

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
BRADENTON AREA CONVENTION CENTER, NORTH CENTER HALL
One Haban Boulevard
Palmetto, Florida
June 26, 2020**

Meeting video link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUlgjuGhS-qV966RU2Z7AtA>

Present were:

Betsy Benac, Chairman
Carol Whitmore, First Vice-Chairman
Misty Servia, Second Vice-Chairman
Reggie Bellamy, Third Vice-Chairman
Vanessa Baugh
Stephen R. Jonsson
Priscilla Whisenant Trace

Also present were:

Cheri Coryea, County Administrator
Jan Brewer, Financial Management Director
Robin Toth, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court



Chairman Benac called the work session to order at 9:05 a.m.

AGENDA AND SIGN-IN SHEETS

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1. **BUDGET MESSAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022**



Cheri Coryea, County Administrator, announced Constitutional Officers would present their budgets, after the presentation of the Budget Message for Fiscal Year (FY) 21-22, followed by a presentation of the FY21-25 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), including the Infrastructure Sales Tax (IST) and other fund sources of capital projects.

She presented a written narrative and short video to present the County Administrator's FY21-22 Recommended Budget Message. Financial Management and Public Information staff was commended for the budget presentations and the video published on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TK2SeGKHF-c&feature=youtu.be>. Financial Management Department formed the County's FY21 spending plan in accordance with current revenue projections. Implementation of the County Administrator's ten point strategic plan focuses on Results-First Initiatives.

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Without knowing how the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak would impact tourism, local spending and home values, the Board was presented with doom, gloom and bloom scenarios (5/19/20), ranging from minor to substantial budget disruptions to craft the recommended FY21 budget.



The FY21 net budget of \$710.7 million is recommended, reflecting a 3.9 percent decrease (\$28.6 million) from last year. This budget excludes reserves, internal services and transfers, includes property taxes of \$271.6 million (38.2 percent) of the overall sources, and includes the impacts of COVID-19. This budget proposes no change to the property tax rate, and is buoyed by a 7.1 percent growth in property taxes, for an additional \$18.1 million in FY21. The recommended FY21 Countywide operating millage rate of 6.4326 remains unchanged from FY20; the recommended, unincorporated Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) remains at .6109, and the Palm Aire MSTU at .2546. Manatee County receives \$.44 of every dollar collected for property taxes at these millage rates.

 The Sheriff has agreed to a three percent budget increase, for an additional \$4.4 million; and 12 new positions are proposed, including six patrol deputies, two court security deputies, a new domestic violence unit detective, one fleet mechanic, one resource assistant, a program deputy, and one records clerk. This budget includes \$200,000 for de-escalation training to assist front-line responders in handling difficult situations. A three percent salary investment is included to fund a cost-of-living or merit-based increase to the Sheriff's workforce.

An additional four percent (\$651,000) is recommended to cover a one-time, employer health insurance increase. The Sheriff's office returned over \$3.9 million of excess budget funds to be held for future needs. Large purchases account for \$2.4 million, and the remaining \$1.5 million will be held in Reserves for emerging requests.

 The remaining Constitutional offices (Clerk of the Circuit Court, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections, Tax Collector, and Court-supported offices of the State Attorney, Court Administration, Public Defender and Guardian Ad-Litem) have made modest requests that center around the need for improved technology, attributing the increase to population growth and the Court sector. Total increase is \$1.1 million, which includes the four percent to cover the one-time, employer health insurance increase.

A Child Advocate Manager is recommended for Guardian Ad Litem, supported by the recent child welfare report and a reported increase in abuse and neglect cases of young children.

 Two ambulance units were added to the Public Safety Department to improve response times during peak hours. A Myakka ambulance crew of five employees has been established (\$552,000), as well as a second ambulance crew of seven employees, for 24-hour staffing in the University Parkway area (\$720,000).

 The County will be participating in the Medicaid Managed Care Supplemental Program. Like the Low Income Pool (LIP) funding, the County will only pay \$325,000 to the Program, but will receive \$800,000 in return for Medicaid transports.

 There are 20 road projects in the FY21-25 CIP, which require funding of \$157.5 million. There are eight projects, which have been started and are in subsequent stages of construction and need additional funding of \$87.4 million, nine new road projects were initiated for \$63.1 million, and three bridge replacements for \$6.9 million.

FY21 marks the fourth year of IST funding with a continued priority of transportation improvements. The FY21-25 CIP includes road improvement investments of \$157.5 million, or nearly two thirds of government investment in transportation. The CIP recommends \$158.8 million in road projects alone including:

- 44th Avenue – \$20 million for the final phase in FY24;
- 60th Avenue Improvements near Ellenton Premium Outlets – \$1 million for the final phase;
- Canal Road – \$24.1 million to complete the project;
- 9th Avenue Northwest improvements – \$9.3 million;
- Whitfield at Seminole Gulf Railroad crossing and 69th Avenue East – \$7.5 million;
- Moccasin Wallow widening – \$13.2 million;
- Sidewalks – \$8.7 million; and
- Intersection improvements – \$20.7 million.

 Utility investments over the next five years will total \$348 million, with more than one half going toward wastewater improvements. For the first time, the Board placed \$6.5 million in a special Reserve Disaster Recovery Fund with consideration for future hurricane response needs in the FY20 budget. The County accessed the Fund for \$200,000 to assist with escalating local COVID testing and personal protective equipment to assist the Department of Health and partner with MCR Health. This was a results-first based initiative resulting in community COVID testing of over eight percent (33,000 citizens) of the County's population. It is again recommended that \$6.5 million be held in the Fund to quickly respond to hurricane impacts and other unknowns.

Manatee County is one of the fastest growing counties in the United States, and a population of 414,000 residents is anticipated by 2021.

The ManateeYourChoice Health Plan provides incentives for healthy behavior to keep premium increases to a minimum. A four percent increase is recommended for both employer and employee contributions to help with insurance premiums. The increase will be covered as a one-time benefit by the County paid to the employee, with no additional cost to employees.

 The County endorsed the pay-for-performance method to reward employees. The County took an aggressive step in FY20 for shoring up compression issues by implementing the pay scale market analysis findings. An analysis showed that Manatee County salaries and benefits are solidly competitive, and no market adjustment is needed in FY21. In anticipation of the results for the annual, pay-for-performance program, an increase in budgeted funds equal to 1.5 percent is recommended to be held to address employee compensation issues, future compression, re-classifications and annual performance evaluation increases for results achieved. An additional \$20,000 is recommended in the Human Resources Department budget for leadership training.

 There are eight positions recommended for the Building and Development Services Department; two plans examiners, a business support analyst, a planning section manager, three planners and a planning technician. This focus is to continue to meet State requirements for development review time, and future consideration of a special planning group is currently underway.

