



155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470

Agenda Item # 5

TO: Town Council of Town of Loxahatchee Groves

FROM: Francine L. Ramaglia, Town Manager

DATE: October 3, 2023

SUBJECT: Consideration of *Resolution No. 2023-70* expressing support for the extension and continuation of the Palm Beach County One-Cent Sales Surtax to Fund Local Infrastructure Projects through December 31, 2036

Background:

In November 2016, Palm Beach County voters approved an increase to the local sales tax from 6 cents per dollar to 7 cents per dollar which became effective on January 1, 2017. This surtax automatically sunsets on either December 31, 2026, or upon the generation of \$2.7 billion in total revenue, depending on which occurs first. The generated revenue could only be used for infrastructure projects such as schools, roads, sidewalks, and other services vital to the health and well-being of the residents and the wider community.

The Town has previously expressed support for the local sales tax interlocal agreement via Resolution 2016-36 and has benefitted from receiving the funds to improve town infrastructure and to maintain a lower property tax millage rate. *Resolution No. 2023-70* expresses support for asking voters in Palm Beach County to extend the current one-cent sales surtax for infrastructure projects through and until December 31, 2036. If approved, the resolution will be provided to the appropriate county officials, as well as the School District, and the Palm Beach County League of Cities.

The attached Resolution is a template that is being approved by other cities in the County.

Recommendation:

Motion to approve *Resolution No. 2023-70* supporting the extension and continuation of one-cent sales surtax.