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City of Oak Hill

TOWN HALL MEETING

MARCH 27, 2019 6PM

CITY HALL

HALF CENT SALES TAX INCREASE

What is the Half-Cent Local Infrastructure Sales Tax?

If approved, the half-cent sales tax will provide an additional half-cent of sales tax to be used for improving infrastructure across Volusia County including roads, sidewalks, bridges, water quality and flood control.

How much money will the sales tax raise?

It is anticipated that the extra half-cent in sales tax will raise approximately \$40 million a year. It is estimated that a large portion of those revenues will be paid by visitors to Volusia County.

Who gets the money?

The proceeds of such tax shall be distributed to the county and to municipalities within the county according to the distribution formula provided by section 218.62, Florida Statutes. Click here to read the statute. The distribution is population derived calculation.

Is there a specific list of projects that will receive sales tax funding?

The county and the 16 cities have identified numerous infrastructures needs that could be funded by the half-cent sales tax for local infrastructure. The proposed project list for the county may be seen on the county's website at www.volusia.org/salestax. Proposed project lists for the cities can be seen on the cities' websites.

I've heard the extra penny will be used to fund SunRail operations and Votran bus service.

Is this true? No. County Ordinance 2019-4, Section 114-228 states "Proceeds shall not be used for public mass transit; nor for rail or for any other project not allowed herein."

How can I trust the County and Cities to use the sales tax funds as promised and not use the revenues as a slush fund?

County Ordinance 2019-4, Section 114-229 established a citizens committee who's exclusive purpose is to review whether proposed uses of proceeds are among those authorized; and whether expenditures matched the proposed use.

When is the election?

May 21, 2019.

When would I have to start paying the extra half-cent sales tax?

January 1, 2020.

On March 27th 6PM at City Hall, the City of Oak Hill will be holding a Town Hall meeting. At the meeting the Commission will discuss the recent Half Cent Sales Tax Increase referendum that will happen May 21, 2019. The Commission has identified projects the funds could be used for if the referendum passes. It is important for citizens to attend this meeting and express your opinion on what projects would best improve Oak Hill.

You can get more information about the Half Cent Sales Tax Increase by calling City Hall at 386-345-3522 or you can visit Volusia County's Website at www.volusia.org

Volusia County hosted meetings will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on these dates:

Monday, March 4, in the first-floor training room of the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center, 123 W. Indiana Ave., DeLand

Tuesday, March 5, in the Dennis R. McGee Room at the Daytona Beach Regional Airport, 700 Catalina Drive, Daytona Beach

Thursday, March 7, in the Deltona City Commission Chambers, 2345 Providence Blvd., Deltona

Monday, March 11, at the Brannon Center, 105 S. Riverside Drive, New Smyrna Beach

Mayor's Corner

As we continue to seek funding for our cities' water and sewer project, our lobbyist Georgia McKeown has been very busy in Tallahassee with our Senators and House of Representative discussing our fund request. As such, Representative Santiago has placed House Bill 2429 (our funding request) on the agenda of the Natural Resources Appropriations Committee. She has also received support from Senator Wright and Senator Simmons for this year's funding request.

The Governor's budget has \$250 million for special projects, such as water quality projects like our city's sewer project.

The City's Engineers have completed a draft of the City's sewer project, first of which is Indian Harbor Estates. This Engineering proposal will be presented to the House Appropriations Committee.

The Volusia County ECHO grant Committee held a public hearing at JV's Sunrise Park, with myself, the Vice Mayor and Planning Solutions in attendance. The Committee is reviewing a funding request for reconstruction of the park. A decision will be made at a future County Council Meeting. The City has placed 4th on the approval list for funding. When the Volusia County Council approves our request, construction will begin on the park make-over in April of this year.

The Jimmy Vann's Sunrise Park property land dispute went to trial on February 20th and 21st. The City is now waiting on Judge Rowes 3rd decision, which could take approximately 45 days.

One of our Citizens suffered a horrendous injury caused by a criminal act of a fifteen-year-old with a gun. Mr. Tatro was shot in the neck, causing him to be paralyzed. As a community it is my hope that we can come together and do what we can to help this family.

Douglas Gibson
Mayor

Economic Development Board

The City of Oak Hill Economic Development Board would like to invite all Oak Hill business owners to Goodrich's Seafood at 253 River Road for a 'Meet and Greet' March 18, 2019 at 6PM. The Board is inviting a few organizations located in Southeast Volusia County to show business owners what resources they have to offer. Please come and join us!

CITY OF OAK HILL BUSINESS OWNERS

MEET AND GREET

March 18, 2019

6PM

Goodrich's Seafood

The Economic Development Board meets every 3rd Monday of the month and is striving to help existing businesses grow and help new businesses take off. Please contact City Hall with any questions.

Upcoming Events

- Easter Egg Hunt- Saturday April 13th, 2019- Nancy Cummings Park 9:00am-12:15pm
- Community Fest- Saturday May 4th, 2019- Mary DeWees Park 9:00am- 2:00pm
- Kids to the Park Day- Saturday May 18th, 2019- Mary DeWees Park- 11:00am- 1:00pm
- Commission Meetings the 2nd and 4th Monday of Every Month
- BBQ plate Dinner Fundraiser for Joel Tatro- Saturday March 30th – Mary DeWees Park 2:00pm-6:00pm

For more details please visit our website
www.OakHillFL.com



The Commission honoring Deputy Maxwell for his bravery for rushing to a burning vehicle to save a life.

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