you want to state your motion on that you can do that separately.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I like it like it is I do not want the state to have partial or limited preemption powers I want to make sure we are in agreement as this is written we will stay consistent in all future votes.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Thank you. Mr. Dempsey I'm smart enough to put two and two together. I see where you are going with this let me tell you the main difference in this with these preemptions this is a blanket policy. We as a local government are fighting so that we can make better decisions and not somebody else for us. So it can be a case by case. I would rather case by case and a blanket policy by the state we are able to hear these different situations when it comes into the spring. I see what you are saying and lining up I think it is clear . As long as we still have the power to make that decision, whether it is buying property or whatever or partnering, it is still with us. That power remains with us.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: To piggyback on what Mr. Robins said, I concur I can see that this will come up in a Volusia Forever conversation later. I believe based on what our citizens signed up for when they read ballot language, it was in fact local control of what we want to do with our property and how we want to work with the state and Volusia Forever to conserve our lands. That is not a preemption. That is in my opinion local control. At the lowest levels because it was a ballot initiative not a decision right to council. Thank you sir.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you Councilman Johansson Item F has been voted on and you staff I think this came from the attorneys for riding this letter we hope that it helps I would encourage every one in the public to contact their state our present lives and give them the same message local governments the cities and the County should not be preempted from being able to make decisions that we know best and closest to the people and to the water issues water is life it is really important I'd like those decisions I think this council has made it has made it clear that those decisions should be made locally. This will be an interesting couple of Items here based on what Don just brought up prison Item number three Item 03 ECHO Strategic Plan Presentation, Discussion & Direction.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Good morning councilmembers community services director Nick Dunnam will join me and will tagteam the presentation today. This is a council approved strategic plan and funded at the recommendation of the ECHO advisory

committee. They have come back and given us about 30 recommendations for program improvement increasing transparency and accountability, there are 11 of those that require tensile actions. They are policy decisions that would create a new category requiring more funding, and would be typically out of operational control. We will go through each of these. Just a brief understanding of this was the most comprehensive engagement that we've done with the ECHO program since its inception in 2000 prints we hired Stetson about in 2009/2010. We did another workshop I believe around 2015 then we did listening sessions when development was reauthorized. We went to the public several times and this is the most diverse status response. Through the survey we had nearly 1600 individuals. Last survey we did the highest we got our 943 I believe. The way the consultants did the study it was in mixed method study. They had the survey open for 30 days, they analyzed the data from the survey, they came back and presented it to the ECHO advisory committee and they used that to inform their questions that they had with program stakeholders like Rex riders recreation directors of municipalities. That is how you will try to delete the data to make sure they inform each other. Lastly they briefed the committee as well as a select group of stakeholders as well that here are the problems we are saying help us to generate solutions. This is a grassroots informed strategic plan.

>> NICK DUNNAM,STAFF: I will go over the summary of the results of the survey and went 64% of the survey takers included they can do well or very well leading to household needs that's up 14% from the previous survey in 2020 they indicated environmental learning experiences was the best experience but most important is water access the most visited for sports and recreational facilities. The highest priority was trails.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Again interestingly it still tracks with a number of voters that voted for ECHO right around 72% in the last three surveys that we've done saying they enhance my quality of life. The project stupid.

>> NICK DUNNAM,STAFF: Survey takers were asked to rank the highest partners in the ECHO categories; these tracks with actual systems and trail systems were the highest-ranking prairies or trail systems or survey takers.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: She will go through each of these. We tried to provide options for cues that were just for your information. If you want to go in a different direction and combine or omit, we are here to take your direction today. The first recommendation.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Let me ask the Council you will go through all 11 and they have options and we will tell you will decide as council which option we want we can either go through all 11 and make those decisions then put them together as a package and vote on them at one time or we can vote for all 11 and the reason I'm bringing this up we have 10 members of the public who would like to speak on this. Our procedure is that we listen to the staff, we ask some questions and we debate. We hear from the public then we take a vote. It's a little different this time. When you want to hear from the public is my question.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: I appreciate you bringing this up I was thinking very similarly dealing with all 11 afterwards knowing our history on efficiencies my initial thoughts were close to suggest dealing with each one as it comes up on a vote then we move on but we have to insert the public comment piece maybe we can get the public comment piece now then go through each one vote and we get done with each one.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Jake you are good with that done I see thumbs up okay you guys a break.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I also want to add if we decide to go forward with listening to the folks first but also I want to also look at the staff level policy that they are looking to implement as well. On top of our 11 I think we need to look at that as well.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: I think we just decided to hear from the public first. I will call your name please come up and you have three minutes to tell us what you want us to hear about the ECHO strategic plan. Teresa Brooks? I'm sorry Bloom? Can you tell us your name when you get up here?

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Good morning Chair Brower and cancel County manager and staffed my Ms. Teresa Brooks, I am a resident of Pelican Bay in Daytona Beach. Over 40

years resident of Volusia County. Today, I speak mostly from my role as the president of Brooks & Dunn grant consulting. A little background, I've had the opportunity to have my hands on writing and receiving 81 ECHO grants since the program began in 2000. I provide grant management services to many of the municipalities in which County my scope of work includes administering grant applications and awards for all local state and federal funding sources. Mike grant awards to date are over $800 million for Volusia County projects. I provide this brief background to mention that I am familiar with the guidelines application processes and accountability for the state and federal agencies that provide competitive and entitlement grant funds. Specific to the Volusia County ECHO program, I am very pleased and impressed with his council's oversight and forward thinking with this program. As important, I must state that the County ECHO staff has held each applicant and grantee to the highest of standards and accountability. I believe it was in 2023, when this counselor asked to hire an outside consultant to develop a strategic plan, deceive the program forward to the year 2040, the strategic plan has been completed that the preservation of many stakeholders and presidents input, and visioning sessions surveys and review and recommendation of the ECHO program advisory board to accept and make improvements and policy decisions as outlined in this agenda item. If I can point out a few of those policy decisions I'll have three minutes. I'm trying to put 30 years into three minutes, policy decisions by one, to allow for planning and design funds. Policy number five is raising the grant CAP from 600,000- $2.5 million because we have not kept up with inflation or construction costs. In addition, staff has worked with salesforce to develop an online application process which will definitely make the application process much easier, however, I was able to test the system and it does not take away any of the requirements of the projects.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: You very much three minutes goes by fast for Mike G.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Good morning everybody. My name is spent on this assistant city manager for the city of Deland. I have worked with many of you in the past. I just want to say it's the city appreciates that the County council is reviewing the ECHO process in all things change over time. Programs offered by the government also need to be updated from time to time the city is been an applicant and a long time proponent of the ECHO program quality of life is one of the top seven factors when somebody decides where to live and where not to live ECHO increases the quality of life make the local communities and Volusia County a destination of choice. The city with the great help and work of Teresa Brooks has worked on many successful projects over the years that of an asset to our

community and overall community as well. In addition Tuesday direct city clients we received other the Deland area nonprofits have received grants and have been major positive impact for the quality of life in our Volusia County many of these projects could not have been accomplished without the portion of the county and the ECHO program in specific to the agenda Item as a government official and not challenging it is to get a look at what and I do feel like County staff take appropriate measures to solicit that meaningful feedback and to come up with these recommendations today. Deland supports the recommendation for streamlining the application the annual reporting streamlining administrative approval of and scope changes consideration of funding and design for the grant place making and public arts grants increasing preaward cost recovery looking at maintenance grants for help in keeping these projects in top shape recognizing sustainability features of the projects and updating grant limit facing up the exceptional grant category. Thank you for your time and consideration for today.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you Chris S.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Good morning good morning cancel.[Listing Names] Rich Avenue about two blocks away and Donna MC's district and he lives as soon as I get up here after talk to Don about that on the president and the CEO for the Volusia fighter YMCA I'm here to talk about ECHO we have over the years had secured seven ECHO grants totaling $1.7 million the YMCA has put in 2.1 nine dollars for a total of $3.8 million ranging from playgrounds soccer field splash pad should cover and a dog park in Ormond Beach. It's benefited or 45,000 members and participants in the YMCA throughout the county one thing you need to know the why MC translate nobody for inability to pay third kids received financial assistance in the afterschool summer programs who use many of the ECHO benefits clean courage the standard grant of $600,000 to be increased up to 2.5 million it will encourage better projects thus having a larger impact in our community we also encourage the approval of the planning grant to help smaller nonprofits with the planning design phase of the project sometimes they find that difficult to come up with the funds. We also plan also the YMCA for future ECHO projects we have that will fit the branch in Port Orange Deltona DeLand and upgrading the dog park in Ormond Beach. I'd like to thank the Council for your time service to the community and for considerations in the strategic plan. We also ask that you instruct the staff. Thank you very much for your time.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you. Sidney Johnson.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Sidney Johnston fifth generation native also Deland Volusia County Council political for arts and culture is going very well. Having recently dismantled our decades-old arts and culture of County grants program the kettle bell will take the Volusia County ECHO program a small local minority_local residents are raising to destroy our six cells grant programs in 2000 it is billed 319 projects to enhance our environment culture history and outdoor recreation facilities in 2020 your electorate voted overwhelmingly 72% to sustain an advanced ECHO program at a point to millage rate the ECHO program represents one of the smallest county government taxes one of the counties best long-term construction investments the culture environment history and recreation despite the landslide votes by your electorate no doubt some of you are soliciting to a small local minority as large as 1% of our population largely recent transplants Tri-County school to mitigate and want to destroy the ECHO program too often a small angry minority makes 95% of the noise. Many opponents of the ECHO transplant recently hit taxes paid environmental initiatives in our culture they simply hate and for some transplants it also extends to history they believe there is no history in Volusia County compared to back home none worthy of documenting and sharing with others because they are so busy hating. In contrast over 25 years the ECHO program has invested $123 million of county resources and 44% of project cost totaling $283 million matching funds of 56% from local governments and nonprofits of the majority of the project costs and those entities report to you annually. In addition to the millions of dollars and hundreds of jobs ECHO program is supported which County for over two decades the facilities brought great joy and pleasure to our residents and visitors I was here at the beginning of the ECHO program and was pleased to present Echo's recent competence of stakeholder engagement contributing to countywide service interviews and collaborative workshops resulting comprehensive ECHO vision 2040 strategic plan is a grassroots informed document that maximizes taxpayer value and preserves ECHO investments have plans conditions have two categories based on implementation authority. The first is operational strategies to be implemented by the staff under existing administrative authority; the second category is policy editions which are the focus of the presentation and required County council action. These recommendations involve budget implications, structural program changes, new funding commitments and governance modifications. Please accept the ECHO strategic plan recommendations as presented and direct staff to proceed to advance the successful grant construction program until 2040 and tune out the noise. Thank you for your service.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you for your comments John McKinney.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT:

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: John will come to the Volusia County Council John is the finance director of the city of Deltona.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Good Morning there is none of letting say that Mike and Teresa did not say it but for the city of Deltona that has the chair set on the finance director we find that ECHO is very important to the residents of the city of Deltona along with all the County residents we find it's very detrimental to us the funding that ECHO provides for our parks and we would support also streamlining the application and reporting processing handling. Thank you.[.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you for coming. Christine Davis. Thank you for coming as well, city manager of Orange City.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Good morning nice to see you all. From Orange City we have benefited as a partner with the ECHO program in the past by constructing both environmental projects as recreational projects. With Orange City snatching 50% of the construction cost along with us maintaining the maintenance of skillets construction projects. We do support the strategic plan and we also respectfully ask for consideration for increasing the CaP based on the increased construction cost we've experienced with that. I thank you for your time.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: You very much Connie Colby.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Good morning Connie Colby Ormond Beach I have no official title. I'm here to talk about the strategic plan as it is moving forward and how the process works. The direct County expenditure program I'm not sure is being thrust properly. The overhead says the ECHO advisory committee reviews all direct expenditures as part of the oversight process. Resolution to 13-202 states the Volusia County Council will present the direct expenditures of ECHO knowledge to the ECHO advisory board for review. Is that happening

might get those expenditures processes directly to them? The advisory committee is charged with reviewing all ECHO plans and recommending or denying them directly to the Council. This includes the DCE plans as well. An example of what I'm concerned about is that some of these are being presented to the Council or the commission and they are not, they are told they are not supposed to review them. The one I'm going to address now was from the minutes of July 10, 2025. Mr Marsh I am sorry moved forward to the DCE project providing an update and asking for questions. The Vice Chair stated she was still concerned about the motor cross project knowing there seemed to be no design no definite site she asked if the property involved was a Volusia Forever acquisition? This was after it had been approved. Mr Marsh explained the staff and not received updated information on the Arctic details however he noted the land was purchased through a split partnership between Volusia forever and ECHO program discussion arose regarding the advisory committee's role in reviewing the direct County expenditure Vice Chair Drago question whether they had the authority to recommend or deny such products. Mr Marsh explained that for ECHO pollution the advisory committee was the DCE project was limited to review only and did not have the authority to approve or deny these projects. It should have been recommended to deny. I'm going to go to the end.[Listing Names] clarified they made a motion on record at the previous meeting that the committee did not recommend this product. Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you for your comments. Doug Petit.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT:

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Since I caused such a stir at the lessening of one to come back and report to you on what happened I did have a meeting on Friday of last week with Mr. Recktenwald Mr. Serrano Doctor Burbach was there.[Listing Names] I asked my appointing councilmember Troy Kent to sit in to observe but he was not able to do that because of work. Chairman Brower graciously agreed to a tenant despite the hardship of last week's weather issues that he had to deal with. It was a productive meeting. It really was I learned two things I will go back to if I can . It was back and forth. There was a lot of candor in the room back and forth on the issues that I brought up, particularly the issue of my email stating that the County advisory board had not reviewed this document in full. I was pleased to say at the end of the meeting we agreed that it was an accurate statement that the advisory board had not reviewed that document as it states. We had reviewed this

document which is what I think you will see today. Mr. Burbaugh continued to insist this is the final plan but my point was what I agreed to and so here changed when I saw this. I think there can be no mistake that can happen to something like that. The first thing I learned and I will point to this is your plan. It cannot be changed. Mr. DeWalt cannot change it, the board cannot change it, the only people that can change what is in here is you. Because you put the contract out to a consultant to develop this plan. So this is your plan for it and you will take the recommendation and make the changes as necessary. The idea that anybody can suggest a change would be erroneous. There was discussion about when I had a chance to make these kinds of comments during our meetings? There was a lot of back-and-forth about that. I think there was frustration on my part about when it was appropriate to make these comments. I think it's appropriate to make the comments anytime tax dollars are in question. Like the comments today, be very careful as you go forward with this. I think the consultant contract was flawed because it did not push the consultant to go out into the community and get more people. We did not involve the applicant's former then we did the residents of this county. That needs to be understood. A survey is one thing but getting somebody in front of the public is another thing. I will take my final few seconds and say something. I will admonish the residents of this county. I will look right in the camera and tell you this, if you don't get involved nothing changes. There are numerous boards the residents of this county can be involved in if you don't get involved in those boards, do not sit on those boards and nothing is going to happen. These kinds of things will just go for it. My final statement would be Mr. Santiago, you owe me an apology.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you. John Nicholson.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: John Nicholson Daytona Beach side that was hard to follow. A couple of things on ECHO I want to bring up again about having the arts and culture go under ECHO I understand it is brick-and-mortar we discussed this 30 hours ago before we voted for the first ECHO and Volusia Forever the concept was we didn't want to go through something that Daytona beach was going through which is festivals and the money is wasted once the festival is over the money is gone we wanted something that was substantial we want to help create holdings in places for people to go. That was 30 years ago. Things have changed in 30 years. Things have changed 25 years ago when we voted on it. You have changed things that we were not expecting an echo. If you recall the trails that did not go out to a vote for the public. That was decided by the Council to take one million dollars off the top which was said specifically, that you guys cannot do. But you did

it. Then you had the idea that we will take money for parking on the beach. So you took land that the city needed for income because that is the most valuable land any of these communities had heated five or six million dollars from a community every year because he took their land and put it into a park for free parking. There are things that you have changed that did not go out to a vote. That's why I'm asking you if you have the time to put this on the ballot for November. Ask the people we have an excess amount of money. We have gone to 2 terms every year to get rid of this money we built most of the buildings that we had to build. That is why we did the trails and the parking etc. You have an opportunity to make use of these buildings and part of that is these people, the elderly, the children, the poor, get to use these buildings. It is a community event. It is a community outing. What you are doing is allowing those people that are least able to use these buildings, to use the buildings. That, to me, is a community purpose. I don't know how you will talk about the core which is a big thing. I have asked you and you did some things at the workshop so fast I thought you were going to discuss it and did not write it down. I have no idea what he said others then wrote. I'm asking you to look at this and discuss voting for the public. [Unclear Audio].

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We have Nancy Maddox from the city of Daytona Beach Shores. She is a community engagement director and also mentioned that we have the mayor of Daytona Beach Shores Nancy Miller present today.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Good morning Council thank you for this opportunity speak and first I would like to thank Mr. Marsh and Mr. Burbaugh and echo staff for their thoroughness during the strategic planning process of this. And at the opportunity to be a stakeholder in this also. ECHO program is very special to me because I was once an administrator. I was Daniel Marsh. I've also received ECHO . I've had both sides experience. The Echo is integral to our community and one of the reasons why Volusia County is such a special place to live, work and play. Today I'm here on behalf of the city of Daytona Beach Shores to support the proposed changes and I thank you for your time and effort and we hope that you support this proposal.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you very much and the public comment on Item 3.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Take you Mr. Chairman I was prepared to go into the discussion on the individual topics. Apparently my name was involved. I don't stay idly to my name being voted given the perception did something misleading. Since he explained in the meeting that he attended and his point of view this Council directed our County manager to have this meeting and report back to us the outcome of that meeting based on the commentary that was submitted at the previous meeting. Mr. Chair I would like to have county chairs give a synopsis of the meeting and an expedition.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: The County manager.

>> GEORGE RECKTENWALD COUNTY MANAGER: I'd be happy to do that. I think first off the characterization Mr. Pettit said it was full of a lot of candor. It was very correct. That is what I saw and thought it was very productive. We had a very good discussion. I will say some things I took out of it. I think what came out of it, the part about the plan is not done in its entirety. That is correct. I think that is taken out of context with the fact that the first part of it the plan was given to Mr. Pettit and all the members on October 29 through the discussion that kind of was brought out that the plan was in fact there it was at the end of an email Mr. Pettit did not scroll down far enough to see. They did have that. Mr. Burbaugh looked from the premise that they all had the plan because they did it was also sent later on regular mail I think in December, 2 times the document. The document he held all of course had a lot of boilerplate it has a lot of ground information just like what we do with this board we don't sit down line by land of those programs, Mr. Burbaugh chose not to do that either he did a summary highlight which was what the other document that was held up with the changes. Most of that will talk about today. He chose in the interest of time and working with that particular board and the majority of that board to streamline the process that is what they ended up doing I think we agreed in the meeting that possibly that could be communicated better on our end, but the facts were gone over I think we all agreed that was the case. I think what you really have is miscommunication may be a little bit on both ends I did instruct the staff that in the future if they work to put out information electronically and possibly call the members to make sure to scroll to the end of the full email so they could see exactly where the link or whatever to click onto. I think that is really on our end but for the rest of it,, I think the idea they had the information from October 29, my interest was to make sure this process moves forward. Again we have a lot of people on the committee we have yourselves and we have staff time that is to work on this, really for one year now and the point is to get moved forward. We agreed in meeting that the best effort would be for Mr. Pettit at this point did come in and speak like he did, on any

concerns you may have. He missed that opportunity in the community planning to do that. We also expressed the fact Mr. Burbaugh offered as he done on many occasions to meet with any committee member at any time have lunch do whatever so we have the ability to work out any issues before we get for this board so everyone can feel like their voice has been heard and I think we agreed, Doctor Burbaugh is very gracious to offer that we had phone calls any other questions because again we really had a from October 29 until now the beginning of February to have all of that stuff worked out unfortunately because of lack of communication that didn't happen. The information wasn't there. I think we went with a strong method of doing it, but now we know to make sure if there is a committee member that has not gotten the information to circle back and make sure they get that.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Did I hear you correctly George it was sent into versions it was an email sent and it was mailed.

>> GEORGE RECKTENWALD COUNTY MANAGER: They were sent another version in December.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: It was specifically requested from Mr. Pettit was a hard bound copy that was sent on December 16 around December 16.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: He received an email with the proposed changes we are discussing today and he said he did not receive the document. In the end he requested an mailed copy to his home and we sent him that also.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: I want to paint the full picture for the Council he was on vacation when we sent that I think he did not come back until the first week in January.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: When was the email sent.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: October 29.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: The email to us?

