



AGENDA
TAVARES CITY COUNCIL
December 18, 2024
4:00 PM
TAVARES CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 E MAIN STREET, TAVARES

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tab 1 Pastor Jon Carey, First Baptist Church of Umatilla

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

V. SWEARING IN BY CITY ATTORNEY AND DISCLOSURE OF EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS

VI. READING OF ALL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS INTO RECORD

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Tab 2 Approval of the December 4, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes
(City Clerk)

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

Tab 3 Resolution 2024-27 - Renewal of Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement
(SMAA) for Emergency Management (Support Services)

IX. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING

First Reading

Second Reading

X. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Tab 4 Fluoride in Drinking Water (Mayor)

- Tab 5 Memorandum of Agreement for the Wekiva Rails -Trails Extension
(Public Works)
- Tab 6 Sister City (City Administrator)
- Tab 7 Water Consumptive Use Permit Update (Utilities)
- Tab 8 Award and authorize Contract to Dale Beasley Construction for the
Aesop Park Stormwater Improvement Project (Finance)

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

XIV. REPORTS

- Tab 9 City Administrator Report
- Tab 10 City Council Member Reports

XV. ADJOURNMENT

F.S. 286.0105 If a person decides to appeal any decision or recommendation made by Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he will need record of the proceedings, and that for such purposes he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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**AGENDA SUMMARY
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AGENDA TAB NO.: 1

SUBJECT TITLE: Pastor Jon Carey, First Baptist Church of Umatilla

OBJECTIVE:

Pastor Jon Carey, First Baptist Church of Umatilla, will provide the invocation and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUMMARY:

Pastor Jon Carey, First Baptist Church of Umatilla, will provide the invocation and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPTIONS:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

Attachments not provided are available to the public upon request to the City Clerk.

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AGENDA TAB NO.: 2

SUBJECT TITLE: Approval of the December 4, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes (City Clerk)

OBJECTIVE:

For the Council to consider approval of the December 4, 2024, City Council meeting minutes.

SUMMARY:

Attached are the December 4, 2024, City Council meeting minutes as submitted by the City Clerk.

OPTIONS:

1. Move to approve the City Council meeting minutes under the Consent Agenda.
2. Move to approve the City Council meeting minutes with corrections.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

For the Council's consideration

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Yes.

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

1. 12-04-2024 CC Minutes

Attachments not provided are available to the public upon request to the City Clerk.



**TAVARES CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2024 – 4:00 PM
TAVARES CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 EAST MAIN STREET, TAVARES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

**Walter Price, Mayor
Lori Pfister, Vice Mayor
Sandy Gamble, Council Member
Bob Grenier, Council Member
Troy Singer, Council Member**

STAFF PRESENT

**John Drury, City Administrator
Lindsay Holt, City Attorney
Susie Novack, City Clerk
Antonio Fabre, Interim Community Development Director
Scott Aldrich, Community Services Director
Bob Tweedie, Economic Development Director
Lori Houghton, Finance Director
Crissy Bublitz, Human Resources Director
James Dillon, Public Works Director
Mark O'Keefe, Public Communications Director
Phil Clark, Utilities Director
Captain Mike Willis, Fire Department
Captain Karl Grogan, Police Department**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Price called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He asked those who wished to speak on an agenda item to complete and submit a Request to Speak form.

Mayor Price introduced the Tavares High School brass band ensemble, which played Christmas music to greet those in attendance and kick off the holiday season.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tab 1. Pastor Chase Allen, First Baptist Church of Umatilla

Pastor Chase Allen, First Baptist Church of Umatilla, provided the invocation and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Price asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Drury said the staff had no changes.

MOTION

Troy Singer moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Sandy Gamble. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

IV. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

V. SWEARING IN BY CITY ATTORNEY AND DISCLOSURE OF EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Holt stated there were no quasi-judicial matters before the Council for consideration.

