

WORKSHOP ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
March 4, 2020

Agenda Item:

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Description:

The next step following the February 5, 2020 Budget and CIP Introduction Workshop, is a presentation of the first draft of the 2020-2021 CIP to Council.

This early start in the CIP process is being implemented to facilitate more direct input from Council and the public on the projects in the CIP and the prioritization of those projects.

The CIP will be following and strengthening many of the Village's guiding principles.

[Note: the principals underlined below are most relevant to the Council's discussion and ultimate decision-making regarding CIP priorities.]

- Low Taxes: Only spending available funds. No debt for projects will prevent future tax increases to pay off debts.
- Low Staffing Levels: Consultant costs are budgeted into projects to allow staffing levels to remain low.
- High Reserves: Twelve months of reserves allows available funds to be allocated toward projects.
- Transparent: The CIP is presented to the public in an effort to inform and obtain input.
- Accessible: CIP information is presented to Council, to the public at two afternoon meetings and CIP information is provided on the Village's website.
- Quality over Quantity: Projects are budgeted to reflect The Village's standards and expectations.
- Exceptional Customer Service: Questions and comments about the CIP are answered directly as they are expressed.
- Pay-as-you go: Projects are scheduled to not exceed expected revenues. Budgets include both capital and maintenance costs.
- Informed decision-marking: Many of the projects are taken directly from the Village's foundational Master Plans.

Maintenance is budgeted first. The Village starts the CIP process by allocating funds to the Village's Public Works maintenance budgets which include General Maintenance, Major Roadway maintenance and Stormwater Maintenance.

The majority of the capital improvement projects were taken directly from the Village's foundational studies which include; The Village Wide Traffic Study, Village of Estero Stormwater Master Plan, Village of Estero Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan, and Village of Estero Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan.

The Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan, Branding Study, and Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan each included significant citizen input through a combination of surveys and community meetings. The Bike/Ped Master Plan received over 1,000 data points on its online map. The online Branding survey received more than 2,200 responses and the mailed and online Parks & Rec. surveys received more than 720 responses. This public input was used to identify and prioritize projects within each study and the CIP.

This presentation will provide descriptions of the funding sources available for CIP projects and which projects are able to use each funding source.

The preliminary draft of the 2020-2021 CIP will be presented to Council with some details provided for the projects that are proposed the first year of the CIP. Additional details can also be provided on specific projects of interest to Council or the Public.

Staff would like to receive input on project priorities that may differ from those presented in preliminary draft CIP.

Importantly, we fully anticipate that the CIP will change from this initial presentation based on Council and community input. We will also introduce additional information that may be important for Council consideration, including:

- A possible partnership with Lee County on the expansion of Corkscrew Road east of I-75 with the Village contributing landscaping, a non-motorized pathway, and street lighting.
- Possible options related to our early pay-off option of the debt on the Estero-on-the-River property which includes \$5.1M in our initial set-aside plus the \$1.1M annual (for a total of \$7.3M by the end of 2020).

Again, we are very early in the Budget process. On March 4th we will also be bringing to the Council a proposed calendar that will include 2 public information sessions and additional Council workshops with a final CIP approval by the end of April.

Attachments:

1. PowerPoint Presentation
2. Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2020-2021
3. Fiscal Year 20-21 Summary
4. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Improvement Project Descriptions