>> GEORGE RECKTENWALD COUNTY MANAGER: Before the last meeting.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: It was before the mail received I am not looking to pick up fight gentlemen might name was involved I was ready to vote on the issue and move forward since my name is invoked I stand behind my statement I want to make sure anybody that represents this Council on any appointed board operates at the highest levels of integrity especially when they put things in riding to try to dissuade or misguide his council. I'm ready to proceed forward Mr. Chair thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Okay. I will just add I sat in that meeting as Mr. Pettit said, candor is an interesting word to use. I will be a little more clear. It started off a little tense as you can imagine, but it proceeded in a good direction. I was pleased with the way that Mr. Pettit conducted himself with Mr. Burbaugh and the County Manager. By the end of the meeting as we were passing around a peace pipe there was great agreement on how to work how to go forward and I think, what Doctor Burbaugh found and what he offered to Doug was call me if you have questions I think Mr. Pettit will do that I think he is going to be a very valuable member of that committee he will ask a lot of questions and that is what we expect from advisory committees. I would like to hear their advice. I am pleased with how it went without everybody conducting themselves. The end was I think favorable for echo. Okay now you are back on Mr. Burbaugh if you want to go through the 11 proposals we will discuss them and vote on each one as it comes up.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: I think as we move forward one of the things I would like to do is correct the public record when there are misstatements. One of the things I would like to go through the previous speakers questions or comments very quickly, number one, in terms motocross outdoor recreation and aligned with the ballot language it's an eligible expense for ECHO Funds we have a very long history from 1986 programs which was kind of a different focus in the 2000 forever which in 86 we bought parks a lot of the parks you think of Lake years forward and listeners where there are general fund dollars mixed with other dollars we conserved a large portion there is 136 acres I believe in Chuck land it is not all developed we were portion on the waterfront that is conserved same thing with Lake Beresford is kind of hybrid approach to funding projects using echo and some sort of

forever conservation dollars is a thing. We've done it for a long time. You talk a little about trails the trails as a direct County expenditures which is authorized by the ballot language the language thereto hunting pathways that we can use ECHO Funds that was the resolution to put it on the ballot, one, the direct County expenditure which this Council has full control over and separately the grant program sometimes people like to conflate the grant requirements with the DCE. But you have full latitude as long as it meets at the ballot language to fund DCE products. Two separate programs I will say however, however we have adopted the compliance measures that would place on grant recipients for 20 projects through the direct County expenditure I think it's fair to be held to the account just like they are. I just wanted to share that information because talking peace was also in that resolution that put echo on the ballot it allows us to do some of that. Preconstruction grant.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Can I ask one question I think that came up from the public. I think the question I would be interested in knowing is did the committee get to discuss motocross.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Yes their job is to review it is strictly the way when the resolution wasn't permitted in 2015 whiskey them abreast of the county spending because at the time they were understanding the county was using some direct County expenditure money and it did not go now we bring it is good practice they review it they do not vote on it they do not score it like a grant program because again it's a separate program but we are bringing it for public or the sake of transparency.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: That is all good. As an advisory committee do they get to advise us of what they think about it?

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: We take their comments and we include that in the agenda item.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We needed to discuss that.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: You mentioned the trails. What is our biggest +10 years but has been our biggest expenditure out of the TCE? Of all the products.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Direct expenditure The direct expenditure for the trails is probably the largest because it's an annual set aside. 1.5 dollars.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: That is for the flex program.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: That is the trails set aside program and account Tim Baylie can speak better to this this is to help us construct the trail system although we are fully funded by FDOT I believe in their five-year work plan to complete the river -sea loop there some things we cannot use FDOT 24 that would be a minute one if we have to practice that as a tool to build the trail.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: If we have to do eminent domain we have to get more money.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: It comes out of the shell account.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Which is funded by echo how much have we spent on the trails program is in excess of $20 million.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: It's a one million dollar set aside in five years we've had 7.5 million so far and then the reiterations the previous council increased it to 1.5 dollars down from $1 million after reauthorization. I cannot remember when it was implemented and what year you have $1 million for each of those years.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: How far back as echo.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: That is 130 miles of paved asphalt road through the wildlife corridor in the wetlands through this project.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: I would say it's going to neighborhoods. It's not all in the wildlife corridor but it's going to environmentally sensitive areas.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Which wetlands and environmental wildlife corridors have you received any blowback from ?

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: No sir.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: You report on motocross how much paved asphalt road we are going to incur with motocross.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: None.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: We are not creating any impervious surface with motocross but to trust them is creating 130 miles of 12 foot wide paved asphalt petroleum-based partially through wildlife corridors and wetlands.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: We just met the daughter and the district is treating the tracks as impervious surfaces because they have a clay CIP I want to provide.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Does not have clay.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Does that is what we were told by the developers?

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: If it had sand and mixed content it would not be impervious. Okay thank you.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Brad I want to circle back before I get into Item number one assaults the responses 1500 about 1600 participants. Can you refresh my memory of those agencies or organizations that 16?

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: What 16 are you talking about?

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I was taking notes based on your earlier.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: There for 1500 responses and 52 individual interviews that we did. The consultants did rather.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: You said the survey was open for 30 or 60 days.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: I believe it was 30 days.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: How many times can one person take the survey.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: The standard practice for any of these survey tools like caltrex or survey monkey is that you will typically put the IP blocker on when doing a survey individuals even in the same house cannot do it if one can do it on the phone and one can do in a hardwired computer that would have a separate IP address. It does that also our consultant looked at the number of minutes it took. We have an estimate based on the open ended questions and the qualitative questions as to how long the survey should take. 10-12 minutes there completing the survey in two minutes, we know somebody is cutting and pasting. They waltzed like those we did like 10 they were through the consultant date through them out of analysis.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: How did they get flagged if the IP blocker is on if the IP blocker is on.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: The IP blocker keeps people from doing the same thing over and over again.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Okay.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Let's say I sat at home not going to say that.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Let's move on to Item number one.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Can I ask one last question in the briefing: what's the difference between a stakeholder and a resident?

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: They are the same, they are stakeholders of the program, residents are stakeholders of the vehicle program.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I'm a stakeholder all these people in the crowd are stakeholders itself puffed up way of saying taxpayer. Or even residence I should say.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: It is standard practice to have individuals who enter face with the program to participate in strategic planning because they understand the program they've experienced it's like Teresa said and many of the people that spoke today I will say that your team even detractors of the program were included because he wanted a balanced perspective. In the interview and focus groups.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Thank you sir is it safe to say that a stakeholder can be a city? Not a citizen.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Yes.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Is that all you say stakeholders are citizens Teresa Brooks if she lived in Flagler County could be a stakeholder because she is a grant person for everybody.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Thank you, yes.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: I think your definition of stakeholder is appropriate. That is how it should be: the stakeholder should be the taxpayers and everybody that is involved in it. It seems like when you read the report that the consultants saw stakeholders as applicants only.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: They were people that participated that were not applicants. They asked questions the way they went into the situation. They had survey data they looked at. Here are some things we are saying. Let's follow-up that Miss method study helps them understand the phenomena they see in the survey. Those stakeholders said this is what they mean it is kind of a multi-level view of the program you have the public at large who is not going to say I want this project at the end of my street we will speak in generalities that we like trails like water access you will give them a ranking prince they will also be analyzed all 1500 open ended responses to get a list of projects that people want and need which ones they really liked which ones they do not like which ones you would like to see in the future.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Thank you Mr. Chair I like action B on the established preconstruction grant category which is to approve preconstruction grant as a three-year pilot program with staff to evaluate the effectiveness and present findings to the Council for decision making like that we get a report that I moved that the Council except option B for the first policy recommendation.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: You are moving it ahead I will make note you have a motion to accept option B number one I think we had Councilman Dempsey.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Do you verify that these stakeholders are from Volusia County?

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Yes.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: How do you verify these emails are Volusia County residents.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: It asks them.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: It's an honor based.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Yes there is a small percentage that answered dishonestly it's (two percent that is standard practice in the industry when the fairgrounds master plan is very similar we expect people to I don't know why they have a reason to live.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: There is a lot of things about them no kings people that are shipped and paid and they come to Deland to make a position I'm just questioning how we actually verify that these are true Volusia County residents same people that voted for Echo, or the actual people taking this survey as opposed are we getting a drivers license are we getting anything to verify or presidency or we are trusting that this is not a group of people with an agenda to live in Wichita.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: I don't know.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I just want to make sure that somebody is not out there stacking the votes that do not reside in Volusia County. I'm sorry. [Laughter] I just want to know.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: We asked the response we are Volusia County residents it's an electronic survey I think it's difficult to have them submit drivers license they saw it somewhere on our Facebook page the advertised it widely on Volusia County social media not Flagler County or Brevard County social media it would be our resident sourcing the survey when you're announcing it to the public and for money them over the 30 days.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Okay I just want to make sure this is the true goal of Volusia County voters and not others.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: I understand I'm happy to answer it.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Let's move to policy number one.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: I second the motion I second an option B.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Go ahead and would you brief us on.

>> NICK DUNNAM,STAFF:

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF:

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: If I may I don't think I need to have staff read the four options there pretty self explanatory.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Can you go back to option 1 we are going to vote on each one as we go along.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: I just want to be efficient.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We have a motion on the floor to accept option P and we have a second question for the staff?

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I just have a comment when the questions are done.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Are there any questions for Mr. Burbaugh?

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Thank you chairman Mr. Santiago I appreciate your recommendation for option B I just want to I should not say caution but my fear with some of these policies these policy changes is that we are watering down a good established program that is been around for 20 plus years now. I say that watering down for lowering our standards and opening up some of it was not originally designed to do this. I fear that developed language was different and now you're changing it essentially. This program has been successful for a reason. It has had great standing in the community for a reason. The standards for not everybody gets a trophy. They have to have skin in the game. I look through these policies. This is pretty much a blanket statement except for one or two of these. I feel like we are lowering the standards. I'd like to hear what the rest of the Council has to say.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Reason I like this one is because if I recall the past three years we've had a few adult what to say bumps along the road, I think unnecessary things that are pumped up to us had we had more dialogue if the staff had more dialogue with the applicants would have avoided Hardy on our side I am just talking about number one you may have a place on the other numbers but having a number one having a preconstruction meeting is good role parties to make sure that the program runs smoothly. I think reflecting back I think we have had issues that would have been avoided had had this.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Yes sir I'd like to offer an amendment that three years is a long time to let this thing roll I'd like to offer an amendment I think we have a two cycle echo. Four cycles is two years. I think we can determine whether it is working for us after two years.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: We added an additional cycle at council's direction.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: We are just set for one year. I am still up for two years.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3:

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: If you want to years I am willing to amend up to two years.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: It is option B at two years instead of three years.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I agree with Danny. It is funny when I go to readdress Volusia forever to talk about some potential things that need discussing in Volusia Forever I get inundated with leaving it alone. They voted for it as it doesn't re-form Volusia Forever leave it alone. Yet the same thing voted on the same referendum now we are doing a deep dive and gutting it and nobody says boo about it I don't see anything or any protests about leave it alone this is what we voted for don't touch it just exactly what I'm hearing about Volusia Forever will have this discussion in the next meetings discussion. I think discussion is healthy but from what I'm hearing from the whole County is leave it alone don't touch it leave voted for it don't touch it. Why are we touching it? I am for option D like where Danny is having there's nothing wrong with it it has a 63.9% approval it says it meets their needs if it is not broken do not touch it. I do have some questions about this. It tells the Council we need reform because the politicians are not here. It is under weaknesses of the current program 350 page 350 on this package and it says lack of legal leaders understanding that somehow we don't understand how it should be run. Nobody has ever come to me and says Don, have you ever received this they don't refi! I've not heard any problems in the three years that I have been here but you are sitting there saying we don't have understanding then there is another part where it is designed to stop pet projects. I'd

like for somebody to tell me what projects we've had that need to be rectified. What does that mean for pet projects?

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: I would clarify this is the consultants work not staff's work.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Name one pet project that was put in there.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Because it was heard by the stakeholders.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Slush fund which means echo has been used as a slush fund for pet projects.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: For the direct County expenditure program some people characterize it as such however to follow the ballot language for every single year audit every year by Jonathan and complete rehab clean audit since the reauthorization.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I would like to know why that was put in there.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Is that it?

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: That is it for now.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I will make one last comment. This program is entitled for brick-and-mortar. It was intended to keep the standards high reward for good stakeholders that go by the book. And show positive results. I'm going to vote no. I'd be more than happy to make a motion for D. If it is needed. I have to take the words for my colleague Mr. Kent when I was leaning one way until we heard Don Dempsey talk talking about this program and its success and the amount of people that have voted for this in the current ballot language I respect your opinion your right to love the fact we can talk about things

beforehand as well, I think have two sided with Mr. Robbins and Mr. Dempsey on this one as well.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: May I provide the rationale for the change, and help.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: That would be appropriate.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: When the program was reauthorized one of the problems that we are seeing is that it took projects three and four years to be completed rather than two years. Which is the standards what we did we implemented I believe Mr. Robbins and Mr. Brower were here we implement that they have these construction documents they have a shovel ready projects when they come to us that has been highly successful yet Jonathan to do the analysis for us in the previous iteration of the program where the average to completion was nearly 3 years, 2.5/2.6 we are at 1.7 years to finish a project. The biggest feedback we hear from the consultant is from the community. You heard Carmen Rosa Monda when he came to Alexander Island it's a risk mitigation factor. If we will invest all this money up front on drawings $100,000 for feasibility study drawings with no guarantee you will get funded delete bring the project to the ECHO Funding connect this is why this recommendation was in there to say the changes we made are working very well because we are getting shovel ready projects but the biggest feedback is the risk mitigation and also putting taxpayer dollars out there. I will say one of the things we try to do is make sure they have a skin in the game. I've heard that from all of you about our partners. It's a 50% match program. We will match dollar for dollar up to $50,000 that is what the recommendation is.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Okay.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Don I am not married to B orgies options I know where you're going. I will say it. There is an orchestrated effort to try to stop the you know what I'm talking about? The motorcross. I'm supportive of that project. For the valid reasons it is good for the community. I think some of the comments have been made to the consultant trying to undermine that. I think so. I will say it also. The plan itself the people voted for ECHO and voted for Volusia Forever for the core principals of what the project does. We still govern the process and how we implement that. That is what we are

discussing today. Whether or not ECHO continues to know Volusia Forever is not today it is how we manage the program, taking all of that aside, if somebody says to me is it good to have a preconstruction planning grant category to help the program run smoother? On the project we already approved I think generally speaking that is a good idea separating all of the other motives people are trying to do, if I take all of that out I think no one has said a valid reason why that is not a good idea? In order for me to vote no on this company like that idea is bad to take away all the other stuff I get. I'm supportive of what we are doing. Tell me why I should vote no on the specifics of the question?

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I did not know if that was a question to me.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Councilman Johansson.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Option B is something that I think it merits it is meriting discussion. I think the downside if you want one is that some of the bigger organizations will be able to leverage some money to get a lot of shovel ready products. Whether they can afford them or not. Is it a waste of money? No, they are shovel ready projects. We do this with FDOT for transportation projects. We try to plan a ton of them in all of the books and two or three of them get executed and the rest of them are in the books. Port cities sometimes we only pay 50% match to have the planning and disappear forever. Probably the same for infrastructure things of that nature. I caution we don't want to lean to far forward that's why I want to give it to sickles to see how far it goes I do think it helps some of the nonprofits who we found ourselves with our cultural arts money some people spent a lot of their budget, on grant writing only to not execute their plan. I'm kind of torn here. I think by giving it a beta program we can see if it works out. As far as the rest of it, the rub between what we do DCE for, and what we don't, that is a discussion to be had possibly later. I think we need to press forward with these policy issues especially if Councilman Robbins once to talk about the operations staff as well.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I just want to get to where the source of this is coming from. Do you know what the funding last year Volusia Forever is a similar program as Bush forever?

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: I'm sorry.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Volusia Forever has the same goals as a Volusia Forever I'm sorry Florida Forever and who should forever have the same goals.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Yes sir.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Today we have a project 97 funded by Florida Forever and only 4% funded by Volusia Forever.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: 95% Florida Forever and 3% Volusia Forever.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Thank you there is part here it is on page 323 how many pages was this package almost 300 pages we were presented with.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: The strategic plan 270.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: 270 I will not I hope will not pull a Nancy Pelosi and pass it and figure out later about what's going on again the devil is in the details and that's what I'm concerned about prayers we do a lot of partnerships with Florida Forever for these conservation easements.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Fee simple conservation easements.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Designed for conservation I have no problem with it. I like conservation. I don't like being in bed in the state and having them have a preemption over our water and other items. Like solar. Volusia Forever for these acquisitions last year had how much money there budget?

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: The ECHO conversation is policy number one. Can we get to it?

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Last year it was $229 million in funding for Volusia Forever for land acquisitions Florida Forever. What is it this year? $18 Million. The legislature has cut over 211 dollars from Florida Forever.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Last year they zeroed out the funding plaintively but the governor reinstated to his power I think it was 300 million across the program so Florida Forever and the rule and family lands program to the Department of agriculture.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: What is Florida Forever Alfred.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Interestingly I did not know the governor could do this; he added the budget after the legislature zeroed up the lines.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Good I am glad to hear it just was in place after all that happened this project was in place correct.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: It came to us in 2024 I believe it was 2024.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Here is the question why are we looking to push under page 323 why are we looking to make our mental conservation priorities within the ECHO program it says here we need to make sure that we implement what does it say it is 320 323. As a top early for ECHO in future years and noted the need for flooding several stakeholders noted there seem to be enough and too many sports facilities at Pickleball at the expense of the environment. Isn't it true that basically what they are trying to do here is take some of this ECHO Funding shifted over to Volusia Forever?

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: No it will not be land conservation but this Council adopted a low-impact development guide for green infrastructure it is strictly stormwater from it is using innovative methods natural systems, the stakeholders that were interviewed and some in the survey said given the perception of over development, which was talked about in some of the meetings there is a perception out there of that we are still continuing to fund capital projects and build more buildings, white can't ECHO be the leader in low-impact development of green infrastructure for its already and allowed expense green infrastructure as a standalone project what the consultant is providing is a recommendation this is a way to make ECHO a leader in developing sustainably given flooding concerns and over development concerns.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: In paragraph 3.6 on page number 3-83 it is titled Coordinate more intentionally with Volusia Forever.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Mr. Chairman I'm sorry Mr. Dempsey Mr. Chairman we have a motion and is this conversation so far has not been germane to policy number one preconstruction planning grant category option B the pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness of the can continue information decision under preconstruction planning grant category. It's a great conversation.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Can you relate your argument to ECHO.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Before we go down the primrose Go through all 11 of these we need to address whether we want to change anything the voters approved of.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Let's vote on this if it floats down and we will proceed with another option. I don't want to speak all day about the efficacy of ECHO when we have a motion and the second on the floor right now.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I will finish it up in a number of 3.6 says we need to coordinate more intentionally with Volusia Forever to supplement land preservation ectomy sounds like you're trying to shift all of this money from ECHO under the guise of this

reform to supplement Volusia Forever acquisition that is my concern that's why I agree we should leave it alone 63.9% of those said they are happy with it the way it is if it is not broke don't fix it.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Councilmember Dempsey, the coordination comes in and monetizing our purchases we use Volusia Forever funds to purchase the properties the simple properties if it is purchased then we come to actually eat this Council for a request for direct County expenditure to add the amenities. You remember we came to you with the land measure plan council member Robbins at a previous meeting for we provide a conceptual recreation plan of the site that is what will be funded by ECHO; it has not been done in the past after authorization. A joint workshop with ECHO and a Volusia Forever to see how we can better ordinate using ECHO Funds to add amenities. Pavilions and trails stuff like that.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Again my point is just like overwhelmingly don't touch Volusia Forever I say should not be touching ECHO Funding either I'm just concerned white this is in there? Have we not been coordinating with Volusia Forever? It says here we need to do more coordinating with Volusia Forever to supplement their land reservation. I just think it's getting morphed together. I want them separate and apart. What the voters voted for leave it alone. Thank you.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Thank you for getting back on track. It comes down to David here. Chairman it comes down to the price tag. The program is assuming all of the risks when we go into any business deal or any contract there will be risk on both sides for both parties or multiple parties. If you are serious, you will have some risk there. To Mr. Santiago's response is why I am more inclined to go with D. David. Did you hear all that there has to be risk when you ask what is up with the three year pilot project? It comes with a price tag where we take some of these burdens on that is stated in the recommendation. I'd like to call the question.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We have a motion on the floor to approve preconstruction mining grant. It is a two-year pilot program for the staff to evaluate the effectiveness and present findings to the Council for a continuation decision in 2030, which is longer than two years.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: What we would do with the recommendation including us fermenting in 2027 it will take us a while to get the scoring rubric up and work out the details of the program because our cycle starts X month the current rate cycle. We would like one here. It also will give individuals an opportunity to plan those bigger projects and news this grant.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: It would actually be 2029.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: After the 20 eight cycles we can come back.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: This is just a comment this is why it would've been really helpful for the committee to make recommendations to us just like the PL/DRC it's not binding but they are the ones dealing with this all the time we don't have that.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Point taken.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Karissa Willie call the roll.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: No.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Yes.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: No.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: They changed me again, yes.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: No.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: No.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: No. The motion fails if there is a motion for option D we have a motion on the floor for option D.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I make a motion to approve.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I second the motion Karissa will call roll.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Yes.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Yes.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: Yes.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: Yes.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Yes.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Yes.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Yes option D. Policy number two.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Policy number two there is a currently age pre-award match credit for grant writing expenses for nonprofit we will allow them to use up to $7500 to match our funds it would really be has no budget impact we are providing the match

already they are just using it for a source of their match after talking to some disabilities they said we have laid off our grant writing to decrease our staff levels so we use our staff as grant writing if we are paying a grant writer this is to you have some options it was implemented in 2015 $7500 level that was the Big news for match there a few options here for your consideration to raise it extend it to the full nonprofit and municipalities sector work maintain the program as is.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Thank you, Brad, how much does it cost to write a grant.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: I think an echo grant I heard I just happened to be sitting in at a Fair Board meeting when they were discussing it it's over $10,000. Probably it is because of the rigor of our application I will tell you some of our grant writer I will tell you ours is harder than a federal grant. But it is a test. If you can get through that.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any other questions for Brad is there a motion on option ABC or D?

