



Agenda Item # C- 7

**VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH**  
**Village Council**  
**Agenda Item Summary**

**AGENDA ITEM:**

**APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-01, A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION AND CONTINUATION OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY ONE-CENT SALES SURTAX TO FUND LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2036; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. BY VILLAGE MANAGER RAYMOND LIGGINS.**

**ISSUE:**

In November 2016, the voters of Palm Beach County approved an increase to the local sales tax from 6 cents per dollar to 7 cents per dollar. The one-cent sales surtax increase became effective on January 1, 2017, and will automatically sunset upon the earlier occurrence of either December 31, 2026, or the generation of \$2.7 billion in total revenue. The generated one-cent sales surtax revenue is divided between the School District of Palm Beach County (50%), Palm Beach County (30%), and the 39 Palm Beach County municipalities (20% shared amongst them) and may only be utilized for infrastructure projects such as roads, sidewalks, bridges, schools, parks, and government buildings and facilities. Infrastructure projects provide access to clean water, electricity, transportation, and other essential services, which directly impact the health and well-being of individuals, families, and the wider community.

The Village of Royal Palm Beach has received one-cent sales surtax revenue in the amount of \$20,960,556.99 since 2017, which has allowed the Village to improve its infrastructure facilities and simultaneously maintain a lower property tax millage rate.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Upon Council review, staff recommends a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-01.

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Initiator:	Village Manager	Agenda Date:	Village Council
	Approval:		Action:
Village Manager		1/18/2024	

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**RESOLUTION NO. 24-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION AND CONTINUATION OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY ONE-CENT SALES SURTAX TO FUND LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2036; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, in November 2016, the voters of Palm Beach County approved an increase to the local sales tax from 6 cents per dollar to 7 cents per dollar; and

**WHEREAS**, the one-cent sales surtax increase became effective on January 1, 2017, and will automatically sunset upon the earlier occurrence of either December 31, 2026, or the generation of \$2.7 billion in total revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the generated one-cent sales surtax revenue is divided between the School District of Palm Beach County (50%), Palm Beach County (30%), and the 39 Palm Beach County municipalities (20% shared amongst them); and

**WHEREAS**, the generated one-cent sales surtax revenue may only be utilized for infrastructure projects such as roads, sidewalks, bridges, schools, parks, and government buildings and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, infrastructure projects provide access to clean water, electricity, transportation, and other essential services, which directly impact the health and well-being of individuals, families, and the wider community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Royal Palm Beach has received one-cent sales surtax revenue in the amount of \$20,960,556.99 since 2017, which has allowed the Village to improve its infrastructure facilities and simultaneously maintain a lower property tax millage rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Royal Palm Beach recognizes the direct and beneficial impact the one-cent sales surtax revenue for infrastructure projects has provided to Royal Palm Beach residents, as well as the schools of Palm Beach County and the surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Royal Palm Beach supports a collaboration with the School District of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach County, and the other municipalities of Palm Beach County to extend and continue the one-cent sales surtax revenue for infrastructure projects beyond its current automatic sunset deadlines; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Royal Palm Beach specifically supports seeking voter approval to continue the one-cent sales surtax revenue for infrastructure projects until December 31, 2036.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this section of this resolution as if fully set forth herein.

**Section 2.** The Village Council of the Village of Royal Palm Beach hereby expresses its support for seeking voter approval to continue the one-cent sales surtax revenue for infrastructure projects until December 31, 2036.

**Section 3.** The Village Manager is directed to forward this Resolution to each of the Palm Beach County Commissioners with a copy to the Palm Beach County Administrator, the Palm Beach County League of Cities, and the School District of Palm Beach County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH

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Mayor Fred Pinto

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

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Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk