

**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
INVERNESS, FLORIDA, CITY HALL, 212 WEST MAIN STREET
January 3, 2017 - 5:30 PM**

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).

Accommodation for the disabled (hearing or visually impaired, etc.) may be arranged with advance notice of seven (7) days before the scheduled meeting, by dialing (352) 726-2611 weekdays from 8 AM to 4 PM.

ENCLOSURES*

- 1) INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

- 2) PLEASE SILENCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

- 4) PUBLIC HEARINGS**
 - 4 - 15 a) Sweetwater Pointe Resolution - Equalizing and Finalizing District Roll*

- 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**

- 7) MAYOR'S LOCAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

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8) CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

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16 - 17 a) Bill Listing *

Recommendation - Approval

18 - 23 b) Council Minutes - 12/20/16*

Recommendation - Approval

24 c) Proclamation - National Children's Dental Health Month*

Recommendation - Approval

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

25 - 28 a) Sweetwater Pointe Resolution - Project Complete*

29 - 38 b) Local Legislative Delegation Meeting*

c) WM Renewal (*Verbal*)

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e) Other

11) COUNCIL/MAYOR SUBJECTS

12) NON-SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

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

13) ADJOURNMENT

a)

DATES TO REMEMBER

**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
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City Council Workshop - Medical Marijuana

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 5:30pm

Inverness Government Center

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance

Monday, January 16, 2017

City Administrative Offices Closed

(Sanitation Services, Satellite Parks, Utilities, & Sheriff Operate)

MLK Unity Walk and Ceremony

Monday, January 16, 2017

8:30am at Valerie Theatre

Walk to Liberty Park followed by Ceremony

Inverness City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 5:30pm

Inverness Government Center

Agenda Memorandum – *City of Inverness*

DATE: January 3, 2017
ISSUE: Resolution to Finalize Sweetwater Pointe Water Assessment Project Equalizing the Final Assessment Roll and Recording of Roll
FROM: City Manager
CC: City Clerk, Ass't City Manager, Finance Director, City Attorney
ATTACHED: Resolution 2017-01
Informational Letter to Affected Property Owners

Please reference attachments for additional – detailed – information on this matter.

With respect to prior discussion, meeting with property owners, and Public Hearing on the matter to extend central water services by the Inverness Water Utility to the Sweetwater Pointe Subdivision, the pending action by City Council is to conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments by affected property owners, make adjustments deemed appropriate and necessary, and adopt the enclosed (final) Resolution for the assessment project/program.

In sum:

- The City will use existing Utility System resources to off-set part of the cost by funding Administrative Expenses
- The assessed construction cost was initially anticipated to be \$5,906.38, but will be lowered to \$5,252.52 per assessed property
- Residents will have 365 days to connect and use the system commencing from January 10, 2017

Residents will be responsible to obtain a permit, order a meter through the Utility System, contract with a plumber to disconnect from their well to create an “air-gap” from utility system plumbing, connect the meter, and open a utility account. All work will be inspected for compliance and safety.

The Resolution meets stipulated terms and conditions per State Statutory provisions, and is ready for Council action. Once adopted, residents will be able to commence the process to connect, receive potable water and enjoy the added benefit of fire-flow.

Recommended Action –

To finalize the process, City Council must adopt the Resolution as follows:

1. Motion, second and vote to read the Resolution by title;
 - a. City Clerk reads the Resolution title.
2. Open the Public Hearing to receive comment
3. Respond to comments, resolve items (if any) and prepare to proceed
4. Motion, second and vote to adopt the Resolution by roll-call.


Frank DiGiovanni

City Administration Office
212 West Main Street, Inverness Florida 34450

RESOLUTION 2017 – 01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA, PROVIDING ADJUSTING, EQUALIZING AND FINALIZING THE SWEETWATER POINTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ROLL AND PROVIDING FOR THE RECORDATION OF THE FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Inverness, Florida, pursuant to the authority of Chapter 170, Laws of Florida, determined the necessity to provide a water delivery system to the specifically benefited property within the unincorporated area of Citrus County designated as the Sweetwater Pointe Special Assessment District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant thereto, the City passed Resolution No. 2016 - 05 declaring its intent to make such improvements, designating the lands to be improved, estimating the costs of said improvements, setting forth the method to assess the affected properties, setting forth the method and terms of payment of the assessments, and establishing that no costs associated thereto shall be paid from the general improvement fund of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City passed Resolution No. 2016-08 setting forth notice to the public and all property owners of their right and opportunity to be heard by the City Council of the City on the advisability and propriety of the Sweetwater Pointe Special Assessment District; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City held a public hearing as set forth above on August 2, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall located at 212 W. Main Street, Inverness, Florida, where all in attendance were given the opportunity to be heard and wherein the City Council met as an equalizing board and considered any and all complaints as to the special assessments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, after due consideration, adjusted and equalized the assessments on the basis of justice and right.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2017 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Sweetwater Pointe Special Assessment District Project and the Final Assessment Roll prepared therein stands approved and confirmed and herein creates and shall remain a legal valid and binding first lien upon the property against which such assessments are made until paid. A copy of said Final Assessment Roll is attached hereto marked as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

2. That the City Clerk shall promptly record such assessments in a special book to be designated the "Improvement Lien Book" and that said book shall constitute prima facie evidence of its validity.
3. That the City Clerk shall likewise cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be recorded in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida.
4. That special assessment shall be open for payment with interest as allowed by Section 170.09, Florida Statutes, and shall bear interest at a rate of six percent (6%) per annum payable over a period of ten (10) years. Said assessment may be paid without interest at any time within thirty (30) days hereof. Monthly installments shall be paid with the first installment due after thirty (30) days of the City's Resolution accepting the project as completed.
5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ATTEST:

CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA

City Clerk

Council President

Approved as to form and content:

City Attorney

SWEETWATER POINTE SUBDIVISION, INVERNESS FLORIDA
ASSESSMENT ROLE OF PROPERTY OWNERS

Block & Lot	Alt Key #	Owner Name	Mailing Address	Site Address	Parcel Identification	Assessment per Lot
1 Block A Lot 2		EXEMPT			20E19S270010 000A0 0020	\$5,252.52
2 Block A Lot 3	2550449	LOVERIDGE CARL & MELANIE	8581 E Sweetwater Pt Drive Inverness FL 34450	8581 E Sweetwater Pt Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000A0 0030	\$5,252.52
3 Block A Lot 4	2550457	COUGHLIN RICHARD	8643 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	8643 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000A0 0040	\$5,252.52
4 Block A Lot 5	2550465	ROGERS RALPH W III & LYNN G	8675 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	8675 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000A0 0050	\$5,252.52
5 Block A Lot 6	2550473	PARKS JON T & MICHELLE R LING-PARKS	8773 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	8773 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000A0 0060	\$5,252.52
6 Block A Lot 7	2550481	GOVANTES CARLOS G & JUSTINE	8680 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	8680 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000A0 0070	\$5,252.52
7 Block A Lot 8	2550490	BENNETT MURRAY C & JACKLYN S	8646 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	8646 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000A0 0080	\$5,252.52
8 Block A Lot 9	2550503	SNYDER RICHARD G & EILEEN M	8582 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	8582 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000A0 0090	\$5,252.52
9 Block A Lot 10	2550511	WARNER ELAINE L TRUSTEE	8550 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	8550 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000A0 0100	\$5,252.52
10 Block A Lot 11	2550520	COWEN TIMOTHY B. & BONNIE L.	391 E. Falconry Ct. Hernando, FL 34442	8498 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000A0 0110 (Purchased 8/26/2016)	\$5,252.52
11 Block A Lot 12	2550538	COWEN TIMOTHY B. & BONNIE L.	391 E. Falconry Ct. Hernando, FL 34442	8456 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000A0 0120 (Purchased 8/26/2016)	\$5,252.52

