#### Cypress Park Estates Community Development District

Agenda

January 28, 2020

# AGENDA

# Cypress Park Estates Community Development District

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January 21, 2020

Board of Supervisors Cypress Park Estates Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cypress Park Estates Community Development District will be held Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 11:30 AM at 1925 US Hwy 98 S., Suite 201, Lakeland, FL 33801. Following is the advance agenda for the meeting:

#### Landowners' Meeting

- 1. Swearing in of Hyzens Marc
- 2. Determination of Number of Voting Units Represented
- 3. Call to Order
- 4. Election of Chairman for the Purpose of Conducting the Landowners' Meeting
- 5. Nominations for the Position of Supervisor
- 6. Casting of Ballots
- 7. Ballot Tabulation
- 8. Landowner's Questions and Comments
- 9. Adjournment

#### **Board of Supervisors Meeting**

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Public Comment Period (¹Speakers will fill out a card and submit it to the District Manager prior to the beginning of the meeting)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes

- 3. Organizational Matters
  - A. Administration of Oaths of Office to Newly Elected Board Members
  - B. Consideration of Resolution 2020-26 Canvassing and Certifying the Results of the Landowners' Election
  - C. Election of Officers
  - D. Consideration of Resolution 2020-27 Electing Officers
- 4. Approval of Minutes of the December 11, 2019 Meeting
- 5. Public Hearings
  - A. Public Hearing on the Imposition of Special Assessments
    - i. Presentation of Engineer's Report
    - ii. Presentation of Assessment Methodology
    - iii. Consideration of Resolution 2020-28 Levying Special Assessments
    - iv. Consideration of Notice of Special Assessments ADDED
  - B. Public Hearing on Adoption of District Rules of Procedure
    - i. Consideration of Resolution 2020-29 Adopting the Rules of Procedure
  - C. Public Hearing on the District's Use of the Uniform Method of Levying, Collection, & Enforcement of Non Ad-Valorem Assessments
    - i. Consideration of Resolution 2020-30 Expressing the District's Intent to Utilize the Uniform Method of Collection
- 6. Ranking of Proposals for District Engineering Services and Selection of District Engineer
- 7. Ratification of 2020 Data Sharing and Usage Agreement with Polk County Property Appraiser
- 8. Staff Reports
  - A. Attorney
  - B. Engineer
  - C. District Manager's Report
- 9. Other Business
- 10. Supervisors Requests and Audience Comments
- 11. Adjournment

Immediately prior to the Board of Supervisors meeting will be a Landowners' meeting of the Cypress Park Estates CDD.

The second order of business is the Public Comment Period where the public has an opportunity to be heard on propositions coming before the Board as reflected on the agenda, and any other items. Speakers must fill out a Request to Speak form and submit it to the District Manager prior to the beginning of the meeting.

The third order of business is Organizational Matters. Section A is the administration of the Oaths of Office to the Newly Elected Board Members.. Section B is the Consideration of Resolution 2020-26 Canvassing and Certifying the Results of the Landowners' Election. A copy of the resolution is enclosed for your review. Section C is the Election of Officers and Section D is the Consideration of Resolution 2019-29 Electing Officers. A copy of the resolution is enclosed for your review.

The fourth order of business is the approval of the minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting. A copy of the minutes are enclosed for your review.

The fifth order of business opens the Public Hearings. Section A is the Public Hearing on the Imposition of Special Assessments. Sub-Section 1 is the Presentation of the Engineer's Report. Sub-Section 2 is the Presentation of the Assessment Methodology. Sub-Section 3 is the Consideration of Resolution 2020-28 Levying Special Assessments. A copy of the resolution is enclosed for your review. Sub-Section 4 is the Consideration of Notice of Special Assessments. A copy of the notice is included for your review. Section B is the Public hearing to Adopt the District's Rules of Procedure. Sub-Section 1 is the Consideration of Resolution 2020-29 Adopting the Rules of Procedure. A copy of the resolution is enclosed for your review. Section C is the Public Hearing on the District's Use of the Uniform Method of Levying, Collection & Enforcement of Non Ad-Valroem Assessments. Sub-Section 1 is the Consideration of Resolution 2020-30 Expressing the District's Intent to Utilize the Uniform Method of Collection. A copy of the resolution is enclosed for your review.

The sixth order of business is the Ranking of Proposals for District Engineering Services and the Selection of a District Engineer. A copy of the proposals are included for your review.

The seventh order of business is the Ratification of 2020 Data Sharing and Usage Agreement with Polk County Property Appraiser . A copy of the agreement is included for your review.

The eighth order of business is Staff Reports. Any staff reports will be discussed at this time.

The balance of the agenda will be discussed at the meeting. In the meantime, if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jill Burns District Manager

CC: Roy Van Wyk, District Counsel

Enclosures

## LANDOWNERS' MEETING

#### INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING: Tuesday, January 28, 2020

TIME: 11:30 AM

LOCATION: 1925 US HWY 98 S., Suite 201, Lakeland, FL 33801

Pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and after a Community Development District ("District") has been established and the landowners have held their initial election, there shall be a subsequent landowners' meeting for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Supervisors ("Board") every two years until the District qualifies to have its board members elected by the qualified electors of the District. The following instructions on how all landowners may participate in the election are intended to comply with Section 190.006(2)(b), Florida Statutes.

A landowner may vote in person at the landowners' meeting, or the landowner may nominate a proxy holder to vote at the meeting in place of the landowner. Whether in person or by proxy, each landowner shall be entitled to cast one vote per acre of land owned by him or her and located within the District, for each position on the Board that is open for election for the upcoming term. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one (1) acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Please note that a particular parcel of real property is entitled to only one vote for each eligible acre of land or fraction thereof; therefore, two or more people who own real property in common, that is one acre or less, are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.

At the landowners' meeting, the first step is to elect a chair for the meeting, who may be any person present at the meeting. The landowners shall also elect a secretary for the meeting who may be any person present at the meeting. The secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of the meeting. The chair shall conduct the nominations and the voting. If the chair is a landowner or proxy holder of a landowner, he or she may nominate candidates and make and second motions. Candidates must be nominated and then shall be elected by a vote of the landowners. Nominees may be elected only to a position on the Board that is open for election for the upcoming term.

Five (5) seats on the Board will be up for election by landowners. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The three candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

A proxy is available upon request. To be valid, each proxy must be signed by one of the legal owners of the property for which the vote is cast and must contain the typed or printed name of the individual who signed the proxy; the street address, legal description of the property or tax parcel identification number; and the number of authorized votes. If the proxy authorizes more than one vote, each property must be listed and the number of acres of each property must be included. The signature on a proxy does not need to be notarized.

# LANDOWNER PROXY CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT HAINES CITY, FLORIDA

#### LANDOWNERS' MEETING - January 28, 2020

	KNOW Al	LL MEN BY TH	HESE PRESE	ENTS, that th	e undersigne	d, the fee simple owner of
the	lands	described	herein,	hereby	constitute	es and appoints
				("Proxy He	older") for	and on behalf of the
unde	rsigned, to v	ote as proxy a	at the meeti	ing of the la	ndowners of	the Cypress Park Estates
Com	munity Deve	lopment Distri	ct to be held	at 1925 US H	IWY 98 S., Sui	te 201, Lakeland, FL 33801
on Ja	nuary 28, 20	20, at 11:30 a.m	and at any	y adjournmei	nts thereof, ac	ccording to the number of
acres	of unplatte	d land and/or	platted lot	ts owned by	the undersig	gned landowner that the
unde	rsigned wou	ld be entitled to	vote if then	personally p	resent, upon	any question, proposition,
or res	solution or a	ny other matter	or thing th	at may be co	nsidered at sa	aid meeting including, but
not li	mited to, the	election of me	mbers of the	Board of Su	pervisors. Sa	id Proxy Holder may vote
in acc	cordance wit	h his or her di	scretion on	all matters n	ot known or	determined at the time of
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[Insert above the street address of each parcel, the legal description of each parcel, or the tax identification number of each parcel. If more space is needed, identification of parcels owned may be incorporated by reference to an attachment hereto.]

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NOTES: Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes* (2018), a fraction of an acre is treated as one (1) acre entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Moreover, two (2) or more persons who own real property in common that is one acre or less are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.

If the fee simple landowner is not an individual, and is instead a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or other entity, evidence that the individual signing on behalf of the entity has the authority to do so should be attached hereto (e.g., bylaws, corporate resolution, etc.)

#### **OFFICIAL BALLOT**

### CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT HAINES CITY, FLORIDA

#### LANDOWNERS' MEETING - January 28, 2020

**For Election (5 Supervisors):** The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each receive a four (4) year term, and the three (3) candidates receiving the next highest number of votes will each receive a two (2) year term, with the term of office for the successful candidates commencing upon election.

The undersigned certifies that he/she/it is the fee simple owner of land, or the proxy holder for the fee simple owner of land, located within the Cypress Park Estates Community Development District and described as follows:

Description	Acreage
	parcel, the legal description of each parcel, or the tarmore space is needed, identification of parcels owner eachment hereto.]
or	
Attach Proxy.	
	, as Landowner, or as the prox
holder of Landowner's Proxy attached hereto, do ca	(Landowner) pursuant to the st my votes as follows:
NAME OF CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES
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Date:	Signed:
Printed Name:	

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING



## SECTION B

#### **RESOLUTION 2020-26**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS **PARK ESTATES** COMMUNITY **DEVELOPMENT** DISTRICT CANVASSING **AND** CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE LANDOWNERS ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS HELD PURSUANT TO SECTION 190.006(2), FLORIDA STATUTES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN **EFFECTIVE DATE** 

**WHEREAS**, the Cypress Park Estates Community Development District (hereinafter the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Haines City, Florida; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, a landowners meeting is required to be held within 90 days of the District's creation and every two years following the creation of the District for the purpose of electing supervisors of the District; and

**WHEREAS,** such landowners meeting was held on January 28, 2020, the Minutes of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and at which the below recited persons were duly elected by virtue of the votes cast in his/her favor; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Supervisors of the District, by means of this Resolution, desire to canvas the votes and declare and certify the results of said election.

# NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1. The following persons are found, certified, and declared to have been duly elected as Supervisor of and for the District, having been elected by the votes cast in their favor as shown:

	Seat 1	Votes
	Seat 2	Votes
	Seat 3	Votes
	Seat 4	Votes
	Seat 5	Votes
	ith Section 190.006(2), <i>Florida</i> Supervisor, the above-named p	
	Supervisor, the above-named p	
er of votes cast for the	Supervisor, the above-named p m of office:	
r of votes cast for the	Supervisor, the above-named p m of office:  4 Year Term	
of votes cast for the	Supervisor, the above-named p m of office:	

	2 Year Term
Section 3. This resolution sh	nall become effective immediately upon its adoption.
PASSED AND ADOPTED	THIS 28th DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.
Attest:	CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson

### SECTION D

#### **RESOLUTION 2020-27**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ELECTING THE OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Cypress Park Estates Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the city of Haines City, Polk County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, the Board of Supervisors ("Board"), shall organize by electing one of its members as Chairperson and by electing a Secretary, and such other officers as the Board may deem necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

**DISTRICT OFFICERS** The District officers are as follows:

1.

		is appointed Chairperson.
		is appointed Vice-Chairperson.
		is appointed Secretary.
		is appointed Assistant Secretary.
		is appointed Assistant Secretary.
		is appointed Assistant Secretary.
		is appointed Assistant Secretary.
repealed to the 3. adoption.	ne extent of such conflict	esolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby.  This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its
PASS	SED AND ADOPTED this 2	28 <sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.
ATTEST:		CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

## **MINUTES**

#### MINUTES OF MEETING CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

An Organizational meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Cypress Park Estates Community Development District was held Wednesday, **December 11, 2019** at 11:35 a.m. at 1925 US Hwy 98 S., Suite 201, Lakeland, FL.