Items recommended for Information Technology include a continued investment of enhanced technology, cyber security, software and equipment upgrades, the Computer-Aided Design (CAD) system advancement for Public Safety and Information Technology staff to oversee it.

 The recommended budget shows dedication in meeting the challenges of recovery and takes steps to continue fiscal and operational sustainability. Manatee County continues to earn stellar credit ratings due to sound, financial management practices. It is recommended the budget maintain reserves of 20 percent as required by Board resolution. Additional measures are recommended to continue strengthening the County's fiscal stability through the budget stabilization fund, to reach \$20.5 million.

 The Property Appraiser will certify taxable values no later than July 1. The proposed budget must be submitted to the Clerk of the Circuit Court no later than July 15. A budget reconciliation meeting is scheduled for July 28, to discuss and resolve remaining budget issues, and set a tentative, maximum millage rate to provide to the Property Appraiser by August 4. Truth in Millage (TRIM) statements will be mailed, advising property owners of the

proposed property tax amounts and notifying them of the date, time and place of the first, required public hearing on the budget. Two budget hearings are scheduled for September 14 and 21.

 Ms. Coryea commented on Manatee CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act Federal funding arriving through the State of Florida of up to \$70 million discussed earlier this week (6/16/20), to assist citizens, small businesses and non-profits impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. This is not included in the budget presentation, but will be woven into next year's budget activities.

 Chairman Benac advised that provisions were made for the public to call in to the meeting, via ZOOM Communications Media Technology, to offer comments.

 John Osborne, Deputy County Administrator, ZOOM Host, explained the process of a ZOOM meeting.

 Discussion ensued regarding CARES Act funding and the housing assistance program offered through the Redevelopment and Economic Opportunity Department, over 200 applicants are already being screened, recommendation that the budget maintain 20 percent Reserves, the three percent recommended increase for the Sheriff for the base budget and any merit increases, the 1.5 percent of funds set aside to address compression, re-classifications and pay-for-performance throughout the year, General Fund Cash Balance Reserves holds 73 days of Cash Balance, and funding beyond the 73 days reflects the balance of Stabilization, which is 25 days.

 Jan Brewer, Financial Management Director, referred to the Budget Stabilization chart (attached to Supplemental Budget Information), identifying the breakdown of the \$499.3 million held within Reserve for Cash Balance. With the projected end of FY20, General Fund Budget Stabilization was expected to have an ending balance of \$22 million. One of the largest contributing factors to minimizing impact to this stabilization in FY21 was the reduction of debt service payments due from the General Fund. The General Fund debt service payment reduction of \$4.2 million in FY21 helped to reduce the impacts of COVID-19. With the increases and decreases within the General Fund, debt service savings resulted in a budget stabilization of being impacted by a reduction of \$1.5 million, ending with a General Fund Budget Stabilization of \$20.5 million.

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 It was noted that Manatee County is one of the fastest-growing areas in the country, and people are looking to relocate to areas with less density. It is important to keep this in mind.

 Ms. Coryea expounded on Public Safety's implementation of a new Medicaid Transport Program. The County has participated with Manatee Memorial Hospital, L.W. Blake Hospital and MCR Health for Low Income Pool (LIP) Programs. The Medicaid Transport Program was expanded so that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) could tap into matching funds. Of the County's \$328,000 budget contribution, EMS will receive \$800,000 of LIP funds.

 Ms. Coryea advised that the former flagging process was changed, but some basic features still exist. Commissioners could still pull items for discussion at the July 28 meeting. She spoke about CARES Act funding, the eligible time period of March 12-December 30, 2020, the budget cannot be supplanted with CARES Act funds, reimbursement costs must be COVID-related, and the County is to host two virtual meetings July 9 and 10 about CARES Act Funds.

Discussion continued regarding staff's presentation, strong support for the Sheriff, the technology of teleworking and ability to work from anywhere during the COVID process, teleworking has worked well, what occurred last year with Reserves, Disaster Relief Funds and Budget Stabilization Funds, and how much of these funds were accessed for unexpected emergencies.

 Ms. Brewer stated that historically, the budget was presented before the preliminary estimate; however, due to the delay in bringing this budget information to the Board, pre-certification numbers were used. The difference will be taken out of Reserves and the budget will be adjusted. Staff does not anticipate much of a change.

2. **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS BUDGETS**

 Jan Brewer, Financial Management Director, utilized a slide presentation to review the Constitutional Officer's budget presentations and explained the first column in each budget is the previous year's budget, the middle column is the requested budget, as submitted by each Constitutional Officer, and the last column is the proposed, recommended FY21 budget.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court - Page 5

 The Clerk's budget is funded by General Fund and Court Technology. The adopted FY20 budget (General Fund \$7,602,631; Court Technology \$179,374), was \$7,782,005. The recommended FY21 budget is \$7,965,756, which includes a 1.5 percent personnel increase for the Florida Retirement System (FRS), a four percent health insurance increase and changes to the base budget.

 Kathy Cremaschi, Clerk Finance Director, stated the Clerk's base budget is essentially the same as last year, with no new requested positions.

Public Defender - Page 87

 The Public Defender's budget is funded by General Fund and Court Technology. The adopted FY20 budget was \$376,990; the requested FY21 budget is \$785,649. Staff worked to address the desperate need for court technology upgrades. A recommended FY21 budget of \$444,623 was agreed upon.

 Marianne Conlon, Public Defender's office, thanked Financial Management for their work.

Discussion occurred regarding previous technology upgrade requests, whether this is a one-time expense for upgrades or recurring, Financial Management to work with Paul Alexander, County Information Technology Director, to bring items back.

Court Administration - Page 67

 The Court Administration budget is complex because of the various, associated programs. A large part of funding comes from General Fund, with a portion from Court Technology. The adopted FY20 budget was \$1,322,605, and the requested FY 21 budget is \$1,325,805. The recommended FY21 budget is \$1,352,411, which includes FRS increases, the health insurance increase, and changes to the base budget.

 Kim Miller, Court Administration, stated the guardianship monitor position requested last year was filled by a bilingual individual, who was appointed 59 cases. Ms. Miller shared an experience of a special-needs case and thanked the Board for needed resources during the COVID epidemic.

 Chief Judge Bonner echoed comments by Ms. Miller. The re-opening of Courthouses throughout the State is set by Florida Supreme Court requirements, and very significant benchmarks must be met to progress through the re-opening phases. To date, all three counties in the 12th Judicial Circuit (Desoto, Manatee and Sarasota) are still in Phase I. Staff is equipped and ready to proceed, but waiting on the spectrum of COVID numbers to change in order to safely re-open. Personal protective equipment protocols are in place, including mandatory masks, temperature screening and social distancing. This has created a significant backlog in criminal cases, because there have not been any jury trials since March. Caseloads and jury trials cannot be addressed until Phase 2 is implemented. Staff is urging the public to schedule an appointment for Courthouse services.