12	Block A Lot 13	2550546	BOSELL HARLEY D & VERNA G	PO Box 10515 Brooksville FL 34603	8400 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000A0 0130	\$5,252.52
13	Block B Lot 1 (& C5)	3221875	BOSE FRANK EDWARD & CANDACE MARY	4216 S Paddock Point Inverness FL 34450	4216 S Paddock Point Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000B0 0010	\$5,252.52
14	Block B Lot 2	3169237	JOHNSON BRENT & LINDA	8694 E San Ramon Court Inverness FL 34450	8694 E San Ramon Court Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000B0 0020	\$5,252.52
15	Block B Lot 3	3169237	JOHNSON BRENT & LINDA	8694 E San Ramon Court Inverness FL 34450	8691 E San Ramon Court Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000B0 0020	\$5,252.52
16	Block B Lot 4	2550589	MCCARTHY SCOTT P & STACEY L	8695 E San Ramon Court Inverness FL 34450	8695 E San Ramon Court Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000B0 0040	\$5,252.52
17	Block B Lot 5	2550597	SINGLETON CHRISTY A.	8699 E San Ramon Court Inverness FL 34450	8699 E San Ramon Court Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000B0 0050 (Purchased 7/6/2016)	\$5,252.52
18	Block B Lot 6	2550601	WEAVER RICHARD T. & SHERYL M.	8714 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	8714 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000B0 0060 (Purchased 7/16/2016)	\$5,252.52
19	Block C Lot 1	2949341	MASTRANGELO SUSAN	8774 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	8774 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000C0 0010	\$5,252.52
20	Block C Lot 2	2550627	BURNS THOMAS M & JANINE M	4201 S Paddock Point Inverness FL 34450	4201 S Paddock Point Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000C0 0020	\$5,252.52
21	Block C Lot 3	2550635	BENNETT BRET	4239 S Paddock Point Inverness FL 34450	4239 S Paddock Point Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000C0 0030	\$5,252.52
22	Block C Lot 4A	2550643	COSTA DAVID A JAMES HENRY N	4265 S Paddock Point Inverness FL 34450	4265 S Paddock Point Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000C0 0040	\$5,252.52
23	Block C Lot 4B	3221875	BOSE FRANK EDWARD & CANDACE MARY	4216 S Paddock Point Lot 1 Inverness FL 34450	4252 S Paddock Point Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000B0 0010	\$5,252.52
24	Block C Lot 5 (& B1)	3221875	BOSE FRANK EDWARD & CANDACE MARY	4216 S Paddock Point Lot 1 Inverness FL 34450	4216 S Paddock Point Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000B0 0010	\$5,252.52
25	Block D Lot 1	2550660	HUGHES BOB W & PALMA JEANNE PATRICIA	8921 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	8921 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000D0 0010	\$5,252.52
26	Block D Lot 2	2550678	LEE JOHANNA L	8951 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	8951 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000D0 0020	\$5,252.52
27	Block D Lot 3	2550686	DUFFY PATRICIA L	8971 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	8971 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000D0 0030	\$5,252.52

28	Block D Lot 4	3479910	SMITH JEFFERY A & PATRICIA F	8989 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	8989 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000D0 0040	\$5,252.52
29	Block D Lot 5	2550708	BOOTH FRANCIS NEWTON & FILOMENA	8990 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	8990 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000D0 0050	\$5,252.52
30	Block D Lot 6	2550716	DAVIS CHARLES E & LOU ELLEN	8968 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	8968 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000D0 0060	\$5,252.52
31	Block D Lot 7	2550724	QUARLES MARSHA L & VIRGINIA H	8940 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	8940 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000D0 0070	\$5,252.52
32	Block D Lot 8	2550732	CROWLEY STEVE J & SHERRY L	8888 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	8888 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000D0 0080	\$5,252.52
33	Block D Lot 9	2949350	SHARP KAREN M	PO Box 719 Summerland Kry FL 33042-0719	8806 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000D0 0090	\$5,252.52
34	Block E Lot 1	2550759	GRAPEL ARNOLD C & SUZANNE M	9024 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9024 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000E0 0010	\$5,252.52
35	Block E Lot 2	2550767	OUTTEN ROBERT G. & KATHRYN C.	8970 E Eden Walk Court Inverness FL 34450	8970 E Eden Walk Court Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000E0 0020 (Purchased 9/7/2016)	\$5,252.52
36	Block E Lot 3	2550775	ROWDA JOHN W & CAROL A - TRUSTEE	8950 E Eden Walk Court Inverness FL 34450	8950 E Eden Walk Court Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000E0 0030	\$5,252.52
37	Block F Lot 1 Lot D4	3479910	SMITH JEFFERY A & PATRICIA F	8989 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9023 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000D0 0040	\$5,252.52
38	Block F Lot 2	2997532	PICCIONE MICHAEL J MICHAEL SHAY	9061 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9061 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000F0 0020	\$5,252.52
39	Block F Lot 3	2550805	BRIGGS ROBERT THOMAS SR. & KAREN CUYLER	9083 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9083 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000F0 0030	\$5,252.52
40	Block F Lot 4	2550813	ALEXANDER TIMOTHY J & VILLANUEVA SANCHEZ APRIL J	9060 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9060 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000F0 0040	\$5,252.52
41	Block F Lot 5	2550414	PRUTER FRED & MARILYN Y	9056 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9056 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000F0 0050	\$5,252.52

42	Block G Lot 1	2550830	COOPER MARLEEN M TRUSTEE	9118 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9118 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000G0 0010	\$5,252.52
43	Block G Lot 2	2550848	HANSSEN JOSHUA CALEB & TOMIKA SPIRES HANSSEN	9096 E Pinehurst Court Inverness FL 34450	9096 E Pinehurst Court Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000G0 0020	\$5,252.52
44	Block G Lot 3	2550856	KING LAWRENCE J & CLONCH PATRICIA L	9093 E Pinehurst Court Inverness FL 34450	9093 E Pinehurst Court Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000G0 0030	\$5,252.52
45	Block G Lot 4	2550864	DELFIN LUIS A & JACQUELINE S	9099 E Pinehurst Court Inverness FL 34450	9099 E Pinehurst Court Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000G0 0040	\$5,252.52
46	Block H Lot 1	2550872	FOX DENNIS & GRACIA	PO Box 605 Inverness FL 34451	9105 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000H0 0010	\$5,252.52
47	Block H Lot 2	2550881	MILLER ROBERT W & MARION C	9159 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9159 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000H0 0020	\$5,252.52
48	Block H Lot 3	2550899	KINNARD JEFFREY & RENEE	9197 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9197 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000H0 0030	\$5,252.52
49	Block H Lot 4	2550902	COWART RONALD J & LISA G	9269 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9269 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000H0 0040	\$5,252.52
50	Block H Lot 5	2550911	ARNOLD TAMMY & SAMUEL T	9299 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9299 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000H0 0050	\$5,252.52
51	Block H Lot 6	2550929	TOTH NOLAN C & SANDRA J	9349 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9349 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000H0 0060	\$5,252.52
52	Block H Lot 7	3395186	CONNORS WALTER D II & LINDA C	9375 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9375 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000H0 0070	\$5,252.52
53	Block H Lot 8	2550945	STEPHENSON WILLIAM A & SHARON	9376 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9376 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000H0 0080	\$5,252.52
	Block H Lot 8A						
54	Block H Lot 9A	2737417	MARQUA JOHN & ANABELLE FREER MARQUA	9334 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9334 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000H0 009A	\$5,252.52

