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2016 Legislative Priorities



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CITY OF FORT PIERCE

2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



1. Restoring the Common Good

Funding request to counter gang and violent crime thereby restoring the common good in the Lincoln Park area.

2. Veterans Memorial Park

Funding request for the final phase of improvement project to enhance the stormwater quality of the Indian River Lagoon and pay respectful tribute to the area's veterans.

3. Port of Fort Pierce

Continued economic development opportunities for the entire Treasure Coast region.

4. Annexation

- a. Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement
- b. Special Act by Legislation

5. Economic Development Incentives

Incentives provided by the appropriate federal, state and local agencies.

RESTORING THE COMMON GOOD

The purpose of this project is to increase the capacity of the Fort Pierce Police Department to effectively counter the gang and violent crime related issues within the City of Fort Pierce. This will take place through the utilization of advanced law enforcement technology and additional personnel. The budgeted items proposed in this project will enable officers to initiate a tactical and timely response to incidents of crime, while also increasing the likelihood of catching perpetrators and locating victims.



Due to the drastic reductions in revenue generated from ad valorem taxes, the City of Fort Pierce has lacked the capital funding to maintain some of the essential equipment used by the Police Department to detect/deter crime. The same reductions have affected the ability to purchase existing and new technology used to combat criminal activity.

Items necessary to the project include:

- ◆ Additional Personnel (4 Officers)
- ◆ Police Academy Certification (4 Officers)
- ◆ Law Enforcement Surveillance Camera Systems (LESCS)
- ◆ License Plate Readers (LPR)
- ◆ Traffic Message Boards (3 Units)
- ◆ Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) Systems



RESTORING THE COMMON GOOD

The FPPD is seeking validated research-based best practices in the utilization of technology to increase efficiency and gain a strategic advantage in reducing and preventing crime in the targeted area, the Lincoln Park Community. The FPPD expects that implementation of these measures will see a 25% reduction in gun violence and gang related activity over the next calendar year. This will be a positive catalyst for change which will increase the quality of life for all who live and work in the City of Fort Pierce.



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

The City of Fort Pierce is currently undergoing improvements to Veterans Memorial Park. Funding in the amount of \$461,700 is being requested from the State of Florida fund the third and final phase of the \$1,648,040 project. The improvements will transform Veterans Memorial Park into a multi-use park and significantly improve and impact the quality of life for the 26,490 St. Lucie County veterans. Green open space is being developed for the Veterans and family members as a respectful tribute offering a dedicated area to reflect on the time they served in the United States Armed Forces for our nation.



In addition to honoring Veterans, this project will assist in sustaining the Indian River Lagoon as one of our precious natural resources. The improvements will enable the City to enhance stormwater quality by treating approximately 1000 pounds of pollutants flowing from the 80-acre Moores' Creek watershed prior to its discharge into the Indian River Lagoon.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

The funding request will complete the final phase of the City's two-year effort to gain three grant awards totaling \$740,142. This constitutes approximately 40% of the total cost of \$1,648,040. Pollutants are removed from untreated Stormwater and the dated park will be transformed into a state-of-the-art open space along the City's downtown area beside the waterfront.

Planned improvements include:

