TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Community Resource Center Update

Construction of the Community Resource Center continues to progress. The roof is currently being installed, and window installation is expected to begin soon. While the project is running slightly behind the original grant schedule, staff has been working closely with the Florida Department of Commerce regarding a grant extension. Commerce has advised that the extension is being processed, although written confirmation has not yet been received. In the meantime, Hoffman Construction continues to move the project forward, and while the project is expected to come very close to the current grant deadline, the requested extension will be necessary to allow for final completion.

Comprehensive Plan Grant

The Town has been awarded a legislative appropriation to begin development of a new Comprehensive Plan. This project will also operate under a strict timeline, with all grant-funded work required to be completed by **June 30, 2027**. Staff has begun coordinating with the Town's planning consultant, eda, to establish project deliverables and a schedule that maximizes the available funding. Based on initial discussions, eda believes all twelve required elements of the Comprehensive Plan can be completed within the grant period. While the timeline will not allow sufficient time for the State's formal review and comment process before the grant expires, this funding represents a significant opportunity to make substantial progress toward adopting a new Comprehensive Plan.

FY 2026-2027 Budget

The tentative budget hearing has been scheduled for **Monday, September 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** at Town Hall. This date and time will also appear on the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notices mailed to property owners.

The proposed budget maintains the Town's current millage rate of **5.2000 mills**, which has remained unchanged for the past four fiscal years. Although most homesteaded property owners are expected to see little or no increase in their Town property taxes, the Town anticipates receiving greater overall ad valorem tax proceeds due to increases in taxable property values. As required by Florida law, because the projected tax revenues exceed those generated in the prior year, the Town must advertise the budget as a tax increase, even though the millage rate itself is not increasing.