55	Block H Lot 9B	2767081	HATFIELD ANTHONY S & JENNYFER L	9300 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9300 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000H0 009B	\$5,252.52
56	Block H Lot 10A	2791616	GRACY CONSTANCE M	9274 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9274 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000H0 010A	\$5,252.52
57	Block H Lot 10B	2791624	DUFFELL MALINDA S	9246 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9246 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000H0 010B	\$5,252.52
58	Block H Lot 11A	2791110	MCCORD DEBBNEY S	9212 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9212 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000H0 011A	\$5,252.52
59	Block H Lot 11B	2791128	KYBURZ SHEIAL L TRUSTEE	9184 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9184 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000H0 011B	\$5,252.52
60	Block H Lot 12	2550988	JAMES LARRY L & MARY E	9150 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9150 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000H0 0120	\$5,252.52
61	Block H Lot 13	2550996	PETERSON NORMAN E & BONNIE G	9132 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL 34450	9132 E Sweetwater Drive Inverness FL	20E19S270010 000H0 0130	\$5,252.52

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

December 22, 2016

Dear Property Owner:

The City of Inverness is pleased to announce that construction of potable water lines to serve Sweetwater Pointe is complete. To fulfill legal requirements, the Inverness City Council will approve 2 resolutions on January 3, 2017. The first resolution will be to adjust, equalize and finalize the Sweetwater Pointe Special Assessment district roll, and the second resolution will be to accept the project as completed and set the payment due date.

The City was able to bring this project in under budget by \$39,885.25 resulting in a decrease for each assessable property of \$653.86 each. What does this mean? Originally, the City Council took action to set the assessment to be no more than \$5,906.38 per assessable property. Given the substantial cost reduction in the construction of the project, the Council will meet to adopt a resolution lowering the assessment to \$5,252.52. The City Council will be meeting as the "Equalization Board" for the Assessment District in a Public Hearing at its January 3, 2017 meeting at 5:30pm to hear and consider any comments as to the special assessment, and shall adjust and equalize the assessment on a basis of justice and right pursuant to Section 170.08, Florida Statutes.

Following the expected approval, each improved property owner will be required to connect to and use the water system within three hundred and sixty-five (365) days from January 10, 2017. The assessment may be optionally paid in full within thirty days or financing is available through the City for a period of ten (10) years at an interest rate of six percent (6%). The assessment must be paid regardless of when the property is connected to the system.

The first step in "getting connected" and benefiting from the water system will be to obtain a permit from the City's Community Development Department. Permits are available at the Inverness Government Center, 212 West Main Street. The permit is required to allow the plumbing contractor of your choice to complete the connection from the water meter to your home and the permit fees have already been included in the assessment. You may download the necessary form from the City's website at www.inverness-fl.gov. Each resident will be responsible for the scheduling and payment of plumbing services to connect their home to the roadside meter.

Once the connection has been completed from your home to the meter, the next step would be to open a utility account with the City of Inverness in the Finance Department. The Finance staff will assist you in filling out your contract and discuss all the payment options with you. These forms are also available on the website.

The City of Inverness looks forward to serving you. We take pride in our program of high quality customer service, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (352) 726-5016 or via email finance@Inverness-FL.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Jackson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" and last name "Jackson" clearly distinguishable.

Susan Jackson
City Clerk



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CITY OF INVERNESS
CASH REQUIREMENTS REPORT

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VENDOR DOCUMENT	INVOICE	VOUCHER	DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	DUE 12/31/16
			TOTALS FOR ADVANCED WASTE SOLUTIONS		1,955.00
			TOTALS FOR ALLEN , NORTON & BLUE PA		85.50
			TOTALS FOR CHANNEL INNOVATIONS CORPORATION		415.00
			TOTALS FOR CIT TECHNOLOGY FINANCIAL SERVICES		425.00
			TOTALS FOR CITRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER		67,100.10
			TOTALS FOR CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE		15.70
			TOTALS FOR COMANCO ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION		124,802.35
			TOTALS FOR KIMBERLY LEE COMMON		40.00
			TOTALS FOR DUKE ENERGY		4,873.95
			TOTALS FOR FLORIDA AIR SERVICES		13,244.80
			TOTALS FOR FLORIDA PUBLIC HUMAN RESOURCES ASSC		135.00
			TOTALS FOR FULL SOURCE, LLC		814.71
			TOTALS FOR MARY GRASS		65.00
			TOTALS FOR INTEGRATED SYSTEMS OF FLORIDA INC		653.50
			TOTALS FOR JAMES LORMANN REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT		750.00
			TOTALS FOR LARSON CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC		1,000.00
			TOTALS FOR MANN-ICURE LAWN SERVICE AND LANDSCAPING		4,252.83
			TOTALS FOR NAPA OF INVERNESS		28.08
			TOTALS FOR NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS		1,453.04
			TOTALS FOR PRISM LIGHTING SERVICES, LLC		4,490.00
			TOTALS FOR MISSY SMITH		70.00
			TOTALS FOR SS SOLUTIONS, LLC.		3,300.16
			TOTALS FOR SUMTER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC		9,394.93
			TOTALS FOR UNIFIRST CORPORATION		71.35
			TOTALS FOR WOODARD & CURRAN, INC		7,200.00



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CITY OF INVERNESS
CASH REQUIREMENTS REPORT

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REPORT TOTALS					246,636.00
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December 20, 2016
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 Ryan
Vice President McBride
Councilwoman Bega
Councilwoman Hepfer
Councilman Hinkle
Mayor Plaisted

Also present were City Manager DiGiovanni, City Attorney Haag, Asst. City Manager Williams, Senior Staff members, and City Clerk Jackson.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Councilwoman Hepfer motioned to accept the Agenda with the addition of Congressman Webster lease documents. Seconded by Councilman Hinkle. The motioned carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

None

SCHEDULED APPEARANCES

6)b) Chamber of Commerce New Image Award – Valerie Theatre* was presented by Chamber Committee Chair Jennifer Duca with Alan Forino accepting the award on behalf of the City.

