

**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
INVERNESS, FLORIDA, CITY HALL, 212 WEST MAIN STREET  
July 21, 2015 - 5:30 PM**

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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Governing Body with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to provide that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes).

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**ENCLOSURES\***

- 1) INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**
  
- 2) PLEASE SILENCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES**
  
- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**
  
- 4) PUBLIC HEARINGS**
  
- 5) OPEN PUBLIC MEETING**  
*The public is invited to express opinion on any item for this meeting or pending action at a future meeting of City Council. (Speaking time limit: Individual - 3 minutes; Group/Organization - 5 minutes)*
  
- 6) PRE-SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES**
  - a) Dennis Dix - Suncoast Parkway II
  
- 7) MAYOR'S LOCAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

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**8) CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

**9) CONSENT AGENDA**

4 - 5 a) Bill Listing \*

*Recommendation - Approval*

6 - 12 b) Council Minutes - 07/07/15 \*

*Recommendation - Approval*

**10) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT Correspondence/Reports/Recommendations**

13 - 25 a) 2015 Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS)\*

26 - 28 b) Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association (FW&PCOA)  
Safety Award\*

29 c) Zephyr Street Project Presentation\*

30 - 32 d) Budget Transfer - Use of Contingencies\*

33 - 39 e) Agreement for Fire District Tax\*

f) Other

**11) COUNCIL/MAYOR SUBJECTS**

**12) NON-SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT**

*(Speaking time limit: Individual - 3 minutes; Group/Organization - 5 minutes)*

**13) ADJOURNMENT**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**July 21, 2015 - 5:30 PM**

Pine Street Jam "Parrot Head Party"

Saturday, August 1st, 2015, from 6:00-10:00pm

Pine Ave. between Tompkins and Old Main

Inverness City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 4th, 2015 at 5:30pm

Inverness Government Center

City Wide Council Budget (O & M) Workshop

Tuesday, August 11th, @ 5:30pm

Inverness Government Center

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|CITY OF INVERNESS  
|CASH REQUIREMENTS REPORT

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VENDOR DOCUMENT	INVOICE	VOUCHER	DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	DUE 07/31/15
			TOTALS FOR ACE HARDWARE CO OF INV INC		155.75
			TOTALS FOR AUTOZONE		85.13
			TOTALS FOR KATRINA BECK		45.00
			TOTALS FOR KATHY BROOKS		30.00
			TOTALS FOR ABIGAIL BUSBY		45.00
			TOTALS FOR CENTRAL MATERIALS CO INC		428.16
			TOTALS FOR EMBARQ FLORIDA, INC		168.71
			TOTALS FOR WXOF, INC		150.00
			TOTALS FOR CITY TIRE OF INVERNESS		416.20
			TOTALS FOR CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, ANGELA VICK		30.00
			TOTALS FOR DUMONT COMPANY INC		330.00
			TOTALS FOR E G P INC		635.40
			TOTALS FOR FLORIDA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS		35.00
			TOTALS FOR A.C.M.S., INC		6,341.22
			TOTALS FOR KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC		2,137.50
			TOTALS FOR JAIME KOVANDA		45.00
			TOTALS FOR CIARA LALONDE		95.00
			TOTALS FOR MACKLER GRAPHICS, INC.		200.00
			TOTALS FOR MANN-ICURE LAWN SERVICE AND LANDSCAPING		3,555.33
			TOTALS FOR NAPA OF INVERNESS		324.16
			TOTALS FOR NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS		1,442.71
			TOTALS FOR ONLINE IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES, INC		246.00
			TOTALS FOR KAYLA PHILBURN		35.00
			TOTALS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES UNION		40.38
			TOTALS FOR TIFFANY SULLENBERGER		45.00

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			TOTALS FOR SUNBELT RENTALS INC		467.75
			TOTALS FOR UB REFUND		204.02
			TOTALS FOR UNIFIRST CORPORATION		121.84
			TOTALS FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT OF CENTRAL FL		430.00
			TOTALS FOR LAURA WELSH		45.00
			TOTALS FOR WHETSTONE OIL COMPANY, INC		839.76
			REPORT TOTALS		19,170.02

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July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
5:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Inverness met on the above date in Regular Session at 212 W. Main Street with the following members present:

President Hepfer  
Vice President Ryan  
Councilwoman Bega  
Councilman McBride  
Councilman Hinkle  
Mayor Plaisted (Not Present)

Also present were City Manager DiGiovanni, City Attorney Haag, Asst. City Manager Williams, Community Development Director Malm, Finance Director Chiodo, Personnel Director Densmore and City Clerk Davis.

The Invocation was given by Councilman McBride and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Council.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Council President Hepfer asked that council approve an addition to the Acceptance of the Agenda, with the addition of an Appointment to the ZBA under the City Manager Report. **Councilman Ryan motioned to accept the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Bega. The motioned carried.**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

#### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING**

Sheila Scanlan, 503 Hunting Lodge Dr addressed Council. She and her husband live and own several properties in Inverness and had concern of not enough protection and training, with a new Fire Department. Understands it to be a partial volunteer which may change the rating of local fire service and insurance may go up. Can't see how City can afford a Fire Department.