#### Present and constituting a quorum:

Scott Shapiro Chairman
McKinzie Terrill Vice Chairman
Allan Keen Assistant Secretary
Steve Rosser Assistant Secretary
Hyzens Marc via phone Assistant Secretary

#### Also present were:

Jill Burns
Sarah Warren
Ashton Bligh via phone
Emma Gregory via phone
Rodney Gadd
District Manager, GMS
Hopping Green & Sams
Greenberg Traurig
Hopping Green & Sams
Gadd Engineering

#### FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Introduction

#### A. Call to Order

Ms. Burns called the meeting to order and called the roll. There were four members present, constituting a quorum.

#### **B.** Public Comment Period

There were no members of the public present for the meeting.

#### C. Oath of Office

Ms. Burns swore in the four supervisors listed above at the meeting as a group. Since Mr. Hyzens Marc was present via phone, it was clarified that he will be sworn in at the next meeting since he must be present. Ms. Burns clarified the procedure for completing forms and signatures.

#### SECOND ORDER OF BUSNESS Organizational Matters

#### A. Confirmation of Notice of Meeting

Ms. Burns stated this meeting was advertised in the newspaper and the affidavit of publication was included in the agenda package.

### B. Information on Community Development Districts and Public Official Responsibilities and Florida Statutes Chapter 190

Ms. Burns stated that they have provided the board members with information on Community Development Districts and with information on being a public official. They have also provided them with a copy of Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes. Ms. Burns clarified that forms must be sent by each board member to the Supervisor of Elections in the County that they live in, and they have 30 days to do so. The W-9 Form is for receiving compensation of up to \$200. Ms. Burns instructed new board members if they elected to receive compensation, they must complete the form and return to her. The attorney reminded all board members about the Sunshine Law, including phone calls, texts, emails and any outside discussion of sharing of information. No two members are to discuss information. Ms. Burns reminded board members that emails could be set up through GMS. Also, board members were reminded that GMS would keep all official CDD documents, and official public records requests. Reminders of note taking of all members should be kept in a file of their own. The sunshine law booklet was given to each board member.

#### C. Election of Officers

#### 1. Resolution 2020-01 Appointing Officers

Ms. Burns presented Resolution 2020-01, which designates the officers for the District. Mr. Scott Shapiro was appointed as Chairman, McKinzie Terrill was appointed as Vice Chairman, and the other three supervisors, Allan Keen, Steve Rosser, and Hyzens Marc were appointed as Assistant Secretaries. Ms. Jill Burns was appointed as Secretary, and George Flint was appointed as Assistant Secretary, Ariel Lovera as Treasurer, and Ms. Jill Burns as Assistant Treasurer. It was requested the GMS assignments be made to process all checks, etc.

On MOTION by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Keen, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-01 Designating Officers with Mr. Shapiro as Chairman, Mr. Terrill as Vice Chairman, Mr. Keen as Assistant Secretary, Mr. Rosser as Assistant Secretary, Mr. Hyzenz as Assistant Secretary, Ms. Burns as Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Lovera as Treasurer, and Mr. Flint as Assistant Secretary, was approved.

#### THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS Retention of District Staff

#### A. Consideration of Contract for District Management Services

#### i. Resolution 2020-02 Appointing District Manager

Ms. Burns stated included in the agenda package is a contract with Governmental Management Services to provide District Management Services. The fee schedule is included in the package as discussed. Ms. Burns clarified that board members get a check run summary on every agenda that shows all checks that have been issued and the general liability for all board members. CDD property insurance coverage was discussed. Further clarification on contracts for the CDD, and the agreement with GMS and fees ensued. Bond issue was discussed as to how the process works as far as fees collected.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-02 and the Contract with GMS to Provide District Management Services, was approved.

#### **B.** Consideration of Contract for District Counsel Services

#### i. Resolution 2020-03 Appointing District Counsel

Ms. Burns stated included in your agenda package is an agreement with Hopping Green & Sams, as well as their fees, to serve as the District legal counsel representing the firm. Sarah Warren represented Hopping Green & Sams as legal counsel and explained the cover letter and then noted hourly rates of Mr. Van Wyk, Ms. Warren, and all other associates.

On MOTION by Mr. Rosser, seconded by Mr. Terrell, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-03 the Agreement Letter with Hopping Green & Sams to Provide District Counsel Services, was approved.

#### C. Resolution 2020-04 Selection of Registered Agent and Office

Ms. Burns stated that Resolution 2020-04 names Roy Van Wyk as the registered agent and designates Hopping Green and Sams as the registered office.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-04 Selecting Roy Van Wyk and Hopping, Green & Sams as the Registered Agent and Office, was approved.

#### D. Resolution 2020-05 Appointing Interim District Engineer

Ms. Burns stated this would appoint Gadd & Associates as the Interim District Engineer. The resolution was included in the packet.

On MOTION by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Terrill, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-05 Appointing Gadd and Associates as the Interim District Engineer, was approved.

#### E. Consideration of Interim District Engineering Agreement

Ms. Burns stated this agreement, included in your packet is for engineering services, also naming Gadd & Associates and a standard form of agreement they will send to them.

On MOTION by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Keen, with all in favor, the Interim District Engineer Agreement with Gadd & Associates, was approved.

#### F. Request Authorization to Issue RFQ for Engineering Services

Ms. Burns stated they would place an ad in the paper and send it to the Interim Engineer so they have due dates. Ms. Burns suggested the due date as January 17<sup>th</sup>. Later in the meeting, Ms. Burns did clarify the RFQ selection process and the pricing is not a consideration it is a qualification statement. The price is not included, it's just a statement of the qualifications and then board members can rank accordingly based on qualification statement.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, with all in favor, Authorization of Staff to Issue an RFQ for Engineering Services, was approved.

#### FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Designation of Meetings and Hearing Dates

### A. Consideration of Resolution 2020-06 Designation of Regular Monthly Meeting Date, Time and Location for Fiscal Year 2020

Ms. Burns stated as previously discussed the suggestion would be for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at the same location, to hold the regular meetings. It was clarified that three members were always needed to hold a meeting.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-06, Designating the Regular Board Meetings to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m., at 1925 US Hwy 98 S., Suite 201, Lakeland, Florida, was approved.

### B. Consideration of Resolution 2020-07 Designation of Landowner's Meeting Date, Time and Location

Ms. Burns suggested January 28<sup>th</sup> 11:30a.m. at the same location and time, which would be the regular monthly meeting in January.

On MOTION by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Rosser, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-07 Designating the Landowners Meeting for January 28, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at 1925 US Hwy 98S., Suite 201 Lakeland, Florida, was approved.

### C. Designation of Date of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules of Procedure in accordance with Section 120.54, Florida Statutes

 i. Consideration of Resolution 2020-08 Setting a Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Rules of the District

#### A. Rules of Procedure

Ms. Burns stated the rules and procedures are included in your package. Ms. Burns suggested January 28, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at the same location, which would be the regular monthly meeting. Discussion of the actual rules and procedures can be discussed prior to the meeting or reach out to the District Counsel.

On MOTION by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Keen, with all in favor, the 2020-08 Resolution Setting a Public Hearing to Adopt the Rules of Procedure for January 28, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at 1925 US Hwy 98 S., Suite 201, Lakeland, FL, was approved.

#### D. Designation of Dates of Public Hearing on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020

1. Consideration of Resolution 2020-09 Setting the Public Hearing and Approving the Proposed Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget

Ms. Burns stated they Resolution 2020-09 was in the package with a copy of the proposed budget. Ms. Burns stated this will be sent to the county at least 60 days prior to the public hearing, as required. It was a standard budget, only for general administration fees and no field

service, landscaping or other budgeting needs. Ms. Burns clarified question by board member that what was incurred would be paid. Ms. Burns suggested the public hearing date for February 25, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at the same location, which will be the regular monthly meeting.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Rosser, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-09 Setting a Public Hearing Date to Approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Budgets for February 25, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at 1925 US Hwy 98 S., Suite 201 Lakeland, Florida, was approved.

#### 2. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Funding Agreement

Ms. Burns stated this is the agreement where the developer KRPC East Johnson, LLC will agree to fund the operation of the District.

On MOTION by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Rosser, with all in favor, the Funding Agreement with KRPC East Johnson, LLC for the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, was approved.

#### FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### **Other Organizational Matters**

#### A. Resolution 2020-10 Designating a Qualified Public Depository

Ms. Burns noted this is the bank where they will open the District's bank account for the general fund. She recommended SunTrust Bank as used by GMS but the board could use another bank if they preferred.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Terrill, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-10 Designating SunTrust Bank as the District Depository, was approved.

#### B. Resolution 2020-11 Authorization of Bank Account Signatories

Ms. Burns asked that the signatories be herself and George Flint as signers for the District allowing them to sign checks and process invoices.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-11 Authorizing Jill Burns and George Flint as Bank Account Signatories, was approved.

#### C. Consideration of Resolution 2020-12 Relating to Defense of Board Members

Ms. Burns noted that this resolution where the District will provide legal support to board members and staff outlined in the resolution when acting in your capacity as board members.

On MOTION by Mr. Terrill, seconded by Mr. Keen, with all in favor Resolution 2020-12 Relating to Defense of Board Members, was approved.

# D. Consideration of Resolution 2020-13 Authorizing District Counsel to Record in the Property Records of Polk County the "Notice of Establishment" in accordance with Chapter 190.0485, Florida Statutes

Ms. Burns stated Resolution 2020-13 is in the board package for review and it authorizes District Counsel to record the notice of establishment in the County

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-13, Authorization for District Counsel to Record in the Property Records of Polk County the Notice of Establishment in Accordance with Chapter 190.0485, Florida Statutes, was approved.

#### E. Consideration of Resolution 2020-14 Adopting Investment Guidelines

Ms. Burns stated the statutes requires the board to adopt an investment policy that outlines the four options if they have excess funds, to invest any public funds that are in excess amounts from the operating expenses, and outlines where they can invest those funds.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-14, Adopting Investment Guidelines, was approved.

### F. Consideration of Resolution 2020-15 Authorizing Execution of Public Depositor Report

Ms. Burns stated this resolution would authorize the District Manager or Treasurer to execute or file the public depositor report.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-15, Authorizing Execution of Public Depositor Report, was approved.

#### G. Consideration of Resolution 2020-16 Designating a Policy for Public Comment

Ms. Burns stated this outlines a public comment policy, speaking time limits, and how to deal with procedures if they have members of the public present. Ms. Burns clarified for board

members the time limits is 3 minutes. Ms. Warren did say this time could be adjusted later if needed.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-16 Designating a Policy for Public Comment, was approved.

### H. Consideration of Resolution 2020-17 Adopting a Travel and Reimbursement Policy

Ms. Burns stated this is in line with Florida State Statutes on the fees and rates at which they can reimburse.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Shapiro with all in favor, Resolution 2020-17 Adopting a Travel and Reimbursement Policy, was approved.

#### I. Consideration of Resolution 2020-18 Adopting Prompt Payment Policy

Ms. Burns stated in the agenda package is Resolution 2020-18 and the policy is in line with Florida Statues to timely pay vendors and contractors.