MAYOR’S LOCAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

None

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Haag referenced a lawsuit the City has been named in regarding Berry & Berry. The City placed a lien for utilities on the particular property, and will respond to the complaint.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Bill Listing*
 - Recommendation – Approval
- b) Council Minutes – 12/06/16*
 - Recommendation – Approval

Councilman McBride motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer. The motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

10)a) Annexation Fee Waiver* was addressed with City Manager DiGiovanni noting a request has been received from Ms. Helga Forbes, of 218 South Hunting Lodge Drive. Her property is part of an unincorporated enclave in the City limits. She is requesting voluntary annexation and that the \$200 fee be waived as provided by Chapter 8 of the Land Development Code (LDC) which states City Council may waive any and all of the fees required. Councilwoman Bega questioned if this action would set a precedence, with City Manager stating it should be made easy to annex into the City. Councilwoman Hepfer and Councilman McBride spoke of the number of residences that are ½ in and ½ out lots of the City Limits. **Councilwoman Bega motioned to approve the annexation fee waiver for the property located at 218 South Hunting Lodge Dr. Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer. The motion carried unanimously.**

10)b) Budget Development Schedule – FY 2017/18* with City Manager stating that the enclosed development schedule for the 2017/18 City-Wide Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Operational Budget Appropriation for General Fund, Enterprise Fund, Special Funds, and the Community Redevelopment Areas (CRA) are for review and approval. Elected Officials are asked to closely review the dates identified in bold of Council Member involvement, and if there is a conflict, state so at the meeting so either the schedule can be modified or left as is. Once approved, staff generated changes (if any) that affect a public meeting will be noticed to Elected Officials, the public, and media. **Councilman Hinkle motioned to confirm the Budget Schedule, to include the CIP and CRA, and to establish the dates and times for Council Workshops and Public involvement. Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer. The motion carried unanimously.**

10)c) City Clerk's Retroactive Pay* was discussed with City Manager DiGiovanni referencing clarification of information that had been forwarded to Council regarding retroactive pay of the new Clerk. On December 6, 2016, City Council approved the Working Agreement and pay amounts to be retroactively applied to the date the former City Clerk departed. No action was taken by Council, and the action will remain status quo.

10)added) Congressman Webster Lease* was presented with City Manager detailing the desire of the Congressman to have a presence in the Inverness Government Center and will occupy the suite previously used by State Representative Smith. **Councilman McBride motioned to authorize the Council President to execute the lease documents and for the City Manager to execute any. Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer. The motion carried unanimously.**

10)d) 22nd State of the City Address 2016 (verbal) was presented by City Manager DiGiovanni noting there is a lot going on in this City and probably wouldn't want it any

other way. He stated there are Project Team Members that were not able to attend this presentation but play a big part of how we accomplish what we do. We are a “can do” organization due to City staff and extended partners of Woodard Curran, Sheriff’s Office, and Waste Management. A group to be proud of. Nothing happens if we don’t work as one, and the stewardship of City Council and the Inverness Team creates a highly progressive agenda that invests and accomplishes quality projects for the community’s future.

What Didn’t Happen:

Whispering Pines City Park remains without reimbursement funds from the County. We know what makes a community is great people, history, lakes, parks, quaint downtown, Withlacoochee Trail, and an abundance of nature. Efforts to market the concept that the Bike Trail is in Inverness and the manatees are in Crystal River. We are close to providing online building permitting, and looking forward to a resolution of the hospital’s tax challenge within the CRA. Completion of the Sweetwater Pointe utility expansion is imminent, and the ½ in and ½ out lots remain a quirky issue.

What Did Happen:

Under city-wide operations and general services, the Fire Department started in January, and the retirement and transition of the City Clerk. A presentation of City history and planning was made to the American Planners Association of Florida in Tampa and we received the bronze level recognition as a Bicycle Friendly City. The parks are now pet friendly and we launched a marketing plan with the production of 8 videos titled: Welcome, Live, History, Outdoor, Thrive: Health and Fitness, Learn, and Play, which has garnered approx. 350,000 views online. 16 Capital Action Plan Projects were presented to define and chart an expanded vision for the City, and activity has commenced.

Administrative Efforts:

- 24 Agendas, 7 Ordinances, 25 Resolutions, and 2 Charter Referendums.
- 18 proclamations and workshops were conducted regarding the City budget, Oak Ridge Cemetery, and the CRA area.
- Operations of the Oak Ridge Cemetery has streamlined with contracted cemetery management.
- Provided support to the Supervisor of Elections to accommodate the entire election process from Primaries to Early Voting to Election Day.

Programs, Projects & Services:

- 21st year of being recognized as a Tree City USA.
- Fire Station was proclaimed a SAFE Place designation, and a Memorandum of Understanding was made with Nature Coast EMS. IFD has responded to 589 calls with 20 for fire, 282 medical, 122 vehicular, and 165 non-categorical. 17 calls were outside the City limits.
- Volunteer recruitment of 20 members of the fire department, with Inverness being the 1st in the state to have a new volunteer complete the Firefighter 1 course online and finish it. IFD has received \$64,000 in grant funds to support programs to assist firefighters.
- There are 1,020 total businesses in the City with the additions of Mattress Firm, Jimmy John’s, Dunkin Doughnuts, and Ashley Furniture.

- Construction values and permits, and building /investment permits are up, and there have been 80 registrations for business tax permits.

Parks, Recreation & Activities:

- At Whispering Pines Pool - swim lessons to 283 people, 4 Summer Day Camps, CHS and Hilltoppers swim teams practice, and 29 pool reservations.
- Reservations and events were 373 for pavilions, 461 in the City Recreation Building, 1,300 events on the ball fields, 13 wedding permits, 3 fishing tournaments, 6 distance races, and 3 events for the Plaza/Fountain area.
- Over 200 volunteers for events and festivals, over 200 vendors/exhibitors, and 8 event sponsorships were organized through the IEVB.
- Valerie Theatre sold out 8 live performances, had 32 movies, 12 facility rentals, and accommodated 9/11 memorial, Festival of the Arts, etc.

City Utility System:

- Roadway drainage swales are maintained, and Texas Aquatic Harvesting clears vegetation in waterways.
- Rehabs included the reclaimed water holding pond, reclaim water transmission line to IGCC, and wastewater permit renewal was processed.
- Established an assessment program and broke ground at Sweetwater Pointe. Rosemont & Rolling Green Water Systems are online as city service.
- Lightning protection infrastructure was designed and constructed at critical areas. Fire hydrants and water system maintenance are maintained.

Everyday:

- Potable water is delivered to residences, businesses, hospital, schools, etc. Solid waste and recycling is collected, wastewater is collected and reclaimed. Streets are maintained, parks open and maintained, trees and sidewalks kept safe, etc.
- Emails, social media, and telephones are managed to respond and provide information.
- Purchases are made and bills are paid. It gets done quietly, and without fanfare. This is what makes Inverness work.

In 2017:

- 2015-16 Year End Audit will be completed. Work will be to secure grants for all phases of the Capital Action Plan, and to support IFD and related services.
- Continue developing plans for a new fire house and recruitment incentives for volunteer and paid firefighters.
- Hope to achieve a mutual aid agreement with County.
- Info-tech wireless infrastructure build out to Wallace Brooks and Liberty parks, and network connectivity for newly relocated Visitors Center. Data center upgrades and archival solutions will be implemented.
- A fully automated solid waste program will utilize clean natural gas trucks in the community, and address the school system's solid waste account issue.

- Out of the Box Animal Rescue (a non-profit organization) and the City will work together to protect shelter animals and improve conditions, with a possible temporary use of available city property at little to no fiscal impact.
- Sidewalk Café compliance, parking enforcement, events and law enforcement elements analyzed. Must prepare for the future to achieve lifestyle quality.
- Work with consultants for financing to fund the Capital Action Plan, validate the TIF revenue stream, and bond CRA project improvements.
- Completed projects will include: Cooter Pond boardwalk, IGC exterior, Sweetwater Pointe water extension, downtown improvements, Zephyr and Highland Blvd. projects, Landscape 41/44 and Cooter Pond, finalize plans for depot district, Liberty Park and Wallace Brooks Park upgrades, Visitors Center opening, community garden, continue planning the medical district, and Bicycle Master Plan projects.
- Valerie Theatre Cultural Center Board will explore initiative to secure funding for events, educational opportunities, etc. Work with various entities regarding US 41N.
- Complete Military/Soldier Memorial and conduct more than 60+ events to market Inverness and keep the community in the forefront.