Ken Clack, 1124 Woodcrest Ave addressed Council, advising how he & his wife have been residents for 19 years. He stated that the issue of Fire Department worries him and hope they will look at this situation before us. He would hate to have to depend on Dunnellon for a back up, and asked they take a re-vote & stay with county.

Karen Esty, 2409 Wilson Street addressed City Council regarding the Fire Dept. and noted news article in Chronicle, and spoke to calculations and costs for salaries and equipment, etc. There are a lot of unanswered questions, causing her concern with the budget and millage rate having to go up to compensate for this. She spoke to the salaries mentioned with regard to the Fire Chief, as well as additional staff, and volunteers, as well as the expense for equipment and supplies. She hopes that we have done due diligence with the money and

maybe should reconsider. She asked if the CRA plays any part in this with the funding of the Fire Fighting.

Bud Osborne, Inverness addressed Council and questioned if there was a kitchen fire at his house, where will the fire truck come, having concern it to be as far as Kensington or Anna Jo, which is much farther away than the Inverness station.

Elizabeth Collins, 525 Tina Ave, Inverness requests that Council reconsider before they make it a done deal. Concerned that this was not well thought out and the cost to taxpayers. Feels the people have elected the City Council, and are not being heard.

John Pepe, 403 Deer Run, Inverness addressed Council stating that he helped start the Highland Volunteer Fire Dept. and used a rebuilt 1946 Mack Truck, as the City wouldn't go out of the city limits without a charge, and spoke to the history. He is not for giving authority to the County, but things have changed since the volunteers in the past, and spoke to the commitment that a volunteer needs. He questioned if we will have back up, and spoke to insurance rates. He stated that the County is doing a good job and this is a big overtaking for the city.

George Gouldbourn , Huntinglodge Dr. addressed stating how they have integrity, unlike the County and can't trust them. Suggest they go ahead with Fire Dept.

Frank Sinkusky, 1102 Trail Ridge Ave. questioned various buildings and if we would have equipment to handle fire calls. For fee of \$54 a year, it doesn't justify us getting involved with this.

Sophia Diaz Fonseca spoke to cost of the MSBU to the Masonic business center and the Pine Avenue business center. She questioned the cost in taxes to fund a brand-new municipal fire department. She doesn't believe the Inverness business owners should be forced into this experiment until they are guaranteed they will pay less taxes for the same level of service the County now provides. She strongly urges Council to rethink the path they are on. Next will be a municipal police dept. and cost that will entail.

Linda Smith, 112 Woodcrest Ave. questioned why we would want to go backward on such an important issue. Move forward and keep the MSBU.

#### **SCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

None

#### **MAYOR'S LOCAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

None

#### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

None

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Bill Listing\*
  - Recommendation – Approval
- b) Council Minutes –06/02/15; 06/11/15; 06/16/15; 06/22/15\*
  - Recommendation – Approval

**Councilman Ryan motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilman McBride. The motion carried.**

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**10)a) Appointment to Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)** was addressed by City Manager DiGiovanni. He advised that the board is currently having difficulty functioning due to lack of volunteer members. An application was submitted by Bob Bessler, owner of Seventh Heaven Salon on Tompkins Street well known in the community, and would like to be appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). It is recommended that City Council provides consideration, knowing it is a voluntary scope.

**Councilwoman Bega motioned to appoint Bob Bessler as a volunteer member to the City Zoning Board of Adjustment to a four year term. Seconded by Councilman McBride. The motion carried unanimously.**

**10)a) Tentative Millage Rate** was addressed by City Manager DiGiovanni who explained that our goal is to present a City-Wide Appropriation that is balanced, service oriented, and project driven. We have recommended over the last few years that we come forward with a tentative millage rate that we know can be maintained and adopted by Council. He advised that the State of Florida defines a tax increase as any revenue increase to the government. What is recommended by staff is to hold the tax rate exactly as it exists as we continue building the budget, and we will be ready to make a presentation in August. We must align the budget with the expanded CRA, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and maintain service levels. The City's contribution to the CRA will be roughly \$481,482k moving into this year, with the County contributing the same, and the CRA contribution by the two governments will total \$963,540k, and used to plan and improve the CRA. City Manager DiGiovanni explained how the CRA is funded and how the funds are utilized in the CRA area only and creates an environment for business to move to the city and enhance current businesses. The expanded CRA will absorb 95% of the Hospitals taxable amount, with County Government being obligated to make a contribution into the CRA as well, up to the established millage rate valuation for the Hospital. The County will receive whatever valuation they levy in millage rate. We are making this presentation with the highest degree of seriousness, due to years of planning and investment to get to this point of the CRA's needs and expansion. The increase in revenues to the City are mostly coming from the Hospital and its surrounding properties coming on the tax rolls. For this community to benefit, and for the planning to begin and carry forward for the next 28-30 years, staff is recommending that you adopt the tentative millage, at the current millage rate, which will require a unanimous vote of the Council.

**Councilman Ryan motioned to adopt the Tentative Millage Rate of 6.9949 mills. Seconded by Councilman McBride. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Councilwoman Hepfer publicly announced the location of the two Public Hearing for budget adoption to be:** Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 5:01pm

Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 5:01pm

To be held at the Inverness Government Center, City Council Chambers, 212 W Main Street, Inverness, FL 34450.

