

Minutes from the Half Cent Surtax Committee Meeting  
January 18, 2024  
3:00pm – Engineering Conference Room

Board Members Present: Daniel Noelke, Anthony Westbury, Bob Burdge, Steven Haines, Charles Bryant, Ella Hodge-Wimes

Absent Board Members: Pearl Davis-Liverpool

Staff Present: Selena Griffett, Julie Bye

Agenda was presented -

Meeting minutes from the November 16, 2023 meeting were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Selection of Chair and Co-Chair

Danny Noelke – Chair and Charles Bryant – Co Chair

Committee has decided to change the meetings from every other month to quarterly.

The remaining meetings for 2024 are as follows – April 18, July and October 17, 2024

Annual Report has been accepted by the City Commission and is posted on the City of Fort Pierce’s website.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Update of Surtax projects**

Avenue B – (13<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street) – Project is complete with only utility relocation and some idewalk remaining.

Georgia Avenue Basin Improvements – Project is Complete

Avenue D – (29<sup>th</sup> Street to US 1) – The City received a State Appropriations Grant of \$1,500,000 for Avenue D improvements. In coordination and discussions with the FDOT, it was determined that the Phase I resurfacing project from 29<sup>th</sup> Street to US1 was more “shovel ready” and would utilize the Grant Funding. The City continues to work with the FDOT to get the project ready for bidding. We anticipate advertising the project in May. Design for Phase 2 – US1 to Indian River Drive continues. The most recent cost estimate for Phase I of this project is \$1,850,000. A funding breakdown has not been developed at this time.

Ohio Avenue Roadway Improvements (11<sup>th</sup> Street to US1) – under construction.

Preston Court (Delaware Avenue to Boston Avenue); Boston Avenue (13<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Street); 11<sup>th</sup> Street (Boston Avenue to Orange Avenue) - Currently in design. The design cost for this project is \$199,482.85. The current CIP estimates the construction cost for this project to be \$700,000.

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2023 Street Resurfacing- The contract has been submitted to legal for a final review prior to execution by the Mayor. It is anticipated this work will begin in March. Project Estimate \$800,000.

Wendell Road - (7<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street) - The design is nearly complete. Design costs are \$47,940. Construction is estimated at \$750,000.

Indian River Drive (Avenue A to Seaway Drive) - The design is approximately 60% complete. The City received a Department of Economic Opportunity Grant in the amount of \$2,745,223 to assist in the construction of this project. The current estimate is \$8,510,310.

**CURRENT STATE OF FUNDS**

Total Receivables –

October 26, 2023	\$164,227.15
November 6, 2023	\$154,140.47
November 27, 2023	\$176,615.80
December 29, 2023	\$318,367.62

Fiscal Year 2023/2024

Funds Received	\$667,893.37
Expenses	\$128,702.08
Balance	\$6,597,373.63

**UPCOMING PROJECTS**

2024 Street Resurfacing

This annual project includes milling and resurfacing existing streets. Improvements also include upgrades to ADA facilities. Staff is identifying the next highest priority roadways for resurfacing. Once roadways are selected, they are reviewed by FPUA and the approved by the City Commission prior to issuing construction documents to the Annual Resurfacing Contractor. It is anticipated that approximately 4.2 miles of roadway will be included in FY 2024. Project Estimate: \$850,000.

Surfside Drainage/Resurfacing - Phase IV

This project aims to improve drainage in the Surfside area. Streets included in this project are Surfside, Cypress, Mimosa, Jacaranda and Coconut. Improvements include the installation of valley gutter, regrading swales, driveway replacement and milling and resurfacing. Staff will request a scope and fee proposal for the design of this project. A preliminary estimate for this project is \$2,000,000.

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13<sup>th</sup> Street (Georgia Avenue to Orange Avenue)

This project will repair 0.5 miles of roadway with pavement reconstruction, curb and gutter and sidewalk repairs, reconstruction driveway aprons, and rehabilitation of drainage structures is also included. Streetlights and limited landscaping are included. This project was previously about 90% designed and the plans only need an update and “refresh”. Staff is coordinating with legal for a Specific Authorization for the design. The design cost for this project is \$69,840. The current CIP estimates the construction cost for this project to be \$9,500,000.

Nebraska Avenue Sidewalk

The project will construct approximately 0.5 miles of sidewalk along Nebraska Avenue from Lawnwood Circle to 13<sup>th</sup> Street. A scoping and planning meeting is be scheduled with FDOT staff. This project involves federal Transportation Alternatives Program funds and must follow federal guidelines for design and construction. Project costs: A preliminary estimate for the construction of this project is \$715,000.

Avenue I Corridor (13<sup>th</sup> Street to 25<sup>th</sup> Street)

The project included reconstruction of the roadway with drainage, sidewalk, and utility improvements. The current estimate for this project is \$4,000,000.

Next Meeting is April 18, 2024

Meeting adjourned