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Motion for D.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I second the motion.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Policy 30.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We need to vote on policy number two. I appreciate your trying to move it ahead. [Laughter] Any discussion on D? D is maintaining the current status all in favor?

>> AYE.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any opposed? Now you can go to number three.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: If we can forgo number three it was a recommendation it would help folks like that to you previously given than a match grant to help them not maintain due capital investments because ECHO is a capital program I feel the 20 give restrictive covenant as part of this new program you have to maintain everything but those who had 30, 40 years the consultant recommended this program using investment income not add Laurel however my team! After only nine organizations in the small- medium category that would qualify they are all very well capitalized and in McKinney there facilities.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: Motion for option D.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Option D is to maintain the current policy any questions for the staff? Any comments? All in favor?

>> AYE.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any opposed? Option three is D.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Policy for recommendation offers your match bonus for funding the low impact development projects across all ECHO project Cutt is currently the match is 1/1 for an applicant this would give you an option to offer a subject based match or a Up to a certain number of aps to have a match bonus.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Is there a motion for option a B or C or D.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Option D.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any questions or comments. All in favor of option D maintaining the current policy.

>> AYE.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any opposed? I see how this is going to go. Or decision number five.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Policy decision number five is grant award adjustment the consultant Jonathan Edwards as part of our audit last year did an analysis for us like what is present day money worth compared to what we are offering for clients in 2000 the Cap in 2000 was hundred thousand dollars be raised to $600,000 when the program was reauthorized someone on this cancel Jonathan's said to keep track with inflation and construction costs $400,000 in 2000 money is $1.2 million today the consultant looked at the exceptional program exceptional grant program initiate a recommendation to do away with it we have that eight exceptional projects in 26 years it is not been for lack of projects that have de-scope. It is a lack of two criteria you have to meet as an exceptional project it has to provide a significant benefit to a significant number of folks countywide it has to be of paramount countywide importance. Applicants struggle with how do you provide evidence to support those? When we got here Kendra and I this team we tried to operationalize them. If it is county wide importance you can have a resolution from the County saying that this is an important option like Jackie Robinson is one. You need to have a consultant for some sort of math and what the visitors would be. remember Carmen's consultant provides a number 26,000 people from across the county would visit that project based on their survey. It's a nebulous kind of thing. It's a super at the ECHO committee it takes 7/9 members to grant sectional status you have minority rule.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Okay.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Chairman Motion to Adopt option C.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Hanselman Robbins makes a motion for option C.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Immediate full adjustment immediately raises standard grant Cap up to 2.5 million limiting the exceptional category.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Questions for the staff.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: If we illuminate that category does that prohibit us from considering something that would be exceptional it will not be in the category that tie our hands.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: In the grant program yes. I will say we've looked at a few other grant programs that will allow you to come over. You have to have a very strong rationale that is reviewed by the committee then moved on to you as the Council. Some grant programs do it that way we take a hard line on 2.5 million; it is the Council's prerogative.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: You said we had eight applications and how many came to fruition.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Allstate I believe. There are some bombs new Chandler center was one of their bumps along the way it is still operating.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Thank you Mr. Chair.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Mine is going to be a comment Mr. Chair.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Don did you have a question?

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Comment as well.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: No other questions? Jake hold on one second you just said something you take a hard line on the 2.5 million explained that.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: They are not allowed to submit a project 3.5 million the question was do we allowed to go over Cap critter project if they are asking for 3.5.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Okay and the answer is no go ahead Jake.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: This is ECHO vision plan 2040, but I don't want Mr. Kent and I talked about it. Everybody talks about it not increasing for 20 years then making a huge jump whether it is a benefit or a cost. Is there any plan to just go back to Jonathan's audit, is there any plan to take a look at cost of inflation and come back to us for adjustments as required? To do it in intervals.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: The team will look at the CPI each year and make it part of the committee's annual report that gets reported to this council

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: A couple of things. It is more comment I will just double down on the overwhelming concern with messing with something that was voted for by referendum in the majority of the people the voters approving it is my understanding originally it was like 53% now it is 70% is that right Brad? Basically when this was passed 57% of the people voted for ECHO?

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: I think it was close to 60%.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: The way it was run over the last 20 years when it was time to put it to the test again on a referendum it passed by more substantial yes almost 70% or was it 72% we went from 57%, tried it for 20 years in its current state and now the voters even like it more they voted 72% to keep it the way it was being run now we are talking about changing it. Even the most current poll in the study was 63.9% approval again I'm against changing everything it is not broken don't fix it secondly we have $109 million shortfall allowed the governors no property tax bill for conversation we may actually be really in a fiscal crisis here in the next year or two. Get people's hopes to go from 600 up to 2.5 million is probably a disservice. I think like Jake talks about all the time if we talk about reserving the budget talking about keeping the budget, keeping it constrained here is another example that is let's keep it at 600, let's not expand up to 2.5 million . if it costs the motocross look at this I am voting for something that may hurt motocross instead of applying for 2.5 ER Cap at 600,000 on future projects I'm just saying let's keep budget low let's keep it at 600,000 I am or option D. Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: I agree with you Don. I think it is more stark than that with the property tax issue if it eliminates ad valorem property taxes, what happens to Volusia Forever and ECHO Funding that is healthy but raise money to the vote go away? Be conservative but now with the money we do have is probably a wise option. I would say I don't think when this was voted on any of these rules were even in place. The rules came after the vote which was a contention of mine when it went in there was no description. With this detail. I agree. I agree with you Don.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE:

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I just want to point out that the ad valorem and the voter initiated self tax is two different things which we can fund you say maybe. I don't think there is any committee about it. There are two separate things, actually three separate things on the tax bill. At the end of the day the voters voted for it; they voted up the two mills. I get what you're saying Don but this is separate. I think it is becoming a quagmire.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Just for clarification if I bring projects back this is a per project Cap the way we've done this in the past is a building is a project for a grant if you develop another building on your campus that serves a significant number of people. That is a different audience and providing a different experience or scope of services, that is a Cap also. It is a per project Cap not a per campus Cap when I say campus I mean multiple buildings.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Jake you were out when I called on you.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: These projects will come back to us for approval if this becomes a factor if this policy is in existence or not he can always not be executed. We can assess two mills on everybody but we don't have to. We can adjust option C and just say that this year were not for the remaining years. Until we get property tax back to figure out some other way to do this I don't see any harm in making the changes and adjusting as necessary based on the vote when we have to.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Two things Danny I want to respond to your statement is up 2.2 mills it is not amended to impede two mills when the taxpayer is hard in another area because $1.9 million property tax has gone away we have to make up for it in some other form or make lots it is quite likely we may have to cut Volusia Forever or ECHO Funding correct? I have not heard any complaints in the last three years about the way it is currently. The stakeholders 63% or 64% agree it is good the way it is now pretty I don't want to change anything just like Jake says if it needs to be changed in two or three or four years maybe we can change it there if it is not broke don't fix it don't touch it and the only question I have is is this going to come late their $1.5 million year after year after year or the asphalt road going through our wildlife corridor.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: It was not contemplated by the consultant and was previously approved by the Council. You're welcome to revisit it.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: For motocross we can depend on 2.5 million year after year after year like the bike trails? Or 1.5 million dollars every year like the bike trail.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: I think the bicycle trail is funding the master trails plan. There is a larger plan that it is being used to fund.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: It is sucking out of the ECHO Funds really $1.5 million? For a road to the wildlife corridor? Okay that's all I have thanks.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Let's vote we have a motion on the floor for option C. On policy number five. Karissa, you better call the roll on this one.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: No.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Yes.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: No.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: Yes.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Yes.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: And to close it out yes it passes.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: No. Option C fails.

>> KARISSA GREEN,DEPUTY CLERK: It passes 4/3.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: I wrote no for Mr. Santiago. [Laughter] Students decide six.

>> NICK DUNNAM,STAFF: To for steam line application for account expenditure projects to increase transparency and accountability the options range from creating a formalized direct account expenditure handbook to enhancing public reporting through our dashboard website and media and board maintaining the current process as is.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: One.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: We talk about these things out in the open publicly. How did that get in there?

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Let me explain the process to now and how it compares. I think that is the goalpost they used to say that one is better than the other for the lack of a better term. Right now we take things on a spreadsheet to the advisory committee with a small box description of the project. The echo staff including myself have looked at the project to make sure it qualifies for the ballot language is a very simplified and streamlined process. The consultants heard right at the time we were talking to the public that when we approved the motocross deal I will say it was very disheartening for your team to note that we did the right thing and it was a qualified expense. People kept repeating it. This was based on the public feedback. This is giving us some council control.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: I think I've heard enough I moved to accept option D.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Questions for the staff or comments? I will call for the vote. The motion on the floor is option D maintaining a current process all in favor signify by saying,aye?

>> Board Voting: Aye.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any opposed? Option D passes unanimously. We are halfway there. Policy decision seven.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Number seven is about last time we did an analysis of the project after the uniform County residents that prevents a hindrance for some people who may not have the means to attend these publicly funded events and amenities. There is a program in Allegheny County in Pennsylvania that you can check out passes if you want to go to a theater show if you have a library card you can see if there passes available at the library you can check them out, two options here, it is called the Rad program in Pennsylvania and they find it at I think I included I think is more than $50,000 or council can direct us to require the based programs going forward to provide some of these passes as part of the grant application. We are moving forward rather than backwards.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Questions for the staff.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Brad is Allegheny County's how long has it been known how successful it is.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: They are actually a recreational asset district. It's a highly successful independent district that manages all sports facilities, think Pittsburgh Steelers. And local recreation projects. This has been going on for close to 10 years.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Questions for the staff.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Question Brad how does this apply to the P3 situation for instance would a property owner have to let them in for free for a 1 ton house does that.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Is a pasS based system that would commit to providing so many passes for the three and 65 day year if people can check them out.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: You can play Pickleball for free for one year if you have this past.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: You get one day.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: One day to play Pickleball.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Pickleball is a fee facility.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: I move and we select option E.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Option E no action.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: This will be quick passes before quietly bringing back his budget changes if they are staying within what council is allocated by every improving line Item allocations.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Yes Item number seven.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE:

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: [Unclear Audio]

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Was there a second.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: I made the second.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: It is quite understandable. The second is by Jake questions for the staff.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: We just need to vote.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any questions for the staff for any comments motion on the table is E, no action all in favor? Aux AYE.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any opposed? No action is taken at number seven and now you can move to policy decision number eight allowing staff approval of nonschool budget changes.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Let's say grantees get $600,000 when they come back for a budget change they are not asking for additional money they are asking to maybe move it from site prep to finishes it comes to the Council of change that was implement it in 2000 when you are in the middle of construction waiting to get on the Council and for one month it is not great for our folks that are doing that. Essentially the project has a pause. We would like to go back to building practice of staff approving light item changes with no budget impact. It is still the same allocation if they change the scope or the service promised it will come back. This is just a budget line Item request change.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Questions for the staff.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: No questions I was going to make a motion for option B.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We have a motion for B.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I make a motion to approve.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Questions for staff no other questions.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: I do have something. We talk here a lot about the streamlining process and here we are holding up the process. I think that staff would non scope budget changes should be afforded the ability to keep these projects moving a lot of them come back to us with needing extra time and sometimes I bet if you look back it is because it takes a month to see scope change having see that I like the transparency of knowing about this and other programs before if we can get not that we need to ratify but if we can get something on the Council Meeting on the agenda somewhere like the echo report on the staff approval allow the scope of budget changes so we have the essay it can be a consent agenda Item or presentation Item all we can have a conversation about it if we have a problem. If we keep having problems which I don't think we would, most of them are Consent Agenda that don't pull. Then we can make some course corrections but right now I think this gets the government basically out of the way of people trying to do business. I will be a no on this.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Jake I agree with almost everything he said. I don't know if it needs to come back to us either we approved the line Item for the overall origin budget staff is competent enough to know whether or not it complies with our performance it is just in efficient way to manage the program you should allow this type of change does not change the budget like you say every day in construction that goes by the cost traditionally continues to go up.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I will amend my motion to reflect option A.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: You are withdrawing your motion and now submitting option A is there a second for option A.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: I second the motion.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: Thank you chairman don't know if I would've been able to help Mr. Robins with his decision from this I wish he would've waited 30 seconds I will could be the changes they need more time, we sat here before when these Arctic I second the motion with one change needing more time but two and three changes etc. printed I know I've said I will read it this time I was the applicant to know this is the last time I will approve this you will lose the funding if you don't have this done in a timely manner. I don't think there's anything wrong with the current process that we have. Now that you have changed your motion I will be voting no on this.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I will agree with Troy on that one for the reason I only said people voted on it 72% voted for it in 2020 answers a 64% approval rating now we've been accused of having a lack of understanding of what is going on in the current echo process. To sit here and now say and do not educate us on non- scope budget moments that is hypocritical if you are saying we are we a lack of political leaders understanding of echo should we not go with option B to where they have to educate us and we vote on these issues especially with the hardships of our budget the next couple of years. I want to know what's going on and vote on it with everything. I'm with Troy and a no on the current motion.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: I have no problem getting reports from the staff on these things. I communicate with Mr. Burbaugh and his staff often on many things. I don't feel I'm not educated or not informed about these things. I just don't think it has to be formally brought up here. To get my knowledge and my situation awareness of what's going on with the echo program.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: I would like to keep it where it is. I will be no on this reason as I think the public likes it when it comes here and we get to make a recommendation on

changes. But it also gives the public a chance when that happens to speak on it. They don't get it when we take those options away. Keep it the way it is.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: I just want to get an example of a non-scope budget change. Give me a minor example.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: There is a threshold it is more than 20% if you have $100,000 project and put $20,000 site planning your site preparation now you found somebody who will donate that site preparation to the organization if you move that $20,000 to landscaping or to finishes you have to come to the Council even though it is still in the allocated amount of dollars that the cancel.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Does this Council approve the landscaping.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: No.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: We never even see that in today's process we don't get involved meaning how much landscape they are doing. Therein lies my point: we are not project managers, that is project manager detail we are policymakers. We should not really be in the weeds of that.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: It's been reviewed by the echo advisory committee meet on a quarterly basis. If you're in the middle of construction and you need to change something you're waiting for that quarterly meeting or we call an emergency meeting then one other month to come to council.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Does not change the overall budget amount is still the same we approved. Guys do not get into the weeds, it is not our role. Donna the commentary that happens in all of this there was a lot of organized effort there. I know some of it was specific. I would not put too much into that cleaning, not to take away from

somebody's thoughts, however there are motors with some of the commentary not from you but it was submitted that you are reading. Just know there is a motive.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I know those were singers that have nothing to do with what I am saying. The same 20% rule applies to the annual 1.5 million dollar asphalt road through the wildlife corridor.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: It's a separate program to grant programs versus the county's direct expenditure program.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: If there was a $300,000 application a lot for 20% rule this would not apply 20 modifications to their budget.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: It's a one point $5 million set aside it goes into an account it is spent there is no allocating dollars it is used on an as-needed basis DOT will construct a part of the trail we need to build the bathroom or the amenity we would use those funds to do that.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: You keep saying DOT is still 1.5 million dollars a year out of the echo budget out of the county taxes.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Yes sir, it's a separate program to grant programs that has rules the DCE has as long as it meets the ballot language.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: In three years on the dais I don't feel overwhelmed with the current process. How many times has the current process bog us down?

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Okay.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Is there a number how often this comes up on a current basis we don't want to have to review when necessary? I just like to keep it the same.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Okay.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Call the question.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: The motion on the floor is for policy decision number 8A delegate none scope budget amendment to the staff cursor will you call the roll.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: No.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Yes.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: No.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: Yes.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Yes.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Yes.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: No. the motion carries, 5/3. I'm sorry 4/3. We will move the policy decision number nine to support public art and great place making.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: One of the things that many of the stakeholders and survey respondents have talked about is there are different examples of this. Public artists

considered capital infrastructure under or capital expense under state statute. It would qualify under a grant program this would be a separate it would expand echo they are recommending that public art be ineligible expense.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Chairman motion to accept option D.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We have a motion for non- D by Robbins.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any questions for the staff.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Can you explain the arts? I'm sorry do we have arts in public cases programs where we dedicate 3% to a building or.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Yes sir up to 15 if it is over .5% if the building is over $1 million capital construction there is a threshold.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Okay thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any other questions or any comments motion on the floor is for nine D no ECHO Funding for public art installations in place making initiatives all in favor signify by saying,aye?

>> Board Voting: Aye.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any opposed? 9D passes unanimously. Decision number 10.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: It's to develop an advisory committee selected by some committees that is dictated by the state to serve on it. I think our affordable housing committee has done so many realtor land owners. What they are saying we need to have a good mix on the echo committee piercing develop a guide for this Council we need a CPA we need an architect we need people have the experience in this field we have a pretty deep bench at this point one of the things they recommended was to help the next councils identify people who they could appoint a selection guide may be helpful.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: questions or to staff.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: How hard it is to get people on the echo committee to begin with.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: I will say we typically do not struggle with the echo committee and forever Felicia because people want to serve.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: I do know cursors have problems filling a mandate you have to have a CPA, you have to have a contractor.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: I would recommend against a mandate.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: I don't want to go overboard if we do this. Does it need to be in a section guide?

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Write a memo to the Council.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Thank you.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I just move for option C.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: That is to maintain the current process.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Questions for the staff. Or comments?

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Have we received any complaints about our current appointments. I don't want to mention names or anything like that currently they are appointed by us?

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Correct.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Too soon Don. The motion on the floor is for 10 C to maintain the current process.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Just a final comment. I think our main goal in all of these boards is diversity of thought. Look at us we have lawyers, we have older retired guys, we have farmers. Real teachers. I think it benefits anybody to have a diversity of folks' plans as we select. I think that is something we can just keep in mind here within the elected body and make sure she doesn't have all teachers or all old retired guys and I think you keep that diversity.

>> Jake you neglected to say we had somebody here from corrections.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: I agreed that I would come up and cancel comments later.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: No doubt.[Laughter] Sorry the motion on the floor is for 10 C maintain the current process all in favor signify by saying,aye?

>> Board Voting: Aye.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any opposed? 10 C passes anonymously. This is the last one in it? Number 11. Advisory committee term limits.

>> NICK DUNNAM,STAFF: Term limits currently there is no term limit on the echo advisory committee other than the chair cannot serve for two consecutive terms this provides options option an alignment with council term limits all the way to maintaining the current process.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Okay.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: I make a motion for option A to align with what we are as a council.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: 11 A is motion by Vice Chair Rienhart.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: They still get reappointed every two years.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: I second the motion.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: How would this apply, how would this be applied to existing members? Do we have a timeline? I know we voted on? Will you come back to us?