**10) b) Inverness Golf and Country Club – Water Rates** was addressed. City Manager DiGiovanni advised that the City enacted a Bulk Reclaimed Water Agreement with the Inverness Golf and Country Club (IGCC), in February 2011. The current rate is \$0.35 per 1,000 gallons. The reclaimed water agreement provided for a review of charges at the conclusion of the 4<sup>th</sup> year to determine if an adjustment if required. After review of the electric costs to operate irrigation wells from 2006 – 2011, (prior to using reclaimed water), it was found that the cost to operate the wells demonstrates that the costs of reclaimed water is over-priced and warrants a reduction. Analysis favors a per thousand gallon rate of \$0.25/1,000 gallons, which will average an annual cost to the IGCC of \$18,513.84 or \$1,542.82/month. With Council support, we will adjust the rate annually, commencing October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and modify the document. The only current customer is the Inverness Golf & Country Club. He noted that infrastructure is in the ground for reclaimed water to be available for Holden Park, and will look into why that has not materialized.

**Councilman McBride motioned to approve amending the Bulk Reclaimed Water Agreement with the Inverness Golf and Country Club to \$0.25 per thousand, and modify language as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Bega. The motion carried unanimously.**

**10)c) Fire Department Transition Timeline** was addressed. City Manager DiGiovanni spoke to the development of a Fire Services Unit within the City of Inverness and noted correspondence in the agenda packet explaining the methodology moving forward. Discussions with City of Dunnellon, which included the City of Crystal River early on, has been collaborative. Agreements and Memorandum of Understandings will be discussed moving forward, with both staff. As far as taking information and shaping it to create an impression, has been occurring by the newspaper. The discussions up to this point were to enable Council to provide optional information to consider. We did not build a fully executable document with any other government to this point, and are moving in that direction. We must first finalize budget figures for fire services, as well as sanitation, cost of policing, Parks, Road Maintenance, etc. and they are still being compiled as we move forward. The budget information you will receive will contain line items, budget figures, and everything for them to make an informed, educated, adoptable vote for the budget. We couldn't compile all this information until we had a clear understanding of the direction of City Council. Will be visiting with City of Dunnellon tomorrow, working through the Manager, and speaking with convened Council at their workshop. There has been a long history of these two governments working together and has always understood that working together and sharing cost, was a good thing. Wanted to put information in agenda to have an understanding on what needs to incrementally be done to get us to the point of finalizing all the details. The previous figures provided were actually generous, as to what we envision being able to procure and what we envision sitting down with counterparts in County Government re; the 1974 District Tax, City's Fire Dept. Building, and equipment and equity in the equipment through that Fire District. The 1974 Tax Initiative involved the new development (Beverly Hills) which was coming on line and County Government worked with the Inverness City Officials on the approach of the Fire District Tax. The District was

originally developed to fund 11 different volunteer departments and the tax was to support the volunteer efforts.

Councilman McBride stated that at our last meeting when Council voting to develop its own Fire Department, he did not anticipate that. He suggested that through consensus of this Council, that we direct the City Manager to have a reconvening of issue regarding Fire Services for the City, with the intent of developing a contract, as previously outlined, with the County. He doesn't feel this is a wise thing to do and we are stretching too far, and not representing our citizens well.

Councilwoman Bega stated how she has been wavering and has seriously been considering both sides. She initially thought we could not take on such a huge task and after further consideration and workshops with Dunnellon, and now feels that initiating our own fire Department is a very strong possibility, and positive move forward. With the history of interlocal agreements, trying to collect funds from the County, additional payment to Sheriff on top of the ad valorem tax, and additional annual fees for our services, there is no end to where those charges will go. She noted an additional tax for the acute care services (Life services). She stated that we need control and the City is fiscally conservative in the managing of the tax dollars of our residents and business, and feels we will move forward and be conservative.

Councilman Hinkle stated that looking over the information provided over the past two years, initially we were giving the alternative coming on with the County or hit the Hwy. He spoke to lack of negotiating with the County with the MSBU, which would cost the residents \$54, but the businesses would be much more and they kept coming up with different numbers, and now they are coming up with a new tax – MSTU. They are going to do away with the 1974 Fire Tax which would increase our millage rate in Inverness. He noted concern with how they were talking about building the Inverness Fire Dept. somewhere else. Currently, the Inverness Fire Department covers this side of the county, and when called out for a fire, the back-up would have to come from elsewhere. He was still in favor of having own FD

Councilman Ryan stated that he agreed that we need our own Fire Department. He spoke to the MSBU cost to businesses (5 cents/sq.ft). The \$54 could go up to \$113 and there is no time limit on it. They are now coming up with MSTU on top of the taxes that we are already paying. He didn't think that we need to have somebody who is not in control of their money, managing our Fire Department and our money and therefore am in favor of going with our own Fire Depart. We need control in the future.

President Hepfer stated that she didn't think we are ready and have a lot of uncertainty with the Valerie Theatre still ahead. She spoke to friends that live in Dunnellon who advised that things aren't working out well with their Police Dept. and having their own MSBU to fund fire. She stated that no one here has run a Fire Dept. and questioned who we would bring in to run it. She wanted to stay on record as saying no to the Fire Dept.

City Manager DiGiovanni stated that we will be bring more detailed information forward and more clarification.