 Discussion ensued that with the exception of jury trials, staff has significantly handled the case load using ZOOM communications media technology, staff is working through training and logistics on case management, Family Civil, Probate, and Guardianship judges are also using the technology, Judges and Court Administration have wanted a mental health diversion program for the court system, roadblocks experienced, there has been great success with programs in the Circuit counties, CARES Act funding, and staff has been working on a grant for the mental health diversion program.

 Ms. Miller stated there is mental health tracking in drug court, and a physician from Centerstone works with clients. Centerstone applied for grant funding last year through the Public Safety Coordinating Council, for a comprehensive treatment court.

Supervisor of Elections - Page 59

 The Supervisor of Elections budget is funded by the County Commission. The adopted FY20 budget was \$2,528,432, and the requested FY21 budget is \$2,505,110. The recommended FY21 budget is \$2,557,954, covering the 1.5 percent personnel increase for FRS, four percent health insurance increase and changes to the base budget.

 Mike Bennett, Supervisor of Elections, stated the budget reflects an additional, early voting site on State Road 64, from Florida Department of Transportation, for the upcoming election in August. Additional funds were secured last year to purchase another high-speed scanner. Some districts may be consolidated, 63 of the total 70 precincts will be open, and voting by mail continues to increase. An estimated 100,000 citizens are projected to vote by mail to reduce waiting lines, and citizens are urged to use a mail-in ballot if they are concerned with going to a precinct. Drop-off boxes are available at all precinct locations.

 Mr. Bennett stated the County Commission Chairman or appointee, Chief Judge or appointee, and Supervisor of Elections serve on the Canvassing Board. An extensive training process is required for Canvassing Board members, and they err on the side of caution. Approximately one quarter of one percent of mail-in ballots are rejected, and great effort is made to contact individuals with problem ballots. Citizens are encouraged to update their signatures, and mail-in ballots include a reminder. Mail-in ballots without postage are accepted and counted, and the County gets billed for the costs of missing postage.

Property Appraiser - Page 47

 The Property Appraiser budget is funded by the Department of Revenue. The requested FY21 budget was \$5,880,478, and the County's share is \$5,555,274. The recommended FY21 budget of \$5,880,478 covers one additional staff person, health insurance increase, and a three percent salary increase.

 Charlie Hackney, Property Appraiser, stated 3,000 new single-family residents were added to the tax roll due to this year's growth. The three percent salary increase is based on State guidelines, and there is virtually no capital outlay. This is a very flat, conservative budget.

State Attorney – Page 101

 The State Attorney's budget is funded by General Fund and Court Technology. The adopted FY20 budget was \$627,694 and the requested FY21 budget is \$627,694. The recommended FY21 budget is \$631,972, covering the 1.5 percent personnel increase for FRS, and modest changes to the base budget.

 Ed Brodsky, State Attorney, thanked the County Administrator for the FY21 budget recommendation and the County Commission for upholding the recommendation. The critical need of security for his office was funded, and he thanked Sheriff Wells for providing the security. The added position of Information Technology Director was funded at 46 percent, and the drug court position was enhanced.

Guardian Ad Litem – Page 79

 The Guardian Ad Litem budget is funded by General Fund and Court Technology. The adopted FY20 budget was \$73,780, and the requested FY21 budget of \$137,389 is attributed to one new position of Child Advocate Manager. The recommended FY21 budget is \$137,389.

 Laura Simmons, Guardian Ad Litem Human Resources, presented slides to address the Guardian Ad Litem Mission and Vision Statements, the number and age of children that are advocated for, 81 percent of the children have a Volunteer Child Advocate, staffing, and the Program statements of commitment. The Program represents over 38,000 children in Florida. There are ten volunteers, and staff is working from home at this time. BC20200626DOC005

Toni LaTortue, Circuit Director, was present for questions.

The Guardian Ad Litem Program was asked to make an annual presentation to the Board on program activities and to discuss the impact of COVID on children when schools re-open.

Sheriff – Page 15

 The adopted FY20 budget was \$133,200,379, and the requested FY21 budget is \$137,863,724, which includes 24, full-time employees. The recommended FY21 budget is \$136,791,632. The budget breakdown sheet shows an error of a reduction in School Resource Officers. School Resources Officers remain the same as FY20.

 Sheriff Rick Wells stated the budget was adjusted due to current issues occurring locally and throughout the State, while still keeping up with growth and maintaining a continued level of service. Six road deputies were agreed upon. Resources are moving to the north and east where the biggest areas of County growth are occurring. The substation at Lorraine Road and State Road 70 has been very successful. Two additional bailiffs are requested to attend County Commission meetings at off-site locations and to provide security to other entities.

A new Resource Assistance Program Deputy position was requested, committed to homeless outreach and to assemble a team to focus on providing needed services to the homeless. Also requested was a fleet mechanic to assist with the implementation of body cameras, and a domestic violence detective to ensure the care of domestic violence victims. A three percent salary increase was requested.

Dputies, Code Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff have continued working through the COVID pandemic for the protection of the County, regardless of recent events and hateful acts of crime, for the protection of the County and its citizens. Sheriff Wells was given a standing ovation for exemplifying excellent leadership in the community.

 Discussion continued to express gratitude to Sheriff staff on working with Code Enforcement and EMS, Sheriff's request for body cameras, de-escalation training, and the homeless outreach program.

Sheriff Wells stated the best vendor is being sought for quality body cameras, and all deputies will wear them. He has a deputy in mind to oversee the homeless outreach program. The goal is to have the resources available to help the homeless get out of a bad place.

 Discussion continued on the necessity of body cameras, deputies must be kept safe on the streets, cameras will confirm what occurs during incidents, officer safety is a huge part of the training on a regular basis, the Hot Team, Sheriff to work with those who want to be involved, the County is not getting help from Island law enforcement, law enforcement agencies are being stretched, but they continue to do what is needed, a decrease in domestic violence has been observed while some areas have experienced an increase, as many deputies as possible are being assigned to different zones, and there will always be single-deputy vehicles.

RECESS/RECONVENE: 11:20 a.m. - 11:32 a.m. All Commissioners were present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

 Katherine Edwards spoke on individual budget cost breakdowns; expressed disappointment to see no reference to the militarization of the Sheriff's office; the Public Defender's office is grossly underfunded; and she questioned the issue of cash bail from the State Attorneys' perspective.