VI. READING OF ALL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS INTO THE RECORD

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Price asked if anyone wished to pull an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

MOTION

Lori Pfister moved to approve the Consent Agenda [Tab 2. Approval of the November 20, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes], seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 2. Approval of the November 20, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

IX. ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

First Reading

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X. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Tab 3. Discuss Removing Fluoride from Drinking Water

Mayor Price introduced the agenda item with a 7-minute video featuring Dr. Joseph Ladapo, Florida's Surgeon General, discussing fluoride in drinking water.

Public Comment

Dr. Johnny Johnson, PO Box 2450, Chiefland, noted he was a pediatric dentist and said fluoride benefits included a 25-50% reduction in cavities. He gave the Council members a Fluoridation Update from the Australian Dental Association handout. Dr. Johnson noted that one in ten children lived in poverty, and fluoridated water was their only dental prevention and protection. He discussed fluoride statistics in Canada and cities that removed fluoride from their drinking water. Dr. Johnson noted his support for community water fluoridation.

Dr. Wade Winker, 728 Boylston Street, Leesburg, spoke in support of community water fluoridation. He said the City of Leesburg recently opted to put fluoride back into its potable water supply. Dr. Winker said fluoride was the most effective way to deliver fluoride to the community. He asked the Council to keep fluoride in the City's water supply to provide children with a lifetime of dental health.

Dr. Alan Hays, Umatilla, said he practiced dentistry in Umatilla for 27 years and noted he disagreed with Florida Surgeon General Ladapo's stance on fluoride in drinking water. Dr. Hays said the citizens would benefit from fluoride in the water supply as topical fluoride gels were a temporary solution. He noted his support for keeping fluoride in the City's drinking water.

Justin Harvey, 103 South Ocoola, Orlando, said he supported removing fluoride from the City's water supply. He said the incoming Surgeon General, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., would recommend removing fluoride from all water supplies nationwide. Mr. Harvey discussed fluoride side effects such as arthritis, bone, and thyroid issues. He said putting fluoride in drinking water was mass medication without consent. Mr. Harvey noted the dangers of handling fluoride.

Chad Cameron, 1099 Cirton Avenue, Crescent City, said fluoride was not a water treatment issue. He said the chemical was a neurotoxin and discussed its toxicity. He

said including fluoride in City drinking water was not conducive to personal autonomy and freedom, had environmental impacts, and was a waste of resources.

Council Discussion

Council Member Gamble asked for the annual cost to include fluoride in the City's drinking water. Mr. Clark said \$30,000 for the chemical, staff costs, equipment maintenance, laboratory and regulatory costs, and tank depreciation. He confirmed chlorine was also added to the water. Council Member Gamble asked if chlorine could be harmful if ingested in the wrong doses. Mr. Clark confirmed. Council Member Gamble said fluoride benefits children, and if it were monitored in the proper amounts, he would be in support of continuing fluoride.

Council Member Singer inquired about the City's fluoride levels. Mr. Clark said the City consistently maintains .7 parts per million; the maximum level is 2 to 4 parts per million. He said the water was tested daily and monthly in a certified lab, and fluoride was highly regulated. Council Member Singer said he reviewed studies that indicated too much fluoride was unhealthy and noted municipalities could regulate efficiently, which would benefit underserved areas.

Council Member Grenier said he would support a public workshop to hear more from the residents. He noted utilizing fluoride was a health and safety issue and felt more community input was needed.

Vice Mayor Pfister said she would support tabling the discussion to allow the Council to conduct additional research as valid comments were made for and against fluoride use in drinking water. She asked for further information to be provided by staff.

Mayor Price said three of the 14 Lake County cities had fluoridated water: Tavares, Eustis, and Umatilla. He said Leesburg recently voted to incorporate fluoride in its water. Mayor Price said he supported the Florida Surgeon General's recommendation and that the citizens were getting a lot of fluoride exposure from drinking, cooking, and bathing with fluoridated water. He noted his support for removing fluoride from the City's drinking water.

MOTION

Lori Pfister moved to Table to the December 18, 2024, City Council meeting, seconded by Bob Grenier.

Council Member Singer said the Council discussed fluoride in the City's water four years ago. He did not wish for a rash reaction. He said he would like to review studies for and against fluoride so the Council could make a more educated decision.

