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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 2:36 PM
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Subject: RE: Data needed for tomorrows meeting

Michael and Committee Members:

Please see below my responses below in **BOLD** to Committee Member Lamb's inquiries for tomorrow's meeting.



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Requests for Thursday Meeting

1. Total Project Bond amount estimated and date of estimated sale. **THE TOTAL PROJECT COST IS \$10.8 MILLION. WITHOUT ANY OTHER FUNDING, THIS WOULD BE THE AMOUNT THAT WOULD BE BONDED. HOWEVER, WE WILL BE UTILIZING THE \$1.75 MILLION IN PHASE I GRANT REIMBURSEMENT TOWARD PHASES II AND III.**
2. Date of first bond payment due. **NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME, BUT REASONABLY EXPECT APRIL 2027 (INTEREST ONLY); OCTOBER 2027 (PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST).**
3. Date and average amount of proposed sewer rate increase based on users paying for project less (4). **JULY 1, 2026 (BILLED OCTOBER 2026); AVERAGE INCREASE OF \$113.58 PER QUARTER (\$37.86 PER MONTH) FOR AVERAGE CUSTOMER WITH 1,500 C.F. WATER USAGE PER QUARTER.**

4. Grant amount available to pay on project. **\$1.75 MILLION; ADDITIONAL GRANT AWARD MAY BE FORTHCOMING, BUT AMOUNT IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.**

5. 2026 General Fund estimated discretionary to be available to pay on project. **\$800,000**

6. 2026 estimated discretionary water and sewer funds available to pay on project. **\$1 MILLION**

7. Estimated annual payment on remaining principle of bond should bond (1) be reduced by (4), (5) and (6) **\$551,863 PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ANNUALLY**

Additionally, written evidence that additional bond grant funding has been applied for, accepted and recommended for funding by State, Local or Federal Government Authorities. **NO SUCH DOCUMENT EXISTS.**

Alternate funding Strategies

-proposed by Gibb, Rutt, Sanchez aka new services to decrease user costs. Provide the number of services and the specific dates they are to go into service, what dollar value they will reduce the amount of increase in (3) and incorporate into the one year time line starting at July 1, 2026. **WES CAN RUN SOME SCENARIOS BUT, FOR THOSE DEVELOPMENTS NOT YET CONSTRUCTED, THE INFORMATION WOULD BE SPECULATIVE.**

-an explanation from the Village Manager as to why the DDA Tax Capture District cannot be amended and decreased by Village Council, to have residential properties removed, to gain additional tax revenues into the General Fund to pay on the Bond. The explanation should include the mechanism involved and the minimum time frame required within the one year time line. **THE DDA DISTRICT CAN BE REDUCED. WE WOULD NEED COMMITTEE MEMBER LAMB'S PROPOSED AMENDED DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND TAXABLE VALUE OF THE REMOVED AREA TO DO A FINANCIAL ANALYSIS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES. AN ANALYSIS OF THE PROCESS, TIMELINE, AND OTHER DETAILS OF A DISTRICT BOUNDARY REDUCTION IS OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THIS COMMITTEE AND WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL**

-any other alternative funding strategies available as opposed to a generalized verbal presentation that we can not fund in this manner. **ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR FUNDING INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- **LEVY 1 MIL TAX FOR CEMETERY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AND REDUCE GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC WORKS FUND PROPORTIONATELY.**
- **LEVY FULL GENERAL OPERATING MILLAGE (WE ARE CURRENTLY AT 9.7844 OF 10.2018 MILS)**
- **LEVY FULL POLICE HEADLEE OVERRIDE MILLAGE (WE ARE CURRENTLY AT 0.2315 MIL OF 1.2658 MILS)**
- **SPECIALLY ASSESS ALL PROPERTIES FOR POLICE OPERATIONS AND ELIMINATE DDA CAPTURE; REDUCE GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTION TO POLICE FUND PROPORTIONATELY**
- **REDUCE GENERAL FUND OPERATING COSTS**
- **INCREASE FEES AND CHARGES**

Thank you,

Mike Lamb