City Manager DiGiovanni closed stating we've been on a journey for decades that doesn't seem to end. People are investing, businesses are opening and the public is excited. We are looked upon as an example to others. He wished everyone Merry Christmas, enjoy the holidays, you earned it.

City Manager DiGiovanni additionally reported on the following:

- The Florida housing project that was previously presented regarding Colonnade Street has been postponed until funding is secured.
- US 41 North should remain high on the priority list. Contact has been made with BOCC members regarding planning and missing funding.
- Recently spoke with representatives of the 501c3 group for the Community Garden noting the excitement surrounding the idea and a Memorandum of Understanding will be entered into, providing guidelines for the garden.

COUNCIL/MAYOR SUBJECTS

Mayor Plaisted spoke to the progress that he has witnessed over the last 20 years and is excited for the future of the City.

Councilwoman Hepfer stated every year gets better and loves the direction we are going.

Councilwoman Bega stated that the presentation was exciting, and spoke of recent TDC meeting. Noted discussions regarding involvement and promotion of all areas of Citrus County by the TDC. Floral City is now a trailhead, and talks of AAA baseball visiting.

Councilman Hinkle stated it is an honor to serve on Council, and spoke to the W/M trucks change in fuel use, the Community Garden is a great way to promote good health, Citrus Council Community Charitable Foundation has approx. \$4.2M and will start providing grants in 2017. Looking forward to great things.

Councilman McBride stated that we have the best municipal staff in Florida, and 2017 will be even greater. He referenced the US 41N issue being the entryway into the City and the need for improvements.

President Ryan agreed that the City staff is the greatest. He spoke of recent and upcoming events, and the ambitious plans ahead.

All Council thanked City Manager DiGiovanni and staff for work well done and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

Commissioner Brian Coleman – Citrus County apologized for missing the State of the City presentation, and agreed that US 41N is a huge issue and needs attention. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

City Clerk

Council President

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the future of Citrus County is, to a large measure, dependent on the good health of our families; and

WHEREAS, good health can be achieved in part through good dental habits and attitudes established early and reinforced to maintain good oral health throughout life; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the annual celebration of National Children’s Dental Health Month, members of the dental team, parents, teachers, and others in the community can help keep children’s smiles beautiful now and for years to come,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Plaisted, Mayor of the City of Inverness, Florida hereby proclaim February 2017 as

“NATIONAL CHILDREN’S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH”

in Inverness, Florida urging all citizens to observe this special month each year with appropriate activities.

Bob Plaisted, Mayor
City of Inverness

ATTEST:

Susan Jackson
City Clerk

Agenda Memorandum – *City of Inverness*

DATE: January 3, 2017
ISSUE: Resolution Finalizing the Sweet Water Pointe Water Assessment Project/District
FROM: City Manager
CC: City Clerk, Assistant City Manager, Finance Director, City Attorney
ATTACHED: Resolution 1217-02

The enclosed Resolution was reviewed by City Legal Counsel and structured to proclaim the project, to extend water utility service into the Sweetwater Pointe Subdivision, complete and final. Adopting this Resolution represents the last action by the government body with respect to the assessment process.

Recommended Action –

It is requested that Council proceed as follows:

1. Motion, second and vote to read the Resolution by title only:
 - a. City Clerk reads Resolution title.
2. If necessary, deliberate contents of the Resolution.
3. Motion and second to adopt the Resolution by roll-call.

This finalizes all activity related to this project.

Congratulations!


Frank DiGiovanni

City Administration Office
212 West Main Street, Inverness Florida 34450

RESOLUTION 2017 – 02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA, PROVIDING ACCEPTING SWEETWATER POINTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT AS COMPLETED; PROVIDING THE PAYMENT DUE DATE FOR THE FIRST MONTHLY INSTALLMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR RECORDATION OF THIS INSTRUMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Inverness, Florida, pursuant to the authority of Chapter 170, Laws of Florida, determined the necessity to provide a water delivery system to the specifically benefited property within the unincorporated area of Citrus County designated as the Sweetwater Pointe Special Assessment District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant thereto, the City passed Resolution No. 2016-05 declaring its intent to make such improvements, designating the lands to be improved, estimating the costs of said improvements, setting forth the method to assess the affected properties, setting forth the method and terms of payment of the assessments, and establishing that no costs associated thereto shall be paid from the general improvement fund of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City passed Resolution No. 2016-08 setting forth notice to the public and all property owners of their right and opportunity to be heard by the City Council of the City on the advisability and propriety of the Sweetwater Pointe Special Assessment District; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City held a public hearing as set forth above on August 2, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall located at 212 W. Main Street, Inverness, Florida, where all in attendance were given the opportunity to be heard and wherein the City Council met as an equalizing board and considered any and all complaints as to the special assessments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, after due consideration, adjusted and equalized the assessments on the basis of justice and right; and

WHEREAS, the City Council passed Resolution No. 2017-01 adjusting, equalizing and finalizing the Sweetwater Pointe Special Assessment District and providing for the recordation of the Final Assessment Roll and Resolution; and

WHEREAS, work on the Sweetwater Pointe Special Assessment Project was commenced and finished; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the finished Sweetwater Pointe Special Assessment Project has been done to the Council's satisfaction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2017 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Sweetwater Pointe Special Assessment District Project is hereby accepted as being completed.
2. That the first installment payment of such special assessment shall be due within thirty (30) days of the date of this Resolution in accordance with Resolution No. 2017-01 of the City.
3. Property owners subject to the Special Assessment may pay the entire assessment in full within thirty (30) days of the date of this Resolution without interest if they so desire.
4. That the City Clerk shall cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be recorded in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida.

ATTEST:

CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA

City Clerk

Council President

Approved as to form and content:

City Attorney

Agenda Memorandum – *City of Inverness*

DATE: January 3, 2017
ISSUE: State Local Legislative Delegation Meeting Announcement
FROM: City Manager
CC: City Clerk
ATTACHED: Letter by State Representative Ralph Massullo
Email Invitational Message, dated 12/22/16
Inverness Letter to Local Delegation on 2015
TDC Article

Please reference attachments for additional information.

The City of Inverness must attend this meeting to, if nothing else, speak to US 41N. Enclosed is the letter sent by Inverness last year. Our number one issue was US 41N, and we have made that an item since the early 2000's.

Based on Tuesday's discussion, a letter will be composed to present and submit at the meeting. The unfortunate aspect of this situation is timing. The last City Council meeting was conducted on December 20th. The email was received two-days later, and most everyone was on holiday from December 23, 24, 25 & 26, 2016. Our first opportunity to update Council's wishes will be at this meeting, and the Delegation will convene only 3-days later.

Nothing we will bring forward will be new, with a possible exception to bed tax sharing, but beyond highway widening, Home Rule remains at the top of the list for local issues such as: weapon regulation, backyard gun ranges, smoking regulations, and the like. We must always appeal to the State to assist with funding for storm water management, potable and water and wastewater treatment systems, and and boating improvement funds. An emerging issue is the broken situation with bed tax distribution. Cities represent real tourism, and a municipality should be entitled to a fair share of TDC funding. Why not?