Vice Mayor Pfister said she would like additional information and asked for the data to be sent through the City.

Council Member Gamble noted his support for a decision to be tabled at the next meeting on January 15, 2025. Vice Mayor Pfister said she would like to move forward with the discussion at the next meeting.

The motion carried 4-1 as follows:

Walter Price:	No
Lori Pfister:	Yes
Sandy Gamble:	Yes
Bob Grenier:	Yes
Troy Singer:	Yes

Mr. Drury asked those in the audience to forward any information and studies regarding fluoride to the City Clerk, who would then provide the information to the Council members.

Mr. Hays noted fluoride is above chloride on the periodic table and said the proper amount would provide a lifetime of benefits.

Tab 4. Tavares Public Library – Happy and Healthy Holiday Series

Rebecca Campbell, Library Director, made the following presentation:

From meditation and karaoke to cooking and budgeting, the Tavares Public Library team has curated a slate of programs designed to keep library patrons at their happiest and healthiest during the holiday season, including the following free programs:

- *Budgeting for the Holidays*
- *Spices and Teas*
- *Aromatherapy for Stress Relief*
- *Tai Chi for the Holidays*
- *Offline Project: Holiday Edition*
- *Christmas Karaoke*
- *Sounds of the Season with Troy Harris*
- *Winter Solstice Concert*
- *Picture Opportunities with Winter Themed Backdrop*
- *Free Gift Wrapping Station*
- *Cookie Crafters*
- *Santa Story Time*
- *Toys for Tots Donation Site*
- *Tavares Police Charity Toy Drive Site*

Tab 5. Tavares Recreation Department – Fall Program Update

Pete Sherrard, Deputy Director of Recreation, provided the following presentation:

The City of Tavares Recreation Department hosted a number of activities for the fall with the following highlighted programs:

- *Tavares Youth Soccer League*
- *Tavares Babe Ruth League*
- *Full STEAM Ahead Educational Program*
- *Homeschool Programs*
- *Tavares BOO! Festival*
- *Tiny Tots Soccer*
- *Little Sluggers Baseball*
- *Kinder Cooks Partner Program with TLC – Toddlers of Lake County*
- *Senior Programs*
- *Adult Co-Ed Softball*

Tab 6. Update on Rails to Trails Project

Mr. Dillon made the following presentation:

In January 2023, the City received unexpected news from CSX regarding their decision not to sell the 11.5-mile corridor. As a result, Lake County, Mount Dora, and the City of Tavares agreed to pause any grant applications until CSX reached a definitive conclusion. During this interim period, the unwavering commitment of Lake County, Mount Dora, and the City of Tavares has been vital in keeping the initiative alive. Our collaboration efforts have led to completing the Planning, Development, and Environmental Study (PDE) for Segment 5, finalized in August 2024. Furthermore, the Lake Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (LSMPO) has included both segments of the trail in their 2024 list of priority projects, reinforcing our project's progress and potential for future success.

Tavares has received confirmation from the Trust for Public Land (TPL), a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving public access to outdoor recreation. It has been confirmed that CSX and Florida Central Railroad are willing to sell the corridor and associated lands. At an upcoming meeting on December 18, the Trust for Public Lands and City staff will present the Memorandum of Agreement for the Council's consideration. The agreement will outline the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved in developing the corridor as a Rails to Trails project. This development has strategically positioned us to apply for the 2025 RAISE Grant. In response to this positive progression, Lake County, Mount Dora, and Tavares have developed a comprehensive scope of work with Kimley Horn to assist in preparing and submitting the application and ready task orders.

If the Council has no objections to pursuing the RAISE Grant application and taking advantage of this opportunity, it will require a total investment of \$36,000. The amount would be shared equally among Lake County, Mount Dora, and the City of Tavares with each agency contributing \$12,000. The City's proportionate share of \$12,000 is budgeted and will come from the Department of Public Works engineering budget.

Mr. Drury noted that the RAISE Grant is for \$25 million to complete the trail from downtown Tavares to downtown Mount Dora.

