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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
FROM: Timothy Stillings, Development Services Director
THROUGH: Mark R. Lauzier, City Manager
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ALWAYS DELRAY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE: PRESENTATION OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT

Recommended Action:

Provide comment and direction regarding the proposed Capital Improvement Element of the Always Delray Comprehensive Plan.

Background:

The update to the Delray Beach Comprehensive Plan, which has been branded "Always Delray," began in 2016 with the creation of a Steering Committee, appointed by the City Commission. Committee members have met on numerous occasions to establish a plan for the City's future that reflects current and projected trends, identifies key issues presently impacting the community, and that maintains, updates, or eliminates current policies as a result of this in-depth review. Five new elements are proposed for the plan, and several existing elements have been renamed to better capture their role in plan. Community workshops were held to discuss and receive public input on each element. This input was utilized to formulate the draft elements, along with the input of Subject Matter Experts on each topic, which consisted of City Staff, consultants, and community members.

The Capital Improvements Element incorporates the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which is a listing of those projects with capital expenditures over \$25,000 that the City plans to initiate over the next five fiscal years. These projects are also identified throughout the Elements of the Comprehensive Plan. The CIP is updated annually using prioritization standards in the Element, following an annual infrastructure hearing. These practices are maintained in the updated version.

The proposed draft identifies those existing Goals, Objectives, and/or Policies that are being carried forward. The Element is also updated to include goal areas for Sustainability and Resiliency, Technology, and Economic Development to further the City's overall vision in these two areas.

The Capital Improvement Element (CIE) was reviewed by the Steering Committee on October 18, 2018.

The Planning and Zoning Board at a public hearing held on December 17, 2018, and recommended to the City Commission adoption of the proposed Capital Improvement Element on a 5 to 0 vote.

Note: This draft of the Conservation, Sustainability, and Resiliency Element Goals,

Objectives, and Policies may be modified/augmented to coordinate with the recommendations of other Elements as they are finalized.

City Attorney Review:

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

Funding Source/Financial Impact:

N/A

Timing of Request:

Once all elements have been reviewed by the City Commission, final drafts will be prepared for a Transmittal Hearing of the full Always Delray Plan.