



MEMORANDUM

Date: Jan 22, 2025
To: Board of Commissioners
From: Robin I. Gomez, City Manager
Subject: PRESENTATION BY SHUMAKER ADVISORS – JIM TAYLOR

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. Jim Taylor, Vice President with Shumaker will introduce himself and provide an overview of the firm's services as we head into the 2025 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.

In the past few years 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, as well as funding for the Beach Groins refurbishment and seawall repairs. The City will again in the 2025 State legislative session seek funding for capital projects including:

- a. Flooding & Resiliency Mitigation
- b. Roads & Streets, Area 9
- c. Public Works/1st Responder Building
- d. Other

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