

Staff Report

To: Okeechobee Planning Board
From: Ben Smith, AICP
Meeting Date: November 19, 2020
Subject: Capital Improvement Schedule Update for 2020-2021

Each year, the City is required to update its Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements in the Capital Improvements Element (CIE) of the Comprehensive Plan. This schedule typically includes those capital expenditures that are necessary to maintain the adopted level of service standards identified in the Comprehensive Plan. The City has adopted level of service standards for potable water, sanitary sewer, solid waste, transportation, recreation & open space, drainage and public schools. Projects that are typically included on the schedule include public works types of improvements such as street paving, sidewalks, curb & gutter, stormwater/ drainage, and recreation improvements. The City does not directly control public school standards or the related projects to maintain the standards. Nevertheless, the City is required to adopt the level of service standards set by the Okeechobee County School Board and include in its Five-Year Schedule, the Okeechobee County School Capacity Program adopted by the School Board each year as part of its annual Work Plan.

Due to the legislative changes passed in 2011, the annual update to the capital improvement schedule is still required, but the update is no longer considered an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan. The LPA (Planning Board) must still hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to the City Council concerning the update's consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. This recommended update specifically implements the requirements of Objective 4 and Policies 4.3 and 4.4 of the Capital Facilities Element.

As you'll see, the previous 2019-20 five year capital improvement schedule is stricken and replaced by the 2020-21 schedule. Similarly, the previous 2018-19 school district tables are stricken and have been replaced by the latest tables from the School District's 2019-20 Work Plan. The School District informed us that the 2020-21 Work Plan is not yet finalized.