

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request 2

Date of Meeting: 2/22/00

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TO: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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SUBJECT: Ratification of Actions Taken at February 7, 2000 Joint City/County Workshop on EECC Blueprint 2000 Projects

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

This agenda item is seeking Board ratification of actions taken at the February 7, 2000 Joint City/County Workshop on the Economic and Environmental Consensus Committee (EECC) Blueprint 2000 Projects.

BACKGROUND

Early in 1998, a citizens group representing a broad spectrum of business, environmental and neighborhood interests, called the Economic and Environmental Consensus Committee (EECC), convened to develop a holistic vision for the community. Their resultant report, *Blueprint 2000 and Beyond*, was delivered to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on April 19, 1999. After discussion, the joint commissions directed their staffs to work with the EECC to cost out the projects contained in Blueprint 2000, to examine the planning process in relation to the EECC's initiatives, including any improvements that could be made, and to bring back the costs associated with the Blueprint 2000 report to the joint City/County Commissions.

Soon after the April 19, 1999 MPO meeting, the County Administrator and the City Manager each assigned a staff member to facilitate this effort. Because of the comprehensive nature of the Blueprint 2000 projects, a committee made up of key joint City/County staff members was convened to work with the representatives of the EECC. The full working group met on an aggressive schedule to provide the requested information at the joint City/County workshop of February 7, 2000.

ANALYSIS

At the February 7, 2000 joint workshop, the Board directed to pursue Option 1 which included the following:

- 1). Authorize staff to bring back to their respective Commissions a discussion of:
 - a. Endorsement/support of the Blueprint 2000 concepts, programs and philosophies;
 - b. Development of a plan that incorporates the concepts and processes into the overall planing strategies of the local government entity;
 - c. Consideration and approval of a sales tax extension on the ballot in November 2000;
 - d. Provide priority listing of overall governmental priorities for a sales tax extension to include Blueprint 2000 prioritized projects;
 - e. Development of a joint City/County plan for phased-in implementation of priority projects utilizing all potential sources of funding.

The Board=s motion also included a recommendation of the EECC to convene a Ablue ribbon committee@ to study and make recommendations on a joint water resources plan.

OPTIONS

1. Ratify actions taken by the Board at the February 7, 2000 joint City/County workshop.
2. Do not ratify actions taken by the Board at the February 7, 2000 joint City/County workshop.
3. Provide staff other direction.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Option 1