Recommended Action –

A Formal Motion & Vote will not be necessary.

Discussion of issues will lead to development of a formal letter to be referenced and submitted at the meeting on Friday.


Frank DiGiovanni

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Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 4:57:25 PM Eastern Standard Time

Subject: FW: Citrus County Legislative Delegation Public Meeting Notice
Date: Thursday, December 22, 2016 at 2:27:27 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Collette Schwomeyer
To: Frank DiGiovanni
Attachments: public meeting notice 2017.pdf

From: Scordato.Adele [mailto:Adele.Scordato@myfloridahouse.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 2:06 PM
To: 'ralph.massull@tampabay.rr.com'
Subject: Citrus County Legislative Delegation Public Meeting Notice

Citrus County Legislative Delegation Meeting
Representative Ralph Massullo, Chair

Public Notice
Senator Wilton Simpson, Vice Chair

December 22, 2016
Contact: Adele Scordato
adele.scordato@myfloridahouse.gov
(352)464-1902

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Adele Scordato

District Secretary to
Representative Ralph Massullo, MD
District 34

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SENATOR

Senator Wilton Simpson, Vice Chair

**Citrus County
Legislative Delegation
Public Meeting**



REPRESENTATIVE

Representative Ralph Massullo, Chair

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

December 21, 2016

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January 12, 2015

Citrus County Local Legislative Delegation
Attention:

Senator Charles Dean
405 Tompkins Street
Inverness, Fl. 34450

State Representative Jimmy T. Smith
212 West Main Street, Rm. 208A
Inverness, Fl. 34450

Dear Local Delegation Members:

Inverness Elected Officials thank you for the invitation to attend and address items of concern that confront our community.

The following items and issues are respectfully submitted for consideration and assistance by our Legislative Delegation Members. These matters were discussed in public session, and we believe these particular items represent the best interests of the City of Inverness and Citrus County in general.

Highway US 41 North to Hernando

- Provide support to expedite state funding for the project to improve the road
- Project Scope is from the intersection of Highway 44W to Arlington Avenue; however, we urge consideration to expand the project to reach State Road 200.
- The project must remove deficiencies and increase road capacity.
- The project must add Urban Design Elements to include: Pedestrian amenities, Cycling, Drainage, Curbs, Gutters, Sidewalks and Signage.

Rural Community Fire Services and Volunteer Interaction

We ask that you please work to provide elements of relief with respect to statewide regulations and standards that are not affordable to rural and small counties and communities.

- We support and encourage volunteerism.
- We seek your support to modify regulations that encourage the ability of volunteers to become part of the manning document in the delivery of community fire service programs as has customarily been done.
- We seek reasonable state mandated criteria for rural communities different from what more densely populated areas are able to afford.

State Support of Alterations to the Management Plan for Whispering Pines Park

- The Park is a positive amenity and resource to the City and surrounding community.
- The City of Inverness operates this facility itself and must seek assistance, when deemed necessary, to modify the management plan that is approved by the State for the Park.
- We intend to keep the facility well-maintained, open, and affordable
- We intend to model Whispering Pines similar to the State Park system with certain fees and internal fee based amenities
- We are exploring the possibility of seeking State approval for the inclusion of RV services, akin to the State Park system. RV facilities would support the local economy, City events program and regional sports tournament activity.

Inter-Modal Bicycle Plan Funding

- Inverness is a recognized leader in intermodal planning.
- The City adopted a Master Bicycle Plan of 5-Major Projects (Two have been completed: Tompkins Street and North Apopka Avenue.)
- We seek your assistance to help secure state funding to allow this community to continue to invest and grow around a high quality intermodal program.

Reclaimed Water (RCW) Expansion Funding

- This is intended to help protect the lake region for degradation.
- With the assistance of Senator Dean, the City Reclaimed Wastewater Program is working well and providing all irrigation water to the Inverness Golf and Country Club.
- This is a well received protection of water resources.
- Extension of subterranean infrastructure is costly and places a burden on the local residents to fully fund a project.
- We request consideration for assistance grant type programs to support the extension of this service to new areas, thereby removing the need to use potable water for irrigation purposes.

Address the ability to Reduce or Eliminate Unfunded Mandates.

- We know what this is and ask that you please vote local protections and local interests and local affordability.
- If the state wants a program, we ask the state provide the funds for it.
- In this situation, we ask that consideration be made to address mandates and provide funding in whole or part.

Maintain the Integrity of State Revenue Sharing and all pass through Revenues

- Every year there is pressure to reduce shared revenues.
- Sales Taxes must be shared proportionately
- Communication taxes must be kept locally
- We seek relief from any redirection of local taxation to state coffers and ask your support.

Oppose Erosion or Interference of Home Rule

- We mention this every year
- We ask for the ability to pass regulations based on local needs and interests
 - We wish to regulate use of tobacco products in playgrounds and parks
 - We wish to promote the safety of children and those using public facilities.
 - We understand the need for state wide rules, but one size does not fit all.
 - We seek your understanding and consideration.

Lake Clean-Up & Related Improvements

- The City alone cannot protect the Tsala Apopka Chain of Lakes, because they are interconnected waterways that are affected well beyond the corporate limits of the City.
- We need cooperative leadership and cooperative legislation.
- We request state assistance to help protect the water resources.
- We ask that legislation be flexible, understanding of the local economy, and be made affordable.
- We seek support at the State Level for Incentives and Assistance to maintain and protect lakes and waterways.

In Closing

We greatly appreciate that you organized this forum to hear our concerns and points of interest. Our working relationship with you is valued, and this is a better community because we work together. Contact us anytime to discuss these items further and/or to assist you to achieve a positive outcome.

Get your formal attire ready, because you will both be invited to the Grand Opening of the new Valerie Theatre.

Respectfully,

The City of Inverness
Elected Officials, City Clerk and City Manager



Proposal shifts bed tax money to police, Visit Florida

Sunday

Posted Nov 29, 2015 at 5:50 PM

Updated Nov 29, 2015 at 9:40 PM

State Rep. Matt Gaetz has proposed legislation that would allow for up to 10 percent of bed tax dollars collected by tourist development organizations to be used for law enforcement services.

By **JOHN HENDERSON**

News Herald Reporter

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FORT WALTON BEACH - State Rep. Matt Gaetz has proposed legislation that would allow for up to 10 percent of bed tax dollars collected by tourist development organizations to be used for law enforcement services.

The proposal, which the House Finance and Tax Committee chairman said had been introduced primarily to promote discussion, also calls for 20 percent of all revenues generated by tourist councils to go to Visit Florida and spent at its discretion.

"That would pay Visit Florida about \$80 million a year and increase the stability of tourism marketing for years to come," said Gaetz, R-Fort Walton Beach.

But Bay County Commissioner George Gainer, who is running against Gaetz for the Senate District 1 seat, said Gaetz's proposal to transfer 20 percent of local bed-tax revenues to the state's tourism marketing arm is a "terrible idea."

Gainer said he believes the bed tax revenue collected in Bay County should fund local tourism campaigns and beach restoration projects.

"We collected it here on heads in beds in Bay County," Gainer said. "It has worked. Sure, it's had its hiccups along the way. But for the most part, it's worked great. It doesn't cost the state any money, and we're able to promote our area from the funds we have. Sending it to that black hole in Tallahassee would be an absolute terrible thing for Bay County."