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: It would be linked to your current term.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: If they are currently I get it thank you.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Unfortunately I did not get it. Are we saying they are currently in their eighth year? They would be done.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: You reappoint them to the beginning if you appoint them and they are serving for four years. He served four years and you get reelected and they served an additional two years.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Anybody on there for eight years.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: We have had three members there since 2000. Or early 2000's.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Would this go back retroactively? I saw him push you.[Laughter]. I will talk to you later Sabrina. Are we saying if we pass this if they've been on for 8+ years they would be gone.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Sabrina is telling me you have to decide and help you decide.

>> You have to decide on how you want the term limits to be applied whether it is applied to the current term served or if you want to start with the policy from today or how you want to do it?

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I would like to hear about what you think about retroactively being applied or not? Thank you Sabrina.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We have 11 A

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: I can expand I think aligning it with our elections and know what you are concerned with with the other issues as far as ballot language this was not on the ballot language is something everything needs to be modified if you came to office and there is somebody in that particular seat that you want some videos you might have to wait two years or three years or four years until their term is up for you to make that selection . I think what this does is allows us to make in alignment with the times we took office, do you see what I'm saying? I think that is the policy we need to set that is at least my interpretation on this.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: If I may interject would we go back because we all stagger every couple of years would we go back every two years and rewrite the entire board.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: That is what she is asking us to decide.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: There is an enabling resolution that establishes the committee and talks about this. I would need to be amended. I would say if we bring it back we can give the options and how to implement it.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Okay that will save us some time.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Okay.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: 11 letter a and you will bring back options at the next meeting for how to implement it?

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: 10 we have two meetings if we need to do research the current board is seated.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Is council okay with that two meetings from now all in favor of 1100 in the next two meetings all in favor signify by saying,aye?

>> Board Voting: Aye.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: That passes unanimously.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: One of the things that we would like for the Council to consider March starts the grant cycle typically back any guidebook changes that we may have this council given we have the Cap and the two are approved are adjustments to the Cap and the delegation to the staff support for scope changes correct. Instead of bringing back the guidebook to implement the very straightforward Items to the guidebook and send it to our grant recipients the grant cycle starts next month we want to give them some. With that if you agree to that two things we would like to include, in the past we've always had cooperation come grant recipients to provide board meeting minutes, bylaws and stuff like that we would like to make it a requirement of nonprofits as part of the application process to provide 12 months of board minutes. And there bylaws. Additionally one of the things this is a taxpayer savings issue, on pre-engineered sites so I have a park and I am adding a pavilion. Or a new playground replacing a playground we required the full design specs again if it is a previously engineered site and they are replacing something or adding something, rather than do the design and engineering again this is aligning with the national Park system you do a conceptual plan with the new pavilion would be you don't have an engineer or an engineered pavilion on an existing site.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Just 2.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: 'sYes sir.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: The board minutes and the bylaws from the applicants. That is a good one if it is a pre-engineered side after reengineering if they have a change. Any questions for the staff.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I'm good with that.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Used to have a question.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I do have a question. It is for part two of the operational improvement council my recommendation is to duplicate this a little bit in-depth especially if you look if you go on page 15, is it 15? Yes page 15 you go through and it will save enhanced accessibility and sustainability in certain sections, my greatest concern like I said, to begin with is to keep this program strong. I would like to at least have a say so if we can maybe chairman or council if we can have a separate agenda Item maybe next cancel meeting where if we have questions about any of these 19 staff level or new staff level proposals here at the of the opportunity to bring it forward individually as canceled numbers. That makes sense through an agenda item.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Okay we don't have a motion on the floor are you taking that emotion.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I am sticking my right toe in the pool. Is that something we need to review or do we like to approve this.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: I don't have a problem. I'm also okay with the recommendation if you are looking for support for his recommendation I'm okay with Brad's recommendations.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any other questions for the staff.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I have a question for Danny. I agree with what they are saying. I am in favor of a few changes. I don't quite understand Danny what you are looking to do you want us to vote again on these issues.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: There are 19 more gone on part two of the operational improvement with his staff and limitation at the level my biggest concern is 1.7 engagement to community organizations 2.1, streamline application process, which I'm all

for streamlining if we want something to stay on their and the staff is able to do that how will we ever know. Then goal number three direct County expenditures. They obviously want to clarify the process. I think there are a couple sections we can talk about if it interests people if not the ship will sail.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Should we go through them now? Just the ones that we have concerns about.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: I would hope we would look at the ones we voted on today as approved and not say every other one is automatically approved if we accept this report . So they probably should come back. Right now we are dealing with just these two changes. Let's get through that and then Danny you stuck your toe in the water we can come back for that. Right now the question on the table looking for a motion is board meeting board minutes and bylaws required and no required second engineering.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: I make a motion to approve.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any questions on that motion?

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Please repeat the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Emotion applicants are required to have board minutes actually nonprofit applicants are asked to have board minutes and bylaws and mill additional engineering.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Excellent! Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: On that motion all in favor signify by saying,aye?

>> Board Voting: Aye.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any opposed? That is 7/0 Danny did you want to put a motion on the floor for the final 19.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Chairman, Brad this was an email you sent me. Are we looking at the same stuff that is on the agenda item? When it says part two operational improvements? I will make that motion to allow the Council to bring this back if there is any of those subsections to talk about. Let's talk about them. I announced a couple of them on the fly. Then we can vote on them. Just like we did today. Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: You are making that in the form of a motion.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Sure.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: I don't understand the motion if it cleaves clear direction from the staff's perspective.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: We need to look at these David's.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Don't understand the motion.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: We need to have the same opportunity that we did today so we want to staff the agenda the other night with the other many items for another meeting.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Sure absolutely.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: I need a second on that motion. If there is no second prayer the motion fails for lack of a second what happens to those additional Items are they assumed to be improved? Brad?

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: This is a strategic plan it is a book. It divides guidance I think it is a great plan to depart from. We have strategic plans all over the place we depart from here and there. I don't think this is something to get mired down into. Here and now. If somebody has a problem with anything that George or the departments have a plan on, we bring them up and discuss them. They might be dependent on the situation. Do I have a problem right now with Brad convening stakeholders and getting buy in any project or to align with the county is doing. Is a bunch of people getting together and brainstorming and I think it's a great idea. Adult to think of anything other than operational will that prevent us from doing the same thing in our travels? No maybe you do it altogether. I don't think the operational roles I think that is the one he broke down he has tons of operational roles that are not probably written down. They were included in a strategic plan. Which could've stopped at the strategic policies that we just approved. I don't mind bringing them back as they pose a problem or foes they pose a problem I don't think we should go through every one of them. Unless we all have problems with one or two of them then we can leave that information George and Brad can get it on the agenda.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: That is what I will do.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We don't even have a second did you say you just dropped your motion.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I will do that. I will look through this if there is an issue. I will say a couple and I will handle it.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: I think that's acceptable.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I just want to make sure we have not changed. Nothing will be changed to the existing program except what we debated and voted on today.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: That my understanding is it your understanding?

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I just got Danny backed off on that which I don't see any changes other than what we debated and voted on because again it passed with overwhelming approval in 2020 the pulses 64% approval now I don't want to change anything but what we discussed and voted on if anybody comes aware of an issue on this program then during closing comments we can talk about it vote on it about putting it on a future agenda. That is how I would like to see it remain.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: That's a good question because the recommended motion was moved to accept goldfish and 20/40 strategic plan and direct the staff to proceed with implementation planning that says everything on there even the things we did not vote on.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: We all had this plan and we all looked at it. I think the question now is the operational stuff. If we think there are operational things in there that should be policy things, I looked at them. I don't see any that are changing policy. Keep in mind that the staff changes operational stuff that is not written in a plan, all the time. They don't bring it to us because it is not a policy issue. We are changing from Firestone to Goodyear. We don't discuss that it just happens. I like the program. I don't like having the council start to micromanage the operations. You know I came in my past life you know why I'm saying that. If there is one of you that should be a policy something that we should be handling at this level then bring it up during council comments and will put it on the agenda and discuss it.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: This was done as a transparency measure could you imagine if I separated these out what he would be accused of?

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Will send Jake I agree with you, you're not managers what do we need to do to move on and get off this topic.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Let's hear from the County manager.

>> GEORGE RECKTENWALD COUNTY MANAGER: Just to reiterate what Jake said I think we got needs which is the policy questions taking care of the operational questions we will keep as much the same as possible there might be some minor update operationally that we have to do to complete the task but my goal is to get this on the street as soon as possible. I think with councils okay we got what we needed. The two changes going forward we would like to get a guidebook put out. Because you have all of the cities and the stakeholders out there waiting to go ahead and get into the next cycle. There is really nothing else to decide on here today.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Brad there are post changes to the operational.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: Yes operational changes.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: We have not discussed any of those operational changes today.

>> GEORGE RECKTENWALD,COUNTY MANAGER: Normally you would not that is my job I need to go back we will keep it the same as it is today there will be no operational changes until I have a chance to go over anything that I think would be risen to the level of a policy change to you guys.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: If there is no change why do we have to vote on this.

>> GEORGE RECKTENWALD,COUNTY MANAGER: You just voted on the policy changes.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: My question is operational if you just know you said we will not make changes.

>> GEORGE RECKTENWALD,COUNTY MANAGER: You don't have to vote on them I didn't see an Item you can vote on for that that was brought up by councilmember Robbins we were not bring anything forward for you to change as far as operational change other than what he put up there or at the final couple of questions he had at the end. He got I guess in the final moments before this meeting because I was not aware of them.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: My question to the chair and everybody else anything else we are changing other than what we discussed and voted on his there anything else we are changing? If you are saying something else is going to change in this nearly 300 page packet, then I will take your word for it but if we are going to change certain components of the operational standards we need to discuss that I do not want me to discuss and vote on it I'm not going to go through another affordable care act and less passive then we will figure out what it says. Let's discuss it now. My motion is to leave it as is.

>> GEORGE RECKTENWALD,COUNTY MANAGER: I am fine with that.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Just to address Jake's comparison of Jake in a race car he would never expect your mechanic to change your tires without talking to you first.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Don put a motion on the table leaving the operational as is. Is there a second on Don's motion?

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: I second the motion does not change any operational procedures.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Just questions for statutory comments.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Don your description about changing the tire you hired a mechanic to change the tire but will not go in and said take this local first then take this lug for the Fort to get to this lug the point is that you hired a professional to change your tires wheedled to operational decisions it is a risky slippery slope I will say that we go here with

operational stuff that is not our role going back to the mechanic you hired him we hired him we hired an attorney to do certain legal things and he hired these people they run the operational we make the policy. What we did earlier is create policy made policy changes. That is it, but they did, out of transparency they said we are also going to make some operational changes and how they implement this which is within the right they did not have the put that in there because we don't vote on policy that is why it is not a separate line item. Mr. Chairman I supports this.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: If I may I showed extreme deference to the Council. Originally there were six policy questions he went from six up to 11 between me and my team.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We dealt with all of them. The motion on the floor is the only change to echo would be the one we voted on today you better call the roll-separate.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Yes.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: I am voting on the policy. I am voting strictly on the policy.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Is that a question.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: If the motion is to revoke the policy we just voted on what is emotion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: No they stay the same.[Unclear Audio]

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: No.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: Yes.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: No.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: No.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Yes.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Yes, but the motion fails. I do think the County manager said if he is going to make a change you would bring it to us. You will get to vote on it, we will get to vote on it.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: I move that we adjourn for lunch.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We do. I was hoping to get through Item number four. We have a lot of people in the room so I'm afraid we will have a lengthy discussion on Volusia forever. We will take a break until 1 PM

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: If everybody wants to find a seat we will start in just a few seconds okay we will resume the February 3 County Council meeting we are already on Item number four.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Chair if I may I told my life would be a short meeting I will publicly tell her I will not make it home by noon today sorry Heather.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: You just prolonged the meeting. Back to Item for which 13175 Agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the joint acquisition of an agricultural conservation easement over the 124-acre Bennett Road Property (Owner: Donald Smith) in the Pierson area

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I make a motion to approve.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We have a member of the public that would like to speak on this. Do we have any questions for the staff? No questions for the staff. I will call a member of the public who wants to speak then we will open up for discussion Greg Gilbert you have 30 minutes or less.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: [Listing Names] I want to talk to you about the concept of forever and preservation. There is no such thing for a personal government except government programs. There is no permit conservation I submit for your consideration to the city of Daytona Beach is the city Island donated to the city found in perpetuity for public property and sold for 8.77 million dollars. Since 1966 there have been six attempts to privatize City Island; the seventh attempt in 2019 was successful. The citizens of Daytona Beach were shocked to find that their mayor and city commission and their staff had been colluding back to sell off city Island to developers. This very County council shocked itself to read in the paper that you all owned 8 acres of the 46 at city Allen and nobody came to you with that either. My point today poorly made is that the only thing permanent in government is what the government decides it is as soon as some of you decide it is not Barber anymore it is gone. I'm halfway through my term. I submit to you example number two. Tiger eight state forest. Owned by the state of Florida under the Rick Scott administration he put that and many public lands up for sale he called them surplus lands. When we bought our state forest and wildlife management area we of course 50% recreation, and 50% preservation it says it right there in any documents. At least we owned that land present that was set to be sold off. As you decide to spend public money on land don't pay so much because there is no forever for the people behind you can switch it up I don't care what your documents say I've shown you twice the things you know from your own heart and your own recollection are true to bike development rights not even real land seems the epitome of bullishness the epitome of bullishness if buying the land is not forever what is buying air but a waste of money and a contribution to somebody who was not going to develop anyway I hope you will consider this memorandum of understanding and help them understand we don't want to buy air anymore and have them come back to us when we want to buy land at the very least thank you for considering my input.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Okay that includes public comments on this Item. Is there any Council member who would like to offer discussion? The motion on the table is to approve the sale.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I don't see the agreement in the packet? Is it here?

>> GEORGE RECKTENWALD,COUNTY MANAGER: This is just a memorandum of understanding to begin a partnership process with the Florida Department of agriculture and community affairs in the future when we reach an agreement with the landowner that easement and sale contract will be brought back to you for approval.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: What is the purpose of the vote today?

>> GEORGE RECKTENWALD,COUNTY MANAGER: The vote today is to enter into an agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture academic affairs.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Which is a state-level agency.

>> GEORGE RECKTENWALD,COUNTY MANAGER: Correct.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I am not comfortable with going forward with this today I would like to continue this for a couple weeks we will have a deep dive discussion at the next meeting into Volusia Forever I don't want to lay it out now and I'm sure you don't want to hear it now since this is not the final decision I'd like to wait until at the meeting next week after we had our discussion on Volusia Forever bring it back the following meeting? I think there is a lot of worthy things to discuss with Volusia Forever and basically allowing us to be crafted by the state by entering into a typical agreement I don't know what this agreement said I would only take an educated guess it involves the same constraints as all other easements which takes away our redemption power over various things to think we all don't want to happen. I move that we continue this.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: You have a motion, we already have a motion on the floor to approve it. You have vote against it then you can bring that back. Let me ask you this is coming back anyway isn't it?

>> GEORGE RECKTENWALD,COUNTY MANAGER: The purchase of the property will come back yes.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: This is approving negotiation.

>> GEORGE RECKTENWALD,COUNTY MANAGER: Disapproves the apartment or the partnership to let them start the due diligence process negotiating with the land owner of the due diligence part.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We are getting it back probably after our discussion.

>> GEORGE RECKTENWALD,COUNTY MANAGER: Just easement terms and purchase contracts will come back to the Council at a future date.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: What I would be totally in agreement if only pollution County alone was negotiating to purchase this what I don't like is partnering up with the state the very people we do not want to be preempted by all that discussion we had earlier on the Consent Agenda. Letters to Tallahassee don't want to be printed over our water. I don't want to even begin discussing getting into partnership with the very people you're trying to separate ourselves from. now going into partnership where they can preempt us a lot the contract. I would like to vote just on Volusia County buying it for Volusia Forever funds alone so a future council can get out of this agreement if deemed in the best interests of public policy at a future date.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We will see how this motion goes, the motion which has been seconded by David Santiago which is to make a comment.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: This is just for them to come to the table to greet the staff, agree to terms or proposed terms to bring back to us to vote on it later.

>> GEORGE RECKTENWALD,COUNTY MANAGER: Yes this is a two-step process. This is the first step and the partnership 's property is also eligible for their role in the family plan program disallows and destroys the acquisition process with us as a partner.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Is it anything to stop them from doing it himself.

>> GEORGE RECKTENWALD,COUNTY MANAGER: No, they can purchase property on their own as well.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: If there are no comments Karissa will call the rollfor the motion to approve initiating the purchase requirements.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: No.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Yes.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: Yes.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: Yes.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Yes.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Yes.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Yes it is initiated. Thank you Item number five Don I assume you will love this one Volusia Forever joint purchase of a 493-acre Caraway Lake Conservation Easement (Owner: Vanacore Holdings, LLC) in the Deleon Springs area. Expenditure:

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I make a motion to approve.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: A member of the public would like to speak let's see if anybody has any questions for the staff? As the staff sits down. No questions for the staff, we will go to the public comments. Dennis Thomas.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT:

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: You will be followed by Dan Thomas.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: How are you doing? I am Dennis Thomas just want to kind of be short and sweet and very supportive of the program out there. We are all aware that the Volusia Forever program was established in the year 2000. Caraway land out there is a prime example of why taxpayers wanted this program. It is to preserve it. If you are familiar with the property I've been out there for over 40 years and living in Volusia County for over 50 years I believe in preserving pristine property this is it. If it is natural it is what you dream of Florida to be, this is the land. Right there. I cannot sum it up any better. I am not against development programs. I like smart development. This is the example of what Volusia Forever is all about. Just short, I understand partnerships and stuff like that. I worked in the government for 30 years. I worked with a lot of the eight task force DLE and worked on many investigations but if we cannot partner and share our funds we cannot accomplish our common goals. At times you just don't have the funds to support what your goal is printed in this example you have to partner sometime before the end result is not what any of us want. Sometimes you have to give and take. This is an example of a partnership. It needs to iron out the positives and the negatives. Sometimes you have to partner up to share

funds to accomplish a common goal. Thank you for your time. One more thing: talk to over 100 taxpayers about this. Probably 50 or so letters came to all of you guys that I spearheaded, I have nothing but positive with this program. And the support of this purchase on caraway. That is my input. Thank you for your time.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank You, Dan Thomas.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the Council thank you for the opportunity to speak my name is Dale Thomas was born and raised right here in Deleon Springs down Blackwater Road this land is not just a glitch on a map to me it reflects the way of life that I was raised the values I learned and the reason so many of us call this place home. Places like this are becoming very rare in Florida once they are gone they are gone forever. If this property is subdivided and developed not scaled the loss is permanent which threatens wrenching wildlife and wants less determining pieces of true old Florida. This land holds history, provides balance to our environment and quietly shapes the quality of life we often take for granted. You cannot re-create that once it has been raised we understand growth as part of our futures and we are not against development. Right growth should be guided with care and respect if there is land to be developed then there is land to be protected. This property falls into the latter if we allow larger developers to transform into an overpopulated subdivision this will change the character of this area and disconnect your generations from what makes this place a special I respectfully ask the council to consider alternatives to preserve this land for the future options like Volusia Forever so what makes Deleon Springs unique is not foster overdevelopment this is an opportunity to protect something truly replaceable. I asked you to choose legacy over convenience, and participation over regret. So when are children as good old Florida it looks like we can still show them till this day? Thank you for your time. I support the purchase.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you or your comments Amy.[Listing Names].

