

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: July 7, 2020

Consent  
 Ordinance

Regular  
 Public Hearing

Department: Parks and Recreation

Submitted By: Parks and Recreation Department

Submitted For: Parks and Recreation Department

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to approve: an amendment to the Infrastructure Surtax (IST) Project Plan approved by the Board of County Commissioners on April 4, 2017 reallocating \$5 million to the Riverbend/Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Interpretive Center.

**Summary:** In early 2016, staff submitted a final list of Infrastructure Sales Tax (IST) projects to the BCC for approval. Included on that list was the Riverbend /Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Interpretive Center funded at \$5 million. On February 9, 2016, Commissioner Valeche requested that the \$5 million be reallocated to the North County District Park project indicating it was a higher priority within District 1. On March 16, 2016, the BCC approved the final list of IST projects, which included \$5 million for the North County District Park and would become available in 2027. Following the passage of the IST referendum in November 2016, the City of Palm Beach Gardens offered to construct and operate the North County District Park site in exchange for a long term lease of the 82 acre property. The lease was executed and the City of Palm Beach Gardens completed the first phase of the park in 2019. A contract was entered into with a not for profit organization to complete the construction of a multi-purpose indoor facility for phase two. City of Palm Beach Gardens officials have indicated that they have no expectation of utilizing the \$5 million appropriated to the North County District Park project. As a result, Commissioner Valeche recommended to the Board that the \$5 million be redirected to the Riverbend/Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Interpretive Center as originally intended. This reallocation was unanimously approved by the Sales Tax Oversight Committee at their May 21, 2020 meeting. **This project is funded through the infrastructure sales tax. District 1 (AH)**

**Background and Justification:** On November 8, 2016, the voters of Palm Beach County approved a one-penny IST for collections beginning January 1, 2017, and continuing for the sooner of 10 years or \$2.7 billion in proceeds before September 1 of any year. Also included was the creation of an oversight committee to audit spending for compliance with approved projects. The proceeds from the IST finance the renewal and replacement of existing capital investments including roadway surfaces, bridges, drainage improvements, canals, park amenities, and government buildings, all of which were deferred during the last recession and remain outstanding, and projects to maintain levels of service. A detailed project list, Infrastructure Surtax Project Plan, with associated budget was prepared for the projects that are the subject of this item and approved by the Board on April 4, 2017.

The Riverbend/Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Interpretive Center was on a list of projects during development of the IST Project Plan, but the funding was later reallocated to the North County District Park at the request of the District Commissioner. At the time, it was not known that the City of Palm Beach Gardens would be leasing the property from the County and subsequently constructing and operating the park.. As a result, the Parks & Recreation Department proposes to reallocate the project funds in their entirety to the Riverbend/Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Interpretive Center in 2027 as previously intended.

The proposed amendment and budget transfer will have no net effect on the total IST Program budget.

Recommended by:   
Department Director

6-10-20  
Date

Approved by:   
Assistant County Administrator

6/16/2020  
Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Years	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Current Budget: Yes   X   No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Does this item include use of federal funds? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No   X  

Budget Account No.: Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 Revenue Source \_\_\_\_\_ Object \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

All funds related to this item are derived from proceeds of the one penny sales surtax.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: *Barry M. [Signature]*

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:**

*[Signature]* 6/11/2020  
 OFMB *[Signature]*  
 6/11 322611

*[Signature]* 6/15/2020  
 Contract Development and Control  
 6/15/20 TW

**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

*Anne Delgant* 6-16-2020  
 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

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 Department Director

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