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Memo

To: City of Ormond Beach
From: Josh Gaboton and Mark Antoniewicz
Re: Marlowe & Company Monthly Update
Date: April 15, 2009

- Congressional Update -

On April 2, the House and Senate both approved their fiscal 2010 budget resolutions, setting up conference negotiations Democrats hope to complete later this April. Both budgets move forward on President Obama's priorities of overhauling the current health care system, boosting education, cutting the deficit in half, and making the nation energy independent. But Senate votes showed there will be some tough negotiations ahead — particularly for greenhouse gas cap-and-trade legislation, where Republicans and many Democrats are applying the brakes.

The Senate adopted its budget shortly before midnight (55-43) after considering close to 100 amendments over the course of 14 hours of debate. Two Democrats voted against the budget: Indiana's Evan Bayh and Nebraska's Ben Nelson. Democrats rejected a number of Republican amendments, including the full budget substitute offered by Arizona's John McCain that would dramatically reduce discretionary and mandatory spending to levels well below those included in Obama's budget and the Senate Democrats' version.

The House and Senate are expected to formally go to conference on the budget resolution after the two-week spring recess that began on April 3. Negotiators must determine what level of discretionary spending to include in the final budget. The House plan would provide \$1.089 trillion in discretionary spending, when adjustments are considered. That is nearly \$8 billion more than proposed by the Senate budget, and \$7 billion less than the president requested. The White House commended both chambers for approving their budgets, calling the actions "another step toward rebuilding our struggling economy."

The President submitted his initial budget proposal on February 26. White House Budget Director Peter Orszag said the remaining details, such as how much specific programs should receive in the annual appropriations bills, will be submitted to Congress in mid-to-late April.

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The House and Senate are supposed to resolve the differences between their budget proposals by April 15, but they often miss that deadline. If April 15 passes without a deal, the Appropriations committees in each chamber can still proceed with their fiscal 2010 measures, and the House can begin considering spending bills on the floor on May 15.

- Economic Stimulus Update -

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, commonly referred to as the Economic Stimulus bill, was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President (P.L. 111-5) on February 17th. The Act includes federal tax-cuts, expansion of unemployment benefits, domestic spending in education, health care, and infrastructure. On February 18, 2009, the White House Office of Management and Budget published a memorandum providing “Initial Implementing Guidance for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009” as an initial guide explaining how federal agencies will be allocating the funding from the Stimulus.

As you know, Marlowe & Company staff has been closely following this federal spending measure to help secure federal funds for your projects and initiatives. Prior to Congressional action on the stimulus package, Marlowe & Company drafted a document on behalf of the City to United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regional director Mr. Stanley Meiburg urging him to include the City’s water infrastructure project needs into the Stimulus funding legislation. In addition, we have also been in contact with Stephanie Kopelousos, Secretary of Florida Department of Transportation, to inform her of the City’s transportation initiatives and priorities.

In addition, working with the Department of Energy, your Marlowe & Company team helped the City become eligible to receive \$166,800 in Economic Stimulus funds from the Department of Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. Prior to the announcement of federal allocations, your Marlowe & Company team informed grant officers of the City’s need of energy efficiency programs. Federal funding from this grant program will assist the City in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions, total energy use, and to improve energy efficiency in all sectors. We strongly encourage the City to take full advantage of this federal energy saving program.

As your federal representatives, be assured that we will continue working in Washington to help the City of Ormond Beach receive available funding and resources from the Economic Stimulus bill.

- City of Ormond Beach Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations Update -

As you know, Marlowe & Company staff submitted your federal funding requests for the Hidden Hills Septic Sewer Conversion, State Road 40 Streetscape, and the John Anderson Drive Roadway Improvement Projects to your Congressional Delegation last month.

You may be interested to know that Representative Mica submitted these initiatives to the proper Appropriations Subcommittees last week. Senators Nelson and Martinez are expected to follow-suit and

make their submissions to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee when Congress reconvenes after the Spring recess (the Senate routinely submits appropriations requests after its House counterpart).

When Congress returns from its Spring break, Marlowe & Company staff will meet with your Congressional delegation to continue our work on securing federal funds for the City's initiatives. In addition to meeting with your members and staff from your delegation, we are also scheduled to meet staff from the House and Senate Appropriations Committee to further highlight the need for federal funding to assist the City with these much needed projects. Marlowe & Company staff will brief you on what takes place during these interactions following each meeting.

The Appropriations schedule is lengthy process. Please know that we will continue to update you on any budgetary and policy related developments.

In addition to the federal funding budget, we will soon be meeting with your Congressional delegation and staff from the Transportation & Infrastructure Committees in regards to the upcoming Highway Reauthorization bill. This transportation initiative includes funding for the reconstruction of street lanes (including improved parking), new streetlights, reconnection of sewer and water lines, and the burying of utility wires. Furthermore, improvements need not be limited to major thoroughfares – streetscape improvements to improve sidewalks and crosswalks have been authorized in previous bills. We at Marlowe & Company strongly encourage the City to take full advantage of this transportation authorization legislation. This transportation enhancement legislation will serve as an excellent additional source to provide federal assistance to the City of Ormond Beach.

As your federal representatives, be assured that we will continue working on behalf of the City to secure federal resources from Washington, DC. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joshua Gaboton, or any of our associates.

- New on Marlowe & Company's Client Gateway -

Please visit Marlowe & Company's Client Gateway section, developed to provide you with a series of valuable legislative resources compiled by staff members who are familiar with your community's needs. Much of this is information you will not find anywhere else.

Recent additions to the site include an updated report on selected spending provisions of the [Stimulus Funding Bill](#), a memo on [Federal funding for Broadband Technology](#), and a summary of the [Office of Management and Budget's Guidance on Implementing the Stimulus Bill](#). If you have any questions regarding the site or need us to resend your log-in information, please feel free to email me at Mark.Antoniewicz@Marloweco.com or by calling directly at (202) 775-1796.