**10) d) Budget Development Schedule Modification** was addressed by City Manager DiGiovanni who explained that due to complexities of an expanded Community Redevelopment District, the addition of a Fire Service Unit and recent fiscal data by the of Property Appraiser, requires that more time is needed to bring the document to

conclusion. The following changes are proposed for your support to the adopted Budget Development Schedule: Change the City Wide Budget Presentation Workshop **from Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm** and change the If Necessary City Wide Budget Presentation Workshop from **Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.**

**Councilman Hinkle motioned to modify the Budget Schedule as presented to eliminate the date of July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and add the Workshop Dates of August 11<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, from Thursday July 23<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm. Seconded by Councilwoman Bega . The motion carried unanimously.**

**10) e) Zephyr Street Project** was addressed by City Manager DiGiovanni, who updated Council on the Project. The City was awarded a 50 percent cost share through the Florida Department of Transportation's County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP), to fund improvements, which include focusing on safety traffic calming, roadway surfacing, aesthetics, drainage system improvements to alleviate flooding concerns, and ROW recovery along the portion between Seminole Ave and Ella Ave (Turner Camp). Zephyr Street has section that experience encroachment by chattels and real property which are detriment to the drainage system and cause safety concerns. Future discussion with City Council will be to gain an understanding and achieve clarity of the necessary steps to bring the project forward. We will work with affected property owners to convey an understanding of the project, achieve support and compliance. He noted that at the next meeting of City Council, we will present the project scope for the neighborhood to participate in public discussion.

He presented overhead of Zephyr Street area, which showed implementations of roundabouts in several areas of the project, and noted encroachment issues in several areas. Traffic Calming will also be introduced to intersections along the project.

**No action needed.**

City Manager DiGiovanni additionally reported on the following:

- Denise Dix to speak to Council regarding the Suncoast Parkway on July 21.
- The Patriotic Evening Fireworks on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, the weather was so violent he thought it would take out the event regarding power outages and water damage to equipment. Fortunately with all the damages, the weather cleared by 6:30 and we went forward with the crowd being enormous. It's a proud moment to market the community and do it in such a patriotic theme.
- Moving forward, he hopes that everyone understands that we have a reputation and a history of bringing forward meaningful information. And that is a commitment and a promise that will happen with the city budget.

It is City Council's responsibility to set service levels and based on the workshops up to this point it is clear what is wanted and is being worked. The only addition is fire services, which we will add and make very clear moving forward.

#### **COUNCIL/MAYOR SUBJECTS**

Councilwoman Bega stated the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July was spectacular and watched from their boat, and crowd was enormous. With regard to the Fire Service issue, even though Council doesn't agree on everything, we will move forward in a civil way.

Councilman Hinkle appreciates citizen's confidence in what we do, and spoke of how the city is debt free. Unfortunately, the newspaper doesn't report all the facts. The rumor mill is incredible and we would not do anything to hurt our citizens. Spoke to Fire Dept. and EMS, and how the Sheriff's Department took over the fire department and the large increase in their budget. The County has shown irresponsibility through the years with keeping up with their equipment. He spoke to the many city events and projects. We are looking at the best options for our community.

Councilman McBride had no comment on the Fire Department issue. He spoke to the Patriotic Evening as a slice of Americana and thanked staff for the event. He also thanked the Sheriff Dept. and how well it was structured in the traffic control.

Councilman Ryan commented on crowd at this evening's meeting. Patriotic Evening fireworks were wonderful, and how the traffic was well handled. Spoke to the Chronicle and responsible journalism is a public trust. He doesn't think the Chronicle is honoring that trust as anything negative, they publish & anything positive is put on the back burner. It was good to hear opinions from Inverness with regard to the Fire issue. Hard to believe the county citizens aren't upset with how the county spends their money, as they are about what we are trying to do to improve it.

Council President Hepfer will move forward and is proud to serve this community. Spoke to July 3<sup>rd</sup> and all the great comments.

#### **CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA**

Pat Clack, 1124 Woodcrest Ave., spoke with regard to not trusting County and State governments. This is the first time hearing about the vote with Councilwoman Bega changing her vote. Took it personally that it wasn't the way the City should be.

Bud Osborne, Inverness with Sertoma spoke with regard to their club that raises funds for speech and hearing issues. He stated the clubs in this county have raised over a million dollars and it all stays here. The club worked the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July event, which was successful but questioned that the concessions are non-profit, but there were many private-for-profit and like to consider this strictly for non-profit setup.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:03pm

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City Clerk

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Council President

## Agenda Memorandum – *City of Inverness*

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**DATE:** July 17, 2015  
**ISSUE:** Local Mitigation Strategy  
**FROM:** City Manager  
**CC:** City Clerk  
**ATTACHED:** Local Mitigation Strategy Outline

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The Local Mitigation Strategy is voluminous; yet it is an item that will be presented to City Council at the next meeting for adoption. This is not about content, but more so the manner you may wish to receive the document, which is too large to share in the same manner as the Council Agenda.

Enclosed please find the table of contents and executive summary. The document will be available at the Office of City Clerk and we will place the document on a “drive” or CD-ROM. Just let us know your preference.

***Recommended Action –***

No formal action is required. We ask that you advise the City Clerk of the manner you wish to receive and review the document.

  
Frank DiGiovanni

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# Citrus County, Florida 2015 Local Mitigation Strategy



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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Citrus County, Florida, faces a variety of natural and man-made hazards that could affect the lives and property of the community and visitors. This report investigates natural and man-made hazards with the purpose of seeking an understanding of their effects and proposing mitigation strategies that would reduce or eliminate these effects.

