TO: Honorable Chairman and Board of County Commissioners  
FROM: Parwez Alam, County Administrator  
Vincent Long, Assistant to the County Administrator  
SUBJECT: Public Hearing on the Proposed Ordinance on the One Cent Sales Tax Extension  

STATEMENT OF ISSUE  
This item is the first and only public hearing to consider the adoption of the proposed ordinance on the one cent sales tax extension.  

BACKGROUND  
The County and City Commissions convened for a joint workshop on July 10, 2000. The joint commissions considered outstanding issues associated with proceeding with a November 2000 sales tax extension referendum to fund Blueprint 2000 projects and other complimentary projects previously approved by each of the commissions. The commissions ratified the Blueprint 2000, City and County project lists, agreed upon funding responsibilities for the Gaines Street reconstruction project, and approved referendum ballot language. At this time, the commissions also agreed to establish a citizen advisory committee, with membership as proposed by the Economic and Environmental Consensus Committee (EECC), and directed staff to develop a joint project management team for the Blueprint 2000 projects.  

At the August 29, 2000 Commission meeting, the Board considered an agenda item which presented the proposed Interlocal Agreement and County Resolution for the sales tax extension. At that time, the Board also scheduled a public hearing on the proposed Leon County Ordinance (Attachment #1). However, Kathy Archibald, representing the Economic and Environmental Consensus Committee (EECC), presented a list of proposed changes to the Interlocal Agreement, County Resolution and Leon County Ordinance.  

Most of the EECC=s proposed changes were minor in nature and the County Administrator agreed to incorporate them into the affected documents and bring them back at the September 12, 2000 Commission meeting (Attachment #2, page 27). The County Administrator, however, informed the Board that they could choose to meet with the City Commission before the regularly scheduled City
Commission meeting of Wednesday, September 6, 2000 to jointly consider these and any other outstanding issues on the sales tax extension. At the time of this writing, a workshop packet had been distributed and the joint meeting was scheduled for 3:00 pm on September 6, 2000 (Attachment #2). Pending further direction from this joint meeting, staff will prepare revisions to the ordinance, resolution and / or interlocal agreement.

ANALYSIS
Section 212.055 (2), Florida Statutes, provides that the governing authority in each county may extend the discretionary sales surtax pursuant to ordinance enacted by a majority of the members of the county governing authority and approval by a majority of the electors of the county voting in a referendum on the surtax. The proposed ordinance contains the ballot language and ballot title presented by staff to the Board at the August 29, 2000 meeting. The proposed ordinance also continues to refer to the resolution for the specific list of County projects.

OPTIONS

1. Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the ordinance as presented.

2. Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt an amended version of the ordinance.

3. Provide other direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Option 1

Attachments:

1- Proposed Leon County Ordinance
2- September 6, 2000 joint workshop packet