**LET’S MAKE SMART DECISIONS:**

**We need to be FRUGAL, STRATEGIC, & PRUDENT with spending decisions.**

**We need to PRIORITIZE our most important issues – IN PUBLIC - and put our precious monies towards those most important issues.**

**We should VALUE ENGINEER every project and make sure our monies are delivering needed solutions at acceptable costs**

**Get Projects Done!** *Seriously, no project needs to take five years. It’s been four years since our bond issue passed (2018) and only one street project has been completed – all 500 feet of Baring Cross Road.*

**We need to get 30,000 cars a day to and from Hwy. 67/167 without CONGESTION and build a FULL INTERCHANGE at Brockington and Hwy. 67/167. *This is critical to our future.***

**STOP MAKING BAD DECISIONS:**

**Don’t Buy Swamps!**  *Nothing says “park” like buying swamp land next to a sewer treatment plant.*

**Why Spend $7 plus million dollars on Country Club with 10,000 cars a day and nothing on Brockington with 30,000 cars a day*?*** *Country Club did have a major drainage issue from Beverly Avenue to Sherwood Avenue. Improvements from Beverly to Beaconsfield were a waste!* **THEY ARE REBUILDING THE VERY SAME ROAD!**

**Why build the 2nd phase of Jacksonville-Cato Road first, when the 1st phase had the hairpin curve and the section that floods?** *Until the 1st phase is built both the school buses and the city sanitation vehicles will have to go the long way around.* **WHY ON EARTH?**

**Don’t put 21 storm drain drop inlets & junction boxes in less than 720 feet on Country Club – all in one block.** *A civil engineer who reviewed the plans said Country Club had probably three times more storm drain drop-inlets than necessary.* **ARE WE EXPECTING NOAH’S FLOOD?**

**Why build the City Public Works facility in the middle of the city’s residential growth zone*?*** *Why buy “discounted” land* *when it has taken over $2 million dollars and counting to improve it?*

**Don’t Buy Land Without a Plan – or apparently a Strategic Thought.** *The city purchased land on Hwy. 107 without any plan, without any purpose, and as yet, not any real idea how to use it.*

**In 2019, the City Council approved a sidewalk on Deerfield AND allocated monies to construct it.** *Local money was allocated in 2019; its 2022. Construction has not started and costs have only risen every year.* ***GET IT DONE!***

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