There being no further public comments, Chairman Benac closed public comments.

2. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FY 2021-2025**

 Jan Brewer, Financial Management Director, provided a brief summary of the FY21-25 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and funding strategy from previous years. A comparison of surrounding county finance individuals revealed that many counties are pulling back on their plans due to funding streams; however, Manatee County is in line with the reductions made, and is not pulling back. The FY21-25 CIP document is consolidated into one workbook.

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She utilized a slide presentation to give an overview of the FY21-25 CIP, which has been adjusted to identify two types of categories for projects, Governmental of 47.1 percent (Buildings, Libraries, Parks and Natural Resources, Public Safety, Technology and Transportation), and Enterprise of 52.9 percent (Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Solid Waste, Stormwater and Wastewater). To be reflective of the categories within the IST projects, the CIP projects have been further subdivided similar to the IST projects.

She addressed IST categories of Transportation, Public Safety and Parks, totaling a \$1.5 billion CIP. Of the FY21-25 CIP total 501 projects, 239 need additional funding and 262 do not need additional funding. There are outstanding General Government Debt accounts for \$101.5 million, with Public Utilities at \$276.1 million. Transportation is by far the heaviest expenditure.

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General Government – Page 27

 Ms. Brewer addressed the CIP Sources and Uses of Funds Plan Summary by Category for General Government (Page 27), listing the source of funds and three projects under Building and Renovations (Convention Center Expansion \$17,92,000; New Memphis Indigent Cemetery \$338,000; and Veterans Services Office–Purchase of Facility \$703,000). The Tourist Tax has dropped by 30 percent. The CIP is planned around available funding.

 The timing of the Convention Center Expansion (Page 28) has been pushed out based on ongoing construction of the adjacent Sheraton Hotel. Everything from FY22-25 can be pushed out or brought forward.

 Tom Yarger, Property Management, stated that although consultants are slowing down, construction management teams continue to work, with no reduction in cost. There has been a delay in receiving off-shelf items (electrical boxes, windows, doors and frames) due to a reduction in the supply chain and labor market attributed to COVID changes.

Libraries – Page 31

 The Braden River Library Expansion is underway and requires no new funding. The Rocky Bluff Library expansion is funded in FY24, but can be pushed out or brought forward. The largest project is the East County Library and the design phase is underway. Construction is to begin in FY22, utilizing mostly IST Funds of \$8.3 million, and a match in Impact Fees.

Parks and Natural Resources – Page 35

 Parks and Natural Resources is experiencing major funding issues. IST accounts for 21 percent funding, beach and waterway grants account for 19 percent, and Impact Fees account for 16 percent. Beaches and waterways have a significant investment proposed in FY23.

 Charlie Hunsicker, Parks and Natural Resources Director, stated that the 18 Cortez and Coquina Beach erosion control groins are dilapidated and in serious condition. Staff wants to repair/replace the Cortez groins and will return to the Board regarding stabilization issues.

 Significant investments in artificial reefs are proposed in FY22, and the Central Beach Nourishment 2019 (Line 15) and Coquina Beach Additional Sand Replacement (Line 16) is being monitored. Coquina Beach Stabilization Structures (Line 18, \$2,525,000) and Longboat Pass Jetty Rehabilitation (Line 20, \$4,600,000), are proposed in FY23.

Parks and Aquatics – Page 38

 Significant investments in FY21 include G.T. Bray Park Pickle ball (Line 38, \$2 million); East Bradenton Park Improvements (Line 30, \$850,000), Kinnan Park Improvements (Line 44, \$482,000), and Lincoln Park Pool (Page 39, Line 48, \$1,230,221). Other FY21 investments include Parrish Community Park (Line 49, \$500,000), Sylvan Oaks Park Basketball Courts (Line 52, \$300,000) and a Volunteer/Education Division Pre-Engineered Building (Line 53, \$665,000). Investment in John Marble Splash Pad (Line 43, \$400,000) is allocated in FY22.

 There was discussion that \$4,794,779 that is already budgeted for the Lincoln Park Pool, and an additional \$1,230,221 investment will occur in FY21. This information was forwarded to the City of Palmetto Mayor to discuss at their July meeting, and County staff is to attend to address the 30 percent plan, which includes all of the added alternatives. The City's response will be presented to the County Commission following summer recess. The information

forwarded to Palmetto will be sent to Commissioners.

 Mr. Yarger addressed Kinnan Park improvements (Page 38, Line 44). Kinnan Park is a conceptual, passive park, and a detailed description/project scope is provided on Page 85. Staff recently met with the School Board on including the Park Improvements in their long-range plan. School Board focus was to expand Kinnan Elementary School; however, County staff reiterated the desire to proceed with the Park improvements.

 Discussion ensued regarding the difference between Braden River Park Improvements (Page 41, Line 83, \$400,000 budgeted) and Johnson Preserve at Braden River Recreation Amenities in FY21 (Page 40, Line 68, FY21, \$337,620), Braden River Preserves (Page 40, Line 65, \$3,039,353 purchase), the sources of funding for acquisition of Braden River Preserve (Board action 3/6 and 3/20/18), acquisition funds included an unincorporated MSTU (loan) and a contribution, the Johnson Preserve trails are complete and the Park should be complete by 2021, the public can walk along the trails without trespassing, other park improvements are being worked on to be addressed in the CIP, and IST projections are going to be different based on what is occurring in the world right now and for the future.

 Ms. Brewer stated that an adjustment was made in FY21 based on a projection. IST cash projection was dropped 40 percent, and these projects are planned with the 40 percent drop.

 Upon question, Mr. Hunsicker stated the Lakewood Ranch Park Improvements (Page 39, Line 47, Page 39, FY25, \$200,000) includes lighting.

 Ms. Brewer stated the Lakewood Ranch Park Tennis Court is funded (Page 86, \$225,000), and LED lights are included.

 Ms. Coryea stated that every effort has been made to hold community meetings prior to finalizing all of the CIP park projects. When the East County Library comes on line, there will be more opportunity to fine tune the projects and return with a more detailed overview.

Upon question by Commissioner Baugh as to the status of soccer field lighting bordering the Rosedale development, Mr. Hunsicker stated that two or three remaining soccer fields are not lit. The lighting is imminent; however, the actual year of construction would be determined based on park use and funding availability.

Commissioner Baugh asked Ms. Coryea to respond in writing to her earlier inquiries.

 Commissioner Servia pointed out the Rationale for Kinnan Park Improvements indicates that, as a result of public input, two pickle ball courts with shade structure were added as potential amenities, depending on the budget. She questioned if the current total funding includes the two pickle ball courts with shade structure.