On MOTION by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Terrill, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-18 Adopting Prompt Payment Policy, was approved.

#### J. Consideration of Resolution 2020-19 Adopting a Records Retention Policy

Ms. Burns stated Resolution 2020-19 outlines the record management liaison and establishes a retention schedule.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-19 Adopting Records Retention Policy, was approved.

#### K. Consideration of Compensation to Board Members

Ms. Burns stated this was covered earlier in discussion of forms and does not need further discussion. No motion was needed. The board members in attendance elected not to receive compensation.

#### L. Resolution 2020-20 Selecting District Records Office Within Polk County

Ms. Burns suggested selecting the address of the current office at 1925 US Hwy 98 S., Suite 201 Lakeland, Florida as the local records office. Ms. Burns stated that a filing cabinet would be needed for filing for records sent from her office.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Terrill, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-20 Selecting the Local District Records Office at 1925 US Hwy 98 S., Suite 201 Lakeland, Florida, was approved.

### M. Resolution 2020-21 Designating the Primary Administrative Office and Principal Headquarters of the District

Ms. Burns stated the primary Administrative Office would be her office in Orlando. The Principal Headquarters office will be the current office at 1925 US Hwy 98 S. Suite 201 Lakeland, Fl.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-21 Designating the Primary Administrative Office as Ms. Burns' office in Orlando and the Principal Headquarters of the District at 1925 US Hwy 98 S. Suite 201 Lakeland, Florida, was approved.

#### N. Consideration of Website Services Agreement

Ms. Burns stated there was an agreement in the package from VGlobal Tech which is the company used to create almost all Districts and most of the CDD websites in the state. There is a one-time fee of \$2,375 for an ADA compliant website. Once it is set up GMS can maintain it. Ms. Burns clarified that the \$1,200/year in the budget is to add everything (minutes, agenda, etc.) to the website moving forward. Ms. Burns and Ms. Warren held some discussion about litigation/issues with ADA complaint websites and changing fees as the CDD moved forward.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Terrill, with all in favor, the VGlobal Tech Website Services Agreement, was approved.

O. Authorization to Prepare Public Facilities Report in Accordance with Chapter 189.08 Florida Statutes to Coincide with Special District Filing Date of August 1st for Polk County

Ms. Burns stated Chapter 189 of the Florida Statutes requires the District to prepare a Public Facilities Report and file it with the County. This authorizes staff to prepare that report. No backup was needed in the agenda. Ms. Burns clarified for board members this was required.

On MOTION by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Keen, with all in favor, the Public Facilities Report in Accordance with Chapter 189.08 Florida Statutes to Coincide with Special District Filing Date for Polk County, was approved.

### P. Consideration of Resolution 2020-22 Authorizing Chairperson to Execute Plats, Permits, and Conveyances

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, with all in favor, the Resolution 2020-22 Authorizing a Chairperson to Execute Plats, Permit, and Conveyances, was approved.

#### SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### **Capital Improvements**

#### A. Appointment of Financing Team

#### 1. Bond Counsel

Ms. Burns stated included in your agenda package is an agreement letter from Greenberg Traurig to provide bond counsel services. Ashton Bligh was available via phone for any questions.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, with all in favor, the Agreement with Greenburg Traurig to Serve as Bond Counsel, was approved.

#### 2. Investment Banker

Ms. Burns stated this is with FMS Bonds.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, with all in favor, the Agreement with FMS Bonds, was approved.

#### 3. Assessment Administrator

Ms. Burns stated this was covered in GMS's management contract, no motion was needed since it was already approved.

#### 4. Trustee

Ms. Burns stated they have an agreement from US Bank to serve as the Trustee. This was in-line with what is seen in other districts.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Terrill, with all in favor, the Proposal from US Bank to Serve as the Trustee, was approved.

#### B. Approval of Financing Team Funding Agreement

Ms. Burns stated this is the agreement where the developer will fund the needs of the district in order to move forward with the bond issuance and they will then be reimbursed from the bond proceeds once they are issued.

On MOTION by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Keen, with all in favor, the Financing Team Funding Agreement, was approved.

#### SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Financing Matters

### A. Consideration of Engineer's Report for Capital Improvements dated December 11, 2019

Ms. Burns asked for Mr. Gadd to give an overview of the report. Mr. Gadd explained the report covers the first two phases of the 703 lots in the subdivision. He gave a brief description of where utilities are coming from and the improvements of roadways, and recreation. Jurisdiction goes to city of Haines City for internal site, Polk County is over site work. Additional permitting was discussed. Legal counsel (Ms. Warren) asked if all costs outlined were reasonable, he answered yes.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, with all in favor, the Engineer's Report for Capital Improvements dated December 11, 2019, was approved.

#### B. Consideration of Assessment Methodology dated December 11, 2019

Ms. Burns stated the methodology allocates the debt to the persons that benefit from the capital improvements, based on the benefits they received. Ms. Burns referred to the tables attached. There are 703 units they are similar product types; they all have the same ERU. The capital improvement plan costs provided in the Engineer's Report is in Table 2. Table 3 is the bond sizing which is at 29 million dollars in order to generate the construction proceeds. Table 4 is the improvement costs per unit. Table 5 shows \$41,252 per unit. Table 6 shows the net and gross

annual assessment per unit. The interest rate is 7% for collection on the Polk County tax bill, which covers cost with the property appraiser and tax collector, as well as the early payment discount. The interest rate of 7% is just for the collection cost with the tax collector and property appraiser. The 4% discount when you pay taxes early is accounted for. Ms. Burns clarified for board members that this is their maximum cap, it's what they are allowed to do, not necessarily what they will do.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Terrill, with all in favor, the Financing Team Funding Agreement from December 11, 2019, was approved.

### C. Consideration of Resolution 2020-23 Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Authorizing the Commencement of Validation Proceedings

Ms. Bligh stated Resolution 2020-23 is the first step in the bond issuance process. She noted this resolution authorizes an amount not to exceed \$30 million in special assessment bonds in one or more series to pay for certain projects. They will come back to the board with a delegation resolution with details describing a series of bonds that the district intends to issue. Certain sections of the bond resolution were outlined, Chapter 75 requires that any bonds with a maturity beyond 5 years must be validated. Under section 8, Chapter 190 requires any bonds to be secured by a trust agreement. The projects related to the District's capital improvement plan described in the master Engineer's report were covered. District counsel and bond counsel to the district are authorized and directed to proceed with validation in court. Under Section 7, the district appoints US Bank to be the Trustee on any series of bonds.

On MOTION by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Terrill, with all in favor, the Resolution 2020-23 Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Authorizing the Commencement of Validation Proceedings, was approved.

### D. Consideration of Resolution 2020-24 Declaring Special Assessments and Approval of Assessment Methodology

It was noted this was the first step in the process for levying assessments to repay any bonds that are issued by the district. It declares the district's intent to levy a master assessment lean to secure repayment of the bonds that may be issued by the District to fund the improvements that are outlined in the Engineer's report. This resolution also adopts the preliminary master Assessment Methodology and provides that the method for allocating is fair and reasonable for the

allocation, and that the benefit provided by the improvements exceeds the amount of special assessments to be levied. This puts in place a cap on the highest amount of assessments that could be placed on the property at the time that bonds are actually issued, they will come back and do a supplemental assessment resolution which will impose the exact amount of assessments that are necessary to repay the bonds actually issued. This also sets a public hearing for the master assessment meeting for Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 11:30 am.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, with all in favor, the Resolution 2020-24 Declaring Special Assessment and Approval of Assessment Methodology, was approved.

# E. Resolution 2020-25 Setting Date of Public Hearing Expressing the District's Intent to Utilize the Uniform Method of Levying, Collecting and Enforcing Non-Ad-Valorem Assessments in accordance with Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes

Ms. Burns suggested January 28, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which will be the regular monthly board meeting, at 1925 US Hwy 98 S., Suite 201 Lakeland, FL.

On MOTION by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Keen, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-25 Setting Public Hearing for Special Assessments for January 28, 2020, at 1925 US Hwy 98 S., Suite 201 Lakeland, FL, was approved.

#### **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Other Business**

#### A. Staff Reports

#### i. Attorney

Sarah Warren, District Counsel, stated the intention was to file bond validation by the end of the week, and then send to bond counsel this afternoon. They will file the complaint and the judge will be assigned as well as the State Attorney and they will find a hearing time that will work for all parties. The notice must be published to show cause, which is notice of the hearing, that must run for about 4 weeks. It will be the beginning of February. Assuming all goes as planned, the Judge should give final judgement validating the bonds, which will start the 30-day appeal period. During that time, counsel can prepare offering statements. Bonds close the day after the 30 day appeal period.

#### ii. Manager

There being none, the next item following.

#### **B.** Supervisors Requests

There being none, the next item followed.

#### C. Approval of Funding Request No. 1

Ms. Burns stated she had approval of funding request #1, which will get the funds to open the account, get the insurance, and do the legal ads for all hearings that the board approved. \$20,000 is the total amount. All funding request will come through the district office.

On MOTION by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Keen, with all in favor, the Funding Request No. 1, was approved.

#### NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Adjournment

Ms. Burns adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m. Clarification was made by Ms. Burns that for all board members emails about future meetings and notices will be sent to their new CDD emails.

On MOTION by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Keen, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman/Vice Chairman

# SECTION V

### SECTION A

## SECTION 1

## CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

## Prepared for:

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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December 11, 2019, Adopted January 28, 2020

## CYPRESS PARK ESTATESCOMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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## ENGINEER'S REPORT CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

### I. INTRODUCTION

The Cypress Park Estates Community Development District (the "District" or "CDD") is generally east of Power Line Road, and south of Baker Dairy Road within Haines City, Florida (the "City"). The District currently contains approximately 155.5 acres and is expected to consist of approximately 703 single family lots, recreation/amenity areas, parks, and associated infrastructure.

The CDD was established by City Ordinance No. 19-1664 which was approved by the City Commission on December 5, 2019. The District will own and operate the public roadways and stormwater management facilities, as well as the landscape, irrigation, signage, and recreational facilities within the development.

Public improvements and facilities financed, acquired, and/or constructed by the District will be designed and constructed to conform to regulatory criteria from the City, Polk County, Florida (the "County"), Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), and other applicable agencies with regulatory jurisdiction over the development, defined below. Any public improvements or facilities acquired by the District will be at the lesser of actual cost of construction or fair market value. An overall estimate of probable cost of the public improvements is provided in Exhibit 7 of this report.

This "Engineer's Report for Capital Improvements" or "Report" reflects the present intentions of the District and the landowners. It should be noted that the location of proposed facilities and improvements may be adjusted during the final design, permitting, and implementation phases. It should also be noted that these modifications

are not expected to diminish the benefits received by the developable land within the District. The District reserves the right to make reasonable adjustments to this Report to meet applicable regulatory requirements of agencies with jurisdiction over the development, while maintaining comparable levels of benefit to the developable lands served by the improvements. Changes and modifications are expected as changes in regulatory criteria are implemented.

Implementation of any proposed facilities or improvements outlined in this Report requires written approval from the District's Board of Supervisors. Estimated costs outlined in this Report are based on best available information, which includes but is not limited to previous experience with similar projects. Actual costs could be different than estimates because final engineering and specific field conditions may affect construction costs.