Council Member Singer said serving on the Rails to Trails Project Horizon Team was a pleasure. He said it was great news that CSX would relinquish the property and thanked Mr. Dillon for his efforts. Council Member Singer said he fully supported the project, as it would benefit the community and be an economic driver.

Mayor Price thanked Mr. Dillon for the update.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Grenier asked for an update on the cemetery gate. Mr. Dillon said the cemetery gate was damaged during Hurricane Milton, and the contractor should complete the repairs by the end of the following week.

XIII. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

Gary Santoro, Royal Harbor, said he was not concerned and would not be affected by the outcome of the fluoride discussion. He said any chemical was bad if the manufacturing instructions were not followed. He thanked and commended Mr. Clark for information on the City's fluoride chemicals and levels.

XIV. REPORTS

Tab 7. City Administrator Report

Mr. Drury noted the following two City Council meetings would be held on December 18, 2024, and January 15, 2025, with no meeting scheduled for January 1, 2025.

Mr. Clark thanked Mr. Santoro for his kind words.

Captain Mike Willis introduced Lee Cheney, Fire Inspector, to the Tavares Team. He provided a brief history of his professional career and accomplishments.

Mr. Aldrich said the Candyland Christmas Celebration and Parade would be held on December 7. The event would be kicked off at 5:00 p.m. with a Christmas parade on Ruby Street and Main Street, followed by activities and entertainment in Wootton Park.

Tab 8. City Council Member Reports

Vice Mayor Pfister noted the Regional Park and Rails to Trails projects and asked the Council if they would entertain discussing hiring a lobbying firm on the next agenda.

Council Member Singer noted his support.

Mayor Price said there were no objections from the Council.

Council Member Singer said he looked forward to the Candyland Christmas Celebration and Parade. He said he would ride in the parade with Mr. Clark and looked forward to seeing families and the community come together.

Council Member Singer asked if the boardwalk was completed. Mr. Tweedie said the trail bypass through the Seaplane Base was open and well received by the public. He said a final walk-through would take place the following day.

Vice Mayor Pfister recognized the Mayor's Youth Council members in the audience. Mr. Drury said the Mayor's Youth Council members selected the departments they wished to shadow, and tours would be scheduled over the next few weeks.

Mayor Price said he looked forward to the Candyland Christmas Celebration and Parade.

Those present welcomed Mr. Cheney to the Tavares Team.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, and Mayor Price adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully,

Susie Novack, MMC, FCRM
City Clerk

**AGENDA SUMMARY
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AGENDA TAB NO.: 3

SUBJECT TITLE: Resolution 2024-27 - Renewal of Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement (SMAA) for Emergency Management (Support Services)

OBJECTIVE:

For the Council to approve Resolution 2024-27 and authorize the City Administrator to execute the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement to provide emergency aid and assistance to the City of Tavares in the event of a disaster or emergency.

SUMMARY:

The renewal of the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement (SMAA) for Emergency Management authorizes the request, provision, and receipt of inter-jurisdictional mutual assistance among political subdivisions within the state in accordance with the Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252.

By approving Resolution 2024-27 and renewing the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement will allow the City to maximize the prompt, full, and effective use of outside resources of all participating governments in an emergency or disaster.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve Resolution 2024-27 and authorize the City Administrator to execute the renewal of the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement.
2. Do not approve or authorize.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Option 1, approve Resolution 2024-27 and authorize the City Administrator to execute the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Yes

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

1. Resolution 2024-27 - Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement
2. Tavares SMMA with State of Florida 2024

Attachments not provided are available to the public upon request to the City Clerk.

RESOLUTION 2024- 27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE RENEWAL OF STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT (SMAA) FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, authorizes the State and its political subdivisions to provide emergency aid and assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency; and

WHEREAS the statutes also authorize the State to coordinate the provision of any equipment, services, or facilities owned or organized by the State or its political subdivisions for use in the affected area upon the request of the duly constituted authority of the area; and

WHEREAS this Resolution authorizes the request, provision, and receipt of inter-jurisdictional mutual assistance in accordance with the Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, among political subdivisions within the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City of Tavares, Florida, that in order to maximize the prompt, full, and effective use of resources of all participating governments in the event of an emergency or disaster, we hereby adopt the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Administrator of the City of Tavares, Lake County, Florida.

