

## **CITY BILL ADDENDUM**

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

1. 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 to fund the common fund and with outside counsel on the filing of motions to provide sufficient time to do so. We will continue to keep City Council apprised of the status.
2. We have continued to work with staff, Tindale Oliver, and opposing counsel representing Carlton Arms in the City's fire assessment and the pending challenge. The Plaintiff recently filed and served its Amended Complaint, which prompted Plaintiff's counsel to initiate settlement discussions. Meanwhile, we are continuing to pursue a bond validation proceeding concerning the fire assessment.
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 negotiations, bankruptcy proceedings of more defendants, and discussions with the City's partners (including Marion County and the Attorney General) about the settlement structure and the highest and best use of proceeds are ongoing.
4. We have worked with Growth Management, Engineering and applicants or third parties concerning several pending land use matters including plats, transfers of right of way, redevelopment agreements, developer's agreements, comprehensive plan amendments, rezonings, and alcohol location permits. As the City remains extremely busy managing population growth and development activity, staff has done a tremendous job keeping up with demand.
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.
6. We participated in all canvassing board activities in connection with the runoff elections.
7. We have worked with Code Enforcement on a wide range of active cases, public records requests, and requests from property owners or title agents concerning lien releases and payoffs.
8. We are awaiting a decision on the appeal of three Code Enforcement Board Orders filed by the property owner and respondent, PG SARRES, Inc. We have prevailed on an appeal of a contractor's Board of Examiners and Appeals Order filed by Respondent, William Slavich.
9. Ocala Electric Utility is attempting to renegotiate the renewal of its territorial agreement with SECO, which is a high priority, long term contract. We are also working with Electric and Real Estate departments concerning relocations of our facilities on properties undergoing major development or within right of way that is scheduled for expansion.
10. We have worked with the Building Department and Ocala Fire Rescue on permitting issues involving the gray area between federal, state and municipal regulation and the overlap between different applicable codes (such as local and federal authority to regulate construction of private railroad tracks and adjacent facilities and the Florida Building Code and Fire Code).

11. We are working with private partners on several Economic Incentive Program agreements to bring jobs, infrastructure expansion, and utility utilization to the City.
12. We are working with Water Resources and Real Estate staff on several large projects concerning the City's acquisition or disposition of property, drainage retention areas, utility easements, and potable water and sewer systems throughout the City and its extraterritorial service area.
13. We are working with the Heathbrook developer and the County concerning the construction of SW 40th Avenue under an arrangement pursuant to which the City will return the developer 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.
14. 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. We anticipate finishing the agreements to wrap this up in November.
15. We are working to close the conveyance of the property upon which the Watula South redevelopment project will be located.
16. We have assisted staff and outside lobbyists in drafting the local bill creating a downtown entertainment district, including ongoing discussions with staff attorneys representing the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Alcohol and Tobacco.