Mr. Yarger stated that unless something dramatically changes, current total funding includes the two pickle ball courts with shade structure. He also stated he misspoke about Kinnan Park being a passive park.

RECESS/RECONVENE: 12:30 p.m. – 12:48 p.m. All Commissioners were present.

Preserves – Page 40

 Ms. Brewer stated \$1.6 million is invested over the next five years for several projects.

Recreational Buildings – Page 41

 There is a \$9.5 million investment over the next five years in Recreational Buildings; the largest of which is the Premier Sports Soccer Multi-Purpose Building (Line 93, FY22, \$715,600; FY23, \$3,220,200; and FY24, \$3,220,200).

 With regard to a plan for Parrish Community Park, Mr. Hunsicker advised that a consulting firm prepared a plan for staff review, and \$500,000 is allocated in FY21 for the planning. The County is looking for community contributions and partnerships for festival grounds.

 John Osborne, Deputy County Administrator, stated a concept will be brought back to the Board on using impact fees for Parrish Community Park improvements.

Discussion occurred regarding the legal process involved in property acquisitions and getting projects to move forward faster, the property for the festival grounds has been on radar in view of the Fort Hamer extension, projects funded by IST Funds, comments made at a Tiger Bay meeting about the promised projects that are not being delivered, projects would have to be pushed out further if IST Funds get reduced, there is a 15-year revenue stream and we are living in those years, if the revenue stream runs too short certain projects will have to be identified that cannot be completed within the 15-year structure, staff must show what projects will and will not fit into the 15-year schedule.

 Ms. Coryea advised that a chart is being assembled, offering a better perspective of project phasing timeframes (development, service, design, construction and completion) for existing infrastructure and constructing new infrastructure, to share with the public.

There was further discussion that IST Funds were intended for repairs and maintenance of existing infrastructure, the extent of maintenance projects is always unknown and can change, and a public hearing and Board approval is required if projects are added or deleted or if a project scope is changed.

Public Safety – Page 139

 The Uses of Funds reflect \$24.4 million (47 percent) allocated for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The largest expenses will occur in FY22 and FY24, to be paid by IST Funds (\$40.5 million), Impact Fees (\$7.7 million), contributions (\$2 million), and General Revenue (\$1.3 million). The Ambulance-University Parkway (Line 10, \$517,000) is allocated in FY21 and to be funded by Impact Fees. A large investment in FY22 is EMS Cardiac Monitors (Line 15, \$1,264,000), funded by the General Fund.

EMS Station Alerting (Line 16, \$680,000) and Lake Manatee EMS Base Station (Line 18, \$4,125,000) are funded in FY24.

The largest project is the Manatee County Sheriff's office-New Medical Wing (Line 22, FY21, \$1,781,544; FY22, \$14,161,656), funded by IST Funds. This would depend on the next three to four months, whether the County borrows money upfront, or whether IST Funds rebound. It was clarified that the old medical wing is a major part of the project, and Impact Fees were included for the new section of the project.

 Jacob Saur, Public Safety Director, noted that staff has applied for grant funding in the past for cardiac monitors.

The Myakka Ambulance (Line 27, \$415,430) is funded in FY21 by IST Funds, the North County EMS Base Station (Line 28, \$995,000) is funded in FY23; and the Public Safety Complex Parking Expansion (Line 29, \$500,000) is funded in FY24.

Law Enforcement – Page 140

 Law Enforcement has an investment of \$13,752,250 over the next five years. The Fleet Facility (Line 31, FY23, \$3,789,000, and FY24, \$3,103,250), and the New Property Evidence Building (Line 34, FY23, \$4,617,000, and FY24, \$9,055,250) are a priority, but were placed in FY23 and FY24 only because of the IST Fund slow down. Both projects will be brought forward if the opportunity arises.

911 and Technology – Page 138

 The largest investment is for the Next Generation 911 (Line 4, FY21, \$1,500,000, and FY22, \$1 million). The 9-1-1 and 3-1-1 Center renovations (Line 1, \$575,000) are funded in FY23, Public Safety Communication System Upgrades-AV Enhanced Technology (Line 6, \$305,000) is funded in FY24. A New Animal Shelter-Animal Services (Line 8, \$100,000), is slated for design in FY21, with construction in FY22 (\$4,950,000) and FY23 (\$4,950,000).

 Discussion ensued regarding the excessive cost of \$10 million for the Shelter, funding sources include a contribution of \$2 million and additional IST Funds of \$8 million, square footage cost is due to the special needs for this type of facility, there has been a delay in receiving a generator from Canada due to COVID-19, the new on-line Florida Power and Light service allows more exhaust fans and electrical load in the building, seven air conditioning units are expected to arrive and be operational by Monday, emphasis that a generator is not yet in place and is not expected until late July, and Mosaic offered to assist with a generator.

Ms. Coryea stated that at this time, the \$10 million is a current target amount for a long-term facility where there is no infrastructure. The need for this facility is driven by the animal population in the community.

Technology – Page 175

 All Technology is funded by General Revenue. The Human Resources Information System (Line 5, \$550,000) is funded in FY21, and the Data Center Technology Replacement and Upgrades (Line 3, \$3,090,000) re funded in FY22.

Transportation – Page 181

 Transportation funding sources include IST Funds, Impact Fees and Gas Taxes. The Transportation Trust invested one-time funding into FY21 projects, reflecting 80 percent of everything invested and funding is going toward roads.

Intersections – Page 182 

New projects in upcoming years include:

- Line 5, 53rd Avenue West at U.S. 41 – \$645,000, beginning in FY22 through FY23
- Line 6, 53rd Avenue West at 26th Street West – \$847,250 in FY24
- Line 8, 63rd Avenue East at 33rd Street East – \$1,001,000 in FY21
- Line 12, Bayshore Gardens Parkway at 34th Street West – \$350,000 in FY21, and \$2,135,000 in FY22. Staff wants to use IST Funds if they become restored, and not use

- Tax Increment Funding (TIF)
- Line 14, Creekwood Boulevard Improvements – \$250,000 in FY23, \$1,525,000 in FY24
- Line 15, Ellenton Gillette Road – Mendoza Road (37th Street East) Intersection Improvements – \$732,435 in FY24
- Line 19, Honore Avenue at Old Farm Road – \$1,240,000 in FY23

 Ms. Brewer explained the reason TIF dollars are budgeted versus IST Funds for Line 12, is because this project is needed now, but IST Funding is only at 60 percent capacity, and it is anticipated that IST Funds will rebound by March, but TIF dollars can be used if needed.

 Chairman Benac questioned if both the intersections at Honore Avenue at Cooper Creek Boulevard (Line 18) and Old Farm Road (Line 19) are for traffic signals.