Gainer said he's also opposed to Gaetz's proposal that would strip county commissioners of the authority to appoint the non-municipal appointees to the local tourism development councils.

"There seems to be a move by some people in Tallahassee to move county government just as far away from people as they possible can, and even eradicate it," Gainer said.

Bay County Commissioner Mike Thomas, who is member of the Bay County Tourist Development Council (TDC), said Gaetz's proposal would hurt local tourism promotion.

"It doesn't surprise me," Thomas said. "Whenever anyone is talking about money, they want to take it from somebody rather than trying to earn it. I just don't think this is something the state has earned the right to mess with. The TDC is doing a very good job with that [bed tax] money based on increases you see with tourism in our area, which generates revenue for the entire state. I cannot imagine a bill like this getting past the governor."

Dan Rowe, president of the Bay County TDC, said he does not support any of the proposals in Gaetz's bill.

"This bill really shifts a lot of the control of the TDCs away from the communities in which they are enacted and gives it to Tallahassee," Rowe said.

He said the state's tourism marketing arm, Visit Florida provides a "great public-private partnership" that does a very effective job in tourism marketing for the state.

But Rowe said the 20 percent in bed-tax revenues that Gaetz's bill is proposing to move from TDC coffers to Visit Florida each year adds up to \$3.6 million for Bay County - funds used to specifically market Panama City Beach. He said transferring those funds to Visit Florida "does not really bode well for Panama City Beach in being able to get our message out there."

Visit Florida's "role is not to market the specific communities across the state of Florida," Rowe said.

Law enforcement

Rowe said he also has concerns about a provision in the bill that would permit counties to spend up to 10 percent of the TDC tax revenues on law enforcement that is needed as a "consequence of tourism in the county." Rowe said the TDC in the past has contributed to special-event security, but under Gaetz's bill, tourist development councils would be required to pay the state 50 cents for every \$1 spent on the tourism-related law enforcement funding, Rowe noted.

Rowe said he also is opposed to a proposal in Gaetz's bill that calls for the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association to appoint the non-municipal members of the tourist development council, which he said would take away local control of the board.

"Again, (the bed tax) is a local tax that needs to be for the benefit of the local community," Rowe said.

Gaetz's bill also calls for "no less than" 40 percent of the revenue generated by local tourist development councils to be used for marketing, effectively ensuring a "baseline minimum" is spent for that effort, Gaetz said. In addition, the proposal would limit the uses of bed taxes and "require repayment of past funds appropriated for unauthorized uses."

Gaetz, R-Fort Walton Beach, said offering incentives to Florida's tourism-related industries was the only way to get the idea of using bed tax money to supplement law enforcement services to the table for discussion.

He said Florida wouldn't be doing as well as it is financially without the state's booming tourist industry, making it worthy of any support received.

"Florida's budget surplus exists in no small part to the significant growth in tourism," Gaetz said. "The tourism industry is a golden goose for Florida."

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has been lobbying for about five years for bed tax funds to help cover the cost of law enforcement during the tourist season.

"It is unfortunate that our residents fund all of the law enforcement costs incurred by tourists that come to our area," Undersheriff Don Adams said.

The tourism industry traditionally has opposed using bed taxes to pay for law enforcement.

Just last year, within days of Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Ashley bringing the idea to the Okaloosa County Commission, a strongly worded letter from attorneys for the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association arrived at the county office.

The use of bed tax revenue for law enforcement "would plainly violate the express terms of state law, as made abundantly clear by Florida's Attorney General," said the letter, which cited several legal opinions on the issue.

But Gaetz seems to have provided a proposal sweet enough to pique the Restaurant and Lodging Association's interest.

"We're going to spend some time looking at all the components of it," said Bruce Craul, a past president of the association and a current member of its board of directors. "We need to look at it with an open mind."

Okaloosa tourism director Ed Schroeder has forwarded a summary of Gaetz's legislation to Okaloosa County commissioners, but he declined to comment on the proposal, deferring to the elected leadership.

"I'll wait until the county commissioners have a chance to digest what Rep. Gaetz has proposed and let them comment," Schroeder said.

Agenda Memorandum – *City of Inverness*

DATE: January 3, 2017
ISSUE: Florida League of Cities Municipal Achievement Award Program
FROM: City Manager
CC: City Clerk
ATTACHED: Letter by FLC Office
Achievement Award Program Brochure

Reference is made to attachments.

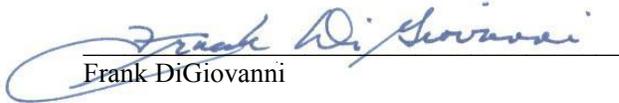
The Municipal Achievement Award program is an annual opportunity for communities to promote their programs, initiatives, and achievements. We attempted this many years ago and found that a submittal required more work than anticipated, and learned the rating system to be very competitive.

Inverness has ambitious plans and is proud of its accomplishments, but we are not alone. There are some 410 cities in Florida and many have undertaken equally challenging projects and conceptual initiatives. If City Council wishes to *take the challenge* to create and produce a submittal, we must commence to work this now. May is only 5-months away, and between now and then we must build a 5-Year CIP, build an operating budget, manage the ICRA program, address our internal project schedule and deal with the “unknowns”.

We stand ready to proceed as Council determines.

Recommended Action –

No Formal Vote is Necessary.



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To: Florida Cities

From: Sharon G. Berrian, Director, Membership Relations

Re: 2017 Florida Municipal Achievement Awards

Date: December 13, 2016

The Florida League of Cities is pleased to announce the 9th Annual Florida Municipal Achievement Awards program.

We know that our public servants work hard to develop programs that improve the quality of life for residents and for the future of our cities. The goal of the Florida Municipal Achievement Awards program is to focus public attention on excellent, innovative projects that address a local need, promote active municipal participation by residents, and improve environmental conditions.

There are three award categories:

- City Spirit Award,
- Florida Citizenship Award
- Environmental Stewardship Award

The nomination deadline is Friday, May 5, 2017. The Florida Municipal Achievement Awards program brochures, with rules and instructions for entry is enclosed. Please pay careful attention to all the requirements and go to the League's website for tips on helping you make your narrative more effective (*the link is enclosed in the nomination brochure.*)

We encourage you to nominate your city, town or village's successful projects so they can be recognized and showcased statewide.

Winners will be announced in June 2017 and there will be subsequent recognition and media announcements in each recipient's hometown and at the FLC annual conference. Winners in each category will also receive a beautiful "Muni Award," be recognized in the League's magazine, on the website and social media.

For more information about the awards program, call me at the League's Tallahassee office at (850) 701-3660 or e-mail sberrian@flcities.com.

Enclosure



City Spirit Environmental Stewardship Citizenship

The Florida League of Cities is pleased
to announce the 9th annual

Florida Municipal Achievement Awards Program

The goal of this program is to recognize innovations
and excellence in municipal government.

The Florida Municipal Achievement Awards Program
will provide municipalities the opportunity to receive
deserved recognition for superior and innovative
efforts in three categories:

- City Spirit Award
- Florida Citizenship Award, and
- Environmental Stewardship Award.





