

BOCC Meeting July 25, 2011**MSTU discussion begins at 3:24:48 of video of meeting.****Motion and acknowledgement of 5-year limit begins at 3:41:20.****From: Jim Hudson [mailto:jimehudson@hotmail.com]****Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 10:13 AM****To: Comish****Subject: [Comish] SP DIST A-61 MSTU TAX**

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CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
By mkv D.C.

Dear Commissioners:

As you may be aware a number of concerned citizens of Hutchinson Island formed a volunteer coalition of members this spring. This group consists of homeowners, organizations and businesses.

The Coalition is interested in making Hutchinson Island in Martin County one of the most beautiful islands in Florida. We have several projects that are beautification items (such as, plantings like Hibiscus, Oleanders and Ornamental palms along A1A) and better signage welcoming Martin County residents and visitors to the island and then there are safety issues like crosswalks with colored-stamped asphalt that would allow residents to cross A1A without fear of getting run over by the high-speed traffic that is constantly going down A1A, better lighting and fixing damaged sidewalks. These are just an example of items that are on our project list.

We also know that it is difficult in an economy such as ours for the county to bear the entire burden of such projects - especially those that are of esthetic in nature. We also know that, even though the entire county would benefit from these enhancements, that the property owners of the island have a bigger stake in seeing that these beautification and safety enhancements are completed. Thus, in order for the entire population of the island to participate in these enhancements, **the Coalition has recommended an increase (double what is currently .1118 millage rate) in our SP Dist A-61 MSTU in order to facilitate starting/completing these projects. This increase would be for a 5-year period and would be used only for county-approved Coalition projects.**

I know it is unusual that citizens would ask for an increase in their taxes, but we feel that it is not such a huge increase that it would be a burden to people and that these projects are important enough to us and Martin County that we are willing to take the first step to ensure that something gets done.

I will be in Kentucky during your budgeting meetings, but if I could provide any further information, please let me know. It was just a short time ago that we were made aware that the budgeting process was going to start and we have sent a communication out to the Coalition and to reach as many residents as possible, hopefully you will hear from some of them as well.

As a homeowner and a Coalition member, I am in favor of a 5-year increase of this MSTU tax and would like to see it incorporated in the 2012 taxes so that we can immediately begin our projects.

Thanks for your vote to increase the SP Dist A-61 MSTU tax.

Jim Hudson

From: Rccaldas@aol.com[SMTP:RCCALDAS@AOL.COM]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 4:04:13 PM
To: Comish
Cc: Rccaldas@aol.com
Subject: [Comish] SP DIST A-61 MSTU TAX

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Dear Commissioners: I am writing this memo in full support of the request to increase the SP DIST A-61 MSTU TAX by the Hutchinson Island Coalition. The coalition's proposals will definitely advance our island's safety and beautification and make it an even better place to live. Please incorporate their proposed 5-year increase in the MSTU tax in the 2012 taxes so that they can begin further advancing Hutchinson Island and Martin County. Sincerely - Janet F. Caldas, Hutchinson Island resident & Coalition supporter

From: almquist97@aol.com[SMTP:ALMQUIST97@AOL.COM]
Sent: Saturday, July 09, 2011 3:41:01 PM
To: Comish
Subject: [Comish] A-61MSTU
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Commissioners

I am a property owner on Hutchinson Island. I am a winter resident who is planning on becoming a full time resident this year.

I am in favor of doubling the A-61MSTU for a five year period. I understand that this revenue would be used for the improvement and appearance of Hutchinson Island in Martin County.

I believe that this is an advantage for all citizens of Martin County.

Sincerely,
Donald J. Almquist
1550 NE Ocean Blvd.
Apt. 306A
Stuart, FL 34996

Dear Commissioners:

I live at Hutchinson House condominium on Hutchinson Island and have been advised that the Hutchinson Island Coalition, is attempting to convince owners on the Island to write you and suggest the we have our taxes doubled so we can get some improvements on the Island.

I am not in favor of this effort and I do not want my taxes increased. It is my position that there are more than the owners on the island that use our roads and beaches and I feel that the expense to maintain these should be shared by everybody in Martin County. In fact It is my opinion we should charge non-residents a parking tax to use our Beaches.

As a homeowner I do not agree with these Coalition members and I am not in favor of a 5-year increase of my taxes.

Robert E Baxter
1550 NE Ocean Blvd
F103
Stuart, FL 34996
Hutchinson House Condominium

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 2:40:21 PM
To: Comish
Subject: [Comish] (no subject)
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Dear Commissioners:

We live at Hutchinson House condos on Hutchinson Island and are concerned citizens.

As a homeowner, We are in favor of a 5-year increase of the MSTU tax and would like to see it incorporated in the 2012 taxes so that we can immediately begin the beautification and safety projects on the island.