 Chad Butzow, Public Works Director, stated the Honore Avenue at Cooper Creek intersection is a signal, and the roads are already built with turn lanes. The Honore Avenue at Old Farm Road location involves a proposal for a roundabout due to the proximity of the bridge, and turn lanes cannot be constructed to create a functional intersection. Investment of \$1,240,000 is designated in FY23 for the Honor Avenue at Old Farm Road design and construction (Line 19).

An investment of \$275,883 is designated in FY21 for 15th Street East at U.S. 301 (Line 1), for a southbound, right-turn lane and signalized intersection. All 15th Street East improvements appear on the State Work Program with Metropolitan Planning Organization funding.

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- Line 26, Port Harbour Parkway at Kay Road – \$200,000 in FY21, \$1,220,000 in FY22
- Line 32, Tuttle Avenue at 63rd Avenue East (Honore Avenue) – Traffic Signal and Intersection Improvements, \$1,540,000 in FY23
- Line 33, Tuttle Avenue at Bridal Falls Lane/Broadway Avenue – Traffic Signal Improvement, \$830,000 in FY23
- Line 36, Verna Bethany – Total investment of \$2,519,682 (\$800,000 in FY21, \$260,000 in FY22, and \$1,459,682 in FY23), with construction completion in FY23

 Ms. Brewer stated that staff would research Commissioner Servia’s request on budgeting for lighting at the intersection of Whitfield Avenue and Prospect Road.

 Commissioner Baugh questioned why Verna Bethany Road is budgeted out in FY23, while other new roads are budgeted sooner.

Chad Butzow, Public Works Director, stated the project scope is to reconstruct Verna-Bethany Road along a new alignment, from State Road (S.R.) 70 to the 8200 block of existing Verna Bethany Road. The new S.R. 70 connection point will align with Verna Bethany Road on the south side of S.R. 70. The commitment by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) was to add a roundabout to the S.R.70 project. The County’s project to realign Verna Bethany Road is meant to timeline with FDOT’s project.

 Ms. Brewer stated that staff would also research Commissioner Servia’s question about pushing back the traffic signal and intersection improvements at Tuttle Avenue at Bridal Falls Lane/Broadway Avenue (Page 183, Line 33, \$830,000) until FY23.

Mr. Butzow stated this project is not being funded with IST Funds, but with Impact Fees. The project can be moved forward.



Commissioner Servia stated this is a very congested location and requested this project move forward sooner.



Chairman Benac stated there is an extreme amount of development off of Broadway Avenue, including a new apartment complex and three, new projects paying impact fees.

Road Improvements – Page 184



Road Improvements are one of the largest investments on the General Government side.

- Line 41, 27th Street East-38th Avenue East-26th Avenue East –\$1,500,000 in FY21 and \$4,881,750 in FY22
- Line 42, 37th Street East-38th Avenue East-S.R. 70 – This project is on the radar for a future investment of \$12,971,000
- Line 44, 44th Avenue East-44th Avenue Plaza East-Lakewood Ranch Boulevard – \$20,000,000 for the final segment in FY24
- Line 48, 51st Ave East-U.S. 301-17th Street East – \$126,499 in FY22, and \$1,573,684 in FY23
- Line 49, 51st Street West, from 21st Avenue West to Cortez Road – \$2,007,900 in FY25, with a future investment of \$11,378,100

Ms. Brewer advised that Line 51 (53rd Avenue West, from U.S. 41 to 26th Street West), Line 52 (59th Street West to 33rd Avenue Drive West to Cortez Road) and Line 53 (59th Street West to Riverview Boulevard to Manatee Avenue West [segment going north of Manatee Avenue]) are investments that begin in FY24, totaling \$27 million between the three projects.

RECESS/RECONVENE: 1:39 p.m. – 1:44 p.m. The meeting was recessed due to technical difficulties. The meeting reconvened with all Commissioners present.

Mr. Butzow stated Lines 51, 52 and 53 are examples of projects for consideration that could provide the best benefit to the County, long term, for capacity improvements.



Lengthy discussion occurred about doing a project right the first time and not wasting taxpayer's money, Fort Hamer Road is a good example of a project that was built as a two-lane road, because there were no funds for a four-lane design, the public has been upset because Fort Hamer Road is still two-lanes, two-lane roads do not increase capacity, there has got to be some way improvements can be done to Fort Hamer Road so traffic can flow better, frustration with improving a road and then reducing the speed limit, Ellenton Gillette Road should be four lane from Mendoza to U.S. 301 rather than just construction from U.S. 301 to Moccasin Wallow (Line 60), Line 60 project is proposed, because this is the path forward as previously laid out with the IST plan and discussions held during the March 3 transportation work session, transportation was top priority in March during peak season, hold further budget discussions about modifying the CIP going forward, staff supports the Board's position that transportation is a top priority and all potential options will be looked at, the CIP is a five-year review, projects set further out allow the Board to re-evaluate them in greater detail, the only exception might be if there is a safety improvement, set a policy directive, highest priority road is Upper Manatee River Road-north/south section, the Board approved an agreement for U.S. 301 at Canal Road Temporary Signal (6/23/20), the three-lane merge northbound was just restriped, a location is to be determined in the next few months for the

northbound U-turn, and there is no funding in this CIP for two additional lanes on Fort Hamer Road north or south of the river.



Commissioner Trace stated that one of the biggest complaints is the blinking light; and if there will be a crossing guard once Kinnan Elementary School is back in session.



Mr. Butzow stated it is staff's intention that the reduced speed zone would be removed and a crossing zone would be installed. The difference with Kinnan Elementary School is that the school zone fronts the road.



Ms. Coryea stated that staff would put together a brief description of what is occurring at this location that could result in a policy statement from the Board; however, this would not impact what is currently presented.



Ms. Brewer stated the second \$10 million of FDOT grant funding for the 44th Avenue East expansion project will not be identified in the CIP budget breakdowns until those funds are actually received.