Application Process ▶▶

The Florida Municipal Achievement Awards program is open to city, town or village governments that are members of the Florida League of Cities. The application process is as follows:

- ▶▶ A city may submit one nomination in each of the following categories: City Spirit Award, Florida Citizenship Award and Environmental Stewardship Award. Each nomination must be for a different project.
- ▶▶ The programs nominated must have been in effect and operating for a minimum of one full year.
- ▶▶ For each of the awards, please complete the enclosed nomination form, along with TWO SEPARATE NARRATIVES: 1) For judging purposes, a 1,200-word or less narrative focusing on the award criteria; and also a 150-word or less narrative summarizing your entry.
- ▶▶ A letter of recommendation on behalf of the mayor and council/commission must accompany each nomination.
- ▶▶ Please include additional supportive materials, such as newspaper clippings, photographs, letters from constituents, or other items that help document the nominated program.
- ▶▶ No more than 10 pages (on 8 ½ x 11 paper) of supportive material can be accepted.
- ▶▶ Please DO NOT paper clip nomination packets. You may use folders. DO NOT include videotapes, DVDs, CDs, or PowerPoint presentations.
- ▶▶ Please send seven copies of your nomination packet. Your nomination will not be complete without these seven copies.
- ▶▶ Past winning entries from the Florida Municipal Achievement Awards program are not eligible to be nominated.

Judging ▶▶

Judging will be based entirely on the written entry and supportive information. Judging will be conducted by an independent panel of judges with considerable expertise in leadership, governance and public service.

Program Summary

Each nominated program may be publicized. As such, be sure to include in your city's entry a separate 150-word narrative summarizing your program.

Announcement of Winners

- ▶▶ Winners will be announced in June 2017. Subsequently, there will be special recognition and media announcements in each recipient's hometown and statewide.
- ▶▶ Winners in each category will also receive a special beautifully designed trophy.
- ▶▶ Winners will be featured in the League's magazine, *Quality Cities*, and be featured in articles in statewide publications (through press announcements and through various websites and social media).

The judges reserve the right to not award a winner in every category.



Award Criteria▶▶

City Spirit Award

This award will be given to a city for a specific, single, citywide effort to successfully address a local need.

In the narrative and supportive materials, describe the project in detail and show how it was:

- ▶▶ **Timely** – Why was the project needed?
- ▶▶ **Innovative** – Is it a new program or an older program presented in a new and exciting way?
- ▶▶ **Effective** – How did the program positively affect your municipal residents, pull citizens together, strengthen government relationships and inspire city employees?
- ▶▶ **Successful** – Who benefited? Did it meet your objectives? How will the project impact your city in the future?
- ▶▶ **Cost Effective** – How much did it cost/save?
- ▶▶ **Adaptable** – Can it be adapted for use in other cities?

Florida Citizenship Award

This award focuses on city projects or programs that build stronger, more participative residents. The programs increase civic awareness, education and knowledge, and promote active participation among residents. The programs can be for adults and/or youth.

In the narrative and supportive materials, describe the project in detail and show how it was:

- ▶▶ **Effective** – How did the program positively affect your municipal residents, increase their understanding of their city government and inspire active participation?
- ▶▶ **Partners** – Did the city create any new, or promote existing, partnerships in this program? Explain.
- ▶▶ **Successful** – Who benefitted from the program? What were program objectives and were they met? What have been the short-term benefits and how will the project impact your city in the future?
- ▶▶ **Innovative** – Why do you feel this was an innovative way to meet your objectives?
- ▶▶ **Adaptable** – Can this program be used as a model for other cities?

Environmental Stewardship Award

This award focuses on city programs that promote conservation, improve and protect environmental conditions, and/or provide environmental education and outreach programs within your city.

In the narrative and supportive materials, describe the program in detail and show how it was:

- ▶▶ **Effective** – How does the program positively impact your city's environmental resources and conditions?
- ▶▶ **Successful** – What were program objectives and how were they met? How have you measured the program's success?
- ▶▶ **Results** – How will the program improve the long-term sustainability of our natural resources or reduce the carbon footprint?
- ▶▶ **Innovative** – Why do you feel this program provides an innovative solution to protecting, conserving and/or improving the environment?
- ▶▶ **Adaptable** – Can this program be used as a model for other cities?



2017 Florida Municipal Achievement Awards Program

Nomination Form

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017.

Category (Please check one)

See Award Criteria for more information. Please print or type.

Only submit one nomination per form. A city may submit one nomination in each category; however, each nomination must be for a different project.

CITY SPIRIT AWARD

Name of Project _____

Nominated by _____

(Name of City/Town/Village)

FLORIDA CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Name of Project _____

Nominated by _____

(Name of City/Town/Village)

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

Name of Project _____

Nominated by _____

(Name of City/Town/Village)

Contact Person

Please print or type. (The contact person below may be listed in any League-developed publication and must be an elected city official or city staff person.)

Name _____

Title _____

Government _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax _____

Email Address _____

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Narratives ▶▶

In the 1,200-word or less narrative, please be clear and concise, using the Award Criteria to support the selection of your nominated program. Please type up to 1,200 words, double-spaced on white 8-1/2" x 11" paper.

Please include a word count:

Number of words

In the 150-word or less narrative, summarize your program.

Please include a word count:

Number of words

Entries exceeding the required word count will not be accepted.

Please go to the following link for tips on helping you make your narrative more effective:

<http://www.floridaleagueofcities.com/about/award-programs/florida-municipal-achievement-awards>

Supportive Information ▶▶

- ▶▶ Please include additional supportive materials, such as newspaper clippings, photographs, letters from constituents, or other items that help document the nominated program.
- ▶▶ No more than 10 pages (on 8 1/2 x 11 paper) of supportive material can be accepted.
- ▶▶ Please DO NOT staple nomination packets. DO NOT include videotapes, DVDs, CDs, or PowerPoint presentations.

Contact Sharon Berrian at (850) 701-3660 or sberrian@flcities.com for more information.





Rules and Instructions ▶▶

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- 2 Nominations must be received by Friday, May 5, 2017.
Send to:
Sharon G. Berrian
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Attn: Florida Municipal Achievement Awards
301 S. Bronough Street, Suite 300 (32301)
P.O. Box 1757
Tallahassee, FL 32302-1757
- 3 A city may submit one nomination in each of the following categories: City Spirit Award, Florida Citizenship Award and Environmental Stewardship Award. Each nomination must be for a different project. The programs nominated must have been in effect and operating for a minimum of one full year. Remember to include a letter of recommendation on behalf of the mayor and council/commission.
- 4 Only one nomination per packet. If your city is submitting two or more nominations, they must be in separate packets.
- 5 No faxes or emails, please.
- 6 Please submit seven copies (including all supportive information) for each award category entry. PLEASE DO NOT paper clip nomination packets. You may use folders. Your nomination WILL NOT be complete without seven copies of the supportive information.
- 7 Narratives should be typed double-spaced on white 8-1/2" x 11" paper. No more than 1,200 words for the nomination and no more than 150 words for the program summary. Please include word counts. Your nomination WILL NOT be complete without both narratives.
- 8 Supportive material is limited to 10 8-1/2" x 11" pages.
- 9 The judges reserve the right to not award a winner in every category.
- 10 Winners will be announced in June 2017 with special recognition and media announcements in each recipient's hometown and statewide to follow. Winners in each category will also receive a special beautifully designed trophy. Winners will be featured in the League's magazine, *Quality Cities*, and be featured in articles in statewide publications (through press announcements and through various websites and social media).
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