



MEMORANDUM

Date: Oct 25, 2023
To: Board of Commissioners
From: Robin I. Gomez, City Manager
Subject: PRESENTATION BY SHUMAKER ADVISORS – RJ MYERS

Background

The City has utilized the professional services of Shumaker Advisors for State of Florida lobbying consulting and government relations for the past few years. Mr. RJ Myers a Principal with Shumaker will provide an overview of the firm's services and proposed work for the FY 2024 legislative year.

Discussion

The City has been utilizing the services of Shumaker Advisors, a Tampa, FL, firm, to provide professional lobbying services for State of Florida executive and legislative branch matters including favorable municipal legislation and funding for specific capital projects.

Most recently in the 2022 legislative session the City received two (2) grants totaling \$2.556 Million for John's Pass waterway dredging and road resurfacing projects mainly through the work performed by Shumaker Advisors. Unfortunately, in 2023 the City's request to help fund a public works/fire day-usage building was vetoed. The City will again in the 2024 State legislative session seek funding for capital projects including:

- a. Flooding & Resiliency Mitigation – Sea Walls Replacement
- b. Roads & Streets, Area 9

The City has and continues to be very pleased with Shumaker's performance.