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Deleon Springs community Association there is very little that I can say the top with those two guys just said. When you proved this in 2024 September 2024 for the active list, the staff went to town on it. They did everything they could to make this work out in a way that was good for everybody. I want to take a moment to think about Brad Burbaugh, Tim Toffler, Nick Dunnam, the entire staff, everything they've done, they've taken

kick after kick and have done so much to make this a reality that is going to work for all of us. Many of you have been to the property you know it straddles two lakes, it's adjacent two thirds like it makes it an incredible water recharge area. It is also part of the Deleon Springs spring basin as part of that Deleon Springs basin management action plan. It needs to be protected. It's also part of Florida Forever's long leaf pine project. I need to make sure I say that corrective long leaf pine is an incredible species; it provides an ecosystem habitat for many species but also some on the endangered list. It's also incredibly resilient, against buyers, against hurricanes, against drought, it's something that really needs to be protected as well. As part of the Florida wildlife corridor we know how important this connectivity is for wildlife to look for places to travel, places to eat and make homes. It is currently in active agriculture and we want to make sure it stays that way. It's an important part of Deleon Springs 's important part of Volusia County. As an easement not an outright purchase the easement means that the owner continues to be responsible for land management is a big expense. Because we are not having to pay for that, he is paying for that . It's a big win for taxpayers. Also the fact it's an easement not an outright purchase stays on the tax roll. That is important. I understand your concern. Councilman Dempsey about partnership, $8 million is coming from Florida Forever Florida Forever is in many ways funded by the documentary stamp taxes that are attacked and all real estate transactions that we do. We think it's an amazing thing that $8 million of our money comes back to us to help preserve something incredibly esteemed like a spray. We implore you to pass this to contribute this amount sold this easement can come to fruition thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you next we have Jim Cameron who doesn't believe is here but there is a note at the bottom that says we of my time in support. Next is Greg Gilbert. You'll be followed by John Nicholson.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Hello again. Greg Gilbert Daytona beach I will pick up where I left off. No doubt those guys undoubtedly made an excellent plea of why we should save this land but the only thing it takes to save these lands is for youth not to change the comp plan and the zoning at no charge does not have developed these people seem like hostages. They sing what if a developer gets it the bigger developer in area onset from he has already bullied the state to give an $8 million now he's coming to pick our pocket for another $279,000 on top if we take what we just discussed the memorandum of agreement and we apply the price per acre but this thing is what we just talked about, it would cost us $3 billion. Half of that would be 1.1 million and take another $400,000 now we are up to a $1.9

million budget for forever. It is 10 million per year 20% into the budget and we bought a handful of dirt. Vote no. $8 Million is enough for him.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: John Nicholson.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: John Nicholson Daytona beach side normally I would think this was a no-brainer I how much you like Brad and think he's so competent. We have the hidden is less than $1000 per acre you heard flooding for what? Two or three years now this is perfect for a number of reasons. It is without the comments. This is water recharge. You don't have to worry about that. Not with this property. This is ideal. Where else can you buy anything for less than $1000 per acre? Ormond Beach? Not on the beach side. Nowhere around where I live can get for $1000 per acre. You bought in the middle of nowhere for Donna's track everybody hates that but it is not Don's track it is for recreation we did not get that for $1000 per acre. This is a no-brainer, the only reason I'm speaking up. Someone will say we don't want to do that, you don't want to buy air rights, yes we do. It may not last forever. Somewhere in the next 50 or 100 years there may be a need but there is a way out if there is a need for this property in 50-100 years they will vote it out. Nothing stays forever, not even taxes. Sometimes taxes go up. Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you in conclusion of public comment, for Item 5. Comment by the Council.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: John you are right I don't know I cannot talk to him I'm sorry. I will talk to these guys. He is the broken clock. I'm kidding, you know that. [Laughter] How do we see the future leaders of the state are going to somehow be reasonable all of a sudden? And then answer our concerns? I don't understand why we all want them to agree to that but we cannot get them to agree we want them to stop preempting us over water. We cannot get them to stop that. We cannot get them to stop SB 180. We cannot get that back apparently. Why are we planning for the state to be so reasonable 50 years from now or 100 years from now? I'm not against this project. I talked to Mr. Vanacore and understand he is turned down significantly higher offers for this property, more than double of what he's getting from Florida Forever, he is taking a loss. Even so there's a taxable value on these properties, it is substantially less. Good luck selling a piece of property that you cannot even shoot guns on you cannot build more than 7500 ft.^{2} of impervious surface

which includes coincidently, asphalt driveways. This is a real tough one for me if this was a Volusia Forever acquisition along the hundred percent candidate because I'm not against conservation I'm not against Volusia Forever. What I'm against and wrote a letter about today is preemption. We are partnering up with a state who wants to control everything we do but yet we are contractually binding ourselves to their wishes. That is what has me scared. That is what I don't like. There is a lot of legislation going on in other jurisdictions to stop this very issue. We will do a deep dive into this in two weeks. This one is a tough one because even if we do not kick in $300 he can agree to $8 million then you're stuck with Florida forever restricted property. I just want to make people aware we are systematically allowing our properties to be preempted even through Florida Forever or the federal programs that is what I don't like. If there is an issue 100 years from now or like this song 2525 if man is still alive what will be in the best interest of Volusia County at that time? I just hate to say this works. It is arrogant for us to think that we know what is best for Volusia County in the year 2525. What should be used with this property and our future leaders cannot make any independent decisions on what to do with this property in 500 years, because we lied down in bed with the state and we have so many of these properties are happening this one is top one for me even if we do not put on the 300 he can still go through with it and we would have the same problem of preemption. I do like the property. It's a wonderful asset from the west side. I'm inclined to vote for it because there's nothing we can do to stop the spread. He has turned down twice as much money for this property. It's a tough one for me. If we were funding the $8 million I would be no. But we are kicking in like 4% or 3% of the purchase price. It is a valued piece of property and it is beautiful out there. I really don't like us allowing the state to control more and more and more of Volusia County. That is like I'm struggling. Thank you guys.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Thank you Mr. Chair. When we have these conversations and we've had them a lot lately. We talk about our property. This is not our property. This is Vanacore Holdings property upon completion of this deal, it will be Vanacore Holdings property. It will have some restrictions on what Vanacore Holdings can do with that property. At no time does it become the county's property. If we join in, with Florida Forever, then she puts restrictions on that property as well as the state. At no time do I feel that the state is putting restrictions on us, the county, on this property. They are putting protections on Vanacore Holdings as far as I am concerned. I am not too sure since we are not buying the property, like Brad does the stack when he says this is the stack Mr. Vanacore has a 40 stack estate stack worth about just short of $8 million then he has Volusia County stack which just hits the top. It is his deal. Like Mr. MC said. At the end of the day it is not our property to be preempted. It is his property. With that comes all of the

strings attached to accepting this money from the state and us and apparently he is willing to do that. I just want to be careful not to be our property at the end of the day. We will not manage it. It will not cost us an operational tale. There is some benefit to that as well as not being developed. Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you. The state of Florida has unanimously voted on a program every McCright every Republican for the Florida wildlife corridor which is in their description perpetual Florida statute providing for conservation of real estate to be held in perpetuity. The Department of Agriculture and consumer resources is authorized to acquire perpetual conservation easements . The 1986 endangered lands program talks about perpetuity and yet done I don't know if this makes a difference to you but I think it is the hinge you are looking for is the state talks about buying land to conserve it in perpetuity but they've also allowed for us the local government to take it out by a vote, Michael Dyer you are an attorney also either one of you correct me if I'm wrong I'm going to read article 10 section 18 of the Florida Constitution. It is disposition of conservation lands, the fee interest in real property held by an entity of the state and designated for natural resources conservation purposes, as provided by general law shall be managed for the benefit of the citizens of this state and may be disposed of only if the members of the governing board of the entity holding title determine the property is no longer needed to conservation purposes. And only upon a vote of two thirds of the governing board. We really don't need a charter amendment to do this; it is already in the Constitution. The question here would be the titleholder.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Can I ask you about the site?

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Article 10 section 18 of the Florida Constitution for those that offer some protection.

>> BRAD BURBAUGH,STAFF: That would apply to the state owned lands not the county owned lands.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Says governing board of the entity holding title the state would hold title to this land. Okay. Then you still have a problem. Then you still have a problem he said no we cannot vote to.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: We cannot preempt the state they can preempt us but we cannot preamp them?

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Unless we were the sole owner of the land and we can take it out of conservation.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Thank you for making that point. It has been my point all along. I want to keep local control of Volusia properties. I don't like the state people were not even born 500 years ago telling future council members what we can or cannot do with their own property. That has been my concern.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: However the reason that we do this has been said by the two gentlemen to say that by taking on partners we are saving the taxpayers millions and millions of dollars and are able then to buy more land. They also share in the cost of maintenance. In this instance the owner is making their tax dollars go further. But maybe most importantly this is a willing seller program. I have questions about this. About this tubular program I will not go into all the details of why. My understanding was never one to be developed. I did not understand that it would only happen if the state pays $8 million but it is still a willing seller program that the seller should have an opportunity to sell my land for conservation the same as he could say I want to sell my land for development which generally gets approved. It is not our decision, it is the seller's decision.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Just to clarify selling the easement not the land there is a difference.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Put your name up Troy will get mad at me he was next.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: Thank you chairman I will not get mad at you. Mr. Dempsey you at night lately have been in lockstep with their votes recently. I don't feel I have to give you a reason why we have a little fracture going on right now there is little fracture I will tell you my reasoning behind this. I agree with you that it would be wonderful for Volusia County to be the sole landowners so we can make all of her own decisions. The problem is there are over 8 million reasons the state has given 8+ million dollars. There are over 8 million reasons for me why I am for this. I will go back to my days as City Commissioner on Ormond Beach and I will tell you all a lot of communities have these beautiful palms up and down arrows. Which by the way are my favorite dates to eat if anybody's looking for a snack. We had some people screaming at us for going into a partnership with FDOT. They were purchasing these palms for about 10 years I think around $15,000 per tree back then. How can you allow that amount of money to connect and at the end of the date Ormond Beach said no to those palms you know who would say yes? Miami. Daytona Beach Tampa Bay St. Petersburg they would say will take Ormond Beach we will gladly take them go ahead and cut your nose off to spite your face don't get the palms put your Sabal Palm sin at $700 a piece or whatever it is. $300 A piece. I wanted to take what the state was willing to give an I liken it to sort of this done I agree with you again I would like to be in control but because the state is coming to the table with $8 million for this if we said no and Vanacore Holdings had no think Florida Forever would just say okay Hillsborough County what you have we have $8 million we are ready to spend my mediated what you have they would spend it elsewhere anything Volusia County loses in that scenario I wanted to tell you why I am structuring for the oneness that is my reasoning I will support this today thank you.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: I want to call the question.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Don asked to respond.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: We are not fractured. I agree with you. You have not changed my mind. I never said once I'm a no on this play. I'm in favor of this and I will vote for this property. For this reason there are exceptions to the rule. Just like a lighthouse, instead of a lighthouse property being condos and turned into a private development, it was preserved for a park. I liken this caraway property as a park. It is beautiful out there. It should not be developed because I think it offers so much beauty that everybody should be able to enjoy for future generations. I can stomach this one does add so much to the

Westside community. For fishing for Danny and his boys and all the other reasons for such a valuable piece of property. Amateurs trying to make a point, that we have to look into this. This is not something that I just pulled out of thin air. Again I don't want to go into this too deep. My concern is preemption and in perpetuity those of the two words that scare me. I want us to be able to control future things. We are making this decision whether or not disclosing if it ever gets undone unfortunately we don't get to make that same decision. We have to get the state's blessing. That is what I don't like. It is the same thing with beach driving. Our predecessors give it away now to get the state's blessing to get it back and they are not being quite so lovely. I think Mr. Chair who said during that meeting dealing with the state is a very frustrating task. I think that was a nice way. I think he said something worse than that about dealing with the state. In trying to give us back local control. That is my concern. This is going to happen Florida Forever is going to grab this I am sure. Mr. Vanacore I've been told I've talked to him he could've got a lot more money. I speculate that the land knows he's telling the truth he could've probably got he had offers for even more than double this. I think it is very nice Mr. Vanacore to do this I think he's doing this as a legacy for Polk County for us all to be able to enjoy this property. I think if he sold it or developed it he would be making a lot more money. I don't want to step on Mr. Vanacore's toes because he is trying to give a legacy property which I, as a citizen, really agree and I appreciate that. I will not stop. There is other legislation as we speak in other states and at the federal level to stop perpetuity to re-examine these easements. 26 Republican senators and senators at the federal and state level agree with what I'm saying. I'm not pulling this out of thin air; this is a concern that we need to look at. These conservation easements purchases now are great. But how great are they 100 years from now and 300 years from now. We don't know what's going on. That is my whole point of all this. I am for conservation. I know everything it stands for, I just don't like the words perpetuity and at the state we cannot seem to get anything we want out of them as far as getting back our local power. We are putting all the power to change these things in their hands forever. That is what is really hard for me to stomach. That is what I want to talk about at our next meeting. That's the only reason why I'm having consternation over this but I will vote for this. I agree with you Troy this is a beautiful piece of property this is not swampland in the middle of nowhere or whatever this is this is valuable property thank you guys I appreciate your time.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Herself will you call the roll it may not be necessary on expenditure of $379,000 for the Volusia Forever joint.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Yes.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Yes.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: Yes.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: Yes.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Yes.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Yes.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Yes and the purchase is approved 7/0. Which brings us to Item number six which is a quasi judicial hearing. I don't know if anybody has any ex parte disclosure on the amendment to Halifax Plantation?

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I spoke to the attorney for the petitioner.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: Same.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: To members shake and I don't know who is riding this down Jake and Donna talk to the attorneys. And Danny. Duly noted.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Did you say that? I have a motion to approve this amendment by.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I make a motion to approve.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: And questions for the staff on this?

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: No chairman, it is my district. If they don't have any questions they don't have to present, we are ready to rock 'n' roll.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: No questions or comments there is a lot of public comment. I will call your name Peter Hartman. We have nine people that want to speak on this. Peter is the HOA president of Halifax.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Peter Hartman Ormond Beach on the present health explication phase 2 entry which encompasses 1800 Pulte homes with the buildout of about 21 homes that are in the very near future. 4200 residents approximately this is not an age restricted community it is not a private gated community is a public community. The property that you're addressing today is basically the way I look at it is a hole in the doughnut is directly in the center of our HOA community datacenter what happens in that piece of property is going to be a reflection on the rest of the community that is there it is imperative that the HOA and its residents are part of the continuing development formula that was set forth in the original DRI to be consistent with the language and intent of that DRI. When it was developed through the original DRI I believe it was a contract between the county and the developer at that time. Whereby each has to live up to its agreement and all and can't pass there was an amendment with nothing that affected the original DRI. We didn't find out about this until it was actually in the newspaper and some of our residents read about it. We were not informed about it until probably four or five months after the fact we did not get a real handle on it until later on the HOA is basically looking for some assurances that this property pocket in the center of it will be part of the original DRI agreement allowing the HOA to have governing sense over the property that is there with the CCR in place for the HOA. What we're looking for probably is at least some sort of a restriction on the deed when it is issued that the HOA is part of that pocket of property that is being sold. So we would be able to have some governing process over that based on the original DRI. Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: John Knauer.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Good afternoon my name is.[Listing Names], resident of Halifax Plantation and a retired planner and an architect with nearly 50 years of experience working with school districts and developers as well. Set aside as a potential school sizes of the partial is situated as Mr. Hartman said at the heart of the Plantation to be familiar with original PUD resolution that contain specific language cohabiting sale of the property, and finding nothing on the County website I reached out to the planning department seeking information about the proposed amendment. I received no response to my inquiries. Further it appears that no notice was given to the HOA or neighboring property owners. I consider this a negligent outcome and omission . depriving the concerned parties of the opportunity for engagement, enlightenment or participation in a unilateral moment attempt the original resolution anticipated the possibility that the site cannot be needed or is corporate and provided specific options for disposal. It now appears that C which was not one of the specified options, is simply the option that is preferred. It is critical to our community that the amendment language is crystal clear on several issues. Subject parcel located at perhaps the busiest intersection in the interior of the Plantation and completely surrounded by fully built out pockets with this potential for a change in use it must be included in the Halifax Plantation phase 2 and three PUD and subject to its terms. While this app offers assertions that attempt to provide such reassurance the language itself of the proposed amendment does not appear to clearly support these assertions. Likewise and a concern to a planner like me, included features and land-use exhibits seems to be in conflict with the original intent of the DRI and thus is inappropriate. Specifically this exhibit identifies the site as ULI being low intensity. While this designation may be compatible with single-family uses it also indicates compatibility with business users and manufactured housing these last two classifications are wholly inappropriate and inconsistent with the community design and that the original intent of the DRI. Seems to me as a planner that a more appropriate FLU is low impact urban with compatibility reserves specifically for PUD. Including an FL you at this time is even necessary. Also my understanding of Florida statute 720.3075 is that this unilateral moment attempt by a school district attitudes the actions of a dual appropriateness this attempt as well as any future attempts at future developments after the sale must engage the HOA in any desired amendment process. This ensures the vote homeowners and developers can achieve a mutually beneficial result. Therefore I respectfully request that the board deny or continue this Item until these deficiencies are addressed.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you for your comments. [Listing Names]

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: [Listing Names] Ormond Beach. I am the Lord of the homeowners association and I think John pretty much said what I was going to say. I'm saying it in a different way. It is not the sale of the property in the way it came to your desk. This is the final development order for Halifax Plantation. This is semester covenants. This is what governs everything up there. In this document do I have to speak to both? It was signed by the County and the developer. This document was signed by the developer and effectively the 1800 people that are there now the 2000+ that will be there later because the developers turned it over to the homeowners association. The homeowners association is run by the board; the board has a duty to enforce this and at this. The problem is it went through in a manner that does not make sense. The county unilaterally changing the words on the development order at the request of the school board who was not a signer on the document and the developer which is now the board the developer is gone the board takes the place of the developer was never notified you have people who signed this one is unilaterally changing it in the homeowners association has no input. On the other side of the equation, the covenants are between the developer and the people. The developer now remembers they are members of the board. We were never notified and I think we made that point to you and John said that point to you. If you go across the lines I was giving you, there were three places that we should have been notified as a homeowner association: you get back down to where the lenders and the question is what should you do . I think what you should do is not vote on it until you can do the wording over to make sense. It does not mean we are against it, it means we have the support of what John said. It should be something in there that stipulates that the HOA is going to be part of that conversation. Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you. James pecan.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: James Pickens.[Listing Names] on behalf of the Halifax Plantation phase 2 and three homeowners association. We cannot support an amendment to Halifax development plan when we did not participate and were not consulted in the drafting of that. As I said there over 1800 homes in his command this 1800 homes are subject to covenants and restrictions. The 18 acre parcel that is in the middle of the community is not. In order to get the support of the community they want some reassurance that

covenants and conditions would be subject to this 18 acre parcel and under the control and direction of the homeowners association. Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you Susan.[Listing Names].

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Good afternoon my name is.[Listing Names] I'm a homeowner of two properties in Halifax Plantation. My house is directly in the backyard. The preserve area that is in question is 18 acres. The impact to this project directly affects the value of my home and the peace and enjoyment I purchased the home and the price I paid for that home. It made it a premium location. Removing that area of the preserve is going to change possibly flooded zoning of my property as the wetland will be now absorbed through into some kind of concrete foundation. And the noise from the 95 will also be I will be exposed to that. The wildlife that I enjoy which is very massive in that area is going to be displaced by I think really some consideration of the impact of removing that preserve area something that really has not been considered. Where those animals are going to go, bobcats, wild turkeys are probably going to wander off onto 95. An old Dixie Highway. We've had tremendous problems with storm drainage water. And the reckless and quick rapid hardscape development in the area that is causing mosquito problems. They are out of control despite all summer I was attacked over 20 times. It was like COVID all over this past summer. It's like a paradigm shift little bit and a little bit each developer comes in and does what they wish. Then all of a sudden there is a paradigm shift and you have a problem. I think the whole holistically the situation and the impact of that developing Ellen really needs to be considered. That area is very fragile where all of those canals and channels come and at the search of storms can really impact our residence and not only that it's a figurative line between Volusia County and Flagler County and all the development taking the bus. Holistically you need to take a look at what is going on with the water runoff and water drainage. We had water on the side of the old Dixie highway for over one year in drought conditions. It is just a mess where nobody can lead the water into the state park because the County only cares about the roadway thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: [Listing Names] is Brian here I don't see any movement. Pam Kroll.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Hello my name is Pam Kroll living Ormond Beach specifically Halifax Plantation. I've lived in Dunmore which backs up against these 18 acres since 2003. We bought the property with the understanding that the 18 acres that border our backyard would not be developed. Years later we found out it was zoned for a school. We were not told that at the beginning but as a retired Volusia County teacher I know the district looks for larger undeveloped land for new construction. Now this land agreement is in question. We had more experts explain that pretty we do not want any more development, we don't want homes, and we don't want a recreational sports field. We don't want a community center, you don't want a laboratory the developers are chipping away at the beauty of our neighborhood. Please keep these 18 acres natural. As our dear turkeys go for turtles, birds are losing their environment. More development on these 18 acres also causes drainage issues and increases our traffic and more demand on emergency services and of course displaced the animals that many of us enjoy. Changing zoning undermines the original planning meant to benefit the entire community. Please keep these 18 acres natural and not allow the building to take place. I did not see it while riding today. These things that I had mentioned could be possibilities. One of them was a park. Some of us would be agreeable to make it a park if that had little or no impact on the current environment and the animals that we have enjoyed. We like the woods that are directly behind our house and we don't want to lose the natural look. She's fought against changing the original plans to these 18 acres in Halifax Plantation. Thank you for your time.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you for your comments. [Listing Names]

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: IM Judson Huggins I live on.[Listing Names] which backs up to the property I had pretty much all of the same concerns as her. My wife and I just moved down seven years ago. From Georgia in the mountains and we enjoyed lots of animals in the area there. The animals behind our house are tortoises. The gopher turtles box turtles. A lot of other we've even seen some progress back there walking to her. We really enjoy it. We thought the land was I guess protection because of the go for turtles we thought it was pretty much a protected zone we were shocked to find out it was going up for sale because they wanted to change it. I'm looking to hopefully keep it the way it is. That is all, thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you for your comments Ben Fitzpatrick.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Thank you for your time. My name is Ben Fitzpatrick, resident of Halifax Plantation. I am against this resolution for a couple of reasons. One is that it is very vague and nebulous. As a property owner in Halifax Plantation the amendment there is no specificity to it. What are you going to do? I've been told the reasons that this property is being discussed is because the school board wants to sell it. I understand that. The school board wants to sell it; they actually took a bid before any of us had any idea what was going on. My concern is if you don't specify in the amendment what the zoning is then there is nothing to prevent a commercial development therefore whatever kind of development the purchaser decides. That is completely inappropriate for Halifax Plantation. It is right in the middle right in the middle. I think this resolution is totally unclear. We need to get something that guarantees that the HOA will have control over that as an assurance. I can support this amendment. That's all I have thanks.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR:thank you all for your comments. Councilman Kent you have questions for staff or just a comment.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: I have comments.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We had an opportunity for a question. I have a question. Jake, you are next so questions.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Does this public hearing today have anything to do with the future use of this property.