All roadway improvements including sidewalks in the right-of-way and storm drainage collection systems (from the curb inlets to their connection to the stormwater ponds) within the development, with the exception of all improvements to be included within the proposed Bice Grove Rd. right-of-way, will be maintained by the District. Water distribution, wastewater collection systems (gravity lines, force mains, and lift stations), reclaim water distribution, and all improvements within the proposed Bice Rd. right-of-way will, upon completion, be dedicated to the City for ownership and maintenance.

## II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this Report is to provide engineering support to fund improvements in the District. This Report will identify the proposed public infrastructure to be constructed or acquired by the District along with an opinion of probable cost.

Contained within this Report is a brief description of the public infrastructure to be constructed or acquired by the District. The District will finance, construct, acquire,

operate, and maintain all or specific portions of the proposed public infrastructure. An assessment methodology consultant has been retained by the District, who will develop the assessment and financing methodology to be applied using this Report.

The predominant portion of this Report provides descriptions of the proposed public infrastructure improvements, determination of estimated probable construction costs, and the corresponding benefits associated with the implementation of the described improvements. Detailed site construction plans and specifications have not yet been completed and permitted for the improvements described herein. The engineer has considered, and in specific instances has relied upon, the information and documentation prepared or supplied by others, and information that may have been provided by public entities, public employees, the landowner, site construction contractors, other engineering professionals, land surveyors, and the District Board of Supervisors, including its staff and consultants.

### III. THE DEVELOPMENT

The development will consist of 703 single family homes and associated infrastructure. The development is a planned residential community located east of Power Line Road and south of Baker Dairy Road within the City. The property in the City has a land use designation of LDR (Low Density Residential) and will have a zoning of RPUD (Residential Planned Unit Development). The development will be constructed in three (3) phases.

### IV. THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Capital Improvement Plan, (the "CIP"), consists of public infrastructure necessary to support residential development of Phases 1, 2, and 3. The primary portions of the CIP will entail stormwater pond construction, roadways built to an "urban" typical section, water and sewer facilities and off-site improvements (including turn lanes / intersection improvements and extension of water and sewer mains to serve the development).

There will also be stormwater structures and conveyance culverts within the CIP which will outfall into the on-site retention ponds. These structures and pond areas comprise the overall stormwater facilities of the CIP. Installation of the water/reclaim distribution and wastewater collection system will occur as needed in each phase. Below ground installation of telecommunications and cable TV will occur but will not be funded by the District.

As a part of the recreational component of the CIP, a public park/amenity center will be constructed within the development. The public park/amenity center will have connectivity to each of the phases via sidewalks to each portion of the District. The public park/amenity center will be accessed by the public roadways and sidewalks.

## V. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMPONENTS

The Capital Improvement Plan includes the following:

### **Stormwater Management Facilities**

Stormwater management facilities consisting of storm conveyance systems and retention ponds are contained within the District boundaries. Stormwater will runoff via roadway curb and gutter to storm inlets. Storm culverts convey the runoff into the proposed retention ponds for water quality treatment and attenuation. The proposed stormwater systems will utilize dry retention for biological pollutant assimilation to achieve water quality treatment. The design criteria for the District's stormwater management systems is regulated by the City, the County, and the SWFWMD. There are no known natural surface waters within the District.

Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Rate Map (FEMA FIRM) Panel No. 12105C-0380G demonstrates that the property is located within Flood Zone X. Based on this information and the site topography, it does not appear that floodplain compensation will be required.

During the construction of stormwater management facilities, utilities and roadway improvements, the District or its contractors will be required to adhere to a *Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan* (SWPPP) as required by Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as delegated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The SWPPP will be prepared to depict for the contractor the proposed locations of required erosion control measures and staked turbidity barriers specifically along the down gradient side of any proposed construction activity. The site contractor will be required to provide the necessary reporting on various forms associated with erosion control, its maintenance and any rainfall events that occur during construction activity

## **Public Roadways**

The "internal" proposed public roadway sections are to be 50' rights-of-way with 24' of asphalt and Miami curb or Type F curb and gutter on both sides. The proposed roadway section will consist of stabilized subgrade, lime rock, crushed concrete or cement treated base and asphalt wearing surface. The proposed curb is to be 2' wide and placed along the edge of the proposed roadway section for purposes of protecting the integrity of the pavement and also to provide stormwater runoff conveyance to the proposed stormwater inlets.

The proposed Bice Grove Rd. public roadway section is to be of a right-of-way width, pavement section, and curb to be determined based on City requirements. The proposed roadway section will consist of stabilized subgrade, lime rock, crushed concrete or cement treated base and asphalt wearing surface. Additional improvements will include pavement widening, turn lanes, and other improvements as required by City, County, and State requirements. The proposed roadways will also require signing and pavement markings within the public rights-of-way, as well as street signs depicting street name identifications, and addressing, which will be utilized by the residents and public. As stated above, the District's funding of roadway construction will occur for all public roadways within the development and outside of development as required by City, County, and State.

#### **Water Reclaim and Wastewater Facilities**

A potable water system inclusive of water main, gate valves, fire hydrants and appurtenances will be installed for the development. The water service provider will be the City of Haines City Public Utilities. The water system will be a "looped" system. These facilities will be installed within the proposed public rights-of-way within the District and within existing public right-of-ways adjacent to the District. This water will provide the potable (domestic) and fire protection services which will serve the lands within the District.

A domestic wastewater collection system inclusive of gravity sanitary sewer mains and sewer laterals will be installed. The gravity sanitary sewer mains will be 8" diameter PVC. The gravity sanitary sewer lines will be placed inside of the proposed public rights-of-way, under the proposed paved roadways. Branching off from these sewer lines will be laterals to serve the individual lots. Lift stations will transport wastewater flow from the lift stations, via a 10" force main being constructed along Johnson Ave.

A reclaimed water system inclusive of mains, gate valves, and appurtenances will be installed for the development. The reclaimed service provider will be the City of Haines City Public Utilities. The reclaimed system will be a "looped" system. These facilities will be installed within the proposed public rights-of-way within the District and along Johnson Ave. This reclaimed water will provide irrigation services which will serve the lands of the District. Any water, sewer, or reclaim water pipes or facilities placed on private property will not be publicly funded.

Water, sewer, and reclaim water is not immediately adjacent to the development for connection. Water and reclaim connection locations are located approximately one mile west of the development. Sewer connection is located along a route approximately 1.5 miles west of the development. The District anticipates constructing or otherwise

providing for the proposed utility extensions pursuant to a utility services agreement with the city of Haines City, the utility service provider.

## **Off-Site Improvements**

The District will provide funding for the anticipated turn lane(s) and offsite roadway improvements necessary at the development entrance(s). Anticipated improvements include turn lane construction at the intersection of US 17/92 and Baker Dairy Road, widening of Baker Dairy Road., and a turn lane at the project entrances on Johnson Ave. The site construction activities associated with the CIP are anticipated for completion by phases based on the following estimated schedule: Phase 1 in 2020; Phase 2 in 2021; Phase 3 in 2022. Upon completion of each phase of these improvements, inspection/certifications will be obtained from the SWFWMD; the Polk County Health Department (water distribution system), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) (wastewater collection) and the City/County.

#### **Amenities and Parks**

The District will provide funding for an Amenity Center to include the following: parking area, pavilion with restroom facilities, pool, tot lot, dog park/all-purpose play field, and walking trails between the phases to provide connectivity to the Amenity Center, and passive parks throughout the development which will include benches and walking trails. All paths, parks, etc. discussed in this paragraph are available to the general public.

## **Electric and Lighting**

The electric distribution system serving the development is currently planned to be underground. The District presently intends to fund and construct the electric conduit, transformer/cabinet pads, and electric manholes required by DUKE to underground such systems on public right of way. Electric facilities funded by the District will be owned and maintained by the District, with DUKE providing underground electrical service to the development. The CDD presently intends to purchase and install the street lighting

along the internal roadways within the CDD. These lights are presently anticipated to be owned, operated, and maintained by the District. Alternatively, the District may fund and install the necessary electrical conduit and enter into a lease agreement with DUKE for the street lights.

## **Entry Feature, Landscaping, and Irrigation**

Landscaping, irrigation, entry features and walls at the entrances and along the outside boundary of the development will be provided by the District. The irrigation system will utilize reclaimed water. The irrigation reclaimed mains to the various phases of the development will be constructed or acquired by the CDD with District funds and operated and maintained by the CDD. Landscaping for the roadways will consist of sod, annual flowers, shrubs, ground cover and trees for the internal roadways within the development. Perimeter fencing will be provided at the site entrances and perimeters of the development. These items will be funded, owned and maintained by the CDD.

#### Miscellaneous

The stormwater improvements, landscaping and irrigation, recreational improvements, street lighting, and certain permits and professional fees as described in this report, are being financed by the District with the intention for benefiting all of the developable real property within the District. The construction and maintenance of the proposed public improvements will benefit the development for the intended use as a single-family planned development.

#### VI. PERMITTING

Construction permits for all phases are required and include the SWFWMD Environmental Resource Permit (ERP), Polk County Health Department, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Army Corps of Engineer Permit (ACOE), and City construction plan approval.

Following is a summary of required permits obtained and pending for the construction of the public infrastructure improvements for the District:

## PHASE 1

Permits / Approvals	<b>Approval / Expected Date</b>
Zoning Approval	January 2020
Preliminary Plat	February 2020
SWFWMD ERP	March 2020
Construction Permits	March 2020
Polk County Health Department Water	March 2020
FDEP Sewer	March 2020
FDEP NOI	February 2020
ACOE	Not applicable

## PHASE 2

Permits / Approvals	Approval / Expected Date
Zoning Approval	January 2020
Preliminary Plat	February 2020
SWFWMD ERP	March 2020
Construction Permits	March 2020
Polk County Health Department Water	March 2020
FDEP Sewer	March 2020
FDEP NOI	February 2020
ACOE	Not Applicable

## PHASE 3

Permits / Approvals	Approval / Expected Date
Zoning Approval	February 2020
Preliminary Plat	January 2021
SWFWMD ERP	March 2021
Construction Permits	March 2021
Polk County Health Department Water	March 2021
FDEP Sewer	March 2021
FDEP NOI	March 2021
ACOE	Not Applicable

#### VII. RECOMMENDATION

As previously described within this Report, the public infrastructure as described is necessary for the development and functional operation as required by the City. The site planning, engineering design and construction plans for the infrastructure are in accordance with the applicable requirements of the City, and the SWFWMD. It should be noted that the infrastructure will provide its intended use and function so long as the construction and installation is in substantial conformance with the design construction plans and regulatory permits.

Items utilized in the *Opinion of Probable Costs* for this report are based upon proposed plan infrastructure as shown on construction drawings incorporating specifications in the most current SWFWMD and the City regulations.

### VIII. REPORT MODIFICATION

During development and implementation of the public infrastructure improvements as described for the District, it may be necessary to make modifications and/or deviations for the plans. However, if such deviations and/or revisions do not change the overall primary objective of the plan for such improvements, then the costs differences would

not materially affect the proposed cost estimates.

#### IX. CONCLUSION

It is our professional opinion that the public infrastructure costs for the CIP provided in this Report are reasonable to complete the construction of the public infrastructure improvements. Furthermore, the public infrastructure improvements will benefit and add value to lands within the District at least equal to the costs of such improvements.

The *Opinion of Probable Costs* of the public infrastructure improvements is only an estimate and is not a guaranteed maximum price. The estimated costs are based upon unit prices currently experienced on an ongoing and similar basis for work in the County. However, labor market, future costs of equipment, materials, changes to the regulatory permitting agencies activities, and the actual construction processes employed by the chosen site contractor are beyond the engineer's control. Due to this inherent opportunity for changes (upward or downward) in the construction costs, the total, final construction cost may be more or less than this estimate.

