

BCC Mtg. Date: May 24, 2016



AGENDA ITEM

May 6, 2016

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
-AND-
Board of County Commissioners

THRU: Lonnie C. Bell, Jr., Director *DC for LCB*
Family Services Department

FROM : Lavon B. Williams, Esq., AICP, Manager *LBW*
Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division

SUBJECT: Discussion Agenda Item – May 24, 2016
Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District

In December 2011, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the creation of the Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) to revitalize Pine Hills. Orange County has provided annual funding of \$125K for the NID through the Crime Prevention Fund. By law, the NID can levy a special assessment up to \$500 or an ad valorem tax up to 2 mils to raise additional funding, subject to a referendum and a resolution of approval by the BCC. The NID advisory council is recommending that the district implement a special assessment for infrastructure upgrades, business development, safety and security measures and aesthetic improvements.

As a prerequisite to the referendum, the BCC required the NID to obtain signatures from 20 percent of NID property owners on a petition asking whether or not they would like to see this issue on a referendum. The NID has secured the signatures and is now coming forward requesting authorization to conduct a referendum of property owners regarding implementing the special assessment of up to \$500.

If approved, the potential revenue estimated is \$147K annually. This special assessment can be in effect for the lifespan of the NID or until decreased or terminated by the BCC. This action requires a supermajority vote of the BCC.

Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at extension 65614.

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorization of a referendum on the question to levy a special assessment in the Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District of up to \$500. Districts 2 and 6.

LBW/ydl

c: Michelle A. Owens, Executive Director, Pine Hills NID
Tim Haberkamp, Chairman, Pine Hills NID Advisory Council