SECTION II. Effective Date

This Resolution shall become effective and remain until revised or canceled.

DONE AND RESOLVED by the Tavares City Council, Lake County, Florida, this 18th day of December 2024.

Walter B. Price, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Susie Novack, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lindsay Holt, City Attorney

**AGENDA SUMMARY
TAVARES CITY COUNCIL
12/18/2024**

AGENDA TAB NO.: 4

SUBJECT TITLE: Fluoride in Drinking Water (Mayor)

OBJECTIVE:

For the Council to discuss fluoride in drinking water.

SUMMARY:

On December 4, the City Council discussed removing or keeping fluoride in the City's drinking water. The Council voted to table the discussion until the December 18 City Council meeting to provide additional time for research. An opportunity is provided for the Council to continue a discussion on Fluoride in the City's potable water supply. Also attached is documentation for and against fluoride being placed in the water.

OPTIONS:

1. For the Council to discuss fluoride in the City's drinking water.
2. Do not discuss.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Option 1, for the Council to discuss fluoride in the City's drinking water.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost to include fluoride in the City's drinking water is approximately \$30,000 per year.

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Yes.

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

1. 12132024_Fluoride_Benefits and Precautions
2. 12132024_The Hard Facts About Fluoride

Attachments not provided are available to the public upon request to the City Clerk.

**AGENDA SUMMARY
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12/18/2024**

AGENDA TAB NO.: 5

SUBJECT TITLE: Memorandum of Agreement for the Wekiva Rails -Trails Extension (Public Works)

OBJECTIVE:

Council to consider entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Trust for Public Lands, Lake County, and Mount Dora, which will facilitate the development of the Wekiva Rail-Trail Extension for Segment 1 and Segment 5.

SUMMARY:

The Wekiva Trail Extension Project is an exciting, planned, multi-use recreational pathway that aims to connect communities and significantly enhance regional connectivity. The project would convert the 11.5-mile CSX rail corridor into a multi-use trail, providing a safe and scenic route for walking, running, and cycling. This will not only promote a healthier lifestyle but also boost local tourism and stimulate economic growth. The project limits are from CR 437 in Sorrento to Wooton Park in Tavares.

When completed, these two segments will complete the 26 miles of the Wekiva Trail in Lake County as well as integrate with other trails in Lake, Seminole, and Orange Counties, seamlessly connecting to the statewide Coast-to-Coast trail network, the Lake Apopka Loop Trail, the Green Mountain Scenic Byway, the River to Hills Trail, and the Lake Ridge Trail routes. The Wekiva Trail Extension project is an essential initiative that involves acquiring the 11.5-mile railroad corridor owned by CSX Transportation, Inc., and leased to the Florida Central Railroad. The enclosed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) establishes a strong framework for partnership, funding, and procedural steps for the Wekiva Trail Extension, bringing together the Trust for Public Land (TPL), Lake County, and the cities of Mount Dora and Tavares in a unified effort towards acquisition.

Under this collaboration, TPL will spearhead the initial due diligence process, a comprehensive and meticulous undertaking that ensures every aspect of the project is thoroughly examined. This process includes conducting appraisals, surveys, and environmental assessments, leaving no stone unturned. Meanwhile, Lake County, Mount Dora, and Tavares will work closely with the Trust for Public Lands, sharing costs and managing the necessary approvals. The crucial first step in this comprehensive due diligence process will involve thoroughly reviewing previously conducted appraisals by CSX, followed by undertaking an independent assessment to establish an accurate and up-to-date market value for the property in question. This careful approach aims to ensure that the acquisition process is fair, transparent, and ultimately beneficial to the communities involved.