Based upon the presumption that the CIP construction continues in a timely manner, it is our professional opinion that the proposed public infrastructure improvements when constructed and built in substantial conformance with the approved plans and specifications, can be completed and used for their intended function. Be advised that we have utilized historical costs and direct unit costs from site contractors and consultants in the County, which we believe to be necessary in order to facilitate accuracy associated with the *Opinion of Probable Costs*. Based upon the information above, it is our professional opinion that the acquisition and construction costs of the proposed CIP can be completed at the cost as stated.

## **EXHIBIT 1 – Location Map**

## **EXHIBIT 2 – Legal Description**

## **EXHIBIT 3 – Land Use Map**

## EXHIBIT 4 – Zoning Map

## **EXHIBIT 5 – Drainage Flow Pattern Map**

## **EXHIBIT 6 – Utility Extension Map**

**EXHIBIT 7 – Summary of Probable Costs** 

<b>Number of Lots</b>	350	182	171	703
Infrastructure (1)	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Total
Offsite Improvements (5)(6)	\$1,470,000	\$136,000	\$127,000	\$1,733,000
Stormwater Management (2)(3)(5)(6)	\$3,220,000	\$1,583,000	\$1,663,000	\$6,466,000
Utilities (Water, Sewer, Re-use & Street Lighting) (5)(6)(8)	\$2,975,000	\$1,674,000	\$1,693,000	\$6,342,000
Roadway (4)(5)(6)	\$1,505,000	\$846,000	\$874,000	\$3,225,000
Entry Feature & Signage <sup>(6)(7)</sup>	\$1,015,000	\$287,000	\$273,000	\$1,575,000
Park and Recreational Facilities <sup>(6)</sup>	\$1,050,000	\$227,000	\$237,000	\$1,514,000
Contingency	\$875,000	\$391,000	\$383,000	\$1,649,000
TOTAL	\$12,110,000	\$5,144,000	\$5,250,000	\$22,504,000

#### Notes:

- 1. Infrastructure consists of public roadway improvements, stormwater management facilities, master sanitary sewer lift station and utilities, entry feature, landscaping and signage, and parks and recreational facilities.
- 2. Excludes grading of each lot both for initial pad construction and in conjunction with home construction, which will be provided by developer or homebuilder.
- 3. Includes stormwater pond excavation. Costs do not include transportation to or placement of fill on private property.
- 4. Includes sub-grade, base, asphalt paving, curbing, and civil/site engineering.
- 5. Includes subdivision infrastructure (including a 2-lane collector road) and civil/site engineering. Offsite Improvements include turn lanes/intersection improvements and extension of offsite utilities.
- 6. Estimates are based on 2019 cost.
- 7. Includes entry features, signage, hardscape, landscape, irrigation and fencing.
- 8. CDD will enter into a Lighting Agreement with Duke Energy for the street light poles and lighting service. Only undergrounding of wire in public right-of-way and on District land is included.
- $9. \quad Estimates \ based \ on \ Master \ Infrastructure \ to \ support \ development \ of \ 703 \ lots.$

## **EXHIBIT 8 – Summary of Proposed Facilities**

## **EXHIBIT 9 – Overall Site Plan**

# SECTION 2

## MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

## **FOR**

## CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Date: December 11, 2019

Prepared by

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Development District as a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker nor is GMS-CF, LLC registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, GMS-CF, LLC does not provide the Cypress Park Estates Community Development District with financial advisory services or offer investment advice in any form.

#### 1.0 Introduction

The Cypress Park Estates Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes as amended. The District anticipates the issuance at this time of not to exceed \$29,000,000 of tax exempt bonds in one or more series (the "Bonds") for the purpose of financing certain infrastructure improvements ("Capital Improvement Plan") within the District more specifically described in the Engineer's Report dated November 2019 prepared by Gadd & Associates, LLC, as may be amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Engineer's Report"). The District anticipates the construction of all or a portion of the improvements contained in the Capital Improvement Plan ("Capital Improvements") that benefit property owners within the District.

## 1.1 Purpose

This Master Assessment Methodology (the "Assessment Report") provides for an assessment methodology that allocates the debt to be incurred by the District to benefiting properties within the District. This Assessment Report allocates the debt to properties based on the special benefits each receives from the Capital Improvements. This Assessment Report will be supplemented with one or more supplemental methodology reports to reflect the actual terms and conditions at the time of the issuance of each series of Bonds issued to finance all or a portion of the Capital Improvements. This Assessment Report is designed to conform to the requirements of Chapters 190 and 170, Florida Statutes with respect to special assessments and is consistent with our understanding of case law on this subject.

The District intends to impose non ad valorem special assessments ("Special Assessments") on the benefited lands within the District based on this Assessment Report to secure repayment of the Bonds. It is anticipated that all of the proposed Special Assessments will be collected through the Uniform Method of Collection described in Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes or any other legal means available to the District. It is not the intent of this Assessment Report to address any other assessments, if applicable, that may be levied by the District, a homeowner's association, or any other unit of government.

## 1.2 Background

The District currently includes approximately 155.5 acres within Polk County, Florida. The development program for the District currently envisions approximately 703 residential units. The proposed development program is depicted in Table 1. It is recognized that such development plan may change, and this Assessment Report will be modified or supplemented accordingly.

The Capital Improvements contemplated by the District in the Capital Improvement Plan will provide infrastructure necessary to support development of the property within the District. Specifically, the District will construct and/or acquire certain offsite improvements, stormwater management facilities, utility facilities, roadways, entry

features, and park and amenity features. The acquisition and construction costs are summarized in Table 2.

The assessment methodology is a four-step process.

- 1. The District Engineer must first determine the public infrastructure improvements that may be provided by the District and the costs to implement the Capital Improvements.
- 2. The District Engineer determines the assessable acres that benefit from the District's Capital Improvements.
- 3. A calculation is made to determine the funding amounts necessary to acquire and/or construct the Capital Improvements.
- 4. This amount is initially divided equally among the benefited properties on a prorated assessable acreage basis. Ultimately, as land is platted, this amount will be assigned to each of the benefited properties based on the number and type of platted units.

## 1.3 Special Benefits and General Benefits

Capital Improvements undertaken by the District create special and peculiar benefits to the property, different in kind and degree, for properties within its borders as well as general benefits to the public at large. However, as discussed within this Assessment Report, these general benefits are incidental in nature and are readily distinguishable from the special and peculiar benefits, which accrue to property within the District. The implementation of the Capital Improvement Plan enables properties within the boundaries of the District to be developed. Without the District's Capital Improvement Plan, there would be no infrastructure to support development of land within the District. Without these improvements, development of the property within the District would be prohibited by law.

The general public and property owners outside of the District may benefit from the provision of the Capital Improvements. However, any such benefit will be incidental for the purpose of the Capital Improvement Plan, which is designed specifically to meet the needs of property within the District. Properties outside of the District boundaries do not depend upon the District's Capital Improvements. The property owners within the District are therefore receiving special benefits not received by the general public and those outside the District's boundaries.

## 1.4 Requirements of a Valid Assessment Methodology

There are two requirements under Florida law for a valid special assessment:

1) The properties must receive a special benefit from the Capital Improvements being paid for.

2) The assessments must be fairly and reasonably allocated or apportioned to the properties being assessed based on the special benefit such properties receive.

Florida law provides for a wide application of special assessments that meet these two characteristics of special assessments.

## 1.5 Special Benefits Will Equal or Exceed the Costs Allocated

The special benefits provided to the property within the District will be equal to or greater than the costs associated with providing these benefits. The District Engineer estimates that the District's Capital Improvement Plan that is necessary to support full development of property within the District will cost approximately \$22,504,000. The District's Underwriter projects that financing costs required to fund the Capital Improvement Plan costs, the cost of issuance of the Bonds, the funding of a debt service reserve account and capitalized interest, will be approximately \$29,000,000. Without the Capital Improvement Plan, the property within the District would not be able to be developed and occupied by future residents of the community.

## 2.0 Assessment Methodology

#### 2.1 Overview

The District anticipates issuing approximately \$29,000,000 in Bonds in one or more series to fund the District's entire Capital Improvement Plan, provide for capitalized interest, a debt service reserve account and pay cost of issuance. It is the purpose of this Assessment Report to allocate the \$29,000,000 in debt to the properties within the District benefiting from the Capital Improvement Plan. This report will be supplemented to reflect actual bond terms at the time of issuance.

Table 1 identifies the land uses and lot sizes in the development as identified by the Developer within the District. The District has commissioned an Engineer's Report that includes estimated construction costs for the Capital Improvements needed to support the development; these construction costs are outlined in Table 2. The Capital Improvements needed to support the development are described in detail in the Engineer's Report and are estimated to cost \$22,504,000. Based on the estimated costs, the size of the Bond issue under current market conditions needed to generate funds to pay for the Capital Improvements and related costs was determined by the District's Underwriter to total approximately \$29,000,000. Table 3 shows the breakdown of the Bond sizing.

### 2.2 Allocation of Debt

Allocation of debt is a continuous process until the development plan for the District is completed. Until the platting process occurs, the Capital Improvements funded by District Bonds benefits all acres within the District.

The initial assessments will be levied on an equal basis to all gross acreage within the District. A fair and reasonable methodology allocates the debt incurred by the District proportionately to the properties receiving the special benefits. At this point all of the lands within the District are benefiting from the Capital Improvements.

Once platting or the recording of a declaration of condominium of any portion of the District into individual lots or units ("Assigned Properties") has begun, the Special Assessments will be levied to the Assigned Properties based on the benefits they receive, on a first platted, first assigned basis. The "Unassigned Properties" defined as property that has not been platted or subjected to a declaration of condominium, will continue to be assessed on a per acre basis. Eventually the development plan will be completed and the debt relating to the Bonds will be allocated to the assigned properties within the District, which are the beneficiaries of the Capital Improvement Plan, as depicted in Table 5 and Table 6. If there are changes to development plan, a true up of the assessment will be calculated to determine if a debt reduction or true-up payment from the Developer is required. The process is outlined in Section 3.0.

The assignment of debt in this Assessment Report sets forth the process by which debt is apportioned. As mentioned herein, this Assessment Report will be supplemented from time to time.

### 2.3 Allocation of Benefit

The Capital Improvement Plan consists of offsite improvements, stormwater management facilities, utility facilities, roadways, entry features, and park and amenity features and professional fees along with related incidental costs. There is currently one product types within the planned development. The single-family home has been set as the base unit and has been assigned one equivalent residential unit ("ERU"). Table 4 shows the allocation of benefit to the particular product type. It is important to note that the benefit derived from the Capital Improvements on a particular unit will exceed the assessments allocated to that unit to repay the costs for the improvements providing such benefits.

## 2.4 Lienability Test: Special and Peculiar Benefit to the Property

Construction and/or acquisition by the District of its proposed Capital Improvements will provide several types of infrastructure systems, facilities and services for its

residents. These include offsite improvements, stormwater management facilities, utility facilities, roadways, entry features, and park and amenity features. The benefit from the Capital Improvements accrue in differing amounts and are somewhat dependent on the product type receiving the special benefits peculiar to that property type, which flow from the logical relationship of the Capital Improvements to the assigned properties.

Once these determinations are made, they are reviewed in the light of the special benefits peculiar to the property, which flow to the properties as a result of their logical connection from the Capital Improvements actually provided.

