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TO: Robert Bradshaw, City Manager
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Honorable Mayor and City Commission

FROM: Rebecca Grohall, Planning Manager

RE: Annexation Update – Conference Agenda August 10, 2015

DATE: August 4, 2015

For the conference agenda discussion, Staff have two recommendations for discussion and direction:

First, a proposed update to the Joint Planning Agreement (JPA) with St. Lucie County. Staff feels it will be beneficial to update the agreement (attached) and address Statutory annexation processes not included in the agreement, like adding the option for enclave annexation. As outlined in 171.046 F.S., the State recognizes that enclaves can create significant problems in planning, growth management, and service delivery, and declares that it is the policy of the state to eliminate enclaves. In order to expedite the annexation of enclaves of 10 acres or less into the most appropriate incorporated jurisdiction, based upon existing or proposed service provision arrangements, a municipality may annex an enclave by interlocal agreement with the county having jurisdiction of the enclave.

Secondly, Staff will have a large map at the meeting and have proposed boundaries for annexation through either an Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement (ISBA) or Legislative annexation. Staff recommends the ISBA process. Much like a mini-charrette – the Commission is invited to draw on the maps and give input on the proposed boundaries. The maps will then be finalized and utilized in a Joint City Commission/County Commission meeting.

Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement (ISBA) – 171 Part 2

The Florida Statutes were amended by the Legislature in 2006 to add a second part to the State's annexation laws. This new Part II retained existing annexation law, which has been in place for many years, and added an alternative approach to annexation that is intended to encourage local government coordination in planning, service delivery, and boundary adjustments due to annexation. ISBA agreements have been utilized as an approach to avoiding conflicts between counties and cities. Several areas have used this tool, successfully including Orange County with City of Ocoee and City of Orlando, and Pinellas County.

Annexation by Legislation

Subsection 171.044(4) F.S says the procedures for voluntary annexation shall be “supplemental to any other procedure provide by general or special law”. There are a number of special annexation laws that exist in Florida, including the Gainesville Special Act and the Broward Delegation where large areas were annexed through bills approved by the State Legislature.