OPTIONS:

1. Move to approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the Trust for Public Lands, Lake County, and Mount Dora and authorize the City Administrator to execute same, as well as give the City Administrator full authority to implement reasonable changes and amendments as depicted in the agreement.
2. Do not approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the Trust for Public Lands.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Option 1 - Move to approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the Trust for Public Lands, Lake County, and Mount Dora and authorize the City Administrator to execute same, as well as give the City Administrator full authority to implement reasonable changes and amendments as depicted in the agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The initial pre-acquisition cost for reviewing CSX's appraisal, amounting to \$44,000, presents a collaborative investment opportunity. This expense will be shared equally among the Trust for Public Lands, the City of Mount Dora, Lake County, and the City of Tavares. Notably, the City of Tavares will allocate its \$11,000 share from the Department of Public Works Engineering Budget, demonstrating a commitment to fiscal responsibility and community development.

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Legally Sufficient—The agreement was developed collaboratively by the Trust for Public Lands, Mount Dora, and Tavares administrations and finalized by the attorneys of Lake County, Mount Dora, and Tavares.

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

1. Attachment (1) Memorandum of Agreement_CAO_12.7.24
2. (Attachment 2) Appraisal, CSX ID FL-069-1030692, Sorrento FL-Wekiva Trail-Lake County (1)
(1) (1)

Attachments not provided are available to the public upon request to the City Clerk.

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AGENDA TAB NO.: 6

SUBJECT TITLE: Sister City (City Administrator)

OBJECTIVE:

To approve researching a domestic Sister City for Council's future consideration and approval.

SUMMARY:

The Sister City Horizon Team made up of Council Member Bobby Grenier and City Administrator John Drury is seeking the Council's approval to explore recommending a domestic (Within The United States) Sister City for Council's future consideration and approval.

By way of background, the City has two Sister Cities one in Taiwan and one in France. Coordinating and communicating with the sister cities in these foreign countries is challenging due to language barriers and international travel, so it is usually done by resolution and email.

Developing a sister city relationship with a domestic city could provide a more interactive and meaningful opportunity for both cities. The Horizon team seeks approval from the Council to explore an appropriate city in the United States for the Council's consideration at a future meeting.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Authorize the request
- 2) Do not authorize the request

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the request.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None, to explore and bring back a recommendation.

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

YES

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

Attachments not provided are available to the public upon request to the City Clerk.

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AGENDA TAB NO.: 7

SUBJECT TITLE: Water Consumptive Use Permit Update (Utilities)

OBJECTIVE:

To give the council an update on the modification of the CUP.

SUMMARY:

Approximately a year ago, the council was informed that the City was nearing the maximum allotment of drinking water by the SJRWMD. This was due to accelerated growth in the last 3 years. The City has hired an engineer and geologist to process and request a modification of the CUP to accommodate growth. This is typically a two-year process, which should be finalized in 2025.

OPTIONS:

1. Receive an update of modification progress.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Option 1: Receive an update.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds have already been budgeted for this process.

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Conforms with legal sufficiency.

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

Attachments not provided are available to the public upon request to the City Clerk.

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AGENDA TAB NO.: 8

SUBJECT TITLE: Award and authorize Contract to Dale Beasley Construction for the Aesop Park Stormwater Improvement Project (Finance)

OBJECTIVE:

To request Council approval to award a contract to Dale Beasley Construction and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into a contract with Dale Beasley Construction for the Aesop Park Stormwater Project via Piggy-Back in the amount of \$387,789.62. (Piggy-Back to Winter Garden Contract)

SUMMARY:

On August 3, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution 2022-15 authorizing acceptance of grant from the Lake County Water Authority in the amount of \$162,500. The grant is a reimbursement grant whereas the grant requires a City Match of \$162,500 for an estimated project cost of \$325,000.

On August 3, 2022, the Mayor executed the agreement for the Lake County Water Authority Grant with \$162,500 in reimbursable funding and a City Match in the amount of \$162,500.

On August 7, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution 2024-16 which increased the funding amount for the LWCA Grant from \$162,500 to \$280,000. The updated required City Match was increased from \$162,500 to \$268,970.