For the provision of the Capital Improvement Plan, the special and peculiar benefits are:

- 1) the added use of the property,
- 2) added enjoyment of the property, and
- 3) the increased marketability and value of the property.

These special and peculiar benefits are real and ascertainable but are not yet capable of being calculated as to value with mathematical certainty. However, each is more valuable than either the cost of, or the actual Special Assessment levied for the Capital Improvement as allocated.

## 2.5 Lienability Test: Reasonable and Fair Apportionment of the Duty to Pay Non-Ad Valorem Assessments

A reasonable estimate of the proportion of special and peculiar benefits received from the public improvements described in the Capital Improvement Plan is delineated in Table 5 (expressed as Allocation of Par Debt per Product Type). This is also shown on Table 7 depicting Allocation of Par Debt per Product Type.

The determination has been made that the duty to pay the non-ad valorem special assessments is fairly and reasonably apportioned because the special and peculiar benefits to the property derived from the acquisition and/or construction of Capital Improvement Plan have been apportioned to the property within the District according to reasonable estimates of the special and peculiar benefits provided consistent with the product type of assignable properties.

Accordingly, no acre or parcel of property within the boundaries of the District will have a lien for the payment of any Special Assessment more than the determined special benefit particular to that property and therefore, the debt allocation will not be increased more than the debt allocation set forth in this Assessment Report.

In accordance with the benefit allocation suggested for the product types in Table 4, a total debt per unit and an annual assessment per unit have been calculated for each product type (Table 6). These amounts represent the preliminary anticipated per unit debt allocation assuming all anticipated assigned properties are built and sold as planned, and the entire proposed Capital Improvement Plan is constructed.

## 3.0 True Up Mechanism

Although the District does not process plats, declaration of condominiums, site plans or revisions thereto, it does have an important role to play during the course of platting and site planning. Whenever a plat, declaration of condominium or site plan is approved, the District must allocate a portion of its debt to the property according to this Assessment Report outlined herein ("Assigned Property"). In addition, the District must also prevent any buildup of debt on property or land that could be fully conveyed and/or platted without all of the debt being allocated ("Unassigned Property"). To preclude this, when platting for 25%, 50%, 75% and 100% of the units planned for platting has occurred within the District, the District will determine the amount of anticipated Bond Special Assessment revenue that remains on the Unassigned Properties, taking into account the full development plan of the District. If the total anticipated Bond Special Assessment revenue to be generated from the Assigned and Unassigned Properties is greater than or equal to the maximum annual debt service then no debt reduction or true-up payment is required. In the case that the revenue generated is less then the required amount then a debt reduction or trueup payment by the landowner in the amount necessary to reduce the par amount of the outstanding Bonds plus accrued interest to a level that will be supported by the new net annual debt service assessments will be required.

If a true-up payment is made less than 45 days prior to an interest payment date, the amount of accrued interest will be calculated to the next succeeding interest payment date.

#### 4.0 Assessment Roll

The District will initially distribute the Special Assessments across the property within the District boundaries on a gross acreage basis. As Assigned Properties become known with certainty, the District will refine its allocation of debt from a per acre basis to a per unit basis as shown in Table 6. If the land use plan or product type changes, then the District will update Table 6 to reflect the changes as part of the foregoing true-up process. As a result, the assessment liens are not finalized with certainty on any acre of land in the District prior to the time final Assigned Properties become known. The preliminary assessment roll is attached as Table 7.

TABLE 1
CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

				Total Assessible		
Land Use/Product Type*	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Units	ERUs per Unit (1)	Total ERUs
Single Family	350	182	171	703	1.00	703
Total Units				703		703

<sup>(1)</sup> Benefit is allocated on an ERU basis; based on density of planned development, with Single Family = 1 ERU

<sup>\*</sup> Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

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TABLE 2
CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COST ESTIMATES
MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Capital Improvement Plan ("CIP") (1)	Phas	se 1	Phas	e 2	Phase	3	Сс	st Estimate
Offsite Improvements	\$	1,470,000	\$	136,000	\$	127,000	\$	1,733,000
Stormwater Management	\$	3,220,000	\$	1,583,000	\$	1,663,000	\$	6,466,000
Utilities (Water, Sewer, & Street Lighting)	\$	2,975,000	\$	1,674,000	\$	1,693,000	\$	6,342,000
Roadway	\$	1,505,000	\$	846,000	\$	874,000	\$	3,225,000
Entry Feature	\$	1,015,000	\$	287,000	\$	273,000	\$	1,575,000
Parks and Amenities	\$	1,050,000	\$	227,000	\$	237,000	\$	1,514,000
Contingencies	\$	875,000	\$	391,000	\$	383,000	\$	1,649,000
	\$	12,110,000	\$	5,144,000	\$	5,250,000	\$	22,504,000

(1) A detailed description of these improvements is provided in the Engineer's Report dated November 2019.

Description

Underwriters Discount

# TABLE 3 CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOND SIZING MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Construction Funds	\$ 22,504,000
Debt Service Reserve	\$ 2,106,818
Capitalized Interest	\$ 3,480,000
Underwriters Discount	\$ 220,000
Cost of Issuance	\$ 580,000
Contingency	\$ 109,182
Par Amount*	\$ 29,000,000
Bond Assumptions:	
Interest Rate	6.00%
Amortization	30 years
Capitalized Interest	24 months
Debt Service Reserve	Max Annua

**Total** 

2%

<sup>\*</sup> Par amount is subject to change based on the actual terms at the sale of the bonds

TABLE 4

CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

ALLOCATION OF IMPROVEMENT COSTS

MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Land Use/Product Type	No. of Units *	ERU Factor	Total ERUs	% of Trotal ERUs	Improvements Per Product Type	Improvement costs thit
Single Family	703	1	703	100.00%	\$ 22,504,000	\$32,011
Totals	703		703	100.00%	\$ 22,504,000	

<sup>\*</sup> Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

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Land Use/Product Type	No. of Units *	 Туре		Tiype	Per Debt Per Unit		
Single Family	703	\$ 22,504,000	\$	29,000,000	\$41,252		
Totals	703	\$ 22,504,000	\$	29,000,000			

<sup>\*</sup> Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

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Land Use/Product Type			Scation of Par at Per Product Type	Tootal Par Debut Per Uhit	Massimum Ammuali Debit Service		Maet Armual Debit Assessment Per Unit		Gersss Annhadi Debte Assessment Peer Unit (4)	
Single Family	703	\$	29,000,000	\$411,252	\$	2,106,818	\$	2,997	¢,	3,222
- Totals	703	\$	29,000,000		\$	2,106,818				

<sup>(1)</sup> This amount includes 7% collection fees and early payment discounts when collected on the Polk County Tax Bill utilizing the uniform met

<sup>\*</sup> Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

TABLE 7 CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELORMENT DISTRICT PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL MASSTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

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Wheeler Farms, Inc. Erooked & Ranch, Inc.	272723000000023001 272724000000044020	138.08 19.18	\$184,408 \$184,408	\$ \$	25,463,055 3,536,945	\$ \$	1,849,863 256,955	\$0.00	4,989,400 276,296
Totals		157.26		\$	29,000,000	\$	2,106,818	\$	2,265,396

(1) This amount includes 7% to cover collection fees and early payment discounts when collected on the Polk County Tax Bill utilizing the uniform method:

ARRUAI Assessment Periods	30
	30
Projected Bond Rate (%)	6.00%
	0,00%
Maximum Annual Best Service	\$2,106,818
HVIANITIUM ATHUAT DEBT SETVICE	32,100,010

\* - See Legal Description attached as Exhibit A

Prepared by: Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, ILC

# SECTION 3

#### **RESOLUTION 2020-28**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF **CYPRESS** PARK **ESTATES** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING DISTRICT PROJECTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND/OR ACQUISITION OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS; EQUALIZING, APPROVING, CONFIRMING, AND LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTY SPECIALLY BENEFITED BY SUCH PROJECTS TO PAY THE COST THEREOF: **PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND THE COLLECTION** OF SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS BY THE METHODS PROVIDED FOR BY CHAPTERS 170, 190, AND 197, FLORIDA STATUTES; CONFIRMING THE DISTRICT'S INTENTION TO ISSUE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR TRANSFERS OF REAL PROPERTY TO GOVERNMENTAL BODIES: PROVIDING FOR THE RECORDING OF AN ASSESSMENT NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, Cypress Park Estates Community Development District ("District") previously indicated its intention to construct certain types of infrastructure improvements and to finance such infrastructure improvements through the issuance of bonds, which bonds would be repaid by the imposition of special assessments on benefited property within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Supervisors ("Board") noticed and conducted a public hearing pursuant to Chapters 170, 190, and 197, *Florida Statutes*, relating to the imposition, levy, collection and enforcement of such assessments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** AUTHORITY FOR THIS RESOLUTION. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to Chapters 170, 190, and 197, *Florida Statutes*, including without limitation, Section 170.08, *Florida Statutes*.

**SECTION 2. FINDINGS.** The Board hereby finds and determines as follows:

(a) The District is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under and pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended.

- (b) The District is authorized by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, install, equip, operate, extend, construct, or reconstruct stormwater management facilities; roadways; water and wastewater facilities; off-site improvements (turn lanes); electrical utilities (street lighting); entry features and signage; parks and amenities; and other infrastructure projects and services necessitated by the development of, and serving lands within, the District, (together, the "Improvements").
- (c) The District is authorized by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to levy and impose special assessments to pay all, or any part of, the cost of such infrastructure projects and services and to issue special assessment bonds payable from such special assessments as provided in Chapters 170, 190, and 197, Florida Statutes.
- (d) It is necessary to the public health, safety and welfare and in the best interests of the District that (i) the District provide the Improvements, the nature and location of which was initially described in Resolution 2020-24, and is shown in the Engineer's Report for Capital Improvements, dated December 11, 2019 (the "Engineer's Report") (attached as Exhibit A hereto and incorporated herein by this reference), and which the plans and specifications are on file at the office of the District Manager c/o Governmental Management Services-Central Florida, LLC, 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 ("District Records Offices"); (ii) the cost of such Improvements be assessed against the lands specially benefited by such Improvements; and (iii) the District issue bonds to provide funds for such purposes pending the receipt of such special assessments.
- (e) The provision of said Improvements, the levying of such Special Assessments (hereinafter defined) and the sale and issuance of such bonds serves a proper, essential, and valid public purpose and is in the best interests of the District, its landowners, and residents.
- (f) In order to provide funds with which to pay all or a portion of the costs of the Improvements which are to be assessed against the benefitted properties, pending the collection of such Special Assessments, it is necessary for the District from time to time to sell and issue its Special Assessment Bonds, in one or more series (the "Bonds").
- (g) By Resolution 2020-24, the Board determined to provide the Improvements and to defray the costs thereof by making Special Assessments on benefited property and expressed an intention to issue Bonds, notes or other specific financing mechanisms to provide all or a portion of the funds needed for the Improvements prior to the collection of such Special Assessments. Resolution 2020-24 was adopted in compliance with the requirements of Section 170.03, Florida Statutes, and prior to the time it was adopted, the requirements of Section 170.04, Florida Statutes, had been met.
- (h) As directed by Resolution 2020-24, said Resolution 2020-24 was published as required by Section 170.05, *Florida Statutes*, and a copy of the publisher's affidavit of publication is on file with the Secretary of the Board.
  - (i) As directed by Resolution 2020-24, a preliminary assessment roll was adopted and filed

with the Board as required by Section 170.06, Florida Statutes.

