### FEE WAIVER PROGRAM REVENUE MODEL: SUPPLEMENT TO THE CURRENT FEE WAIVER RESOLUTION

Board of County Commissioners Work Session – February 5, 2014

# **Important Author's Notes**

- The slides below were presented to the Board of County Commissioners at a work session on February 5, 2014.
- Following the work-session, <u>three slides were amended</u> to clarify three important points: 1) on-going property tax levy assessments, 2) the amount of Traffic Impact Fees waived and 3) a 4<sup>th</sup> takeaway comment was added.
  - Slide #5 clarifies that property tax on-going levy assessments are for both the General Fund and the Road Fund.
  - Slide #16 adds the amount of Traffic Impact Fees waived.
  - Slide #17 has an added takeaway regarding Traffic Impact Fees.
- County staff will present updated material to the Board of County Commissioners on a quarterly basis, which will be scheduled to follow the County Auditor's Quarterly Financial Report.

# **Focus of Work Session**

### What this work session will cover:

- Revenue model
  - Main revenue sources
  - Main project and revenue assumptions
- Applying the model
  - Tenant improvements projects (2)
  - Addition
  - New construction (2)

# **Focus of Work Session**

### What this work session will not cover:

Causation or correlation of fees waived to project applications

#### Will not address the following questions:

- "If the fees for a particular project were not waived, would the project have gone ahead anyway?"
- "What is the marginal revenue increase, over the revenue that would have occurred otherwise, from projects that have applied for the fee waiver?"
  - To individual projects
  - To all the projects from a defined date forward
- Reported employment numbers' impact

### Main revenue sources

- Property taxes
  - Initial increase from new construction
  - Annual on-going levy assessments for General Fund and Road Fund
- Sales taxes
  - One-time' from new construction
  - Annual on-going retail sales

### Main project assumptions

- Project assumptions
  - Individual projects will come to fruition
  - Either immediately or within 2 years of occupancy, new employee counts reported by applicant will come to fruition
  - Some small tenant improvements and additions will not be charged Traffic Impact Fees (TIF's)

### Revenue assumptions

- Estimates run five years (2014 2018)
- Timing of project development
  - Five (5) discrete timing windows Tenant improvements (small and large), additions, and new construction (small and large)
- Tenant improvements and new construction have different values and potential revenue impacts

### Revenue assumptions

- Estimates rely on analysis of Clark County data
  - Taxable retail sales and assessed value per square foot of development
  - Cost of construction per square foot by type of development
- Projected growth rates for assessed value and retail sales
- No major annexation activity assumed (county retains all revenue that is generated)

# **Applying the Model**

### Five example projects

#### Two tenant improvements

- Small
- Large
- One addition
- Two new construction projects
  - Small
  - Large

### **Tenant Improvements**

#### Therapeutic Associates, Inc. - small project example

- Tenant improvement of 1,860 square feet
- Value of construction \$89,000
- Applicant reports 2 new jobs and \$600k in annual sales
- Fees waived
  - Application fees \$4,443
  - Traffic Impact Fees \$0
- Estimated potential revenue
  - Taxable retail sales (2014-2018) \$5,874
  - One-time construction sales \$607
  - Total potential all revenue \$6,481

### **Tenant Improvements**

#### D&D Doors - large project example

- Tenant improvement of 11,020 square feet
- Value of construction \$318,337
- Applicant reports 4 new jobs and \$3m in annual sales
- Fees waived
  - Application fees \$7,603
  - Traffic Impact Fees \$4,725
- Estimated potential revenue
  - Taxable retail sales (2014-2018) \$35,178
  - One-time construction sales \$6,667
  - Projected property tax (2014-2018) \$10,082
  - Total potential all revenue \$51,927

# Addition

### Northwest Truck Painting - addition example

- Addition of 3,100 square feet for shop
- Value of construction \$67,300
- Applicant reports 4 new jobs and \$350k in annual sales
- Fees waived
  - Application fees \$2,941
  - Traffic Impact Fees \$0
- Estimated potential revenue
  - Taxable retail sales (2014-2018) \$8,020
  - One-time construction sales \$1,875
  - Projected property tax (2014-2018) \$2,492
  - Total potential all revenue \$12,387