On September 4, 2024, the Mayor executed the agreement to amend the Lake County Water Authority Grant Amendment which increased the reimbursable funding not to exceed \$280,000, and the City Match increased to \$268,970.

On 1-11-2024, the City of Tavares issued Bid 2024-04 for the Aesop Park Stormwater Pond Improvement project. Staff received two respondents to the bid. Both bids exceeded the project funding amount (1. 974,108.20 and 2. \$679,343.20). Due to the bid amounts exceeding project funding the staff closed the bid, and additional options were explored.

After researching current bids and awards from other local jurisdictions it was found that the City is able to Piggy-Back off a current Bid with Dale Beasley Construction with the City of Winter Garden RFP 21-001 with considerable savings. Winter Garden's companion contract for the bid is valid through January 13, 2026.

The City received a quote from Dale Beasley Construction in the amount of \$387,789.62 for the project. Staff is requesting Council's authorization to award a contract via Piggy-Back (Winter Garden RFP-21-001), and to authorize staff to negotiate and enter into a contract with Dale Beasley Construction.

OPTIONS:

1. **MOVE TO APPROVE and Authorize award and execution of Contract to Dale Beasley**

Construction in the amount of \$387,789.62, utilizing Piggy-Back Provision on Winter Garden RFP-21-001 and Contract for the Aesop Park Stormwater Improvement Project.

2. MOVE TO NOT APPROVE.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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- 1. MOVE TO APPROVE and Authorize award and execution of Contract to Dale Beasley Construction, utilizing Piggy-Back Provision on Winter Garden RFP-21-001 and Contract for the Aesop Park Stormwater Improvement Project.**

FISCAL IMPACT:

For this Contract:

LWCA - \$193,894.81 (Total LWCA funding is \$280,000 which provides \$86,105.19 for contingencies)
City of Tavares - \$193,894.81 (Total City Match Budget is \$268,970 which provides \$75,075.19 for contingencies)

TOTAL PROJECT FUNDING DETAILS

Description	Original Agreement	Amended Agreement
LCWA Share of Cost	\$162,500.00	\$280,000.00
City of Tavares Share of Cost	\$162,500.00	\$268,970.00
Total	\$325,000.00	\$548,970.00

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Legally Sufficient

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

1. AESOP'S PARK POND EXPANSION PROPOSAL
2. Resolution 2022-13 Accept LWCA Aesop SW Grant
3. LWCA Aesop Park Grant Agmt
4. Res 2024-16 Authorizing Funding Amendment to Aesop PK SW Grant
5. Funding Amendment to Aesop PK SW Grant-001

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AGENDA TAB NO.: 9

SUBJECT TITLE: City Administrator Report

OBJECTIVE:

The City Administrator will inform the City Council on city-related matters.

SUMMARY:

City Administrator will provide a summary at the meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

City Council Meeting	January 15, 2025, 4:00 p.m., Tavares City Council Chambers (ONLY ONE MEETING IN JANUARY)
Planning and Zoning Board Meeting	January 16, 2025, 3:00 p.m., Tavares City Council Chambers
Library Board Meeting	January 8, 2025, 4:00 p.m., Tavares Library Expansion Room
Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Hearing	January 28, 2025, 4:00 p.m., Tavares City Council Chambers

OUTSIDE AGENCY MEETINGS:

Lake County League of Cities Meeting	January 10, 2024, 12:00 noon, Mount Dora Golf Course, 1100 South Highland Street, Mount Dora
Lake Sumter MPO Governing Board Meeting	February 26, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Suite 175, 1300 Citizens Boulevard, Leesburg
Tavares Chamber of Commerce Business Meeting	January 22, 2025, 11:30 a.m., Tavares Civic Center

CITY EVENTS:

The current 2025 City Event calendars is attached.

OPTIONS:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

1. Tavares_2025 Event Calendar_Rvsd 12.3.2025

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**AGENDA SUMMARY
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AGENDA TAB NO.: 10

SUBJECT TITLE: City Council Member Reports

OBJECTIVE:

To inform the Council on city-related items.

SUMMARY:

The Council will be offered an opportunity to provide a report at the meeting.

OPTIONS:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

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