- (j) As required by Section 170.07, Florida Statutes, upon completion of the preliminary assessment roll, the Board adopted Resolution 2020-24, fixing the time and place of a public hearing at which owners of the property to be assessed and other persons interested therein may appear before the Board and be heard as to (1) the propriety and advisability of making the Improvements, (2) the cost thereof, (3) the manner of payment therefore, and (4) the amount thereof to be assessed against each specially benefited property or parcel and provided for publication of notice of such public hearing and individual mailed notice in accordance with Chapters 170, 190, and 197, Florida Statutes.
- (k) Notice of such public hearing was given by publication and also by mail as required by Section 170.07, *Florida Statutes*. Affidavits as to such publications and mailings are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board.
- (1) On January 28, 2020, at the time and place specified in Resolution 2020-24, and the notice referred to in paragraph (k) above, the Board met as an Equalization Board, conducted such public hearing, and heard and considered all complaints and testimony as to the matters described in paragraph (j) above. The Board has made such modifications in the preliminary assessment roll as it deems necessary, just and right in the making of the final assessment roll.
- (m) Having considered the estimated costs of the Improvements, estimates of financing costs and all complaints and evidence presented at such public hearing, the Board further finds and determines:
  - (i) that the estimated costs of the Improvements as specified in the Engineer's Report, which Engineer's Report is hereby adopted and approved, and that the amount of such costs is reasonable and proper; and
  - (ii) it is reasonable, proper, just and right to assess the cost of such Improvements against the properties specially benefited thereby using the method determined by the Board set forth in the *Master Assessment Methodology*, dated December 11, 2019 (the "Assessment Report," attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by this reference), for the Bonds, which results in the Special Assessments set forth on the final assessment roll included within such Exhibit B (the "Special Assessments"); and
  - (iii) the Assessment Report is hereby approved, adopted and confirmed. The District ratifies its use in connection with the issuance of the Bonds;
  - (iv) it is hereby declared that the Improvements will constitute a special benefit to all parcels of real property listed on said final assessment roll and that the benefit, in the case of each such parcel, will be equal to or in excess of the Special Assessments thereon when allocated as set forth in Exhibit B;

- (v) that the costs of the Improvements are fairly and reasonably apportioned to the properties specifically benefitted as set forth in Exhibit B;
- (vi) it is in the best interests of the District that the Special Assessments be paid and collected as herein provided; and
- (vii) it is reasonable, proper, just and right for the District to utilize the true-up mechanisms and calculations contained in the Assessment Report in order to ensure that all parcels of real property benefiting from the Improvements are assessed accordingly and that sufficient assessment receipts are being generated in order to pay the corresponding bond debt-service when due;

**SECTION 3. AUTHORIZATION OF DISTRICT PROJECT.** That construction of Improvements initially described in Resolution No. 2020-24, and more specifically identified and described in Exhibit A attached hereto, is hereby authorized and approved and the proper officers, employees and/or agents of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action as may be necessary or desirable to cause the same to be made.

**SECTION 4. ESTIMATED COST OF IMPROVEMENTS.** The total estimated costs of the Improvements and the costs to be paid by the Special Assessments on all specially benefited property are set forth in Exhibits A and B, respectively, hereto.

SECTION 5. EQUALIZATION, APPROVAL, CONFIRMATION AND LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS. The Special Assessments on the parcels specially benefited by the Improvements, all as specified in the final assessment roll set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto, are hereby equalized, approved, confirmed and levied. Immediately following the adoption of this Resolution these Special Assessments, as reflected in Exhibit B, attached hereto, shall be recorded by the Secretary of the Board of the District in a special book, to be known as the "Improvement Lien Book." The Special Assessments against each respective parcel shown on such final assessment roll and interest, costs and penalties thereon, as hereafter provided, shall be and shall remain a legal, valid and binding first lien on such parcel until paid and such lien shall be coequal with the lien of all state, county, district, municipal or other governmental taxes and superior in dignity to all other liens, titles, and claims. Prior to the issuance of any Bonds, including refunding bonds, the District may, by subsequent resolution, adjust the acreage assigned to particular parcel identification numbers listed on the final assessment roll to reflect accurate apportionment of acreage within the District amongst individual parcel identification numbers. The District may make any other such acreage and boundary adjustments to parcels listed on the final assessment roll as may be necessary in the best interests of the District as determined by the Board by subsequent resolution. Any such adjustment in the assessment roll shall be consistent with the requirements of law. In the event the issuance of Bonds, including refunding bonds, by the District would result in a decrease of the Special Assessments, then the District shall by subsequent resolution, adopted within sixty (60) days of the sale of such Bonds at a publicly noticed meeting and without the need for further public hearing, evidence such a decrease and amend the final assessment roll as shown in the Improvement Lien Book to reflect such a decrease.

SECTION 6. FINALIZATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS. When the entire Improvements project has both been constructed or otherwise provided to the satisfaction of the Board, the Board shall adopt a resolution accepting the same and determining the actual costs (including financing costs) thereof, as required by Sections 170.08 and 170.09, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 170.08, Florida Statutes, regarding completion of a project funded by a particular series of bonds, the District shall credit to each Special Assessment the difference, if any, between the Special Assessment as hereby made, approved and confirmed and the proportionate part of the actual costs of the Improvements, as finally determined upon completion thereof, but in no event shall the final amount of any such special assessment exceed the amount of benefits originally assessed hereunder. In making such credits, no credit shall be given for bond financing costs, capitalized interest, funded reserves or bond discounts. Such credits, if any, shall be entered in the Improvement Lien Book.

### SECTION 7. PAYMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND METHOD OF COLLECTION.

- (a) The Special Assessments may be paid in not more than thirty (30) substantially equal consecutive annual installments of principal and interest. The Special Assessments may be paid in full without interest at any time within thirty (30) days after the completion of the Improvements and the adoption by the Board of a resolution accepting the Improvements, unless such option has been waived by the owner of the land subject to the Special Assessments; provided, however, that the Board shall at any time make such adjustments by resolution, at a noticed meeting of the Board, to that payment schedule as may be necessary and in the best interests of the District to account for changes in long and short term debt as actually issued by the District. All impact fee credits received and/or value received for impact fee credits shall be applied against the Improvements costs and/or the outstanding indebtedness of any debt issuance that funded the improvement giving rise to the credits which application may be addressed by such resolutions. At any time subsequent to thirty (30) days after the Improvements have been completed and a resolution accepting the Improvements has been adopted by the Board, the Special Assessments may be prepaid in full including interest amounts to the next succeeding interest payment date or to the second succeeding interest payment date if such a prepayment is made within forty-five (45) calendar days before an interest payment date. The owner of property subject to Special Assessments may prepay the entire remaining balance of the Special Assessments at any time, or a portion of the remaining balance of the Special Assessments one time if there is also paid, in addition to the prepaid principal balance of the Special Assessments, an amount equal to the interest that would otherwise be due on such prepaid amount on the next succeeding interest payment date, or, if prepaid during the forty-five day (45) period preceding such interest payment date, to the interest payment date following such next succeeding interest payment date. Prepayment of the Special Assessments does not entitle the property owner to any discounts for early payment.
- (b) The District may elect to use the method of collecting the Special Assessments authorized by Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes (the "Uniform Method"). The

District has heretofore taken or will use its best efforts to take as timely required, any necessary actions to comply with the provisions of said Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, *Florida Statutes*. Such Special Assessments may be subject to all of the collection provisions of Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*. Notwithstanding the above, in the event the Uniform Method of collecting its special or non-ad valorem assessments is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interest, the Special Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law. The District may, in its sole discretion, collect the Special Assessments by directly assessing landowner(s) and enforcing said collection in any manner authorized by law.

(c) For the period the District uses the Uniform Method, the District shall enter into an agreement with the Tax Collector of Polk County who may notify each owner of a lot or parcel within the District of the amount of the Special Assessments, including interest thereon, in the manner provided in Section 197.3635, *Florida Statutes*.

#### SECTION 8. APPLICATION OF TRUE-UP PAYMENTS.

- (a) Pursuant to the Assessment Report, attached hereto as Exhibit B, there may be required from time to time certain true-up payments. As parcels of land or lots are platted, the Special Assessments securing the Bonds shall be allocated as set forth in the Assessment Report. In furtherance thereof, at such time as parcels or land or lots are platted, it shall be an express condition of the lien established by this Resolution that any and all initial plats of any portion of the lands within the District, as the District's boundaries may be amended from time to time, shall be presented to the District Manager for review, approval and calculation of the percentage of acres and numbers of units which will be, after the plat, considered to be developed. No further action by the Board of Supervisors shall be required. The District's review shall be limited solely to this function and the enforcement of the lien established by this Resolution. The District Manager shall cause the Special Assessments to be reallocated to the units being platted and the remaining property in accordance with Exhibit B, cause such reallocation to be recorded in the District's Improvement Lien Book, and shall perform the true-up calculations described in Exhibit B, which process is incorporated herein as if fully set forth (the "True-Up Methodology"). Any resulting true-up payment shall become due and payable that tax year by the landowner(s) of record of the remaining unplatted property, in addition to the regular assessment installment payable with respect to such remaining unplatted acres.
- (b) The District will take all necessary steps to ensure that true-up payments are made in a timely fashion to ensure its debt service obligations are met. The District shall record all true-up payments in its Improvement Lien Book.
- (c) The foregoing is based on the District's understanding with the developer, that it intends to develop the unit numbers and types shown in Exhibit B, on the net developable acres and is intended to provide a formula to ensure that the appropriate ratio of the Special Assessments to gross acres is maintained if fewer units are developed. However, no action by the District prohibits more than the maximum units shown in Exhibit B from being developed. In no event shall the District collect the Special Assessments pursuant to this Resolution in excess of the total debt service related

to the Improvements, including all costs of financing and interest. The District recognizes that such events as regulatory requirements and market conditions may affect the timing and scope of the development in the District. If the strict application of the True-Up Methodology to any assessment reallocation pursuant to this paragraph would result in Special Assessments collected in excess of the District's total debt service obligation for the Improvements, the Board shall by resolution take appropriate action to equitably reallocate the Special Assessments. Further, upon the District's review of the final plat for the developable acres, any unallocated Special Assessments shall become due and payable and must be paid prior to the District's approval of that plat.

(d) The application of the monies received from true-up payments or Special Assessments to the actual debt service obligations of the District, whether long term or short term, shall be set forth in the supplemental assessment resolution adopted for each series of Bonds actually issued. Such subsequent resolution shall be adopted at a noticed meeting of the District, and shall set forth the actual amounts financed, costs of issuance, expected costs of collection, and the total amount of the Special Assessments pledged to that issue, which amount shall be consistent with the lien imposed by this Resolution. Each such supplemental resolution shall also address the allocation of any impact fee credits expected to be received from the provision of the project funded by the corresponding series of Bonds issued or to be issued.

SECTION 9. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; TRANSFERS OF PROPERTY TO UNITS OF LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. Property owned by units of local, state, and federal government shall not be subject to the Special Assessments without specific consent thereto. If at any time, any real property on which Special Assessments are imposed by this Resolution is sold or otherwise transferred to a unit of local, state, or federal government (without consent of such governmental unit to the imposition of Special Assessments thereon), all future unpaid Special Assessments for such tax parcel shall become due and payable immediately prior to such transfer without any further action of the District.

SECTION 10. ASSESSMENT NOTICE. The District's Secretary is hereby directed to record a general Notice of Assessments in the Official Records of Polk County, Florida, which shall be updated from time to time in a manner consistent with changes in the boundaries of the District.