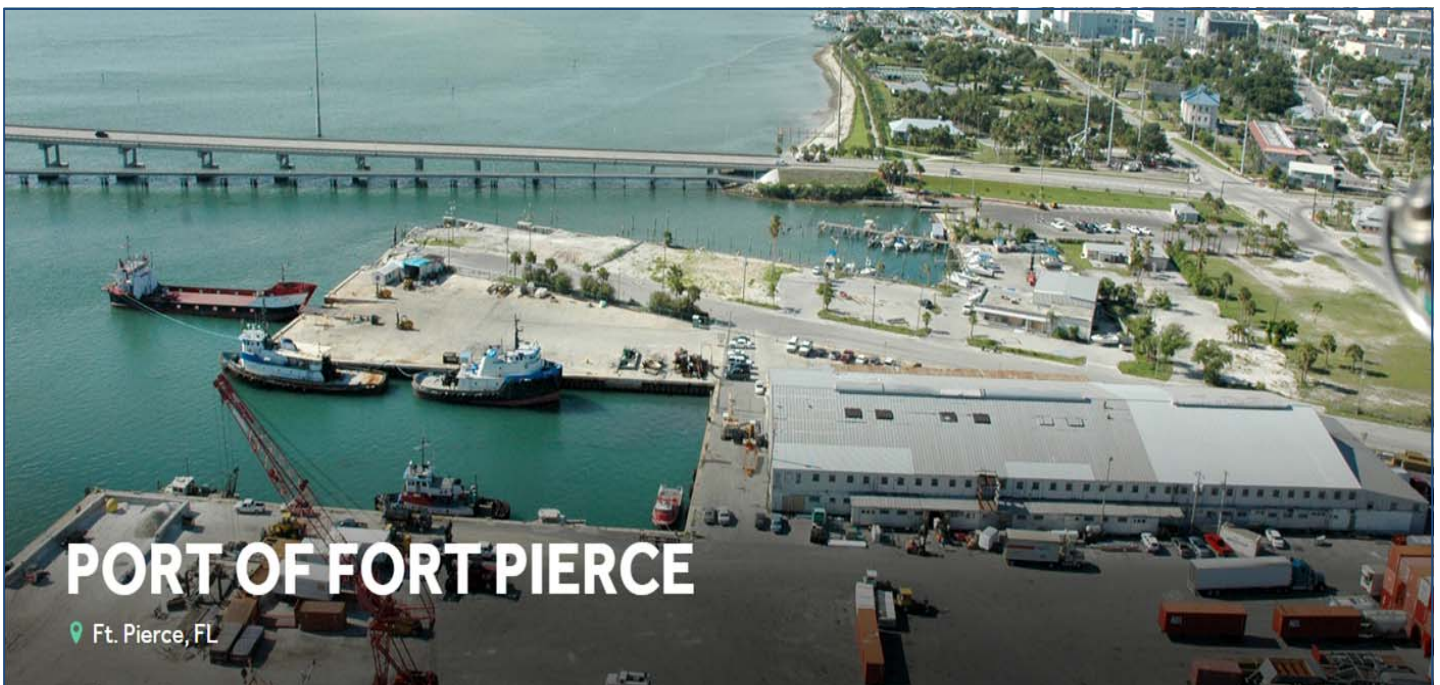
- ◆ Entry Monument Arch
- ◆ Pedestrian Bridge with lighted ponds and water features
- ◆ Lake Plaza consisting of pavers with columns, seat walls and stone steps.
- ◆ Dedicated Monument
- ◆ Memorial Walk of pavers edged with dedication pavers
- ◆ Memorial Plaza with raised pedestals to display granite Memorial Walls
- ◆ Flagpoles with United States and POW/MIA flags
- ◆ Six (6) flagpoles with flags for each branch of the United States Armed Services.
- ◆ Landscaping including: palm trees, raised planters, and lake-side plantings.



THE PORT OF FORT PIERCE

The City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County have agreed to enter into an Interlocal Agreement to collaborate efforts in the development of Fisherman's Wharf located in the Port of Fort Pierce. This also includes partnerships with the Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

The development of the port will include support for St. Lucie County's application for a Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development (FSTED) grant in the amount of \$255,000 for acquisition of the Fisherman's Wharf property which lays within the Port of Fort Pierce. The county is proposing acquisition of these multiple underutilized parcels currently owned by River Marina Incorporated and the easternmost 250 feet of Fisherman's Wharf Road.



