

STATEMENT VERIFICATION EXHIBIT

Basis for Audio Clip Selection

Voice Stress Analysis Examination Report WEI-2026-001

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PURPOSE OF THIS EXHIBIT

This exhibit documents the factual basis for the selection of the target audio segment analyzed in Voice Stress Analysis Examination Report WEI-2026-001. Specifically, it establishes through independent primary source documentation that the statement made by the subject in the target segment — that the legislative appropriations priorities were presented in no particular order — is verifiably inconsistent with the documentary record and has been independently confirmed as such by a sitting elected official on the public record.

SECTION 1 — THE SUBJECT STATEMENT

1.1 Meeting Identification

Meeting:	City of Palm Coast Regular City Council Meeting
Date:	August 8, 2023
Timestamp:	2:29:07
YouTube ID:	ZLW6Pgc3SfM
Direct URL:	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLW6Pgc3SfM&t=9533
Speaker:	Jason DeLorenzo, Chief of Staff, City of Palm Coast
Context:	FY2024 Legislative Appropriations Priorities presentation to City Council

1.2 Verbatim Transcript of Subject Statement

The following text is a verbatim transcription of the subject's statements at the identified timestamp, as extracted from the YouTube closed-caption transcript file (palmcoast-aug8-2023.en.vtt) associated with the above recording. The transcript file was downloaded directly from YouTube's caption delivery infrastructure.

DELORENZO [at 2:29:03]:

"...staff uh met a couple times to discuss some uh and brainstorm some priorities for next year these are in no particular order other than their we're using the same format for layout for last year which breaks them into two groups smart growth and resiliency but otherwise they are in in no particular order"

PONTIERI [at approximately 2:29:30]:

"yeah I just want to make sure that these aren't in any order of priority or anything like that in your presentation"

DELORENZO [in response]:

"correct no ma'am we we will work all of them that you are interested in we will work and uh equally to uh to work through them and be as successful as we can"

The subject made the assertion that the priorities were in no particular order on two occasions in the above exchange: once during his presentation and once in direct response to a specific question from Vice Mayor Pontieri regarding priority ordering.

SECTION 2 — DOCUMENTARY REFUTATION

2.1 The August 10, 2021 Workshop Minutes

The following public record establishes that the City of Palm Coast's legislative appropriations priorities were formally structured, numbered, and explicitly categorized as short-term versus long-term in August 2021 — two years prior to the subject's statement that they were presented in no particular order.

Document:	City of Palm Coast City Council Workshop — Official Minutes
Date:	August 10, 2021
Classification:	Public Record — City of Palm Coast
Source URL:	https://agendas.palmcoastgov.com/meetings/2021/8/123_M_City_Council_Workshop_21-08-10_Minutes.pdf
Presenter:	Jason DeLorenzo, then-Chief Development Officer

The August 10, 2021 workshop minutes record that DeLorenzo presented the legislative priorities to the council with explicit numerical ordering and explicit temporal categorization. The priorities were designated Priority 1, Priority 2, and Priority 3. Priorities 1 and 2 were designated short-term. Priority 3 — Transportation Access to the West, the item that subsequently received \$126 million in state appropriations — was designated long-term.

Mayor David Alfin's direction at that meeting, as recorded in the minutes, was to direct the Southern Group lobbyist to push Priorities 1 and 2 specifically. This directional instruction is inconsistent with a priority structure in which the items are in no particular order.

The minutes further record that when asked whether the council wanted to add any additional priorities, specific members responded affirmatively regarding specific items — a deliberative process that is inconsistent with an unordered list.

FINDING:

The subject's statement on August 8, 2023 that the legislative appropriations priorities were in no particular order is directly contradicted by the official minutes of an August 10, 2021 City Council workshop at which the subject himself presented those priorities in numbered, categorized, and temporally designated order. Both documents are public records of the City of Palm Coast.

SECTION 3 — INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION BY ELECTED OFFICIAL

3.1 Statement of Vice Mayor Theresa Carli Pontieri

The following statement was made by Vice Mayor Theresa Carli Pontieri, City of Palm Coast, in an email transmitted from her official city government email address on April 24, 2026. Communications from an official government email address constitute public records under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and are obtainable by any member of the public upon request to the City Clerk.

From:	TCarliPontieri@palmcoastgov.com
Date:	April 24, 2026, 2:09 AM
To:	Craig Kootsillas (private citizen)
Subject:	Re: Westward expansion
Record Status:	Public record — City of Palm Coast, obtainable under Ch. 119, Fla. Stat.

PONTIERI [verbatim]:

"...in 2022 and 2023, the City asked for appropriations from the State of Florida for construction of the loop road. I was not a part of the conversations in 2022, and when it came up during a council meeting in 2023, I specifically asked if our appropriation asks had to be prioritized because my priority was water. They told me no — the legislature will fund what it wants regardless of any priority list we create. I now know that to not be true, but I was new back and didn't know better."

Vice Mayor Pontieri's statement constitutes an independent on-the-record confirmation by a sitting elected official that: (a) she specifically inquired about priority ordering; (b) she was told by city staff that the items were not prioritized; and (c) she subsequently determined that representation to be false.

The phrase "I now know that to not be true" constitutes an elected official's on-the-record characterization of the subject's statement as factually inaccurate, transmitted from her official government email address and therefore subject to public records disclosure.

FINDING:

The subject's denial of priority ordering, as captured in the target audio segment, is independently confirmed as inaccurate by a sitting elected official of the City of Palm Coast in a communication transmitted from her official government email address — a public record — on April 24, 2026.

SECTION 4 — SUMMARY OF EVIDENTIARY BASIS

#	Source	Evidentiary Value
1	YouTube caption transcript — Aug 8, 2023	Verbatim record of the subject's denial statement and the specific question that preceded it. Primary source.
2	City Council Workshop Minutes — Aug 10, 2021	Official public record establishing that the subject presented the same priorities in numbered, categorized, and temporally designated order two years prior to his denial. Primary source.
3	Vice Mayor Pontieri email — Apr 24, 2026	On-the-record characterization by a sitting elected official, transmitted from her official government email address, confirming the denial was inaccurate. Public record under Ch. 119, Fla. Stat. Corroborating source.

The three sources identified above are independent of one another, publicly available or obtainable as public records, and mutually consistent in establishing that the subject's denial of priority ordering was inconsistent with the documentary record at the time it was made.