

CITY BILL ADDENDUM

We provide the following information concerning various components of the bill that we believe are of significance to Council:

1. We have spent a great deal of time working with management and city council in the midst of a whistleblower complaint and ensuing investigation and report, as well as a transition in city managers and administrative staff. We are committed to providing necessary support to allow for a smooth conversion and return to normal operations.
2. Discount Sleep, et al. v. the City remains pending in trial court. Thomas Cloud and Jason Zimmerman of GrayRobinson continue to serve as lead counsel at the expense of the City's insurance carrier. We are serving in a support and supervisory role with outside counsel and have recently worked with staff on preparing for the upcoming hearing on May 10.
3. We have continued to interface with outside counsel concerning the status of the multi-district litigation against opioid manufacturers and distributors. This continues to progress as settlement agreements are negotiated, bankruptcies are being filed, and we are in the midst of a trial against one defendant (Walgreens).
4. We have worked with Growth Management, Engineering and applicants or third parties concerning several pending land use matters including plats, concurrency development agreements, transfers of right of way, redevelopment agreements, developer's agreements, comprehensive plan amendments, rezonings, and alcohol location permits. The City remains extremely busy managing population growth and development activity.
5. There is unprecedented activity at the Airport and we are assisting with the negotiation and drafting of several leases and contracts for grants and construction projects, as well as a takeover agreement with DAB Construction's surety concerning completion of the taxiway project.
6. We have worked with Code Enforcement on active cases, public records requests, and requests from property owners or title agents concerning lien releases and payoffs.
7. We are working with private partners on several Economic Incentive Program agreements to bring jobs, infrastructure expansion, and utility utilization to the City.
8. We are working with engineers and attorneys representing Ocala Trophy, the Bernetti family, the County, and the Winding Oaks development team concerning the construction of SW 49th Avenue under an arrangement pursuant to which the City will convey to the developer(s) a now-unneeded strip of land adjacent to I-75 and the developer will convey right of way to the County. The sticking point has been the need for the City to reserve a 69 kV transmission line easement in the property it currently owns, but we are making progress on that front.
9. We are working with Growth Management and Engineering staff to finally obtain the final right of way that will permit the City to complete the "missing link" in 44th Avenue (just south of NW 20th Street). This involves two developers who have been fighting in court for years but who now appear to be motivated to work with us to wrap this up.
10. We are working on the replatting of property known as the "Imagine North Magnolia" project.

11. We are assisting Real Estate staff with property swap agreements, purchase and sale agreements, replats, and corrective deeds for several properties owned or being acquired by the City, including a new parking garage downtown.
12. We are working with Growth Management staff on a solid waste ordinance to be discussed with industry leaders and the community at large prior to council's consideration.
13. We are working internally and with City staff to respond to a higher volume of public records requests than the City has ever received.
14. We are working with staff and remain committed to doing everything in our power to ensure a smooth transition to an in-house legal department.