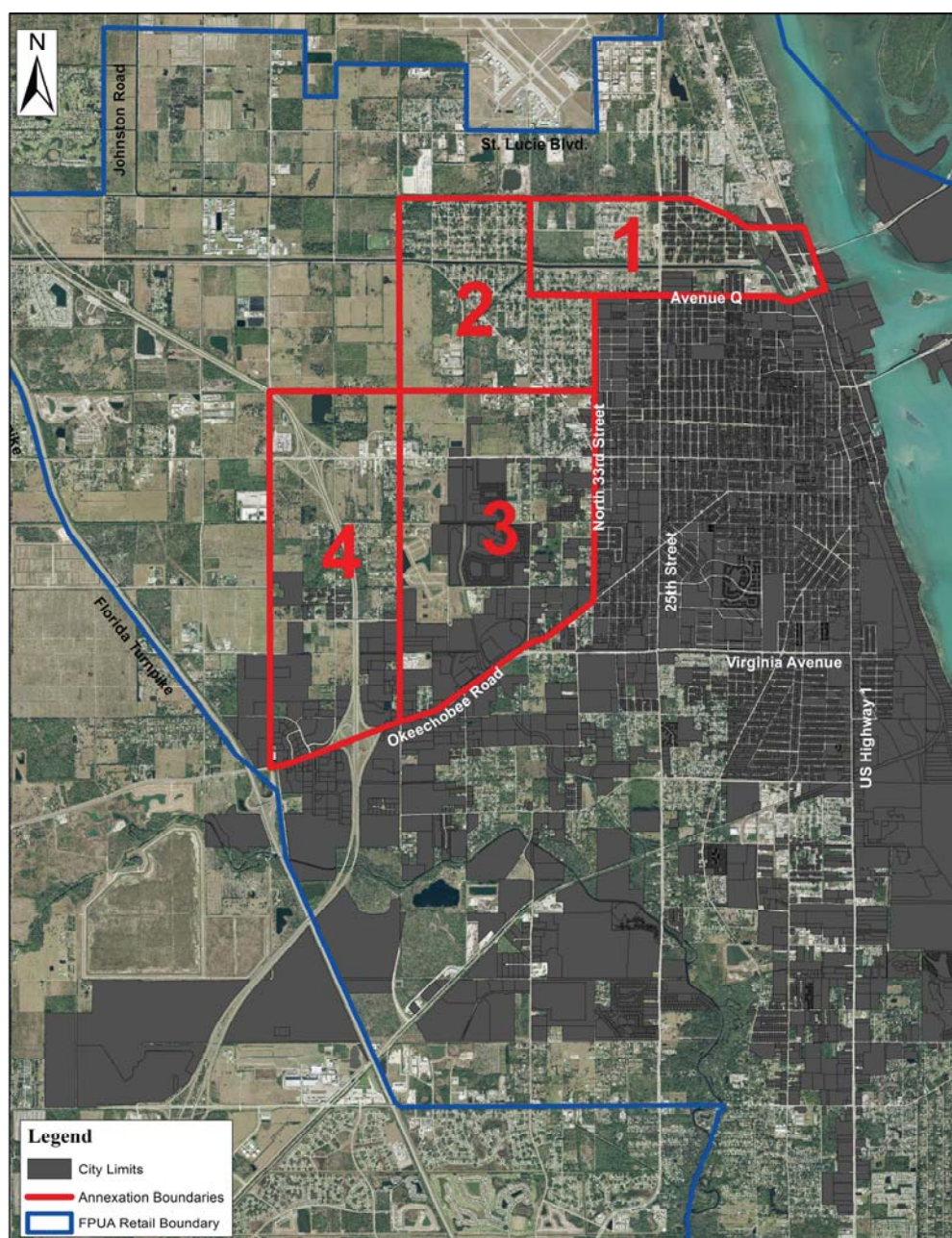
PORT OF FORT PIERCE

The City of Fort Pierce is also supporting St. Lucie County in a second component of the port's economic development, a grant in the amount of \$125,000 from FSTED for bulkhead design at Fisherman's Wharf. The county is proposing to re-establish the bulkhead's structural integrity. In its present state of deterioration, the bulkheads are in poor condition and require reconstruction as part of the design. The berth is also in need of dredging to maintain a 20 foot minimum depth.



ANNEXATION

Through the extension of water and sewer, the City of Fort Pierce has one of its primary opportunities to grow its boundaries. When the Fort Pierce Utilities Authorities provides water and/or sewer, the City has one of its primary opportunities to grow its boundaries. When FPUA provides water and/or sewer outside the City limits, an annexation agreement is signed by the customer indicating that when that property is contiguous to the City boundaries, they consent to voluntary annexation.



ANNEXATION

The Florida Statutes outline several courses of action for annexation. The two most utilized methods are outlined in Chapter 171, Part 1 as voluntary and involuntary.

Voluntary Annexation—Section 171.044 allows a city to annex property if consent of the owners of the property is granted. The property must be contiguous and reasonably compact to the municipality. These annexations are done through ordinance and the public hearing process.

Involuntary Annexation—Section 171.0413 states that the municipality may pass an ordinance to annex property (similar to voluntary annexation), however, the ordinance does not become effective until a majority vote is received in a referendum held within 30 days.



Several other options exist including Enclave Annexation, Interlocal Service Boundary Agreements and Annexation by Legislation.

Enclave Annexation—outlined in 171.046 F.S. recognizes that enclaves can create significant problems in planning, growth management, and service delivery. It also 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;

Interlocal Service boundary Agreement (ISBA) - 171 Part 2 was added to the State's annexation laws by amendment in 2006. This new Part II retained existing annexation law, 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 have been utilized as a successful tool to avoid conflicts between counties and cities;

Annexation by Legislation—Subsection 171.044(4) F.S. states 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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

The City of Fort Pierce is dedicated to creating opportunities for economic development through desirable business growth, expansion, and retention. By partnering with business owners, developers, and members of the community, a climate conducive to improving the quality of life in Fort Pierce is fostered.

A creative team of individuals has been assembled to assist with economic development in the City of Fort Pierce. This Economic Development (ED) Team consists of members from each city department including: the City Manager, City Clerk, Building Administrator, Senior Planner, Public Works Manager and Marketing Specialist. In addition to city staff, the ED Team includes representation from the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority. The team acts as a liaison to guide developers and business owners. They assist interested parties in navigating the City's procedures to ensure the process is as streamlined and seamless as possible.



