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Sarasota County Commission agenda preview

The following items will be discussed Tuesday, Dec. 7, and Wednesday, Dec. 8, in the Commission Chamber at the County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota. Both meetings will begin at 9 a.m., however, there will be no afternoon session on Wednesday.

Educational System Impact Fee (Tuesday, Item 52)

Sarasota County commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider a request from the Sarasota County School Board to temporarily suspend the collection of educational system impact fees from Dec. 1, 2010 through Nov. 30, 2012. Commissioners are holding the public hearing to gain more information upon which to base their decision. The School Board believes that collecting the fee in the current economy is unnecessary and that a suspension could spur growth in the construction section. Commissioners adopted the educational system impact fee about six years ago when county population growth prompted the construction of several new schools in North Port.

Contact: Tom Polk, general manager, Planning Services, 941-650-7896.

Economic Development Incentive Fund Requests (Wednesday, Item 8)

Sarasota County commissioners will consider three requests from the Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County for \$1.9 million from the county's economic development incentive fund to assist companies interested in relocating to Sarasota County. Identified by code names, the requests are for:

- Project 10-11-2, a company involved in the development and manufacturing of downstream specialty pharmaceutical intermediates seeks \$105,000 in assistance and would create 18 new jobs over the next three years with an average wage of \$50,000.
- Project 10-11-6, a distributor and manufacturer of cleaning products and equipment, seeks \$50,000 in assistance and would create 35 new jobs over the next five years with an average wage of almost \$41,000.
- Project Two-Jeffs, seeking \$1.8 million in assistance.

Contact: Jeff Maulsby, manager, Business and Economic Development, 941-861-5257.

Purchase of Warm Mineral Springs (Wednesday, Item 9)

Sarasota County commissioners will consider a joint contract with North Port to purchase Warm Mineral Springs from Cypress Lending Group for \$5.5 million. Renowned as a tourist attraction because of the warm, spring-fed waters, the site also has important environmental and ecological features which led county and city commissioners to seek acquisition of the property. North Port commissioners are expected to consider the contract on Dec. 13. If approved by county commissioners and city commissioners, the closing on the purchase of the 81-acre facility would take place Dec. 20.

Contact: John McCarthy, general manager, Parks and Recreation, 941-861-5483.

Parks Interlocal Agreement (Wednesday, Item 10)

Sarasota County commissioners will discuss with staff and provide direction regarding negotiations with the city of Sarasota on a Parks Interlocal Agreement. Under the existing 20-year agreement, which was signed in 1989 and extended to March 2011, the county manages and operates 26 city parks. To conclude the negotiations with the city, which have continued over the past year, staff will present options for commissioners to consider regarding 21st century principles for parks and recreation.

Contact: John McCarthy, general manager, Parks and Recreation, 941-861-5483.

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