



Legislation Text

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State General Appropriations (B)

This is a request for the City Commission to accept the 2015 State General Appropriations for the Tumblin Creek and Gainesville Correctional Institute Homeless Shelter projects.

The Tumblin Creek Regional Stormwater Treatment Facility project is funded with Specific Appropriation number 1668A. The total amount in the proposed State budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 is \$393,357. Public Works will construct a large concrete sediment trap that will have the capacity to settle out and hold several hundred cubic yards of sediment from Tumblin Creek flows. The collected sediment will be removed periodically. This removed sediment will be permitted by the St John's River Water Management District as a credit system similar to the SW 5th Avenue Stormwater Basin. Under this permit, redevelopment in the watershed, included but not limited to Innovation Square, can satisfy their stormwater permitting requirements by purchasing credits from the Tumblin Creek Regional Stormwater Treatment Facility thus recovering a portion of the capital expended on the project.

This project was awarded July 1st and due to the importance of the timing of construction as well as the demand for the stormwater credits from the development community, this item is being presented to the Commission prior to the Agreement with the FDEP being finalized. Construction of this project is tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2015 with stormwater credits being available in the fall of 2015.

The Gainesville Correctional Institute Homeless Shelter project (known locally as the Empowerment Center) is funded with Specific Appropriation number 396A. The total amount in the proposed State budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 is \$300,000. This is a capital project to include replacing the roofs and painting the building for occupancy. The commercial kitchen will be renovated; equipment will be purchased and installed for a fully operational kitchen to feed the homeless. This project was awarded July 1st and the Department of Children and Family Services is in the process of working on the lengthy process of drafting the agreement to send to the City for legal review. Due to the delay in releasing the agreement, we are requesting this item be approved by the Commission prior to the Agreement being finalized by the Department of Children and Family Services.

The City Commission is being asked to accept the 2015 State budget appropriations for the Tumblin Creek project (\$393,357) and the Homeless Shelter project (\$300,000).

The City Commission: 1) approve acceptance of the 2014-15 State General Appropriations; 2) direct City staff to negotiate all necessary documents with the appropriate state agencies; and 3) authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute all documents necessary to accept the State appropriations, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.