

Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce
Government Affairs Report
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Overview of Most Recent Issues

The Comp plan is scheduled for a vote by the BOCC on September 25, 2018. This will include a provision for the Map to be revised within one year. The goal of the HCBA is to address this along with an interpretation of land use issues to be completed at the same time the Map is being worked on.

The HCBA is requesting each organization to come up with 3 top issues that may affect their respective organizations. This will then be discussed to see if there is any duplications and come back to the respective boards for approval. This could relate to Federal, State, and local issues.

Hernando Progress wants to develop a workforce board and have two representatives from each organization. More information will follow.

Vote on Coastal plan is delayed. The Chamber requested a delay on the vote and the commission delayed the vote until September 25, 2018 at which time they will be voting on the Comp plan. The BOCC had some questions that were to be clarified.

Issues that are ongoing and may need discussion

The Manufacturer's Association joined the HCBA for their first meeting. Steve Wilson and Russ Young will be their representatives.

The BOCC had its first public hearing on the proposed budget and cut certain items out but all of the constitutionals received preliminary approval on their request. The items removed were:

- 1) 10 full-time, unfilled positions from the Technical Services, Code Enforcement, Facilities, Parks, Library, Administration and Purchasing departments saving \$446,241.
- 2) Various parks, sensitive lands and facility maintenance projects saving \$824,000.
- 3) \$100,000 from the economic incentive fund.

The BOCC on September 18, 2018 passed the final budget as previously proposed. It was \$449,108,629 which is \$3.7 million less than the FY 2018 approved budget.