Thank you,

Richard and Peggy Price, Hutchinson House

From: disisland109@msn.com
To: comish@martin.fl.usgoing
Subject: SP DIST A-61 MSTU TAX
Date: Mon, 11 Jul 2011 13:42:02 -0400

Dear Commissioners: I have been a property owner on Hutchinson Island in Martin County since 1985. It has been a great place to live and enjoy our many friends. I am writing this letter in support of the recommended increase in the Hutchinson Island SP DIST A-61 MSTU TAX to advance the beauty and safety improvements on our island. As a homeowner on the island, I am in strong favor of the tax increase recommended by the Hutchinson Island Coalition of homeowners, organizations and businesses. Their proposals of beautification items such as various plantings and trees, better welcoming signs and safety issues like marked sidewalk crossings, additional turning lanes and traffic signals will ensure that our island remains one of the most beautiful, safe and enjoyable places to reside in all of Martin County and our state of Florida. In conclusion, as a long time homeowner, I am in strong favor of the proposed 5-year increase of the MSTU tax and would like to see it incorporated in the 2012 tax proposals to help make our county even better sooner. Thank you for your support in voting favorably to increase the SP DIST A-61 MSTU TAX.

Sincerely, Diana M Wall, Martin County property owner, concerned citizen and a Hutchinson Island Coalition supporter

From: Stuart Webb [SMTP:SWEBB@KENTUCKYFARMERSBANK.COM]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 4:43:15 PM
To: Comish
Subject: [Comish] SP DIST A-61 MSTU TAX
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I am power of attorney for my mother Doris Webb, a long time resident (1978) and former board member of Hutchinson House on Hutchinson Island. Mrs. Webb is in favor of doubling the A-61 MSTU TAX for five years for safety enhancements, lighting, crosswalks, a longer term goal of underground utilities and general beautification. All of our family members feel the natural beauty is there. Now it is time to our part. We support the tax increase for specific projects on Hutchinson Island that otherwise would not happen.

From: Pat Johnston[SMTP:PAJ53@COMCAST.NET]
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 11:06:23 AM
To: Comish
Subject: [Comish] A-61 MSTU Tax Increase
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Dear Commissioners:

I live at Hutchinson House condo and have been active in the Hutchinson Island Coalition, a volunteer group of homeowners, organizations and businesses formed this spring by a number of concerned citizens on Hutchinson Island.

I am in favor of doubling the A-61 MSTU tax for 5 years, to help fund improvements on the island, for the following reasons:

The Coalition is interested in making Hutchinson Island in Martin County one of the most beautiful islands in Florida. The following are examples of items that are on our project list:

- Proposed beautification projects such as plantings like Hibiscus, Oleanders and Ornamental palms along A1A and improved signage welcoming Martin County residents and visitors to the Island.
- Safety concerns which include crosswalks with colored-stamped asphalt that would assist residents in crossing A1A with less apprehension and risk of getting run over by the high-speed traffic on A1A, better lighting and fixing damaged sidewalks.

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I know it is unusual that citizens would ask for an increase in their taxes, but it is not such a huge increase that it would be a burden to tax payers.

Again, as a homeowner and a Coalition member, I am in favor of a 5-year increase of this MSTU tax and would like to see it incorporated in the 2012 taxes so that we can immediately begin our projects.

Pat Johnston
Hutchinson House

From: Richard Johnston[SMTP:RJOHNSTON@ADVANTAGEMS.COM]

Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 11:26:17 AM

To: Comish

Subject: [Comish] Improvement on HH Island

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Dear Commissioners:

I am in favor of doubling the A-61 MSTU tax for 5 years, to help fund improvements on the island, for the following reasons :

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Again, as a homeowner, I am in favor of a 5-year increase of this MSTU tax and would like to see it incorporated in the 2012 taxes so that we can immediately begin our projects.

Richard Johnston
Hutchinson House Condominium
Best Regards
Richard W. Johnston, Founder
AdvantageMS
Let's do something brilliant.
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Fort Washington, PA 19034
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<mailto:rjohnston@advantagemms.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 5:03:43 PM
To: Comish
Subject: [Comish] FW: SP DIST A-61 MSTU TAX
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To: comish@martin.fl.us
Subject: SP DIST A-61 MSTU TAX
Date: Tue, 5 Jul 2011

Dear Commissioners:

I am one of the concerned citizens of Hutchinson Island who formed a volunteer coalition of members this spring. This group consists of homeowners, organizations and businesses. I am also a member of the Sandpebble Beach Club Condominium Association Board of Directors.

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Taj Hanna

PS: I would also appreciate your favorable consideration of relief from the very high permit fees related to our entry gate and landscaping improvements at Sandpebble's East entry as outlined in the forthcoming letter from our Board President, Sharon Hite

From: Rccaldas@aol.com[SMTP:RCCALDAS@AOL.COM]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 6:51:47 AM
To: Comish
Cc: Rccaldas@aol.com
Subject: [Comish] SP DIST A-61 MSTU TAX
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Sincerely, Richard C. Caldas , Martin County property owner, concerned citizen and a Hutchinson Island Coalition supporter

From: doris campbell[SMTP:CAMPBELL1446@GMAIL.COM]
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 9:51:43 AM
To: Comish
Subject: [Comish] Hutchinson House owner
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Dear Commissioners:

I live at Hutchinson House condo and have been active in the Hutchinson Island Coalition, a volunteer group of homeowners, organizations and businesses formed this spring by a number of concerned citizens on Hutchinson Island.

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Doris Campbell

From: oliver bessette[SMTP:WINDFLOWER-FL@COMCAST.NET]
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2011 1:21:11 PM
To: Comish
Subject: [Comish] SP DIST A-61 MSTU TAX
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Oliver Bessette
Hutchinson House