

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA
STAFF REPORT
FOR MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2016



SUBJECT: Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. O-04-2016 authorizing the City to impose and collect non-ad valorem special assessments against real property within the City for services, facilities, programs and local improvements to certain City owned stormwater and solid waste utilities

BACKGROUND: As we know, the City now bills each parcel owner for our monthly stormwater charge. The City has been considering different collection methods for the stormwater utility charges and rates throughout the entire City. At present, the City has approved an availability or base charge of \$3.50 per parcel per month which offsets some, but not all, of the expenses of the stormwater system. One method of collection as authorized by the proposed Ordinance, rather than monthly billing, will allow the City to collect stormwater base charges on a yearly basis on a property owner's ad valorem tax bill similar to the way the County collects the \$84.00 (\$7.00 monthly) yearly landfill charge to all County residences. This assessment will be City wide in application.

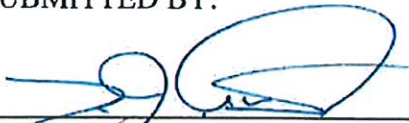
The City also has considered alternative methods for collections of our monthly solid waste fees for non-commercial accounts within the Magnolia West ("MW") subdivision. This consideration is based in part upon the difficulty of collection in the subdivision because the City provides only stormwater and solid waste utilities. As you know, this subdivision was annexed into the City and the area is not within our electric, sewer or water service area. The City may also use the non-ad valorem special assessment method of collection as outlined above and approved by the subject Ordinance for solid waste with the MW subdivision. City staff tried diligently, but unsuccessfully, to have the MW subdivision assess itself on the tax rolls and then remit the yearly solid waste fees (\$18.00 monthly/\$216.00 yearly) to us. They are allowed legally to do so because they were established as a separate legal entity known as a Community Development District ("CDD").

FISCAL IMPACT / FUNDING SOURCE: The City should eventually collect close to one hundred percent (100%) of the subject charges on stormwater and solid waste.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. O-04-2016 on second and final reading.


<u>MOTION:</u> Approve Ordinance No. O-04-2016 on second and final reading.
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SUBMITTED BY:



L. J. Arnold, III, City Attorney

APPROVED BY:



Danielle J. Judd, City Manager