# **New Construction**

### Highway 99 Car Wash - small project example

- Construction of 3,200 square feet
- Value of construction n/a site plan improvements only
- Applicant reports 6 new jobs and \$750k in annual sales
- Fees waived
  - Application fees \$26,087
  - Traffic Impact Fees \$103,982
- Estimated potential revenue
  - Taxable retail sales (2014-2018) \$8,280
  - One-time construction sales \$2,640
  - Projected property tax (2014-2018) \$4,457
  - Total potential all revenue \$15,377

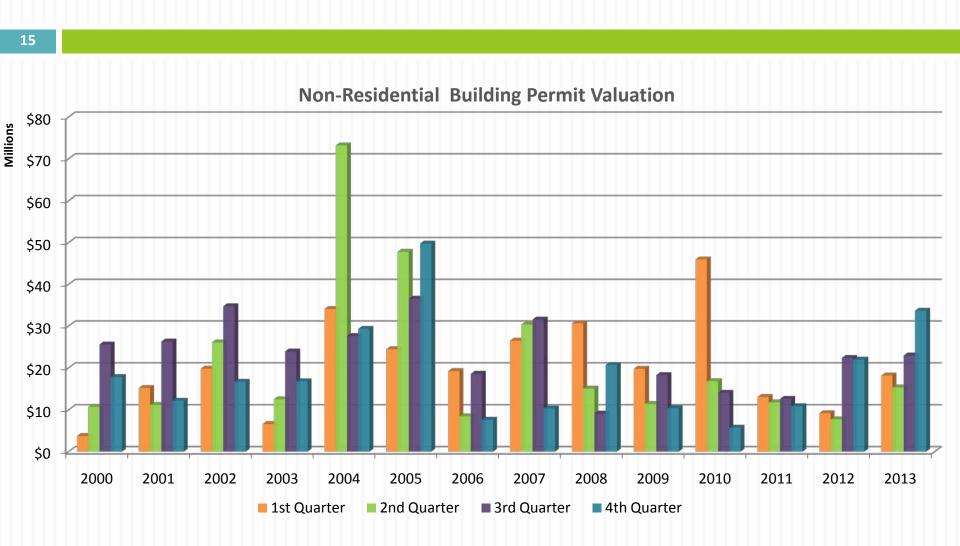
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### Cold Creek Industrial Lot #2 - large project example

- Construction of 27,500 square feet
- Value of construction \$2.25m
- Applicant reports 10 new jobs and \$5m in annual sales
- Fees waived
  - Application fees \$48,111
  - Traffic Impact Fees \$42,754
- Estimated potential revenue
  - Taxable retail sales (2014-2018) \$45,185
  - One-time construction sales \$16,637
  - Projected property tax (2014-2018) \$12,683
  - Total potential all revenue \$74,505

### Historical Valuation Data from 2000 to 2013



## Totals

- Fees waived or to be waived—June to December 2013 (Q3 & Q4)
  - Application fees (waived at time of permit application)-\$366,925
  - Traffic Impact Fees (to be waived at time of building permit issuance) \$1,262,767
  - Total all fees waived or to be waived \$1,629,692
- Applicants report 359 new jobs and \$127m in annual sales
- Estimated revenue
  - Taxable retail sales (2014-2018) \$875,390
  - One-time construction sales \$192,191
  - Projected property tax (2014-2018) \$183,009
  - Total potential all revenues \$1,250,590

# Takeaways from the Data

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- Tenant improvements, especially larger ones, appear to provide net gains
- Depending on the TIF's and annual taxable sales, potential revenue for new construction is mixed
- Depending on the Department of Revenue sales tax tables, annual sales figures can be skewed by outlier data (e.g. ProPac Pharmacy - \$26m)
- Traffic Impact Fees waived have a significant impact on the 'Return on Investment'