

**Subject:** Re: Final version of the packet for Thursday's Town Council meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 5:16:40 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** David Miles  
**To:** Sean O'Keefe  
**CC:** John Brock, Thomas J. Wilkes  
**Attachments:** image001.png, image002.png

As per usual, the Staff report mimics the inaccurate and biased information about the Infrastructure Fund, the Transportation Fund and General Fund when there is a preferred outcome by some not to fund the Holly Street reconstruction this fiscal year. This was not the action I requested of the Town Manager on four separate occasions to be placed on the Town Council Agenda, in fact it is an attempt to subvert my agenda request! My request was quite simple: "Place a proposal to award the reconstruction of E. Holly Street back on the agenda for reconsideration. Also prepare a budget adjustment to move the revenue funds from the General Fund to the Infrastructure/Transportation Fund to accompany the related expenditure lines moved in February." In February we were told that the budget adjustments had NO IMPACT on the budget approved by the Town Council. I asked for a straight up and down vote by the Town Council on these two items. That was not done as requested, Mr. Town Manager.

First, while it is true that there were some legal, ROW acquisition, and other costs related to N. Citrus that are normally funded for this and every other identical purpose by the General Fund. The money spent in the general fund for legal fees and ROW acquisition are not germane to this issue. They were separately required to resolve another issue, which was the fact that the Town's roads and water lines were neither on the Town's ROW nor on an easement across three private properties at the corner of N. Citrus and Camellia Way. They solved this separate issue, to wit, the Town was encroaching on private property for its roads and water lines.

The analysis presented by staff ignores the revenue amount budgeted by the Town Council in the FY 2024-2025 General Fund Budget for the explicit purpose of doing minor road work and street lighting. This General Fund revenue budget of \$72,998 was not moved to the newly established Transportation Fund Budget when the identical related expenditures were moved from the General Fund to the Transportation Fund. I strongly abhor this tactic of trying to obscure the road issue with irrelevant information. The Town Council only decided to fund the Boat Dock after being provided incorrect and misleading information related to the FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 budgeted road repairs in the Infrastructure Fund to artificially show a shortfall, when none existed. The surprise Boat Dock issue was later interjected at the May 1 meeting to further obfuscate and create a proposed shortfall in road construction funding, when none existed if staff had followed the original budget plan approved by the Town Council.

I request that a copy of this rebuttal be attached to the agenda item on E. Holly Street Road Reconstruction for discussion by the Town Council.

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