The City of Fort Pierce, by partnering with St. Lucie County's Economic Development Council, has the ability to span a broad spectrum of public and private sectors, as well as organizations representing education, workforce training and other business and industry interests. The ultimate goal of this collaboration is the creation of higher-paying jobs for residents, working to promote retention and expansion of existing businesses, and attracting new ones to our community.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Multiple approaches are being utilized to incorporate economic development strategies within the City of Fort Pierce. They include:

- ◆ Attracting new businesses by rebranding the City and revitalizing our image.
- ◆ Creating partnerships with St. Lucie County and the Economic Development Council.
- ◆ Enhancing communication with other municipalities and organizations to build awareness of our value.
- ◆ Developing incentive programs (ex: QTI Economic Development Incentive Package).
- ◆ Reaching out to businesses – inviting them to our community to experience what we have to offer firsthand.



APPENDIX



1. **St. Lucie County Legislative Delegation Participation Request Form—*Restoring the Common Good***
2. **St. Lucie County Legislative Delegation Participation Request Form—*Veterans Memorial Park***
3. **St. Lucie County Legislative Delegation Participation Request Form—*Port of Fort Pierce***
4. **St. Lucie County Legislative Delegation Participation Request Form—*Annexation***
5. **St. Lucie County Legislative Delegation Participation Request Form—*Economic Development Incentives***

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
PARTICIPATION REQUEST FORM 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
Hearing: Friday, September 25, 2015**

**** MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED ****

Named of Organization:		City of Fort Pierce	
Contact Person:		Nicholas C. Mimms, City Manager	
Address:		100 North US Hwy 1	
City:	Fort Pierce	State:	FL
Zip:	34950		
Phone:	772-467-3793	Mobile:	772-370-3992
Email:		nmimms@city-ftpierce.com	
Name of person speaking:		Nicholas C. Mimms	
Is this a funding request? Yes ☒ No ☐			
Is this a legislative proposal? Yes ☐ No ☒			
Plan/Objective: Request for funding Restoring The Common Good project to counter gang and violent crime related issues through utilization of advanced law enforcement technology and additional personnel.			
Delegation action: Approve new recurring funding in the amount of \$225,000 and nonrecurring funding of \$627,500 for a total of \$852,500 to purchase new and existing technology and hire additional personnel.			
Have you met with a State Legislator regarding this issue? Yes ☒ No ☐			
If yes – Who have you met with: Representative Larry Lee, Jr.			
Will you be distributing materials at the hearing? Yes ☐ No ☒			

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NOON on Friday, September 18, 2015 to:**

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Name of person speaking:		Nicholas C. Mimms	
Is this a funding request? Yes ☒ No ☐			
Is this a legislative proposal? Yes ☒ No ☐			
Plan/Objective: Request funding for the third and final phase of improvements to Veterans Memorial Park to restore current 50-year-old monuments and construct several new hardscape features improving and impacting the quality of life for the 26,490 veterans throughout St. Lucie County.			
Delegation action: Approve nonrecurring funding in the amount of \$461,700 for Veterans Memorial Park improvements to complete the final phase of removing pollutants from untreated stormwater and transforming the dated park.			
Have you met with a State Legislator regarding this issue? Yes ☒ No ☐			
If yes – Who have you met with: Representative Larry Lee, Jr.			
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Is this a funding request? Yes ☐ No ☒			
Is this a legislative proposal? Yes ☐ No ☒			
Plan/Objective: Update on the development of the Port of Fort Pierce			
Delegation action: Support for St. Lucie County's application for a \$255,000 FSTED grant for acquisition of properties at Fisherman's Wharf and a \$125,000 FSTED grant for bulkhead design at Fisherman's Wharf.			
Have you met with a State Legislator regarding this issue? Yes ☒ No ☐			
If yes – Who have you met with: Sen. Negron, Rep. Lee, Rep. Mayfield, Rep. Harrell			
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Name of person speaking:		Nicholas C. Mimms	
Is this a funding request? Yes ☐ No ☒			
Is this a legislative proposal? Yes ☐ No ☒			
Plan/Objective: Update on annexation - (A) Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement (B) Special act by legislation			
Delegation action: No delegation action requested at this time.			
Have you met with a State Legislator regarding this issue? Yes ☐ No ☒			
If yes – Who have you met with:			
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Name of person speaking:		Linda Cox, City Clerk	
Is this a funding request? Yes ☐ No ☒			
Is this a legislative proposal? Yes ☐ No ☒			
Plan/Objective: Update on economic development incentives provided by the appropriate federal, state and local agencies.			
Delegation action: No delegation action requested at this time.			
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If yes – Who have you met with:			
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