Citrus County and the incorporated communities of Crystal River and Inverness developed a Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) in March 2000. Public, private, and community sectors in Citrus County worked together to update the LMS, and meet the criteria prompted by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000). DMA 2000, signed into law in October 2000, mandated the development of State and local mitigation plans.

In 2005, the County and incorporated cities of Crystal River and Inverness, through the LMS Working Group updated the 2000 document to address all hazards.

A great deal of information was collected for this study in the form of policy, technical, and digital information to assist the overall investigation. This information included Geographic Information System (GIS) data and models that assisted in categorization and planning efforts.

The development of the LMS was the crucial first step in the process of reducing future losses by having a clear understanding of what the risks are and what steps may be taken to lessen them. The LMS is an organized and coordinated process of assessing potential hazards and identifying cost-effective actions that will reduce or eliminate the damaging impacts of these hazards.

Working through the LMS Working Group, Citrus County identified a number of hazards that the County is susceptible to, and evaluated the relative severity, frequency, and monetary impact of those hazards.

The Working Group acknowledges that there are some hazards that may impact other areas both in the State of Florida and nationally, but do not have any effect on Citrus County. These hazards include levees, earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, volcanoes and avalanches. There are currently no levees in Citrus County, and no records of earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, volcanoes, or avalanches. Should any of these hazards cause a change in the future, the LMS Working Group will incorporate said changes either at the required 5 year cycle review or post disaster.

Flooding is the most common natural hazard in Citrus County with the greatest potential for significant financial and human impact. However, the other hazards can also result in significant losses. Loss of life and other irreplaceable impacts would also be expected from these hazards. Potential impacts for these other hazards are also outlined in the plan along with the methodologies and assumptions for calculating the impacts.

The LMS Working Group identified and prioritized project-planning goals following the completion of the hazard vulnerability assessment. The identification and prioritization of project-planning goals were based on the findings of the hazard vulnerability assessment that were specifically focused on the County's vulnerability to the profiled natural hazard events and the potential severity (i.e., frequency and magnitude) of those hazard events. As such, these project-planning goals represent the County's vision for minimizing damages caused by flooding and other hazards. The goals identified as being the highest priorities for Citrus County are as follows:

- Minimize future losses from all disasters by reducing the risk to people and property
- Support a balance between government regulation/enforcement, and a personal awareness/responsibility for hazard mitigation by emphasizing education and training for property owners, families and individuals
- Prevent flood-related repetitive losses from natural disasters through regulation and education
- Reduce economic vulnerability and increase recovery capabilities of business and industry
- Emphasize pre- and post-disaster planning to decrease vulnerability of existing and new construction to loss
- Encourage public support and commitment to hazard mitigation, by communicating its benefits and justification in simple and understandable terms

The LMS plan takes a truly multi-faceted approach to hazard prevention and mitigation. The plan's hazard mitigation strategy includes 25 action items in a number of specific categories:

- preventive measures (ordinances, additional planning, building codes, operation and maintenance activities, public education)
- emergency services (hazard warning enhancements, emergency response improvements)
- property protection (structure relocation/acquisition, elevation, floodproofing, insurance, brush/shrub removal, and emergency response planning)
- structural projects (dams/levees/floodwalls, bridge/culvert modifications, firebreaks, sinkhole abatement, landslide abatement, and emergency water source development)
- natural resource protection (open space preservation, wetland protection, identification and implementation of best management practices, and water resources management planning)
- public information (map information, library resources, outreach efforts, environmental education)

The plan does not stop with a simple list of action items. It also prioritizes the items and identifies the entities responsible for implementing the action, including State and Federal agencies, Citrus County, municipal officials, property owners and others. Sources of potential funding are also identified in the plan along with information on where to go to obtain possible funds.

The action items contained in the plan are expected to be implemented in voluntary cooperation with property owners and other entities. Adopting the plan does not force a municipality to take any specific action, but rather aids in minimizing future damages and maintaining their eligibility for hazard mitigation funding. The plan contains guidance for implementing and maintaining the plan over time, including annual opportunities for amending or revising the plan's contents.

This current update to the 2010 adopted Local Mitigation Strategy is being done in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requirements for review and update on a 5-year basis by the Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group with the assistance of local staff and the staff of the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council. The information included herein is based on the best available information at this time. As new information becomes available, it is the intent of the Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group to provide ongoing updates to ensure that this document remains current.

The Plan has been revised as outlined in Section 1.4.

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## Agenda Memorandum – *City of Inverness*

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**DATE:** July 17, 2015  
**ISSUE:** FWPCA Safety Award  
**FROM:** City Manager  
**CC:** Mike Regina  
**ATTACHED:** Award Notification

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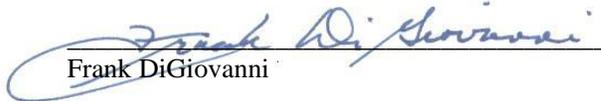
The City of Inverness is proud to announce that the Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association (FW&PCOA) has recognized the City of Inverness Wastewater Treatment Facility for the 2015 Safety Award. We congratulate system Lead Manager, Mike Regina and the entire staff of our public private partner, Woodard Curran, for this achievement and recognition.