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- Line 54, 60th Avenue East, U.S. 301/Outlet Mall –\$1 million in FY21
- Line 55, 9th Avenue Northwest-92nd Street Northwest-99th Street Northwest – \$9,335,287 in FY22
- Line 57, Buckeye Road – \$1,100,000 in FY24 for follow-up study and survey validation/preliminary design plan
- Line 58, Canal Road-U.S. 301-U.S.41 – \$3 million in FY21, \$8,458,084 in FY22 and \$12,687,125 in FY23; \$4,830,000 is appropriated
- Line 59, Duette Road Bridge Replacement – \$300,000 in FY22 and \$1,650,000 in FY23 for construction

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- Line 63, Fort Hamer Road Extension – \$5,916,621 in FY21
- Line 65, Moccasin Wallow Road – U.S. 41 to Gateway Boulevard – \$13,189,403 in FY21; \$20,943,613 is appropriated
- Line 67, Moccasin Wallow Road – Segment 2 and 3 – \$2,831,039 in FY22, \$1,644,192 in FY23 for design
- Line 68, Neighborhood Reconstruction Program – Pilot – \$600,000 in FY23
- Line 73, Upper Manatee River Road-Mill Creek Bridge – \$200,000 in FY21, \$100,000 in FY22, and \$2,520,000 in FY23
- Line 74, Upper Manatee River Road-Gates Creek Bridge – \$180,000 in FY21, \$70,000 in FY22, and \$1,920,000 in FY23
- Line 76, Whitfield Avenue East – 301 Boulevard to U.S. 301 – \$882,000 in FY22 for design, and \$6,615,000 in FY23 for construction



There was discussion that the largest financial road investment is the 44th Avenue project followed by Canal Road, how long have Canal Road improvements been in the CIP, the first full year of IST budget appropriation for Canal Road occurred in 2018, Canal Road will be brought back in the fall with a consultant-based decision regarding a four-lane design option from U.S. 301 to 17th Street, this is not the scope, but it is in the IST project, Canal Road-U.S. 301-U.S. 41 (Line 58) is a safety issue, Canal Road should be four lanes to 17th Street, timeline for the Canal Road-U.S. 301-U.S. 41 project (Page 246), is all one project and did not

exist until FY18, the scope modification involves substantial land acquisition that slows a project down, staff is looking at the ability to phase land acquisitions beginning at the south end and working north to get construction in the ground sooner than later, the status of the signalization at Detwillers Farm Market in Palmetto, and an estimated six months completion time for signalization in accordance with the construction award for U.S. 301 at Canal Road Temporary Signal (approved 6/23/20).

Commissioner Trace stated she received compliments on the intersection improvements at U.S. 301 and Ellenton Gillette Road. Commissioner Whitmore also received compliments.

 Commissioner Servia stated that most of 63rd Avenue East (Saunders Road) is four lanes, but there is a segment that is only two lanes and it is creating a hazard to industrial traffic in the area. Though right-of-way constraints exist in this area, this last road segment between U.S.301 and Tuttle Avenue must be built out.

 Mr. Butzow stated the construction of the 63rd Avenue East/33rd Street East signal would eliminate congestion during peak hour.

 Commissioner Servia also stated there has been a request for lighting at 30th Avenue West/14th Street West due to safety issues. Though this location is not in the CIP, she asked that staff be aware of this location need.

 Chairman Benac suggested a plaque be placed at the 33rd Street East/63rd Avenue East traffic light in memory of the late William Wheeler, who lobbied faithfully for this light. Ms. Coryea stated the County Attorney's office would bring this back.

 Commissioner Baugh stated she did not see in the CIP, the S.R. 64/S.R. 70 Lena Road link, to complete the north-south connection.

Ms. Coryea stated the Lena Road Project is included in Appendix I – Projects of Record List (Page 586, Line 77), but there is no funding at this time.

 The Board discussed the importance of Lena Road to East County traffic, the north-south connection could ease traffic issues, District Commissioner awareness of activity within their districts, and further discussion is needed regarding the Lena Road alignment/connection.

 Mr. Butzow stated the 44th Avenue design cannot be finalized until the Lena Road connection is determined. Staff will know more within the next year.

 Ms. Coryea stated the 63rd Avenue East project is included in the Projects of Record (Page 585, Line 41) for \$11 million.

Commissioner Servia asked how staff determines which properties are acquired. She also stated that a sidewalk is needed on the south side of Wilmerling and Whitfield Avenues.

 Mr. Butzow explained the Moccasin Wallow Road project is intended to be a 50 percent funding participation from the State (\$4,100,000), for a total cost of \$7,500,000. The goal is to four lane all of Moccasin Wallow Road. Due to cost, the project is being developed in three segments along the eastern portion of the four-mile roadway. Segment 1 begins at U.S. 301 to 115th Street East (Copperstone entrance) to support the County's Long-Range

Transportation Plan. Segments 2 and 3 involve reconstruction and widening of Moccasin Wallow to a four-lane, divided roadway within a six-lane road right-of-way, from I-75 to 115th Street East. This is not a viable project without the 50 percent participation from the State.

Sidewalks - Page 186

 Commissioner Bellamy questioned if the timing of the 2nd Avenue East and West road improvements including sidewalk improvements, and are in line with the timing of the Memphis lighting project. He expressed concern that projects he specifically requested have been pushed back. He also questioned the timing, specifically for Third Avenue East-17th Street East, -22nd Street East, and -22nd Street West (Lines 96 and 97), which are projected in FY22 and FY23.

 Mr. Butzow explained the prioritization of the 2nd Avenue sidewalks and the north/south connection to Lincoln Middle School. The upcoming year may not have included all of Memphis in one year mainly, because of a forecasted revenue reduction due to the economy.

 Ms. Brewer stated Commission Bellamy's request for sidewalks on 26th Street West, from Cortez Road to 21st Avenue West (Line 84), has an appropriated budget of \$528,000.

ENTERPRISE

 Ms. Brewer referred back to the slide presentation to address Enterprise Projects. The total amount invested is \$789.8 million, with prior appropriations of \$388.7 million, Utility Rates of \$235.2 million (over 50 percent) for system repairs/maintenance, Debt Proceeds-Utilities of \$72.9 million in FY22, and Facility Investment Fees (FIFs) of \$42 million. The majority of funding is invested in Potable Water (\$283.5 million, 35.9 percent) and Wastewater (\$436.3 million, the largest investment at 55.2 percent). The Reclaimed Water category will be discontinued and incorporated into Wastewater.

The largest Debt Proceeds in Potable Water Sources are in FY22, with the balance in Rates and FIFs. Renewal/Replacement is the largest portion due to the age of the utility system.

Potable Water Distribution - Page 322

 A potable water line extension and participation agreement has been budgeted at \$250,000 per year for FY21 through FY25 (Line 4).

Potable Water Renewal/Replacement - Page 323

 Consistent water investments for Anna Maria Water Line Improvements are budgeted at \$250,000 in FY22 through FY25 (Line 10). End of Service Life Distribution Line Replacement (Line 17) has a large investment of \$13.2 million over the next five years.

Discussion ensued on whether the County is getting ahead of necessary repairs or just maintaining existing, old pipes that are bursting and discharging into the bay.

