



EOC Project

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Agenda

Lessons Learned

Year-Round Benefits

How the EOC will serve the Community

Answering Your Questions

EOC Funding Review

What is an EOC?



Tropical Storm Elsa

Impacted by 10.75 inches of rain in a 3-hour period over the watershed

4 feet of water in the Estates

Only North Port was impacted

- “We need to be better prepared to be self-sufficient. Understanding that we will never be able to obtain all the resources we will ever need to meet all possible situations, we should always strive to be able to address the needs of the community in a manner that best serves them, regardless of the conditions, with what we have.”



Hurricane Ian

City received damaging winds and 21.45" of rain and city-wide flooding

Over 2 million tons of debris

Statewide impacts creating competition for resources

Documented need for an EOC:

- "The City Hall conference room that the EOC is located in is very limited in terms of space which provides a significant limitation in terms of personnel that can operate out of a central location."
- "It would be prudent to have an EOC building with showers, kitchen, and proper storm protection."
- "Need to have backup water supply."
- "The GIS group should also have a dedicated workspace to concentrate on real time updates to critical projects."
- "Continue with planning for a new EOC."





2024 Season

Hurricane Debby: 17" of rain caused flooding in Sarasota

Hurricane Helene: Catastrophic storm surge

- Pushed water up the Myakka – Fire Rescue provided mutual aid to Sarasota County

Hurricane Milton: Winds and Surge

- Debris
- Power outages
- Discussed safety of staying in City Hall
- Personnel issues due to lack of space
- Back-to-Back activations

Year-Round Benefits

24/7 facility readiness to respond to no-notice disasters

Space for Emergency Management, Development Services, and IT staff

Conference rooms available to all staff to reserve

Large meeting room for events with outside partners

Capabilities to host additional trainings in-house

Continuity of Government Space

Community Benefits

Safe Building to Ensure Coordinated Disaster Response and Recovery

Community Education and Outreach Seminars

Community Emergency Response Team trainings

Large meeting room for Advisory Board meetings

Meeting space for Long Term Recovery Group and Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

Answering Your Questions

Why can't the EOC be a conference room?

The EOC needs to have a large coordination room, breakout rooms, GIS/IT rooms, a Call Center, a Joint Information Center, sleeping space, backups, and wrap around resources to support 24-hour operations.

Why do we need an EOC when the County has one?

The County is an outstanding resource, but when there is a County-wide disaster, North Port may not be their number 1 priority if other areas were hit harder than we were. We need to be self-sufficient.

What happens if we do not build the EOC?

City Hall will continue to be the EOC. We will not be ready for no-notice events, and the building will not support 24/7 operations or major hurricane response.

Why not use FEMA grants?

We looked into this, but the cost to build to the standards required by the grant would increase the cost of the project more than the grant funding would cover.

Can we put this building with the new PD Headquarters?

This project is an immediate need and accomplishing this now will meet the need at the cheapest price possible. Putting this building with PD Headquarters would cost money to redesign, and there would be cost escalation as well.

