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**TO:** City Commission

**FROM:** Olivia Minshew, City Manager

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**RE:** Quote for Flashing Lights at School Zone Side Street Entry

At the request of a Commissioner, staff researched the cost of adding flashing lights on the side streets that lead into the Wauchula Elementary school zone. The purpose of these flashing lights would be to provide enhanced notice to drivers entering the zone from side streets, in addition to the signage already in place. Please note that code does not require any signage or flashing lights on side streets leading into school zones.

Staff reached out to Blue Line Solutions, the vendor selected to implement the City's new school zone safety camera system. Blue Line Solutions has provided a quote of approximately \$30,000 to furnish and install the flashing lights at the side streets. Blue Line is nearing completion of the school zone safety project. If the Commission wishes to move forward with this enhancement, we need to authorize the work now.

In addition to the upfront installation cost, it is important to note that there will be ongoing utility and maintenance expenses associated with the flashing lights.

Given the cost and the fact that this type of enhancement is not required by code, staff is requesting direction from the full Commission before proceeding. Please advise if there is consensus to move forward or not.

The quote and pictures of existing signage are included. Staff will be happy to answer questions on this item at the Commission meeting.