Per their web site, the FW&PCOA advocates that in order for a utility to be successful, it must incorporate a sound safety and health program into its standard operating procedures. A good safety program must embody proper attitudes toward injury and illness prevention by employers, supervisors, and employees. It requires cooperation on all safety and health matters, not only between the employer and employee, but also between employees and their co-workers.

In recognition of the importance of safety, the FW&PCOA presents awards each year to facilities that employ our members and have an outstanding safety performance record during the previous calendar year. Plaques are presented at the annual Awards Luncheon held in conjunction with the Fall State Short School in August.

The award criteria take into consideration the size of each facility and its number of employees so that smaller facilities can compete fairly with larger ones.

***Recommended Action*** –  
None

  
Frank DiGiovanni

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## Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association

A Non-Profit Association Serving Water and Wastewater Professionals in the State of Florida

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July 7, 2015

Woodard & Curran  
Att: John Sowka  
3900 S Florida Ave.  
Inverness, FL 34452

Mr. John Sowka,

Congratulations. The Inverness WWTF has been selected to receive the FW&PCOA Safety Award for the year 2014 in the "Multiple Wastewater" category.

The Safety Awards will be presented during the August State School Awards Banquet. The Awards Banquet will commence at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at the Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex, Fort Pierce, FL. Although it is not mandatory for someone to be present, a seat is being reserved at a table up front for you or your representative.

If you have sent in documentation to support your application, and would like it to be returned, please contact me.

Thank you for your time and support of the Safety Awards Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 305-797-8201.

Sincerely,

Peter M. Tyson  
Safety Committee Chairman

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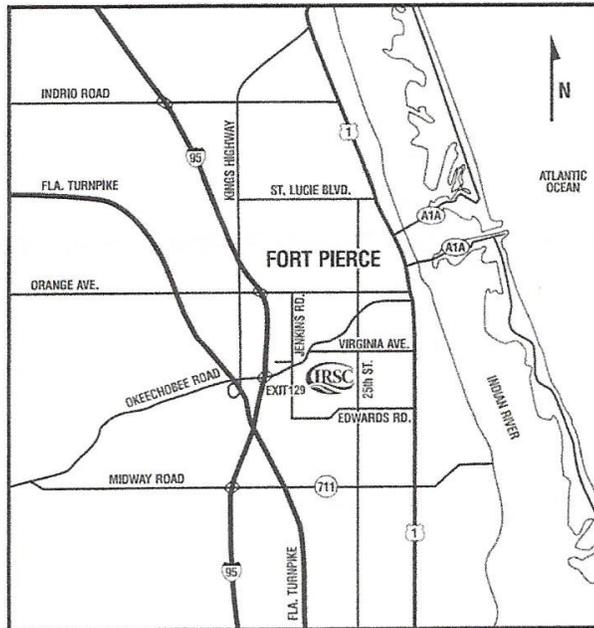


Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association  
Fall State Short School  
August 10 – 14, 2015

### School Location

Indian River State College  
Brown Center/CCTI, Bldg Y  
3209 Virginia Avenue  
Fort Pierce, FL 34981

Located 2.4 miles east of  
Interstate 95 (Exit 129),  
and 3.2 miles east of the  
Turnpike (Exit 152), on  
Florida 70.



### School Schedule

Check-in: Sunday, August 9, 2015  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Classes: Monday – Thursday  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

• **Free Awards Luncheon** •  
Wednesday, August 12th, 11:30 a.m.  
Treasure Coast Public Safety Training  
Complex  
4600 Kirby Loop Road  
Fort Pierce, FL 34981



## Agenda Memorandum – *City of Inverness*

July 17, 2015

**TO:** Elected Officials  
**FROM:** City Manager (Prepared by Eric Williams)  
**SUBJECT:** Zephyr Street Improvement Project  
**CC:** Dale Malm, Sheri Chiodo  
**Attachments:** N/A

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At the previous meeting a visual presentation was made regarding preliminary design work for the Zephyr Street Improvement project. Key elements of the project are to improve storm water management, traffic flow and traffic calming. We additionally brought attention to several encroachment issues (areas) within project boundaries.

Leeson's MHP was established in the early 1960's and is a location with several encumbrances to right-of-way sections of the project scope. The Mobile Home Park property appears to have recently changed ownership and we discussed the best means to move forward and correct encroachment issues with the new owner. Encroachment solutions may be accommodated on mobile home park property and will not cause displacement any residents. We discussed and tentatively agreed verbally to a timeframe of action that will keep the project on schedule. At the moment, all is conceptual and will be reduced formally to a written agreement.

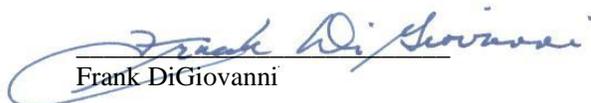
We also arranged to meet with effected residents of the MHP to convey an understanding of what the project scope will involve. The project's preliminary schedule has been structured to ensure capitalization of the FDOT grant and impact fees identified to improve Zephyr Street:

Bid Award	Mid September 2015
Construction Starts	Mid October 2015
Construction Completed	May 2016 (6 Months)

***Recommended Action –***

This is informational. No formal action is necessary.

