



## LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Suzanne Sherman, City Manager  
**THRU:** Joan Junkala-Brown, Deputy City Manager  
**DATE:** November 7, 2024  
**RE:** Consideration of the City's 2025-2026 State Legislative Priorities.

### SUMMARY:

The City's proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 State Legislative Priorities are outlined below, with additional detail attached, for Council's consideration. The City proposes four (4) funding appropriation requests:

### Water Quality

#### Palm Bay Septic-to-Sewer Conversions

Funding Request: \$5,000,000 City Match: \$2,353,050 \*\*

*\*\* (continued waiver of utilities-related impact fee and main line extension fees, totaling \$5,670 per household as authorized by City Council on October 5, 2023.)*

Continued funding to provide funding assistance to private households with connection to City sewer. Phase 2 includes approximately 415 households.

#### Meadowbrook Water Quality Improvement Project

Funding Request: \$2 million City Match: \$800,000 \*\*

*\*\* The Public Works Department is requesting appropriation from Stormwater Fund Balance to serve as the City's match. These funds will be allocated for design, engineering, and construction.*

This project will improve water quality entering the Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District C-1 Canal by replacing stormwater infrastructure and installing baffle boxes with filter media at four locations: 1230, 1310, 1350, and 1496 Meadowbrook Road NE.

### General Government

#### Public Safety First-Responder Rehabilitation Truck

Funding Request: \$1,825,000

City Match: There is no match at this time.

*\*\* The Fire Rescue Department is requesting appropriation from General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to fund the City's match. If State appropriations are not awarded, the funds will be returned to the original source.*

Funding support to purchase a First-Responder Rehabilitation Truck to serve all first responders in the field following response to an incident. A Rehabilitation Truck is a vehicle that is deployed following public safety response and serves to provide first responders with showers, bathrooms, oxygen, and place to observe vitals. This vehicle will be self-sufficient and provide for at least 12 hours of rest and rehabilitation services, on scene of the incident.

Palm Bay Resiliency Fiber Optic Expansion Project

Funding Request: \$1,500,000

City Match: \$1,685,400 \*\*

*\*\* Funding approved in Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025 adopted budget from General Fund and Utilities Enterprise Fund towards this project.*

This project would separate the City's Utility and Non-Utility network infrastructure and establish a continuous underground fiber optic cabling solution to remote City facilities. Upon completion, most City facilities will connect to a redundant network fiber ring, eliminating outages due to a single point of failure and reducing recurring local internet service provider communication fees, resulting in a more resilient network. This effort will also support the City's compliance with the National Institute of Standards and Technology, enhancing the City's cybersecurity protections for utilities plant operations.

**REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:**

City Manager's Office

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If approved, funding appropriations from Stormwater Fund Balance totaling \$800,000 to establish a project for Meadowbrook Water Quality Improvement Project will be submitted as a budget amendment.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Motion to 1) authorize the City and the City's contracted state lobbying firm, Sunrise Consulting Group, to advocate for the FY 2025-2026 State Legislative Priorities of the City of Palm Bay, and 2) appropriate \$800,000 from Stormwater Fund Balance for the Meadowbrook Water Quality Improvement Project.

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