

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: January 13, 2009

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
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Subject: Request for Ratification of Board Actions Taken at the January 12, 2009
Workshop to Review Impact Fees as Revenue Sources for the funding of
Growth Related Infrastructure Capital Projects

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval to ratify the Board Actions taken at the January 12, 2009 workshop held to review impact fees as revenue sources for the funding of growth related infrastructure capital projects.

Background:

On December 29, 2008, staff invited the public to participate in a “stakeholders” meeting at the Commission Chambers. This meeting was to provide the public an opportunity to discuss the 2007 Impact Fee Study and to answer any questions that they might have regarding the validity of this study. Heather Encinosa, Esq. from Nabors, Giblin, & Nickerson, P.A., who participated in drafting the ordinance that was presented to the Board for approval, was invited to answer questions from the public in an open forum. The intent of the meeting was to address the any issues concerned citizens had with the study. This allowed the Board sufficient time to address their own issues or concerns with the study and/or ordinance at the subsequent workshop.

For additional information regarding impact fees see the Workshop Item as discussed at the January 12, 2009 workshop (Attachment 1).

Analysis:

A workshop was held on January 12, 2009 to review impact fees as revenue sources for the funding of growth-related infrastructure capital projects. A consultant from the law firm of Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, the firm that provided legal oversight of the impact fee study, presented an overview of impact fees as they relate to Wakulla County (Attachment 2). In addition, Government Services Group, Inc., the firm that conducted the Impact Fee Study for Transportation, Public Buildings, Parks and Recreation, Library, Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS in 2007 was on hand to answer questions as well. Citizens actively participated in the workshop discussion.

Options:

1. Ratify Actions taken at the Workshop held on January 12, 2009, and Provide Board Direction
2. Direct Staff to Prepare an Agenda Item to Schedule a future Workshop
3. Direct Staff to Prepare an Agenda Item to Advertise to Schedule a Public Hearing
4. Take No Action at this time

Recommendation:

Option 1.

Attachment(s):

1. Workshop Item 1-20-09 Review Impact Fees as Revenue Sources for the funding of Growth Related Infrastructure Capital Projects
2. PowerPoint Presentation Presented at the 1-12-09 Workshop