>> STAFF: No sir.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Does the hearing we are discussing today will it come back to us for future decisions or to the HOA for future decision of what that property may be?

>> STAFF: Yes or.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Although these are all important things to the HOA they're not things that we are voting on today.

>> RUSS BROWN: I think today the action is kind. Volusia schools sell the property to third-party that is the question today.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Then the third party comes back through the process like everybody else.

>> RUSS BROWN: The zoning stays intact with what the uses are for a school or a park. So if a third party happens to get it and they want to do commercial or residential they will have to go through the public process and will be a council position. The HOA I shared their concerns that would be the next step if that were to happen to work with the HOA.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: If the school decided to build a school which is zoned for right now and the cougars and the turtles and the turkeys did shoot off that would come to us without would not come to us? Because it is overlay zoned and it is a school. That's all the questions I have thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: That enters my questions Jake the question I have left is what happens if we vote this down?

>> RUSS BROWN: If we vote it down the language would change in the DRI development order and I think Volusia County would have the right to receive that property.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Okay we do have.

>> STAFF: This site is subject to two prescriptions: one, while it is vacant the school board can only convey it to the county. However if they develop a school site, it does not go

through us and the rules change. Rules basically say that we get the right of first refusal and only the right of first refusal. If we refuse they can sell it to whoever they want. Right now it is vacant, they can only provide it to us but if it gets developed as a school site then all we get is the right of first refusal on the school board can sell that to whoever that makes a bid for it.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: But they don't want to build a school there? We have the applicant's attorney. I think we need to hear from you before we continue.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: [Listing Names] I do appreciate the effort the staff and the County Attorney's Office have gone through in the meetings with them to get to a point where we are in agreement on the staff level and school district level where this should go. The first thing I want to mention is that notice was given including to the HOA. I have the return receipt cards in my file. If anybody has any questions about that I've got those I can show them to you. What you do you probably know this process but just for the benefit of the public. We go to the Volusia County property appraiser. We ask for the addresses of the adjoining owners which is who we serve notice on and then we send them out. Certified mail return receipt requested. I have those in my file. As Councilmember Johansson was saying this not seeking to change any use whatsoever. In fact the map continues to say school is what continues to govern this property. there is no ambiguity there is no there is nothing that is vague about this. Right now if you guys do see fit to approve this, it is a school site period. At some point there is no secret, it is public record as being paid, even seeing our contract property's current under contract with a company I cannot remember their own name serenity. It is under contract, serenity is obviously we have to come back before unless they want to put a school there they have to come back before this body. These folks would be able to address their very valid concerns at that point in time. Every one of them. You were as an amendment to the DRI either say yes or no or maybe change some of the development standards that they want to have. We are not developers other than developers of the school sites. And a school instructor. A couple of things I want to correct: this DRI was back in the 70s. Back in the 70s this site actually had alternative uses, one was as a school site and after I think it was 10 years if it was not put to use as a school site it was to be for single-family residential I think it is not to exceed 45 units. This is not something that is a new concept that the property might be developed as a school it is not a new concept it might be developed for something other than a school purpose. At some point in time back in the 80s I believe it was, it was changed to take out the 45 residents and then I think at that point it added things like community centers, parks don't

know if all fields are in there but other public uses. It has never been restricted to a preserve area. For the people who were told it is a preserve you need to talk to whoever told you about because they were wrong. It has always been a public record that this was never a preserved area. Any way at some point back in 2000 I think it was 2004 or 2005 something like that the school board actually purchased the site from the developer and paid some cash David some impact fee credits and fast-forward 20 years has passed or something like that it is just been determined that this is not really the best site currently for a school. We don't think it is a good base for the school district to have a school. We don't think it is the best place for Halifax Plantation to have a school. What the school board determined six or eight months ago was something like that, it would be better to deploy this asset by selling it at fair market value, and use those funds in other ways to deal with school infrastructure. One of the comparisons I would like to make, really the only comparison. There is no other comparison right now other than a school but you must talk about if you put a prototype limiter school 700 students, according to our staff, that projection would be 2800 average daily trips going to that school. Most of those trips would, from outside of Halifax Plantation. So you'll have not only the back of roads twice a day in Halifax Plantation, but you also have a pretty significant impact on old Dixie Highway. I'm not saying this is but a potential buyer would do. But let's say a potential buyer comes in and says 45 single-family residences, I'm not a traffic light but I've been told there would be approximately 10 average daily trips per resident. Rather than if you did the 45 that had rigorously been permitted, that would be 400 and the average daily trips versus with a school 2800. We believe not only is this good stewardship of a school a public asset, it is also better with this neighborhood. I completely understand the neighbors' concerns. But they have you folks sitting here that can address those concerns if and when that developer comes in in the future. Because they will have to change it from a very defined school use to whatever use they decide to put on this property. There is some blurring of the lines in the discussion you are having today, that is understandable. They are not lawyers. There is a blurring between the private covenants that have the declaration deed restriction, as part of Halifax Plantation. Versus the DRI and the PD associated with that. This property is actually eccentric to the PUD to the DRI. It already is. It is not and they have shown me the HOA covenants it is not for some reason it was not specifically excluded from the covenants. Perhaps it is not anticipated at that time. That is something to address one the ultimate buyer comes before you if they decide to change use. That is something you folks can address at that time. Actually I think it's a good idea to address it at the time. That is typically what you do. I think one other comment, I'm not sure if they mentioned that somebody said this is not a good school site so it will never be a school site. That is just not correct. The school board will eventually have to deploy this asset for some purpose. If it is not sold then it will essentially be a school site. Even though this is not a 55 age restricted

community we have another good example of that is called Deltona Florida. When Deltona was developed I don't know did you go to Deland high school you did when I went to Deland high school. Kids are shipped in from.[Listing Names] there were not many schools in Deltona to speak. I think also Deltona junior high Deltona was originally marketed to senior citizens and retirees. Then they died and their children moved in or somebody else bolted and all of a sudden Deltona is a great base for young families there is a lot of availability all of a sudden you have all of the school sites. If the people out here are thinking this will never be a school site if this does not pass it will eventually be a school site. That is a pretty significant impact. I don't know how many of you have been to this property. The site is very close to Dixie Highway. Imagine that traffic backed up on a five days a week basis during the school season. I think this you will have your shot to make sure this is developed the right way but this is not the time but those kind of reductions on it.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: You have a couple of questions I think.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Think you can address Paolo comment on what he believes is one of the idle use the word restrictions about the sale of the land I think you described it in a way that if it is not developed that the county would be the first right of refusal clocks it's a very weird language I don't think any of us that are currently sitting here would have drafted it this way. The way it is worded right now, as long as the site remains vacant the only thing we can do with it is either put a school on it or develop it or give it to the county . except that gift there are certain restrictions as to what the county can use it for.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: That being said, if that is in place it is kind of like the cart before the horse. It seems like your client sales contract is void. I'm not an attorney. I slept in Holiday Inn Express last week.[Laughter].

>> The sales contract actually the current sales contract actually is contingent upon disapproval being obtained. It is not a void contract. When we acquired the property as you would think we have a title insurance plan title insurance did not disclose this restriction.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: If I can ask our attorneys a question. Help me understand what you said. I think what I've identified we can just say if you will give up the land given to us we could say that based on what you think our agreement is in the government.

>> PAOLO SORIA,STAFF: As long as it is vacant one thing when we look back at the history of this deep assumption was the school district received the land free of charge from the master developer and if they paid nothing for it. Granted 1800 units of impact fees in the 80s. That didn't happen and the school district shared the purchasing documents that they had to buy the property from the master developer and they paid cash and gave impact fee credits. You did a lot of strange things in old DRI's such as putting what should've been a restrictive covenant in the development order. We typically don't do that anymore. We got an Interlocal Agreement with the sword for school site planning and things like that. It is the county's development order that has this statement on conveyance of the property with conditions that may or may not have occurred.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Is it enforceable.

>> PAOLO SORIA,STAFF: It is your development order and there is an out the school board constructing a school site once again you have no authority of what the school site looks like that goes through the University of Florida. Then it is right of first refusal.

>> I didn't want to get into the weeds and some of the legalities make this point. In my opinion we cannot convey the property to Volusia County free of charge. There is a very good reason for that. I think we violate state case law. Something called a dual rational nexus to us which Mr. Dempsey may be familiar with. Some of the recipes. Basically it says keep in mind part of the consideration was impact fee credits. We have it very diligent to follow the law regarding impact fees. We cannot transfer here is an impact fee that is paid for schools all of a sudden. Instead of using this for schools we will use it for parks. It does not mean the dual rational nexus test does not meet the Florida statute and does not meet the Volusia County ordinance on impact fees. Secondly, a couple of weeks ago Mr. Dempsey was talking about restraints on alienation. The way it is worded in my opinion, that language is what's called an illegal restraint on alienation. Nobody was thinking about that stuff back in the 70s and 80s but that will not put Mr Soria on the spot but I think he used those same terms and discussed the matter with several of you all. The third thing

from a practical standpoint there would be no reason for the school board to say, well we will give this to the county. They have to be good stewards of their asset just like you have to be of yours. At some point in time this may be a good school site. They would not be willing to do that.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: One more question for you, you said you did send notice to the residence and that the board we have the board present here said he did not get a notice how did that happen?

>> I don't know all I can do is mail the notices, that is all your ordinance requires me to do.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: It was mailed through snail mail okay. Okay. You said it is under contract with serenity but you have no idea of what they plan on doing for the property if they were to buy it?

>> The actual name of the company is Serenity capital management. I would assume it would look to do something if I were them I would be looking to do something compatible with the neighborhood. If you don't do that you will be facing 20 times the number of folks that are here right now.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: I would assume that also can ask the same question that Councilman Santiago just asked. As refinance or with as few points I thought I heard you say if we vote this down get the first right of refusal.

>> PAOLO SORIA,STAFF: If they develop as a school site.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: If they thought it was a school site.

>> PAOLO SORIA,STAFF: The current rules of this particular site say it is marked as a school if it is vacant the restrictions are they can only convey it to the county and no one else. If

they later decide to sell. But estate development as a school site is just vacant. They can choose to sell the school site and offer the county director first refusal if we refuse then they can sell it to anyone else.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Okay. All right. We will go to comments and debates.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: Thank you chairman. This is my district. To my friends at Halifax Plantation. You chose a beautiful gem of a place to live in. Some things I will say you probably are going to appreciate an agreement and maybe something she doesn't agree with. And that's okay. I think you appreciate we've been working hard on old Dixie old Kings to straighten that out to get to a stoplight there and make things a lot safer. I agree with the school board attorney that is here and also I saw some residents that spoke not or nodded their heads yes that they would not want to have a school with 2800 trips a day and I see you shaking their heads as well. That is a use that you don't want. I'm appreciative back in the early 80s they were planning and thinking there would be a school that can be used there. But I know I don't want to go to school next to my home. The things you may not appreciate is that it is okay is it that everybody wants everything to stay the same. Just keep it the way it is. Don't let it change. It is nice to say we are at the homeowners association and we get to make the decision. I would say yes. If you buy it. You buy it. With your money then leave it vacant and pay the taxes on it. And enjoying it in the state is important because most people don't want to do that. I live Beachside for insurance purposes 14 hundred feet for the Atlantic Ocean I would love to have no neighbors to my East and walked straight to the beach my house was built in 1954 and was born in 75 when I bought my house in 2003 I could complain I have these people in my way to the beach but I guess I can just buy their homes then not have the complaint. I ask you to just be realistic when you say things like we don't want any other use their because I will tell you even as your representative then buy it because when you're homes were put in which I love them by at your place was not clear-cut like developers like to do before majestic hundred-year-old trees in your neighborhood when you're homes were built mark my word I was a little boy, there were people in Flagler County and people on Beach Street number beach screaming about your homes being built did not want them there. In turn they did not want you there. That being said, council I'm just going to very quickly with my two minutes left you know how I operate with George and the staff for these meetings I sent my questions and this is my district you know I sent the question in about this. It may help you, it may help the Council to help me. This was my response from the staff when I inquired about the spread. The Item is an amendment to a condition in Halifax Plantation DRI that allows the school

board to surplus the property to another entity. However, he does need use on the site for men as either a school public facility or a playfield. As provided in Halifax Plantation DRI and the PUD. Was changed by the Council to another rezoning application a future owner has been identified until right now possibly. And if the proposed future use has not been identified. A future owner would have defiled a major amendment to Halifax Plantation duty to create additional entitlements and rezone and redesignate the parcel to accommodate any other use such as residential and commercial and must be in compliance with the county's current comp plan and meet all required mitigation measures major amendment to the PUD to allow for site to be used as a residential or commercial is treated the same as a rezoning. The applicant application must come before the counties PL/DRC and must be heard and approved by the County Council. So anything will come back. I'm not here to make your decision for you but I did not have the money Mike offers for your homeowners association to purchase the water shed. I'd much rather have a few homes than a school with 2800 trips. I'm not fear mongering I'm just telling you what I would rather have. That is just me, you all get it to do you. I will end this with the way I started it. You bought in a beautiful area. Thank you chairman.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I didn't get a chance to ask Mr. Ford a couple of questions if I may. Mr. Ford just so I'm clear so everybody else in the room is clear when this beauty was done we back when was the school part of the original was this part of the original PUD.

>> SCHOOL BOARD: I know as of 1978 I think Rachel was in 72 or 74 I think it was back then in confidence was in 78.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: These surrounding houses joined this area after this was adopted.

>> SCHOOL BOARD: It appears to me I don't know the dates they were built.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Most likely this was done as a package in the school was done as a package.

>> SCHOOL BOARD: We didn't physically take title of the property until 2004 or 2005 the site was designated as a school site I know Tony showed it to me a little bit ago was that the original one or was that 78? Any ways it's been a school site for a very long time.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3:

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: They were unnoticed through public records that this was intended to be a school site most likely they were beginning to build their house or by the house.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: It sounds like maybe you guys have not had a meeting between these people. You represent the school district correctly.

>> SCHOOL BOARD: I do.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: You don't represent the purchaser.

>> SCHOOL BOARD: I do not.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Is there a harm to the workshop or meeting with these people it sounds like they are not asking for too much maybe you can work out an agreement I would much rather see you have an agreement not coming up with a black or white type of resolution for you all.

>> SCHOOL BOARD: Think that meeting is to occur between the ultimate developer and these folks. We really cannot define what it is that they want or the ultimate developer I did speak with Mr. Pickens I did try to connect them with the current contract purchaser unfortunately we did not talk to until Thursday or Friday they were not able to connect for.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Was this proposed sale advertised by the school board.

>> SCHOOL BOARD: It's on the school board agenda in fairness to them will not watch the agenda every week. All of the process you're supposed to go through went through. Also by the way I believe I'm correct it was also with the county is that correct? Before it was, I think you received notice of the intent. Did we notify the HOA probably not.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Do you believe the future purchaser, the potential purchaser that is not here today knows they may very well be limited by the Council to remain a school or whatever the restrictions are? There is no guarantee it will change anything to appease them.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: And I think I even put it in the contract. [Laughter] Made a representation about the contract earlier today I found was incorrect. I'm 99% sure I put it in as an exception to the title. I put them on notice. [Unclear Audio]

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: They know what they're looking at, that is all thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Nobody has any more questions or comments. I will call the vote the motion is to approve resolution Resolution 2026-xx.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Which is to sell the property or to approve the sale. I just want to make sure I am clear to approve the resolution. Yes.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Yes.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: Yes.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: Yes.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Yes.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Yes.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Yes. It will come back to us so don't lose hope. Item 7.
ITEM 7

Ordinance 2026-02, Amending the County's Purchasing Administration Ordinance to conform with State law changes.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Do I have a motion to approve.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I make a motion to approve.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any questions for the staff, any comments. All in favor signify by saying,aye?

>> Board Voting: Aye.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any opposed this work.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Overview of Mini-Budget Workshop Series Pursuant to Consensus of County Council.

>> RYAN OSSOWSKI: I will try to keep this brief in the interest of what is remaining on the agenda what we are looking to do here is to inform you of our interpretation of what was done at the County Council Workshop there was no official vote but we have a consensus that we will look forward to starting at the next County Council meeting going through the first meeting in May to go through a series of what we call mini budget workshop meetings. They are not workshops, they will be agenda items at these County council feelings that are coming up. One permitting I have a schedule that is a presentation I will not go over the entire schedule if you have questions or concerns or if there's something that you intended on talking about that was not on their what we did is we took what is believed the consensus of the Council was at the workshop and everything that was in the remaining categories not just for the General Fund but a refund I put them together to see what that is. Each slide will each presentation the goal of those presentations will be to show you with the use of general references. Any department revenues will be netted out you will see how much the gross expenses are when revenues are generated by the program minute use of that revenue in more detail was provided in the handout at the workshop. Then we will look for feedback from the Council because some of the decisions that you might want to make regarding a program or an activity could be a simple decision. It could be a line Item for example not that you take this action it is a simple example. Recently in our budget included five dollars of the General Fund for additional road construction. That is a simple thing that we can remove from the general fund budget that would be as opposed to some service that is being provided in an area that is not representative of everything they do is just one little thing to do in an area. We don't want to do that, we might not know immediately what the savings of that would be prone you have to go back and figure out how many staff members that is what is the cost of that kind of operating expenses are attached to separate in these first five meetings where big over these presentations any feedback or things that you might be interested in, we are seeking that so on may fifth meeting I think it was the first meeting in May. We can come back with costs related to those things and show you everything that may be you asked about, put it all together and compare against each other and see if there's any official service reductions or budget reductions that you want to move forward with. The plan is to have that at the first meeting in May at the absolute latest the second meeting in May they could push into that. I will fast-forward this slide community services meeting is April 21 if you have anything that we are looking to gather facts and individual costs related to some service or program that is done in that presentation the publishing deadline for the May 5 meeting would be one week after that. It might take longer than that to put those facts together. We might have to come back if there's too much on the April 21 discussion on May 19.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: I moved to accept staff recommendations. Thank you.

>> RYAN OSSOWSKI: Is everything in there that you expected to be there that meets the consensus of the Council.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Yes.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We have a motion to approve your schedule.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: David you have a question.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: I have a comment. When we originally talked about this one of the things that I wanted to mention or want to make sure that we had in the front of our minds that the back of our minds every one of these my opinion is we say thank you Ryan and no questions then around September is when we start moving money around. We owe it to our staff to provide them with a stick and rudder aviator as we go along at the latest when May rolls around we have line Item changes Ryan you know my perspective you and I will get together every meeting. To discuss these things because I want to be well-versed enough when we go over economic development and pubic works that I can give you least of my intent and hopefully gain consensus before we move forward so you have an idea and then you can answer those questions as we go. Last year we were flat-footed throughout the spring then September rolled around and we started maneuvering. I know that's a bad time of the year to be doing that. Hopefully we will give you enough heads up.

>> RYAN OSSOWSKI: Just a small comment to be clear any information that is needed to feed back into the budget when get to the final presentation I will be leading the final presentation with all the different departments must there's some nuances to be a department director will get up during the first five meetings the intent is for the departments and divisions to really be the one delivering.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Whoever is standing up there.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Okay we have a motion and a second on the floor to approve your schedule look forward to the hearings all in favor signify by saying,aye?