Finance Review

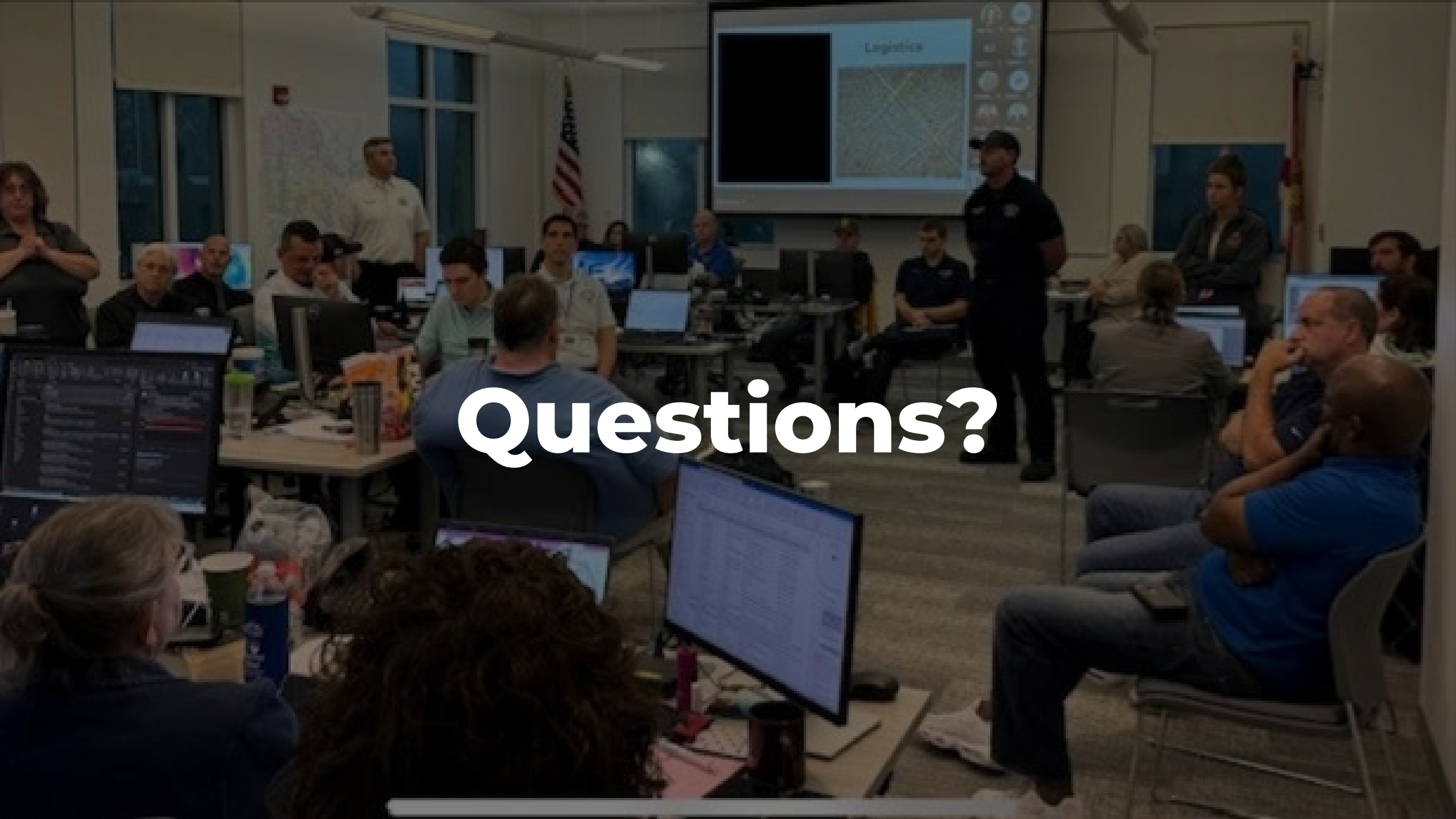
Adopted Budget	\$12,166,555	Surtax
Budget Amendment	\$1,344,365	Building Fund
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Total GMP, Design, Permitting	\$13,851,660*	Total Funds Identified
Furnishings, Fixtures, Equipment (FFE)	\$900,000**	Seeking Grant Funding

*These funds meet the funding needs to build the Emergency Operations Center without FFE.

**An application for State Appropriations has been submitted.

The Cost of Waiting

Encumbered Funds	\$566,674
Cost Escalation Per Year	8% Compounded
Year 1	\$1,180,132
Year 2	\$2,454,675
Year 3	\$3,831,182

A group of people are gathered in a meeting room. In the background, a large screen displays a map with the word "Logistics" at the top. Several people are standing near the screen, while others are seated at tables with laptops. The room has large windows and an American flag. The word "Questions?" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Questions?