



155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470

Agenda Item # 4

TO: Town Council of Town of Loxahatchee Groves

FROM: Francine L. Ramaglia, Town Manager

DATE: June 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Capital Improvement Plan and Funding by Chris Wallace from Munilytics

Background:

Pursuant to Section 163.3177(3)(b) of Florida Statutes, local governments are required to undertake an annual review of the Capital Improvements Element to update the Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for Level of Service (LOS) projects. The update to the schedule is not considered an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan

On October 18, 2022, the Town Council approved the attached update to the Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for Level of Service (LOS) projects.

The primary focus of the plan for FY23 was the road paving plans, which are underway. In addition, major culvert replacements were done or are scheduled to be done at 161st and A bridge culvert, E Road and Collecting Canal, and C Road and Connecting Canal Equestrian bridge culvert. Funds originally budgeted for 11th Terrace and D Road bridge culvert were diverted to fund emergency repairs at _____. The need to replace the bridge culvert at 11th Terrace and D Road remains and staff recommends funding that project in FY24.

The approved plan for FY24 envisioned \$4,456,900 in capital improvements, with the addition of the delayed 11th Terrace and D Road bridge culvert the total anticipated costs for FY24 would be \$4,495,900. ARPA funds will have been exhausted as a result of this year's capital improvement projects. Funding is not available for 4.7 million dollars of identified projects.

Therefore, staff recommends the focus of next year's CIP be drainage improvement projects. The staff suggests the \$1,044,000 in identified paving projects in FY24 and \$700,000 identified for FY25 be pushed back one year respectively to FY25 and FY26. Likewise, with the exception of \$158,400 for 6th Ct and \$130,000 for 161st the Road Rock plan be pushed back a year. This would reduce the need for funds from \$784,400 to \$288,400.

The current plan for Required Drainage repairs identified \$640,000 of drainage work on North A, North B, North C, and South D plus \$150,000 for miscellaneous culverts. Instead, staff



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recommends the use of \$750,000 in state grant monies along with \$375,000 in matching funds for a total of \$1,125,000 in drainage repairs be done on a priority schedule to be determined by expressed land owner's desire (as evidenced by executed and recorded easements) and demonstrated need. Priority would be given to those locations that had a demonstrated problem and easements in place allowing for the implementation of a plan to correct the problem.

The repair and maintenance of canal banks would also be prioritized. The staff is developing a plan to improve and stabilize canal banks using in house staff. A budget and schedule will be presented to the Council during upcoming budget sessions. It is anticipated that the sustainability grant monies will be able to be used to partially fund these improvements. It is also anticipated the costs associated with the program will be below the \$1,560,000 set forth in the current capital plan.

The anticipated cost for Rental Lease/Option for machinery and equipment will increase by 40,000 as the estimated cost of a required Tractor/Mower is \$85,000 not \$45,000. The total costs for lease/purchase of equipment would increase from \$215,000 to \$255,000.

The revised CIP program would have funding needs as follows:

Road Rock Plan – 288,400

Required Drainage – 1,125,000

Canal Bank Stabilization – TBD (less than 1.5 million)

Other Road Materials and Signage – 175,000

Lease of Equipment - 255,000

Total CIP = \$1,843,400 plus Canal Bank Stabilization (Total less than 3.3 million)

Recommendation:

Review, discuss, and direct staff.