>> Board Voting: Aye.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any opposed? It is approve 7/0. Item 09 Discussion request to modify Code of Ordinance Chapter 72 regulations regarding digital billboards.

>> RAY TYNER: This was a request.[Listing Names] presenting the client to look at the possibility of having digital billboards within Volusia County. The council directed the staff to go back and do some research. We met with several major sign companies. We had really good discussions. About different operations and those types of things. If the Council did decide we wanted digital billboards it would be several sections of our code that we would need to modify. In front of you is a really good depiction of the green squares are the county billboards that are existing on our major thoroughfares. These are where we would allow the digital will boards where they are proposed. We do have some nonconforming billboards within these areas and we also have conforming locations of those billboards. Where we are talking about is Interstate 4 and Interstate 95 US Highway one US Highway 17 and State Road 44 some other major corridors have some these digital billboards who did start work on I will talk about operation standards briefly a little bit for the operation standards we are not done the work that we have started looking at different standards digital billboards like luminance the height and those type of things we had them working with our Billboard owners and companies honesty standards so if the Council wanted us to move forward we will refine some of these that will be part of our code. Such as setbacks we are utilizing FDOT standards. They have some good standards on electronic billboards. One of the guess conversations and I know previously the Council had the conversation with the swap down. And the code swap down meaning we do have nonconforming billboards, one option if you are going to allow a digital billboard you would have to swap down or get rid of four nonconforming whatever that number is going to be. He did have some conversations with several of our billboard companies and 4/1 seemed pretty reasonable. We've done research around the state and 4/1 seems like a pretty standard middle of the road compliance for that. Another option that was really interesting

as our attorneys and us worked on his let's say you had requirement of the code for 4/1 let's say you had a billboard company that did not want to do 4/1 and has no other alternative state statute section 70.20 allows for a case-by-case statutory agreement that would be approved by the Council. If you wanted to do but say company says I want to do 1:1. Okay 4:1 is in the code the code will allow you another option to do a statutory agreement staff would go back and work with the company come up with an agreement approached the Council on that agreement and the Council would have to approve that special agreement so things in the agreement that have been done throughout the state you may say okay the agreement is you can do 1/1. But maybe you provided some civic or community messaging at no cost to the county. Such as maybe it is five two week periods during the calendar year such as the ocean center simply want to do advertisement for a does have options through that statutory agreement that we can do. Wherever we set or wherever you set these swap down let's say you have a smaller company I think makes it more equitable let's say you have a company that only has a few billboards in this location, they may not have the ability to swap down. They can come and do a statutory agreement and come up with some alternative agreement that the Council would approve for some of the smaller companies as well. I think it makes it a little bit more equitable that all billboard companies can participate in the program. We have lots of options. Number one is the first option for us, to give us direction. Do we proceed? To allow electronic billboards in the county? If so I think providing us direction may be on swap down the beach there is a menu list of different Items that would be in the code. Then we can go back and work on an ordinance and bring that to our planning commission and then the Council. We are here for any questions.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Let's take some questions on the staff of two members of the public who would like to speak.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I don't have questions, I will make a motion. I'd like to make a motion to approve digital billboards within unincorporated Volusia County with a 2/1 swap down and the owner to provide public benefit measures.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We have a motion to approve digital billboards in unincorporated Volusia County with the swap down of 2/1 seconded by Jake Johansson any questions from the staff.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Regarding that statute you referenced, is that something that would comply with the 2/1 motion that is being proposed?

>> RAY TYNER: What I heard on the motion was a 2/1 with a public benefit. Part of that. Just that motion stands we would go back and create a draft work with this sign company to see what that public benefit is. If you had 2/1 and get a company they could not meet it I would still recommend that we put the option as well or a statutory agreement 720 if they cannot meet A, then they can all to the statutory agreement.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: That public benefit would be something like you outlined.

>> RAY TYNER: Yes sir we can work with that to see if they can put that in there.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I can amend my motion to add the statutory.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: You are mending your motion.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Everything I said plus the statutory.

>> RAY TYNER: The statutory agreement pursuant to 720.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Public fit and statutory agreement. Before your comment did you have a question.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We have a couple of members of the public. Do you have a question for the staff.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: How often do these digital billboard signs flip if you have four advertisements, how long do they show on the sign until they switch to the other.

>> RAY TYNER: The standard is a different sign: how many seconds? It is eight seconds. They will stay up one advertisement for eight seconds. They are typically paid different advertisements for signs.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: The average driver going down the interstate is only going to see maybe one or two of those images on the sign at best?

>> RAY TYNER: I would think so if you're traveling 55 miles an hour.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: There are six signs that you would not see driving by?

>> RAY TYNER: Possibly.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Okay that's all I have.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Rob you can answer some of these questions will open it up to Robert Merrill be representing who is recommending Lamar advertising.

>> RAY TYNER: [Listing Names] thank you for spending the day with you guys today I always enjoy it. Really I don't have a whole lot to add other than to say we went through the materials staff provided all of the concept basing their we are ready to move this thing forward. Certainly in favor of the motion I think this sort of advances the cause that we

talked about at length. I don't want to rehash any of that we talked about everything. We want to keep it moving I appreciate you guys letting it keep going forward.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you very much gather public comment is from Greg Gilbert.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: [Unclear Audio] I work in the sign industry. This is my jam. I installed the signs of work for the biggest sign company in Florida. You should support the spread but not with those restrictions. I've negotiated this very same thing with other communities try to work with gas pricers. What I would like you to do is not hold these people's representation hostage to the county work you have to give them some representation every little bit prayers I will say there is a circumstance in which you should ask for some consideration that is during the current state of public emergency process during the declared states of public emergency I think an exchange for changing the code that Lamar and any other digital advertising billboard company should give you the exclusive rights for messaging on those boards during declared State of Emergency at no cost for as long as such emergency goes on. I think the public will get tired of seeing it and probably want the emergency to get over with also. You're setting a precedent with this beyond the largest fish in the pond which is Lamar. There are the people that may only have one what are they going to do? I would encourage you to set one fair consistent standard so other businesses do not have to engage land-use attorneys and staff and whole litany of other meetings just to conduct their business thank you for considering have a good day.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you.[Listing Names]

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Lake Helen Florida I will work for media on the real estate manager for Central Florida I want to thank the staff for including us in the discussion the only concern that I have is the current zoning classification that you have the b6, I1, I2, if I remember correctly there is not enough commercial zoning classifications that we could if it was a 2-for-1 trade or 341-0441 whatever the Council decided in our initial analysis there is not enough commercial zone B6 that we could trade down for any digital location. That is our only concern is that open up some more commercial one of those CORRIDOR we have to adhere to the states as well as your regulations. That is the only thing we are asking is

that give us the vehicle to get to that will take down the signs more than happy to . I've personally done five or six 720 in central Florida. Working right now, one in Wintergarden and one in Winter Park. We are accustomed to doing that. Just give us the vehicle we love to trade down.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Since he is probably inapplicable can I ask you a question if the chair allows you to answer question I want to make sure I understand what you said what you said it sounds good the 2/1 there are certain areas where you already have the signs that you would want to take advantage of this swap out the underlying zoning on the property does not allow the digital that is what you said.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: We are spaced out by our competition by the state and local.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: We cannot do anything about the state. It could potentially you are saying we should look if we pass this we should also look at how do we forget capabilities for you to do it based on county zoning.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Correct.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Other than that you have no problems with the other stuff thank you Mr. Chair.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: John Nicholson if you want to make a reply or response I will give you the opportunity.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: John Nicholson Daytona Beach side remember I was here last time this came up. I don't want to go into Lady Bird and her issues because most of you were not born. 75 you are really young. Jake would remember. If this goes through your talking about several streets Daytona Beach has four of them. Yours would be superseded by Daytona Beach because we don't own 95, we don't own my poor but we own the property on both sides. You would then demand of Daytona Beach that all of this garbage be put

back in because we fought for years to get a diminished number of billboards so now you will supersede the city of the same but we like billboards . whether you like it or not we will cram it down your throat that you have all of these billboards. That part of it I am not quite happy with. I like the idea of buying down the old ugly billboards with the digital. That makes sense. When somebody says the middle of my air when he talks about being in the middle of the city the city is like 8 miles long, 2 is the middle person who is not the middle between one and 10. When she says the middle, what is the middle range if he's talking number four is number three at and is 10 at 15/20 is number four at the middle I don't know where the majority the median and mean and the mode all of that stuff that goes into the math. What is the average number when they do a buyback? Will all new additions be permitted? He's talking about there not enough zoning people who get to change the zoning inside the cities? Would Ormond Beach be okay with putting up billboards on A1A. There are a lot of questions about these. When I go to North Carolina Francis when you go down 95 in Georgia, you will see two or 300 billboards for every 1 mile. It is nothing but billboards all the way to Georgia. All the way to Atlanta. That is a 4 Hour Drive. of nothing but billboards. I don't really think that is what we want in Volusia County. I am not opposed to changing it digitally. That's better than what we have on these billboards if they wanted to realize they get one rental versus eight rentals.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you the motion stated unincorporated Volusia County do you want to wrap this up broke with Fred.

>> RAY TYNER: To address them emergency messaging to let you know when we met with all of the sign companies they were really okay to do the the emergency messaging but that is something that we will write in the ordinance. Also I want to address upper front. The gentleman that spoke from something upfront sign company, if this changes for digital billboards, the person will be allowed to convert the existing billboard into a digital sign. I want to make that clear. Also it's a good example of what I was talking about a little bit in the presentation for you may have some smaller sign companies that 2/1 to hurt them. That is where you can probably go into statutory agreement and come up with another alternative for that person.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: What I was hoping you might say in response to his question about the zoning and note there is question about that if the board is already there and it is in the wrong zoning you can still replace it I want to make that clear for the record for the zoning does not control unless you're building a new one. If you are replacing it, zoning is not affected, just has to be in one of the locations that you guys determine is allowed. They have to already be there.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: That makes a difference present comments and debate, the Council.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Thanks to everybody it looks like everybody worked well in this process everybody spent a lot of time working on it. It looks like we are all in agreement for the most part. You have probably seen at the last hearing I was not a big fan of billboards and signs. When I learned it helps gone gets what he needs the gulch I changed my opinion of it written.[Laughter] I wanted you to know you changed my mind on that road to I think we are in a good place there is some look into this. Thank you to the staff. I note they did a lot of work on finding statute. It is clearly the state statute that recognizes what we can do. I think we should move forward and vote thank you for everyone's work.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Just as I discussed last time I really propose 1/1 swap reason being is primarily concerned what was once a static sign that everybody could read going southbound on 95 that there is a race track gas station 3 miles ahead and maybe now only every eight vehicles owned by will see that sign for every four vehicles because these are rotating signs and my concern is that only 25% or so or maybe even 12% of the people going down the interstate are only going to see that sign because they are rotating. If you take half of those away, by a 2/1 swap that is even less exposure the reason I'm concerned about exposure is because billboards actually in my opinion are a substantial asset for business owners that are along the interstate. Restaurants. [Listing Names] they count on a lot of this interstate traffic if we limit their exposure under billboards, I think we are doing them a disservice. Even 1/1 swap I think is taking away a large part of their ability to advertise to drivers on the interstate. That is why I favor a 1/1 because I really think we need to let all of these businesses be able to be seen if they want to be seen, and that interstates and be able to advertise whatever their business is the other thing I would like to just make sure we are talking about will not only the emergency announcements that would be able to let the county advertise as needed to think is serves a huge digital I think

serves the community even more than just for emergency we are talking about silver alerts Amber alerts, possibly road closures ahead. If that's an issue how many times have we gone down interstate becomes into gridlock because of an accident it would be nice to see signage says accident had me seek other route spring I'm not in favor of plate payment I don't really I just don't see the necessity for that I do want to analyze these guys for the service they are providing to our community. I would like to see a commitment from them to help us make these emergency tech announcements. If that's as much as we can do as a 2/1 I will go without but I want to say 1/1. Thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR:

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Don what kind of coffee did you drink today? [Laughter] It was a monster.[Laughter] Does anybody have a problem? I would get the show on the road does anybody have a problem with a 1/112 Mr. Donald.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: They have the option if they want to exercise.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I'm good with that. Let's call the question a follow-up question.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: I have one quick question. How billboards are we talking about on the interstates? On 95 do we know? It is more than four. 400 in the County. We don't know how many on the interstate. All right thanks I'm ready to vote for.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We have a motion, did you just change from 1/1 we have a motion on the floor for unincorporated Volusia County 2/1 swap with public fit in statutory agreement.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: No.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Yes.

>> TROY KENT,DISTRICT 4: Yes.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: Yes.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: Yes.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Yes.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Yes motion carries.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I have another motion to have the staff bring us back in additional locations for the future based on the zoning classifications and roadway tabs.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: A motion by Rep Robins can you restate that.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: I'd like to have staff bring us back roadway consultations or roadway tabs that we consider eligible for rezoning classifications for off premise that may open this up to help out the gentleman there on the zoning issues.

>> RAY TYNER: We can look at other opportunities that are out there for any other zoning.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: I second the motion.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We have a motion and second look at other zoning classifications and roadway tabs that could be used. Is that good enough for you. All in favor?

>> AYE.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any opposed it passes 6/1 with one something note from Troy Kent thank you we have little time left I think we have until 3:40 PM this is Item number 10 Item 10 Request by Council on information on potable reuse and deepwell injection. Strategic Goals: Efficient Regulatory Framework; Support a Solution-Oriented Culture.

>> PAOLO SORIA: Senior assistant county attorney I will be real quick this question or at least have to question was brought up in 2022 when there is a few bills passed in the legislature they were considered toilet to tap bills was questions about what is the authority of the county to regulate the potable reuse countywide water in will sit down there's partial preemptions the county has the ultimate authority to regulate within its own borders utility service area. That is not the unincorporated community added its own utility service area from reading the statutes. What became clear is that the county did not have the authority to regulate other municipalities quarter utility service areas or private utility service areas. If you want to pass a resolution or draft an ordinance that says to your own utility service area this is not a thing we are interested in perfectly fine when you start to regulate cities borders utility service areas, that becomes problematic because there are certain statutes to grant the authority to the municipalities, essentially there is a requirement that says potable reuse may not be disallowed from being part of the original order planning activity when you get to the state level. That kind of will sit down on your legal authority to regulate. You can look at your own service area, when we start to regulate outside of the service area that is when the state steps in and starts to preempt counties authority. If you have any questions on the operations of potable reuse water or some questions about ASR which is aquifer storage and recharge that is also another aspect that is entirely held that the state you can relate your own utilities and your service area you cannot start deleting other utility service areas because once again that is done at the state meeting level. None of the permitting for ASR wells or anything for your water supply goes to the County for approval that is all done at the state permitting level.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Okay. Questions.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: I don't know if it is for Paolo or not. what projects in Florida and potable reuse projects.

>> PAOLO SORIA: There have been a few pilot projects but a true portable reuse provision will take a wild to start up and get running. As mentioned in the memo it mentions something that in 2022 legislature mandated of environment the protection to formulate the rules regarding potable reuse those roles did not go into effect until February 2025. This is a very large set of potable reuse rules that requires at the very least a 12 month target demonstration project, demonstrating that you can do potable reuse to the levels that the state has mandated then you can proceed forward with the actual project.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: What is Deltona doing?

>> PAOLO SORIA: I will be speaking outside of my will house to defer.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: Public works director Deltona has pulled two permits one for ASR and one for an injection well for aquifer recharge CSR.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Please say what asked specifically

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: it is aquifer storage and recovery ASR allows you to inject either surface water storm water or treated wastewater to drinking water standard into the aquifer you can stay down there and use it as a storage tank you can pull that back up and use it for supplementing irrigation or potentially if you're permitted for using it for drinking water they have a permit to do an expiratory file for that however they have not chosen to move forward with that they had.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Can back you up they have an exploratory permit to do that can you expand on what that is.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: Correct before you put any kind of ASR injection well into operations you have to essentially go through the testing phase where your system to see if the well will function as intended. The hydrogeological conditions in the aquifer of support that type of activity during the testing phase, there permit only allows during the testing phase, to do a surface water injection.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Where to the get water from.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: They get it from Lakeland row have a second permit which is a permit this is the one they actually received a grant for for the state which is funding which is only to do aquifer recharge the injection it is not only ASR there during pumping treated to tricky waters entered into the officer and it is only for recharging the aquifer that also has a testing phase both to test to see if the hydrogeological conditions are conducive. In order to place that well into operation will have the meat all the F DEP initiative there permit it would go operational once operational it was still only be surface water injection. Nothing they would not pull that water those other two permits that they have pulled to our understanding.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: The County then does not have any projects that we are aware of as a municipality or us as a county that are using treated effluent for possible drinking water and later correct.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: The only operation or anything of that type was in place in Volusia County was Daytona had a pilot project which has since been shut down for potable reuse. There have been four ASR wells permitted in Volusia County; none of those have been placed into operation.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Is it safe for me to say I'm a strong proponent of our septic consumer and we talked about it all the time appears is it safe to say that septic tanks old

septic tanks that are leeching I know we have quite a few in the blues Springs basin. That is a form of black untreated water filtering through our land back into the aquifer?

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: Yes.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Is that one other reason counties in the city and the state to try to get people off septic or to go to the new septic tanks so we don't do that.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: Yes sir the concern septic systems the older ones is the nutrient loading that they put into the ground in terms of nitrogen and phosphorus estate has concerns with how that affects the Springs the fourth estate is come in through our three Springs and identified the source of the nutrient pollution as mostly septic systems and all three and is basically mandated reduction either through septic to sewer projects for conversion of those septic systems to advanced treatment systems.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Is it safe for me to say that that has been our number one priority is cleaning up our springs and making sure our water is as fresh as can be coming out of our laws. Speaking yes.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: Thank you.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Vicki Mr. Chair can you describe again for better clarity the surface water what would they do with the surface water I thought they were different layers of the aquifer and stuff like that? Can you explain all that.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: In the permit Deltona wants to pursue the path funding for from the state department only allows them to pull surface water from Lake Monroe if you treat it to drinking water standard they are injecting in to what we call the upper floor of the aquifer for aquifer recharge. The upper floor is the aquifer report for drinking water from which you have a superficial aquifer which is above it and a lower floor aquifer which is below it. Their project is in need to recharge the aquifer as an alternative water source by pulling surface

water out of Lake Monroe which essentially is St. Johns River which flows to the ocean and putting it into the aquifer.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: This initiative is a statewide initiative that is happening. Am I correct to understand operating.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: Yes sir of the state once all utilities and water users to pursue alternative water sources as a method of supplementing or reducing the amount of groundwater we are pulling out of the ground this is been a strategy and an effort estate for probably multiple decades now. They've given grants for various alternative water supplies. A major alternative water supply that has been kind of implemented throughout the state but also in Volusia County is use of reclaimed water to supplement irrigation. You're irrigating the lawns with reclaimed water versus pulling fresh water out of the aquifer to irrigate. Things like that.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Does the state think this is dangerous?

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: Cannot speak to the state they view as a viable method of alternative water supply I would anticipate that is white they are giving grants to utilities to pursue such methods.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Then I have a legal question. Thank you for your help clarifying a few things. You did very well and made it brief. I appreciate it but I want to go back to a couple things that I think you said. Did you correct me that the state preempts all water decisions and dealt with putting words in your mouth.

>> PAOLO SORIA: Water is one of the strange things where it is very primitive unless it is not so the general rule except for water quality all decisions on water in the state are preempted to the state. When I say water quality that is what Ben was talking about your total maximum daily loads and trying to figure out we're lowering that aspect the state is granted to each water utility provider the authority to basically operate its own water supply system that is under Chapter 180 when you start trying to regulate county wide and put in a

one-size-fits-all rule for all of your various utilities and utility service areas that is when the states kind of steps in and says wait a minute, your authority is in your service area, it does not apply to other service areas when they get a permit or modification to the treatment plant or modification to the water supply that just goes through the state permitting process. They want to covet the public water supply and public permitting.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Does our charter circumvent state law.

>> PAOLO SORIA: Mac.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Anything in our charter that is in contradiction to state law is illegal. Against the law.

>> PAOLO SORIA: It is not consistent with state law. It limits your power. You can have for example we have provisions in our charter right now because amendment number 10 is in conflict with the state law. When you do the conflict analysis state law prevails. State law prevails. As long as we don't try to enforce that basically state law ignores the inconsistent provisions in your charter.

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: Right now the last question it sounds like we can dictate what we do in our utility as a County utility system. That is where we have our authority as a body.