 Mike Gore, Utilities Director, stated the average number in the CIP for repair/replacement will increase over time due to the cost of doing business and replacing pipe. Significant headway has been accomplished in west Bradenton where the oldest part of the system is located, and the wastewater infrastructure and pipes will be replaced in the near future.

 Commissioner Whitmore suggested Mr. Gore prepare a press release on the progress of utility infrastructure occurring in the County.

 Mr. Gore explained that numerous hydrants on the west side of town were opened as an annual process to address chlorine levels, and a chlorine injection system was added to the northwest booster station to extend to the Island. Staff is looking on the Island to eliminate the flushing.

Solid Waste – Page 395

 There is an investment of \$3.3 million over a two-year period (FY22,\$1,085,575 and FY24,\$2,259,000) for the Lena Road Stage II Gas Expansion, Phase I, II and III (Line 1).

Stormwater – Page 397

 No stormwater projects were funded in FY21 and FY22. Three projects had a previous start date of FY23, but were moved forward based on available funding:

- Line 6, Bowlees Creek Flood Mitigation – \$57,800 in FY21, and \$601,932 in FY22
- Line 17, Lake Brendan Dredging – \$2,544,500 in FY21
- Line 19, Meadors Sub/Pennsylvania Avenue Flow Diversion – \$325,444 in FY22, and \$2,035,256 in FY23

Three, large projects were removed due to the lack of needed, partnership funding with the South West Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD):

- Line 8, Centre Lake Flood Mitigation
- Line 18, Longbay Area Drainage Improvements
- Line 27, Regional Storage Drainage Improvements – Bowlees Creek

 Mr. Butzow stated the three, large projects were originally added to the CIP in haste last year, to demonstrate the County’s commitment to partner with SWFWMD. SWFWMD did not express any desire to commit to cooperative funding agreements. Staff subsequently felt it was prudent to remove these projects rather than continue to give a false indication that something was happening imminently. This does not mean that staff is not pursuing cooperative funding with SWFWMD; staff just did not feel it was appropriate to show these projects in the CIP in a closer year.

 Discussion ensued that the residents in Centre Lake panic during every major rain event due to excessive flooding, relief is needed and pushing this project back to FY23 is too far away, Bowlees Creek Flood Mitigation was also pushed back to FY23 due to cost benefit and lack of interest by SWFWMD to commit to partnership funding, and flood issues in Trailer Estates and what the cost investment and benefits would be.

 Mr. Butzow stated staff had visualized a higher level of maintenance on a short-term level for Trailer Estates. A January timeframe might be considered to add Trailer Estates to a proposed CIP list. Commissioner Servia requested Trailer Estates be added to this list in addition to the Bayshore Gardens Stormwater Sewer Rehab (Line 5, \$445,000) that was pushed out to FY25.

 Ms. Brewer explained that actual CIP funding appropriations should become more defined before September. She suggested making a list of the items addressed from today’s meeting. Many reconciliation items could be resolved by the next Board meeting in July. If the items are not resolved by that time, staff would come back to the Board in September to determine the priorities of those items and what has been accomplished.

Wastewater Sources

 Ms. Brewer referred back to the slide presentation stating there is a large investment in Wastewater Sources in FY23. There are significant investments in FY22 and FY23, and significant Debt Proceeds and growth in FIFs. The total amount invested is \$197.6 million, with funding sources of \$120 million from utility rates and \$40.1 million from collections.

Treatment is an estimated \$123.8 million, with the next largest category of Collections at \$40.1 million, Lift Stations at \$24 million, with Growth Related, Transportation Related, and the Master Reuse System being relatively small. The FY21-25 Sources and Uses of Funds Plan Summary by Category are broken down in the CIP workbook (Page 443).

Infrastructure Sales Tax Changes

 Ms. Brewer gave an overview of FY21 IST Projects Recommended, reflecting a 54.5 percent in roads. She addressed IST increases and decreases to six projects and stated that any changes to these projects will require coming back to the Board in September at a public hearing. Increases in Price includes 53rd Avenue at 26th Street West and Canal Road, from U.S. 301 to U.S. 41, for a total increase of \$7,053,459. Decreases in Price for 60th Avenue East, from U.S. 301 to Factory Shop Boulevard (\$2,000,000), 9th Avenue Northwest-92nd Street Northwest- 99th Street Northwest (\$1,000,000), and Moccasin Wallow Road, from U.S. 41 to Gateway Boulevard (\$6,601,436), reflects the benefit of the \$10 million received in Gas tax funds that were reallocated from the 44th Avenue Project.

Total Projects Added to List (9 projects) total \$8,852,879, and Projects Removed from List (4 projects) total \$2,097,500. The Number of Projects on the IST Project and Equipment List as of February 25, 2020, were 198; the current total, Recommended Project List is 203. Staff will return to the Board in September to reconcile whether all of the projects on the Recommended List can be completed.

Ms. Brewer provided a brief overview of Parks and Community Projects, highlighting what IST funds are paying. She explained IST Revenue versus Project Cost breakdowns in FY21-25. Libraries and Roads have a significant investment in FY22.

 In talking with the financial advisor during these critical times, it was determined that some of the projects that need to get off the ground could be benefitted by using a credit line, which would be used for a short period of time. The County would not have to draw on the funds, but only show that it could be paid. This saves the County money by only paying to have the credit line exist, but not paying interest, because the funds would not be drawn against. This would be an advantageous way to get through the time until staff can determine whether to bond for projects if the revenue stream rebounds, or just maintain the status quo. This is based upon the amount of construction occurring in the area. IST Funds is one of the critical revenues that will be brought back for discussion.

Ms. Brewer complimented the Financial Management staff on their preparation of the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

 Cathy Woolley stated her questions were addressed during the budget presentation. She questioned why the County is not looking at long-term financing in view of the current, low interest rates. Ms. Brewer stated this option is monitored weekly with the County's financial advisor.

Gretchen Fowler, Ivory Matthews and Marianne Cordeaux signed up to speak, but were not present.

There being no further public comments, Chairman Benac closed public comments.



Mr. Coryea stated it was decided this year to forego presentations on the Decision Desired Units and Summary; however, the same information is presented in different format and included in the Recommended Decision Unit Summary booklet. The pull process (former flag process) is that the County Administrator presents the budget and the pulling process consists of a Commissioner's desire to fund an item that the County Administrator has not funded. She encouraged Commissioners to review the Decision Unit Summary Book and to tab those pages for staff to address on July 28.



Commissioner Whitmore stated she was disappointed there was no process addressed at this meeting on the wearing of masks, pursuant to today's action by Governor DeSantis.



Commissioners complimented Financial Management staff for the excellent budget presentation.



Mr. Coryea advised that Emergency meetings may be called as necessary during summer recess.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Benac adjourned the work session at 3:14 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____