As always, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

  
Frank DiGiovanni

## Agenda Memorandum – *City of Inverness*

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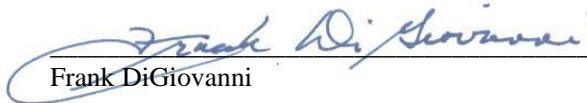
**DATE:** July 17, 2015  
**ISSUE:** Fund Transfer  
**FROM:** City Manager  
**CC:** City Clerk and Sheri Chiodo  
**ATTACHED:** Memorandum by Sheri Chiodo  
Budget Transfer Sheet

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The purchase of Fire Safety Equipment will be contained in the ensuing budget. An opportunity presented itself whereby we may be able to secure fire services equipment at a very attractive price. We don't want to let an opportunity that can save this community greatly, slip by. Accordingly, we propose to move \$250,000 of existing funds from the Government Plaza Capital Project to Fire Safety Equipment, and replenish plaza development funds in 2016. The Government Plaza account has \$492,175 which sufficiently covers the transfer request.

***Recommended Action –***

Motion, second and vote to authorize the transfer of \$250,000 of available funding from Government Plaza Development to Fire Safety Equipment, with the intention of replenishing plaza funding in 2016.

  
Frank DiGiovanni

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## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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# Memorandum

**To:** Frank DiGiovanni, City Manager

**From:** Sheri Chiodo, Director of Finance

**CC:** Debbie Davis, City Clerk

**Date:** July 17, 2015

**Reference:** Budget Transfer – Capital Projects – Fire Safety Equipment

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To facilitate the acquisition of Fire Safety Equipment in Fiscal Year 2015, a request to transfer \$250,000 from the City's Government Plaza Capital Project to Fire Safety Equipment is being requested for council action. The Government Plaza has funds available in the amount of \$492,175 which sufficiently covers the transfer request.

The Fire Safety Equipment Acquisition project was originally proposed in the Fiscal Year 2016 budget but with the opportunity arising to acquire fire services equipment at a potentially deep discount, it is fiscally prudent to appropriate the funds in the current year and then replenish the Government Plaza fund in FY 2016.

**CITY OF INVERNESS**

**Budget Transfer Appropriation**

FISCAL YEAR : 2015

Finance Reference #: 2015-09

Item #	Account Number	Account Description	Original Budget	Previous Transfers	Additional Amount Requested	New Budget Amount	Budget Reduction Requested	New Budget Amount
1	30225220-566400-22001	Fire Safety Equipment	0	0	250,000	250,000		
	30121910-566200-12102	Govt Plaza	100,000	392,175			(250,000)	242,175

REASON FOR TRANSFER: To Fund Fire Safety Equipment for Reimbursement in FY 2016

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				0				

REASON FOR TRANSFER: \_\_\_\_\_

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			0	0			0	0

REASON FOR TRANSFER: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTED BY:	APPROVED BY:	APPROVED BY:	
_____	_____	_____	6/11/2015
(Department Director)	(Finance Director)	(City Manager)	(Date)

## Agenda Memorandum – *City of Inverness*

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**DATE:** July 17, 2015  
**ISSUE:** Fire District Inter-Local Agreement  
**FROM:** City Manager  
**CC:** City Clerk, City Attorney, Assistant City Manager  
**ATTACHED:** N/A

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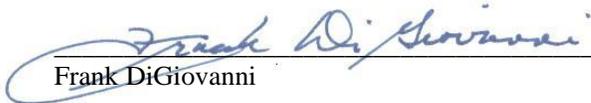
Work continues to structure an Inter-Local Agreement between the City of Inverness and County Fire District for the application of the voter initiated Fire District Tax, use of the Inverness Fire Station, and City equity in the District.

A document will be available to Elected Officials prior to the meeting on Tuesday, and fully presented and explained for Council action. The Agreement will be structured to support the position of the BOCC as expressed Tuesday. County Commissioners have scheduled a Special Meeting on Wednesday morning to address the topic.

The objective goal is to secure a long-term, workable agreement that supports the parties moving forward.

***Recommended Action*** –

Information will be presented for Council to deliberate, and to motion, second and vote to adopt the Agreement and send it to County Government for their review and ratification.

  
Frank DiGiovanni

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## INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

This INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, (hereinafter referred to as "Interlocal Agreement"), dated as of July \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, is made by and between CITRUS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION TAXING DISTRICT a political subdivision of the State of Florida, , (hereinafter referred to as "District"), and the CITY OF INVERNESS, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida, (hereinafter referred to as "City").

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, in 1974 the Electors of Citrus County voted to approve the collection of ad valorem taxes levied pursuant to Ordinance No. 74-2, which created the District; and

WHEREAS, the legal boundaries of the original District included, in addition to portions of the unincorporated area, the corporate limits of the City; and,

WHEREAS, District has levied, since the adoption of Ordinance No. 74-2, ad valorem taxes both within the unincorporated area and within the City to provide fire protection services within Citrus County and within the City; and,

WHEREAS, originally funds from the District were utilized to fund various volunteer fire departments which existed throughout the unincorporated area as well as the City and were later utilized to fund Citrus County Fire/Rescue once the volunteer fire departments were merged into the latter organization; and,

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it wishes to create its own municipal fire department to be funded from taxes levied by the District within the City; and,

WHEREAS, the District is agreeable to providing such funding to the City for the operation of its fire department at an amount to generate no less than \$250,000 per annum; and,.