>> PAOLO SORIA: Yes.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: You said if you go through the analysis for preemption I guess was the word for You guys done an analysis on control of the well injections.

>> PAOLO SORIA: Deep well injections fall under that larger preemption because once you are outside of your public water system that is the state's water. When you deal with

aquifer upper aquifer that is where the state will have its most protection in terms of what it allows for local governments to do when dealing with things like your consumptive use permits. And anything related to your consumptive use permits the aquifer that states water.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Okay. Do we as a County have a rate of let's say prosecute polluting the aquifer.

>> PAOLO SORIA: Yes as long as it deals with water quality issues. In charter you have your pollution control provisions that makes it a separate cause of action to go after polluters. The issue is okay, the state has said that use of reclaimed water is environmentally acceptable, not a threat to public health and safety. That is section 43.064 use of reclaimed water. That is the state talking about how they consider the use of reclaimed water.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: To a certain standard.

>> PAOLO SORIA: As long as it is permitted by the state... Or for the fund the wastewater treatment plant permitted and operated under and approved for use programmed by the department reclaimed water shall be considered environmentally acceptable and not a threat to public health and safety. As long as it is permitted by the state, the state allows it.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: If I can ask Ben to come back up sorry about that. Then this water that they are proposing that we be able to inject under the aquifer is allowed to be injected also into the rivers?

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: There is a provision in the state law where they want to eliminate surface water discharge from wastewater plants.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Basically.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: Currently today it's allowed by permit if it is permitted I believe the state is working to eliminate surface water discharge.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Basically.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: That is about nutrient concerns. A lot of surface water is impaired by nutrients and phosphorus.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Bear working towards not allowing us to take this frequent water and put it in the reverse.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Incorrect.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: To the best of your knowledge I don't shake up blue Springs. Have they done any deep well injections under the Springs anywhere in the state that you're aware of.

>> PAOLO SORIA: I'm not aware of any specifically on the spring shed off the top of my head.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: We have a B map that is designed to protect basically did Deleon Springs.

>> PAOLO SORIA: Correct spacing would they allow us to inject the reclaimed water into that B map area.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: What they would do I'm not advocating to do that but through the permitting process they would require if you were to try to go that route to get a permit to do and ESR and aquifer storage and recovery system that allows you to inject re-used

reclaimed water treated wastewater into the aquifer you would have to treat that to a certain standard that the state would require.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Is it a higher standard.

>> PAOLO SORIA: You have to treat it to a drinking water standard if it is anywhere.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT:

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: [Unclear Audio]

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: Affluence being discharged into the surface water is not treated at a drinking water standard.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: If it was, I would be allowed to do it.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: Potentially they would have to go through the permitting process. What you're trying to do is reduce the nutrient loading. There is a difference between reclaimed water and putting it to a drinking water standard.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: But that water to a drinking water standard can it be pumped into the rivers?

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: I would defer to DEP on that I'm not 100% sure you'd have to go through the permitting process. I'm assured they would require certain standards probably greater than what traditional reclaimed effluent.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: Been question for you and note the answers just because I've got some the questions in the counties because of the size of government that we control water we are not in the water business per se we have a utility area but we only control about 7% believe it of the.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Team our service area accounts for 70%.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: The other 93% is up to the municipalities.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Team it is areas not served by utilities or areas being served by another municipalities follow-up what was said County is known for regulatory authority they don't come to us for a permit for defying their drinking water plants or drilling wells we have we have no permitting authority right now.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: There are some areas in unincorporated Volusia County that fall within that fall near or close to a city to repurchase the water from an adjacent city.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: Yes sir we have at least two consecutive water systems where they are our service area. Some would be stone island, the other would be the southeast system which is mainly Oak Hill and portions of Edgewater. Go systems don't actually produce drinking water. We purchase it from Deltona in the case of stone island and we purchase it from the city of Edgewater.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: That being said about Deltona because we purchase their water we don't have any say if they went that road.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: The requirement Deltona to produce water that meets all the regulatory requirements associated with rainwater.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: We don't have the same we are fine water from them.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: Correct if we don't like the water they supplied the only choice is to turn the service area over to Deltona or to construct a water plant or our own water plant.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: Correct thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Let's go to the public. Did you have another question?

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Then, going up Highway 17 just installed a water system attached to the control system.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: Yes.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Deleon Springs is an unincorporated area in Volusia County if somebody was to open a business up or build something along that 17 Corridor they have to opt into the city's water supply correctly after tapping.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: Correct, that is the only utility service provider in that area.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: If I as a property owner don't want to go into the city's toilet to the top I don't want to spacing to my knowledge control is not pursuing anything like that I just want to make that clear.[Laughter]

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Let's talk about opportunity generation a couple hundred years from now if somebody wants to build something along 17 they cannot opt out of tapping into Deland water supply they cannot do it well right if you are near a water supply speak 16 there are state regulations and county requirements if you are within a certain distance of central water and sewer you have to connect.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Correct if you live in the county and through to build on your property but you don't want to drink the cities whatever water you don't have a choice you have to tap in.

>> BENJAMIN BARTLETT: If you're within a certain distance.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: You don't happen to know what that distance is by any chance.

>> PAOLO SORIA: It depends on what you want to build a single-family it has to be next year property if it is 50 or more it has to be within 50 feet then the larger development you get you look at half a mile. It depends upon the demand for pulling and whether or not there are utilities available and how close you are and the size of your building.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Thank you guys.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Okay. I've got for members of the public who did want to speak, before you start that, can I get a motion to add more time until the 4 PM spinner I will move to extend the meeting until 4 PM.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I second the motion.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: All in favor signify by saying,aye?

>> Board Voting: Aye.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Any opposed you each have three minutes John Nicholson.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: John Nicholson Daytona Beach aside questions I will be getting these questions I've heard several times the injection is to the quality of drinking water. If I'm not mistaken, drain water is used in its submarines to correct cruise ships' spaceships so we are already using toilet to the tap in confined areas or on ships. Now ships have 7-10,000 people in the north, which is a little bit bigger than Deleon Springs. When you think and talk about this, people are referring to toilet to the tap toilet to the tap is something that has been in use for 40 years. It was in use when I was a kid. Daytona Beach dumps or was dumping 3 million gallons per night into the river from our went on the river. It creates yes reclaimed. Even in that reclaimed water we use it in our laws all the time we use it in the public parks. It does not kill anybody, it does not hurt anybody, they are just little signs that they do not drink reclaimed water. Is there any way of informing the public every time a summary says toilet to the top the ever Commissioner I don't want to drink out of the toilet this is not that then there is a possibility in the future as much water as we have I spoke to the staff he says he got plenty of water you will never run out of water in Daytona Beach. I don't believe that. I've looked at Orlando. When I moved here Orlando had 10,000 people? It's a little larger. When I was in Miami they had 100,000 people. They are approaching 4 million people. We never grow to this point. I'm not saying it will never happen or it will happen, you've got to be prepared we cannot do what's happening out in Arizona New Mexico where they want out of water, California cannot moderate their fruits and vegetables. We as a community had to be prepared I would ask you if this is to the quality of drinking water if I can drink it above the ground, I can absolutely drink it when it is below ground thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: [Listing Names]

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: All came. I cannot believe I'm having this discussion about which tap water I think it's absolutely absurd. You talk about the science you talk about government I was listening to less temporary do you really think that you want to drink that when you know that there is a lot of people who are still producing spike mRNA in the body although that is science says it is not possible and it only lasts in your body for a couple of days, why am I still making it 1849 days? Still in my body and pushing me into cancers are you willing to see what future generations and what will happen. What are the indications? What will happen? Nobody knows will you have a consent form to give to all of your constituents, all you presidents will give them a form and guarantee them that there's nothing that will happen just like the Covid 19 vaccine. Are you going to do that? Will you be sending consent and see if anything happens? We will pay for it because guess what

laws are put into place to protect the government. Because people like me I am screwed. Anyway, to go on with that, do you really think this should happen? Are you going to be able to tell them it is going to be absolutely purified? Can you ensure that the water is going to be completely purified? Is there data available that is going to be available to the public so they can see this? My testing I have to get to Germany because if you look it up in the science, it says you're not supposed to be making a spike. I am. The only have a spike antibody test. Do they have a test that is going to be able to test for somebody like me that is using the toilet and going through whatever. It does say when you look it up it does state that there can be mRNA contaminants still left in the water even though you have the UV lights and everything else. Do you want to jeopardize your family? Do you want this for future generations? I don't want this for my grandchildren or great-grandchildren and I don't want them for your kids. Or any other family members because guess what if anybody else get sick and I guess I need to play God tell you where to get your testing done with doctors to see. What labs need to be done. I can be nice but I can also be real which also. I think we should work together. You like that window too.[Laughter] I think we need to work together and think better because anything I'll look up in here says I am not sparsely making a spike because the data says the science says I'm not supposed to. Guess what! I guess I'm an anomaly because there are people here in Volusia County that don't even notice that they are making a spike and have no clue. I don't want this to happen at all if you need any information you want.[Listing Names] I will bring him here because I know where he was last week. I know where he is this Wednesday. If you want scientists I will get you scientists. I have no problem.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Suzanne Scheiber.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: Good afternoon council, Suzanne Scheiber Ormond Beach. If were talking about running out of water and taking action, this is referred to as a humanitarian crisis this is what we are talking about correct? A crisis of what happens when we run out of water. A discussion on potable reuse in the well injection Item on the agenda. The issue is serious no doubt, raise your hand if you want to drink treated wastewater as potable water? People not letting up to support this are we admitting exploitation of our natural resources out loud? Where and when will we see a serious plan for water conservation with this discussion? Without a plan to damage it does not end with the Council vote or talking about any toilet to tap the biggest question of all is where is the crisis plan involved in discussing the crisis. We are at the mercy of the conservation of Graham and the policies approved by the Council. What do I mean by water crisis? Municipalities in trouble

are the following. Established a commercial Q's expectation and limits. Limited swimming pool sizes restricted car washing and incentivized living turf stopped new development using grass. Stop use of fountains and decorative plans. Exchanged HOA policies. Stop leaks on sidewalks. Issued fines for abuse they recognize the value of land preservation, water recharge areas and wetlands. Perhaps the government opted for these actions and understood their lack of options. As anyone in Volusia County going to lead a holistic conversation about water for our future. Freedoms and liberties come with responsibilities. Or they are supposed to. Literally no one wants to drink treated wastewater. Signing a petition is not difficult. I can do that right now. Anybody can do that and every one in the chamber can sign it now. That does not address key water shortage water pollution Aussie deficiency work support funding for land conservation which we already voted for. It is contradictory to support eight toilets to tap and not support land conservation. What happened to credibility? The frustration is that treated wastewater for potable water is a real issue. So was the need to respect land conservation. Water management must be prioritized for public health, quality of life, agriculture and economic impact. Everyone's numbers economic impact respectfully deserve an actionable emergency conservation water policy. The Deland conservation program was voted for this is our consistent message for seven years. We do not deserve to drink treated wastewater. I asked this question again: where is the crisis plan involved in discussing the crisis? Thank you for your time.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you Greg Gilbert.

>> PUBLIC COMMENT: It's a long day waiting for this one. Thanks for showing up today. A lot of important speakers that came before. I will sum up everything they said is yes the state wants us to drink sewage for developers. The same with the state has printed us and said we are the flood grandma for developers with Senate Bill 180. What I'm asking you to do today is to take the bare-bones minimum steps to the tiny sliver that the state has allowed you to have two reserve important protections for your residence. We had a lot of problems in Volusia County before water came along. We will have a lot of them after this is resolved. But none of them are any excuse not to reserve this important protection for a residence today. The Perry County councils have tried to guess this issue off the dais and into the back rooms so they can keep doing business as usual. Cities have been snookered into thinking that is okay here. We are admitting what is right before us now is not going to happen sometime in the future somebody else's time it's happening right now. I would like to take the bold step to make the County depend on it just like we did a band when you can

put fertilizer underground or run your sprinkler or anything else just like we can all decide whether we put fluoride in the water inside or whether we put sewage in our water. With respect to the attorneys they give you some information but not all of the information Mr. Dempsey tries to dig into the question deeper. Yes it is true you cannot outright put a band on water until you have studied it until you've considered it I think the wording is. Daytona has done more than considerately they tested it. We have been considering testing for 10 years. And we got Daytona's results. We can move forward to have a ban period and we should but before you take that action today I want you to take the safe the minimum like venom standards today you should put forward a version of our then and toilet to tap toilet to tap is a catchphrase it's an umbrella it's not a singularity toilet to tap the concept of taking treated sewage treating it it will kill you will kill you. He does not say it cleans water, it says the government said we will let you get away with it. Don't confuse the two. Don't confuse the two. When you folks take the steps that your staff is clearly told you you can do that's the first step is to put a ban on toilet to tap in all that entails whether it is direct the council member or green washed through the aquifer it's important we reserve these protections today this charter amendment draft will prohibit it direct to council member and put through the aquifer. I hope you have some questions for me because I'm out of time but I would like to talk to you about the force of the confining players. There's little evidence to show it just like I shared with you earlier in the spending.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Thank you for your comments. We'll open up for discussion.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: I don't recall ever sitting up here and saying we have a huge water we are extremists to the point we want to resort to anything similar to this. We are taking strides to lessen our water. Somebody brought up a good point. I've lived all around the world in places where you cannot have grass. Tell Floridians they cannot have grass anymore see how far back at you with the state. In 10 years it might be different. Tell Disney World that now. I see this is a concern. I see it is something that is on the 128 scale of my radar scope. It is not 50, or 25 mile point yet where it needs to be acted on. I don't see anybody trying to attempt to toilet to tap or anything. I see cities working hard to try to get their treated effluent out of the Blue St., Halifax and the St. John's. I see us trying to get rid of the most notable black water to drinking water issue which is septic to the sewer. I think we are doing a good job taking criminal steps towards preserving our water. I asked everybody this every time how many people run their showers for five or 10 minutes waiting for hot water and let it go down the drain. That is wasted water. We don't by habit take all

rainwater and will use it until we can make some arrangements in our culture hopefully not by the law but by the culture start preserving water then it is not a big deal people are not going to drink toilet to tap they will not entertain it. And we don't have any projects on the horizon that are dealing with it. I see it as I don't want to react but I don't see a reason to be proactive to the point again. The state does a massive state preemption on something because we just decided to stop doing or not do something if we are going to do that. I would also like to restrict the use of autonomous vehicles that float above the ground. Because they will be tremendously dangerous if we don't wear helmets. And a bunch of other stuff that is not happening that may cause concern in the future. Just think we are a little early on this. I think it's a watch. I don't think it comes up for reelection here. It is an issue that is eminent like tomorrow we will be drinking and looking at social media it is bottles of water that are brown. Which is far from the truth. I'm not really moving forward with anything from the county on this debt only affects the county right now. Really. Thank you very much chairman.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Jake the last time I brought this up to the County council that is what I was told it is not going to happen it is not a minute it is not even going to happen in our lifetime. But you are incorrect it is here. It is being done right now. There is a proposal in Deltona to do it.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: To do what.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: To inject no I will not lower my voice to inject treated sewage water into our aquifer which is more harmful I miss speaking I will call on you when I'm done.

>> JAKE JOHANSSON,AT-LARGE: It is water from Lake Monroe.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: No you are misreading it, it's already been done in other places in Florida. You had your time. To inject treated sewage water into our aquifer is far worse than saying it is clean enough. I will give it to my own residents to drink. Somebody puts it in our aquifer. I've got to drink it because I have a well. I feed my animals with it on an organic farm and feed my kids cricket. I drink it. Everybody in Volusia County transit we are

spreading pollution to the whole county. When we do that we can take the simple step. Do we need conservation granted we do our septic systems are putting lotion into the water yes they probably are. But we have an opportunity to stop putting this into hyperspeed and making it far worse for our county. We ought to do that simple step that was brought up that the county attorneys told us that we could do for our service areas Volusia County and take the lead and set a standard for the rest of the county then let Daytona Beach do it and Edgewater and new Smyrna and Ormond Beach and all the other cities that ought to be protecting their citizens would you put that overhead up that I give you. Here is the ballot I took this ballot to our county attorneys and I said can you take this and make it as susceptible to this smaller target which is our own service area. The County Attorney said yes I can do that. Then we cannot vote on it tonight, that's our role cannot be something brand-new and vote on it the same way that it's not fair to the public. They will bring it back to the next meeting that gives the public time to look at it. If I'm asking somebody to make a motion if you want I will pass the devil. To put this ballot, send it to the County Attorney, let them bring it back and make it legal for what the state allows us to do because Jake you're right the state is going to preempt us from doing anything. There are bills that we are trying to stop. We've got to stop that when somebody says petitions are easy petitions are not easy. It takes 32,000 signatures to get the petition this County council has it within our ability to take this petition when it is brought back to vote it would be a super majority vote to put it directly on the next ballot so that you and I are not decided for all of our presidents but the residents of Volusia County get to decide do I want to drink cleaned up sewage water or do I trust that there is not pharmaceuticals. And insecticides and chemicals that we already know cannot be taken out of the water. Let's not make it worse by injecting it into the aquifer we need to vote to send this to the Council, bring it back and then we get to vote do we want our own constituents to be able to vote on this or will we tell them no because we don't think it is coming. It is already here.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I will make that motion chair. As a county ordinance.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: No as a charter amendment so our citizens get to vote on it.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: Can we make this a county ordinance as well in the unincorporated areas that we do not allow this type of treatment so it takes effect as soon as possible.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Can we do that?

>> MICHAEL G. DYER,COUNTY ATTORNEY: The charter allows you to place rings on the ballot that would apply to the Volusia County water utility service area.

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3: As the second or I am okay with that.

>> DON DEMPSEY,DISTRICT 1: I will explain why theater as it sounds to me. Talk about Daytona experimenting with this insane Psalms water management. That's what you want to get through this as quickly as I can. We are talking about Deltona testing it. It does not sound like it's a tried and true system. Or from what it sounds like you're still the experiment will phase. I want to do this because I don't want the state again or St. John's water management again saying let's go down to Volusia County let's test it on their property and see how it goes. I want to put up some sort of hurdle I understand we have the option they can preempt us that's why I don't like is conservation easements hopefully Ms. Scheibert will be here to talk about conservation easements that want to protect our water from the state with these confession easements that's another discussion next time. I don't trust the government I really don't. I don't mean you people that distrust me. I'm up with the government. But understand the engineers of the Titanic said it was not sinkable and it sank. This fine lady right here and the others were told how great the vaccine was going to be. She was completely optimized by those by that misinformation. I don't trust it if we can throw up a roadblock sold the state may not want to fight to try to experimental system in Volusia County let them go to Marion County or let them go to some of the county into their experiments. And approved was maybe 40 or 50 years in prison I like it is a council decision the reason I like it as an ordinance because future generations I'm not talking about perpetuity that P work is not coming out of my mouth may be in 100 years of messy rock solid science but I'm not convinced right now because we are in the testing phase I don't trust their science I don't want my family to be the guinea pigs for their science I don't want them to turn out like these people. They are victimized by the vaccine or victimized by the Titanic or whatever. I don't want to be the guinea pig. Go somewhere else into your testing hundred years from now you might be able to come back and convince council at that time how we will handle it I will say this and never voted for a moratorium I will tell you what if this like I said last time if this becomes an issue of more

houses versus drinking this reuse water and deep well injections and these other acceptable water supplies I'm a no. I want more building..

>> DANNY ROBINS,DISTRICT 3:

>> DAVID SANTIAGO,DISTRICT 5: We have to call the question you have less than one minute my concern is this comes back I don't have an issue with making that decision don't like the verbiage as it is that we are right to review the verbiage and the language the presentation at the ballot. Thank you Mr. Chair.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: Okay. The motion in the table is to send it to the attorneys they will bring it back for a charter amendment and an ordinance. All in favor signify by saying,aye?

>> Board Voting: Aye.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR:. Any post that is done thank you very much council I appreciate it.

>> MATT REINHART, VICE CHAIR: Mr. Chair you can blame Russ for making simulate what that will be we will work on her numbness will work on what a charter amendment can look like I'm in the agenda conference preparing for the next meeting in less than two days realistically it will not be the next meeting for the following meeting which is fine time that way you have it in the advance of the meeting really sees it. If you do want to put it on the charter ballot if you are authorized to do that it's a two thirds vote it would be a vote of five people thank you.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: It's a high bar. Okay. I have not heard a motion to extend again. For closing comments I think everybody just made their closing comments we have in Motion to Adjourn all in favor? Box AYE.

>> JEFFREY S. BROWER,CHAIR: We adjourned at 4 PM on the dot.