

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WORKSHOP OF
THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

MARCH 11, 2021

Present: Commissioner Robert D. Bender, Chairman, District 4
Commissioner Jeffrey W. Bergosh, Vice Chairman, District 1
Commissioner Steven L. Barry, District 5
Commissioner Lumon J. May, District 3
Commissioner Douglas B. Underhill, District 2
Honorable Pam Childers, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
Janice Gilley, County Administrator
Alison Rogers, County Attorney
DeLana Allen-Busbee, Administrative Specialist, Clerk and Comptroller's Office

Location: Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building, Board Chambers, First Floor
221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, Florida

Report prepared by: DeLana Allen-Busbee

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bender called the Committee of the Whole (C/W) Workshop to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Was the Meeting Properly Advertised?

The C/W was advised by DeLana Allen-Busbee, Administrative Specialist, Clerk and Comptroller's Office, that the meeting was advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on March 6, 2021, in the Board's weekly meeting schedule.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Commissioner May led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA ITEMS – Continued

4. Board Items

I. LOST III Update

A. Board Discussion – The C/W viewed and discussed a PowerPoint presentation, which was also provided in hard copy, titled *Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Update*, presented by County Administrator Gilley and Melissa Weekley, Budget Manager, and the C/W:

(1) Heard a review of the presentation slides by Ms. Gilley, including the following information:

- The goal for LOST III is to close the fund by the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2022
- Total actual revenue for LOST III through FY 2020 is \$474,851,749; the original plan had a total of \$378,000,000
- Summaries of the fund and loans
- Action Items include:
 1. For projects not yet initiated – move projects to LOST IV;
 2. For projects initiated, but not completed by FYE 2022 – move project balances to LOST IV;
 3. Upon completion of each active LOST III project, balance will be transferred to LOST IV district reserves; and
 4. Internal loans – recommendation is to reflect cash used in originating fund; External loans – recommendation is to move to LOST IV
- Staff will implement various strategies for LOST IV to keep the Board informed and to ensure efficiency

(2) Heard comments from Commissioner Bender regarding how the process was streamlined;

(3) Was advised by Commissioner Underhill that he is supportive of the action items and likes the messaging of the finances;

(4) Was advised by Commissioner Barry that he would prefer to spend some additional time discussing LOST with Amber McClure, Chief Budget Officer, and discuss further at a Regular Meeting, but he is supportive of items one through three; and

(5) Heard comments from Commissioner Bender regarding his support of items one through three as well, and was advised that he looked forward to additional discussion in the weeks to come; and

B. Board Direction – None.

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II. OLF-8 Master Plan Update

A. Board Discussion – The C/W viewed and discussed a slide depicting the OLF-8 Adjusted Hybrid Plan, presented by Terri Berry, Project Manager and Environmental Project Coordinator, Natural Resources Management, and the C/W:

- (1) Was advised by Ms. Berry that since the last Workshop, a town hall meeting was held, which provided an opportunity for all stakeholders to view and ask questions regarding the Adjusted Hybrid Plan for OLF-8; information and comments are still coming in and feedback will be provided to the Board once it is finalized;
- (2) Discussed the potential of concurrency or impact fees to aid in funding development and infrastructure, the effect of the adjusted plan on Triumph grant potential, and requested that staff re-tool the original Triumph grant based on changes in the plan;
- (3) Discussed the need for a school on the property and additional fire services, the desire to see retail on the frontage of Nine Mile Road, and whether there are shovel-ready sites available now;
- (4) Heard comments from Commissioner Barry regarding whether the Board would entertain the idea of expediting the conclusion of the process with DPZ so that the project could move forward, and discussed what steps need to be taken to wrap up and begin the next phases;
- (5) Agreed that the Board would still retain the ability to modify the plans for the property to certain extents and the fluid nature of the project;
- (6) Discussed parcels of the property and where different development types and densities would occur; also discussed the potential location for the school;
- (7) Heard comments from Commissioner May regarding his role in making policy decisions and his desire to ensure that the work done by the consultants is not thrown out;
- (8) Further discussed impact fees and the Triumph grant, and agreed that the Board is allocating land in the plan, not giving it away, in reference to land for the school;
- (9) Was advised by Commissioner Underhill that he still supports the Village and Market Plans for OLF-8 as they garnered more support from the people of Beulah;

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(10) Heard comments from Scott Luth, FloridaWest, regarding economic development on the site, how his perspective on development might be different than others due to his professional experience, and his opinion that amenities added to the site can have tremendous value for employers/employees; and

(11) Set a goal to wrap up work on the current phase of the project with DPZ and turn the project over to the Board and staff by May 31st; and

B. Board Direction – None.

Speaker(s):

Marina Khoury via Teams

III. Towing Ordinance Fee Discussion

A. Board Discussion – The C/W discussed a draft Resolution concerning non-consensual towing and storage service fees, and the C/W:

(1) Was advised by County Administrator Gilley that, per local towing companies, their costs have increased exponentially due to insurance and equipment and the Consumer Pricing Index (CPI) fees provided by staff do not take those increased costs into consideration;

(2) Was advised by Commissioner Bergosh that he fully supports increasing costs to be in line with other counties and the numbers in the draft Resolution; he also supports adding the CPI into the fees going forward;

(3) Heard comments of support from Commissioner Underhill and Bergosh for fees outlined in column C of the Regional Towing Rates provided in the backup;

(4) Discussed the fee for deployed airbags and what that terminology means; was advised by Mike Hobbs, Matchett Towing and Recovery, that deployed airbags refers to the airbags used by a company to roll over a heavy duty piece of equipment such as an eighteen wheeler or motorhome;

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- (5) Upon inquiry from Commissioner Barry, discussed the storage rates in the backup and agreed to reduce the Class A vehicle daily storage rate to \$40 and leave the fees for storage of other vehicle classes as provided in column C of the backup;
- (6) Was advised by Ms. Gilley that staff can provide the CPI adjustment annually and provide a rate sheet at the beginning of each year; County Attorney Rogers advised that the Resolution would be brought back for adoption on March 25th; and
- (7) Agreed that the Resolution to be adopted would reflect the rates outlined in column C of the backup with the adjustment of row 8 to \$40 for the daily storage rate of Class A vehicles and the addition of the CPI language; and

B. Board Direction – None.

5. Adjourn

Chairman Bender declared the C/W Workshop adjourned at 10:59 a.m.