WHEREAS, the City has contributed to the District a Fire Truck, use of Fire Station Building and grounds, and made available firefighter gear, and lesser items, and since inception has contributed some \$4,800,000 for operations and upkeep, and enjoys certain equity generated by forty plus years of participation; and,

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the City's participation and equity in said District, and that the City agrees to allow its equity to remain with District to support any mutual aid type services that may from time to time be necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, terms and conditions set forth herein, District and City hereby agree as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein as if set forth in full hereunder.

2. Beginning in fiscal year 2015-2016, District and City agree that there shall be a transition from the District, through its Interlocal Agreement with the Citrus County Sheriff, of all responsibility for fire services within the City. The parties agree that transition shall occur on October 1, 2015 and will be coordinated by the City with the Citrus County Sheriff unless a different date is agreed upon between the District and City.

3. The District and the City agree to terminate the existing lease of the Inverness Fire Station effectively returning possession to the City. When and if the District resumes the responsibilities of providing fire services within the City, the District will then resume possession of the Inverness Fire Station via new lease. The City will work directly with the Nature Coast Emergency Medical Foundation, Inc. on an agreement of mutual understanding for services to the municipality, and to provide space within the Inverness Fire Station for Nature Coast EMS.

4. In order to facilitate the funding for the new City of Inverness Fire Department any funds collected by the Citrus County Tax Collector and remitted to Citrus County pursuant to the District attributable to collections within the incorporated areas of the City reduced by statutory fees that are assessed by the Tax Collector, any statutory fees assessed by the Property Appraiser, and any amounts statutorily caused by the City's CRA or expansion of its CRA will be provided to the City for utilization by the newly created City of Inverness Fire Department.

5. Recordation/Filing: After approval of this Interlocal Agreement by the City and the District and the execution thereof by the duly qualified and authorized officers of each of the parties hereto, to file this Interlocal Agreement with the Clerk of Citrus County, Florida, as required by Section 163.01(11), Florida Statutes.

6. Governing Law and Venue: This Interlocal Agreement shall be governed, construed and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida without regard to its conflict of laws provisions. Any claim, objection or dispute arising out of the terms of this Interlocal Agreement shall be litigated in the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida.

7. Severability: In the event a portion of this Interlocal Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining provisions

shall continue to be effective unless District or City elects to terminate this Interlocal Agreement. The election to terminate this Interlocal Agreement based upon this provision shall be made within thirty (30) days after the finding by the court becomes final.

8. Notices: Whenever either party desires to give notice to the other, such notice must be in writing and sent by United States mail, return receipt requested, courier, evidence by a delivery receipt or by an overnight express delivery service addressed to the party for whom it is intended at the place last specified; and the place for giving of notice shall remain such until it shall have been changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. For the present, the parties designate the following as the respective places for giving of notice. Notice shall be effective upon delivery.

For District:

Charles R. Oliver, County Administrator  
Executive Offices  
3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267  
Lecanto, FL 34461

With a copy to:

Denise A. Dymond Lyn, County Attorney  
110 N. Apopka Ave.  
Inverness, FL 34450

For City:

Frank DiGiovanni, City Manager  
212 W. Main St.  
Inverness, FL 34450

With a copy to:

Larry M. Haag, City Attorney  
HAAG, FRIEDRICH & WILLIAMS, P.A.  
452 Pleasant Grove Rd.  
Inverness, FL 34452

9. Third Party Beneficiaries: Neither City nor District intend that any person shall have a cause of action against either of them as a third party beneficiary under this Interlocal Agreement. Therefore, the parties agree that there are no third party beneficiaries to this Interlocal Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a claim against either of them based upon this Interlocal Agreement. The parties expressly acknowledge that it is not their intent to create any rights or obligations in any third person or entity under this Interlocal Agreement.

10. Compliance with Laws: The parties shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities, and obligations pursuant to this Interlocal Agreement.

11. Amendments: Except as expressly authorized in this Interlocal Agreement, no modification, amendment or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document prepared with the same or similar formality as this Interlocal Agreement and executed by District and City.

12. Audit Rights: The District and City shall each have the right to audit the books, records and accounts of each other related to this Interlocal Agreement at any time. Each party shall keep such books, records and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries for this Interlocal Agreement. City agrees to provide to District a year end expenditure report by fund, cost center and line item.

13. District's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this Agreement have caused the same to be signed by their duly authorize representatives this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

ATTEST:

**CITY OF INVERNESS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEBORAH DAVIS, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
JACQUIE HEPFER, President

WITNESSES:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF CITRUS**

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, by **JACQUIE HEPFER**, as President

of City Council, who \_\_\_ is personally known to me or \_\_\_ produced Driver License/Identification Card as identification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:

Approved as to form & content:

\_\_\_\_\_  
LARRY M. HAAG, City Attorney

ATTEST:

**CITRUS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
ANGELA VICK, Clerk of Court  
WITNESSES:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
SCOTT ADAMS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF CITRUS**

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged and subscribed before me this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, by **SCOTT ADAMS**, as \_\_\_\_\_ of Citrus County Fire Protection Taxing District, who \_\_\_ is personally known to me or \_\_\_ produced Driver License/Identification Card as identification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:

Approved as to form & content:

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DENISE A. DYMOND LYN,  
County Attorney