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**Town Administrator's Report
Informational Items**

1. Road Paving Project Update

The Town recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for paving services, which was posted on the Town's website in accordance with our procurement procedures. The Town received one response from **Osteen Brothers, Inc. (OBI)**. After review, the proposal was determined to meet the Town's needs and represented the lowest possible cost for comparable services.

Following Commission authorization to proceed, staff has moved forward with OBI's proposal. Representatives from OBI will be coordinating with the Town in the coming weeks regarding scheduling and commencement of the paving work. Additional updates will be provided as the project timeline is finalized.

2. Community Garden Progress

The Town's community garden continues to see strong participation and community support. While Patty will provide a more detailed update, I would like to highlight several positive developments.

Participants in the community garden, in partnership with the **Micanopy Pollinators**, have successfully raised sufficient funds to construct raised garden beds, build a storage shed, and begin planting activities. In addition, the group has been actively hosting workshops for residents and local youth, focusing on successful gardening practices and environmental stewardship.

This initiative has become a meaningful community project that promotes education, sustainability, and local engagement.

3. Future Budget and Revenue Discussions

In the coming months, the Commission will begin discussions regarding potential revenue reductions related to the proposed elimination of the homesteaded ad valorem tax. These discussions will be incorporated into the Town's budgeting workshop scheduled for the summer.

Preliminary assessments indicate that such a change could have a significant impact on municipal revenues. As a result, the Town may need to reconsider how general government operations are funded and managed. One potential shift could involve operating more services on a **cost-of-service basis**, ensuring that fees and revenues more directly align with the cost of providing those services.

Staff will continue to evaluate the potential impacts and will present additional information and options to the Commission as part of the upcoming budget discussions.