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Date: April 12, 2021
To: Katie Smith, Deputy Clerk
Through: Cheryl Gillespie, Agenda Development
From: Eric Gassman, Chief Deputy Comptroller 
Contact: Ann Dawkins, 407 836-5770
Re: Request Number **M21-028** for South Orange Blossom Trail Corridor and South Orange Blossom Trail Neighborhood Areas for amending MSTU's

Applicant: Vanessa Pinkney
Orange Blossom Trail Development Board, Inc.

Type of Hearing: To amend the existing Municipal Service Taxing Unit's (MSTU's) for improvements and maintenance to extend the date for the abolition of the existing MSTU's

Hearing Required by F. S.# Florida Statute Sections 125.01 (01) (q), 200.066, and 200.071. This public hearing may be scheduled any time prior to June 30, 2021. **The resolution must be approved by June 30, 2021 to continue to be included on the November 2021 real estate tax bill.**

Advertising Requirements / Timeframe: Publish in a newspaper of general circulation one (1) time and publish at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Notify Abutters: Special Assessments will mail public hearing notices to all of the affected property owners.

Estimated Time Required: One (1) minute

District: Commissioners Gomez Codero, District 4 and Commissioner Siplin, District 6

Hearing Controversial: No.

Katie Smith, Deputy Clerk

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Report: The request from Vanessa Pinkney to extend the existing MSTU's. Comptroller staff was directed to schedule a public hearing prior to June 30, 2021 to consider continuing the MSTU's at the same millage rate for an additional 15 years.

The millage rate for the existing MSTU for the corridor would not exceed 0.3000 mills or .3 cents per every one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the property's taxable value and the millage rate for the existing MSTU for the neighborhood would not exceed 0.7000 mills or .7 cents per every one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the property's taxable value.

Materials being submitted as backup for public hearing request:

1. Resolution – one (1) copy of the proposed amending resolution for the corridor and one (1) copy of the proposed amending resolution for the neighborhood.

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CLERK:

1. Notify Special Assessments Section / Finance and Accounting Department of public hearing date(s) to prepare public hearing notice. Special Assessments will e-mail the public hearing notice to the Clerk.
2. **Send the original adopted resolution(s) to the Special Assessments Section / Finance and Accounting Department.**
3. Send 1 (one) certified copy of the adopted resolution(s) to the Special Assessments Section / Finance and Accounting Department.

**A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE
SOUTH ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL CORRIDOR
IMPROVEMENTS BENEFIT AREA
MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT
EXTENDING THE DATE FOR ABOLITION OF THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT**

WHEREAS, on September 28, 1987, the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida, (the "Board") adopted a Resolution which created the South Orange Blossom Trail Corridor Improvements Benefit Area Municipal Service Taxing Unit ("MSTU"), recorded in Book 3926, Pages 3771 through 3778, as amended on December 10, 2002, and recorded in Book 6708, pages 2603 and 2604, as amended on September 19, 2017 in Document Number 20170530487, Public Records of Orange County, Florida (such resolutions are collectively referred to herein as the "MSTU Resolution"); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the MSTU Resolution, the Board is authorized to levy annual ad valorem taxes upon taxable real and personal property within the MSTU at a rate not in excess of seven tenths (0.7) of one mill; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 (b) of the MSTU Resolution provided for the abolition of the MSTU following the fifteenth (15th) year of collection of the special millage; and

WHEREAS, the Board has provided significant funding for completed improvements that are within the scope of the MSTU and that are to date unreimbursed by the MSTU; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to provide MSTU funding for continuing maintenance of said improvements; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish these purposes originally ascribed to the MSTU, the Board desires to extend the date for abolishment of the MSTU by an additional fifteen (15) years.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Section 5 (b) of the MSTU Resolution is hereby deleted in its entirety and amended to read as follows:

"(b) This MSTU is authorized to levy the special millage through and including the ad valorem tax billing of November, 2021 and shall stand abolished as of September 30, 2036, unless this MSTU is abolished earlier by the Board."

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All other Sections of the MSTU Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Resolution which can be given effect without the valid provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared severable.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR

DATE: _____

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, County Comptroller
as Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

BY: _____
DEPUTY CLERK

**A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE
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MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT**

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the MSTU Resolution, the Board is authorized to levy annual ad valorem taxes upon taxable real and personal property within the MSTU at a rate not in excess of three tenths (0.3) of one mill; and

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