**SECTION 11. SEVERABILITY.** If any section or part of a section of this Resolution be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the validity, force and effect of any other section or part of a section of this Resolution shall not thereby be affected or impaired unless it clearly appears that such other section or part of a section of this Resolution is wholly or necessarily dependent upon the section or part of a section so held to be invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 12. CONFLICTS.** All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, superseded and repealed.

**SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

#### APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.

Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Engineer's Report for Capital Improvements, dated December 11, 2019

Exhibit B: Master Assessment Methodology, dated December 11, 2019

## CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

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# ENGINEER'S REPORT CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The Cypress Park Estates Community Development District (the "District" or "CDD") is generally east of Power Line Road, and south of Baker Dairy Road within Haines City, Florida (the "City"). The District currently contains approximately 155.5 acres and is expected to consist of approximately 703 single family lots, recreation/amenity areas, parks, and associated infrastructure.

The CDD was established by City Ordinance No. 19-1664 which was approved by the City Commission on December 5, 2019. The District will own and operate the public roadways and stormwater management facilities, as well as the landscape, irrigation, signage, and recreational facilities within the development.

Public improvements and facilities financed, acquired, and/or constructed by the District will be designed and constructed to conform to regulatory criteria from the City, Polk County, Florida (the "County"), Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), and other applicable agencies with regulatory jurisdiction over the development, defined below. Any public improvements or facilities acquired by the District will be at the lesser of actual cost of construction or fair market value. An overall estimate of probable cost of the public improvements is provided in Exhibit 7 of this report.

This "Engineer's Report for Capital Improvements" or "Report" reflects the present intentions of the District and the landowners. It should be noted that the location of proposed facilities and improvements may be adjusted during the final design, permitting, and implementation phases. It should also be noted that these modifications

are not expected to diminish the benefits received by the developable land within the District. The District reserves the right to make reasonable adjustments to this Report to meet applicable regulatory requirements of agencies with jurisdiction over the development, while maintaining comparable levels of benefit to the developable lands served by the improvements. Changes and modifications are expected as changes in regulatory criteria are implemented.

Implementation of any proposed facilities or improvements outlined in this Report requires written approval from the District's Board of Supervisors. Estimated costs outlined in this Report are based on best available information, which includes but is not limited to previous experience with similar projects. Actual costs could be different than estimates because final engineering and specific field conditions may affect construction costs.

All roadway improvements including sidewalks in the right-of-way and storm drainage collection systems (from the curb inlets to their connection to the stormwater ponds) within the development, with the exception of all improvements to be included within the proposed Bice Grove Rd. right-of-way, will be maintained by the District. Water distribution, wastewater collection systems (gravity lines, force mains, and lift stations), reclaim water distribution, and all improvements within the proposed Bice Rd. right-of-way will, upon completion, be dedicated to the City for ownership and maintenance.

#### II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this Report is to provide engineering support to fund improvements in the District. This Report will identify the proposed public infrastructure to be constructed or acquired by the District along with an opinion of probable cost.

Contained within this Report is a brief description of the public infrastructure to be constructed or acquired by the District. The District will finance, construct, acquire,

operate, and maintain all or specific portions of the proposed public infrastructure. An assessment methodology consultant has been retained by the District, who will develop the assessment and financing methodology to be applied using this Report.

The predominant portion of this Report provides descriptions of the proposed public infrastructure improvements, determination of estimated probable construction costs, and the corresponding benefits associated with the implementation of the described improvements. Detailed site construction plans and specifications have not yet been completed and permitted for the improvements described herein. The engineer has considered, and in specific instances has relied upon, the information and documentation prepared or supplied by others, and information that may have been provided by public entities, public employees, the landowner, site construction contractors, other engineering professionals, land surveyors, and the District Board of Supervisors, including its staff and consultants.

#### III. THE DEVELOPMENT

The development will consist of 703 single family homes and associated infrastructure. The development is a planned residential community located east of Power Line Road and south of Baker Dairy Road within the City. The property in the City has a land use designation of LDR (Low Density Residential) and will have a zoning of RPUD (Residential Planned Unit Development). The development will be constructed in three (3) phases.

#### IV. THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Capital Improvement Plan, (the "CIP"), consists of public infrastructure necessary to support residential development of Phases 1, 2, and 3. The primary portions of the CIP will entail stormwater pond construction, roadways built to an "urban" typical section, water and sewer facilities and off-site improvements (including turn lanes / intersection improvements and extension of water and sewer mains to serve the development).

There will also be stormwater structures and conveyance culverts within the CIP which will outfall into the on-site retention ponds. These structures and pond areas comprise the overall stormwater facilities of the CIP. Installation of the water/reclaim distribution and wastewater collection system will occur as needed in each phase. Below ground installation of telecommunications and cable TV will occur but will not be funded by the District.

As a part of the recreational component of the CIP, a public park/amenity center will be constructed within the development. The public park/amenity center will have connectivity to each of the phases via sidewalks to each portion of the District. The public park/amenity center will be accessed by the public roadways and sidewalks.

#### V. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMPONENTS

The Capital Improvement Plan includes the following:

#### **Stormwater Management Facilities**

Stormwater management facilities consisting of storm conveyance systems and retention ponds are contained within the District boundaries. Stormwater will runoff via roadway curb and gutter to storm inlets. Storm culverts convey the runoff into the proposed retention ponds for water quality treatment and attenuation. The proposed stormwater systems will utilize dry retention for biological pollutant assimilation to achieve water quality treatment. The design criteria for the District's stormwater management systems is regulated by the City, the County, and the SWFWMD. There are no known natural surface waters within the District.

Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Rate Map (FEMA FIRM) Panel No. 12105C-0380G demonstrates that the property is located within Flood Zone X. Based on this information and the site topography, it does not appear that floodplain compensation will be required.

During the construction of stormwater management facilities, utilities and roadway improvements, the District or its contractors will be required to adhere to a *Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan* (SWPPP) as required by Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as delegated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The SWPPP will be prepared to depict for the contractor the proposed locations of required erosion control measures and staked turbidity barriers specifically along the down gradient side of any proposed construction activity. The site contractor will be required to provide the necessary reporting on various forms associated with erosion control, its maintenance and any rainfall events that occur during construction activity

#### **Public Roadways**

The "internal" proposed public roadway sections are to be 50' rights-of-way with 24' of asphalt and Miami curb or Type F curb and gutter on both sides. The proposed roadway section will consist of stabilized subgrade, lime rock, crushed concrete or cement treated base and asphalt wearing surface. The proposed curb is to be 2' wide and placed along the edge of the proposed roadway section for purposes of protecting the integrity of the pavement and also to provide stormwater runoff conveyance to the proposed stormwater inlets.

The proposed Bice Grove Rd. public roadway section is to be of a right-of-way width, pavement section, and curb to be determined based on City requirements. The proposed roadway section will consist of stabilized subgrade, lime rock, crushed concrete or cement treated base and asphalt wearing surface. Additional improvements will include pavement widening, turn lanes, and other improvements as required by City, County, and State requirements. The proposed roadways will also require signing and pavement markings within the public rights-of-way, as well as street signs depicting street name identifications, and addressing, which will be utilized by the residents and public. As stated above, the District's funding of roadway construction will occur for all public roadways within the development and outside of development as required by City, County, and State.

#### **Water Reclaim and Wastewater Facilities**

A potable water system inclusive of water main, gate valves, fire hydrants and appurtenances will be installed for the development. The water service provider will be the City of Haines City Public Utilities. The water system will be a "looped" system. These facilities will be installed within the proposed public rights-of-way within the District and within existing public right-of-ways adjacent to the District. This water will provide the potable (domestic) and fire protection services which will serve the lands within the District.

A domestic wastewater collection system inclusive of gravity sanitary sewer mains and sewer laterals will be installed. The gravity sanitary sewer mains will be 8" diameter PVC. The gravity sanitary sewer lines will be placed inside of the proposed public rights-of-way, under the proposed paved roadways. Branching off from these sewer lines will be laterals to serve the individual lots. Lift stations will transport wastewater flow from the lift stations, via a 10" force main being constructed along Johnson Ave.

A reclaimed water system inclusive of mains, gate valves, and appurtenances will be installed for the development. The reclaimed service provider will be the City of Haines City Public Utilities. The reclaimed system will be a "looped" system. These facilities will be installed within the proposed public rights-of-way within the District and along Johnson Ave. This reclaimed water will provide irrigation services which will serve the lands of the District. Any water, sewer, or reclaim water pipes or facilities placed on private property will not be publicly funded.

Water, sewer, and reclaim water is not immediately adjacent to the development for connection. Water and reclaim connection locations are located approximately one mile west of the development. Sewer connection is located along a route approximately 1.5 miles west of the development. The District anticipates constructing or otherwise

providing for the proposed utility extensions pursuant to a utility services agreement with the city of Haines City, the utility service provider.

#### **Off-Site Improvements**

The District will provide funding for the anticipated turn lane(s) and offsite roadway improvements necessary at the development entrance(s). Anticipated improvements include turn lane construction at the intersection of US 17/92 and Baker Dairy Road, widening of Baker Dairy Road., and a turn lane at the project entrances on Johnson Ave. The site construction activities associated with the CIP are anticipated for completion by phases based on the following estimated schedule: Phase 1 in 2020; Phase 2 in 2021; Phase 3 in 2022. Upon completion of each phase of these improvements, inspection/certifications will be obtained from the SWFWMD; the Polk County Health Department (water distribution system), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) (wastewater collection) and the City/County.

#### **Amenities and Parks**

The District will provide funding for an Amenity Center to include the following: parking area, pavilion with restroom facilities, pool, tot lot, dog park/all-purpose play field, and walking trails between the phases to provide connectivity to the Amenity Center, and passive parks throughout the development which will include benches and walking trails. All paths, parks, etc. discussed in this paragraph are available to the general public.

#### **Electric and Lighting**

The electric distribution system serving the development is currently planned to be underground. The District presently intends to fund and construct the electric conduit, transformer/cabinet pads, and electric manholes required by DUKE to underground such systems on public right of way. Electric facilities funded by the District will be owned and maintained by the District, with DUKE providing underground electrical service to the development. The CDD presently intends to purchase and install the street lighting

along the internal roadways within the CDD. These lights are presently anticipated to be owned, operated, and maintained by the District. Alternatively, the District may fund and install the necessary electrical conduit and enter into a lease agreement with DUKE for the street lights.

#### **Entry Feature, Landscaping, and Irrigation**

Landscaping, irrigation, entry features and walls at the entrances and along the outside boundary of the development will be provided by the District. The irrigation system will utilize reclaimed water. The irrigation reclaimed mains to the various phases of the development will be constructed or acquired by the CDD with District funds and operated and maintained by the CDD. Landscaping for the roadways will consist of sod, annual flowers, shrubs, ground cover and trees for the internal roadways within the development. Perimeter fencing will be provided at the site entrances and perimeters of the development. These items will be funded, owned and maintained by the CDD.

#### **Miscellaneous**

The stormwater improvements, landscaping and irrigation, recreational improvements, street lighting, and certain permits and professional fees as described in this report, are being financed by the District with the intention for benefiting all of the developable real property within the District. The construction and maintenance of the proposed public improvements will benefit the development for the intended use as a single-family planned development.

#### VI. PERMITTING

Construction permits for all phases are required and include the SWFWMD Environmental Resource Permit (ERP), Polk County Health Department, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Army Corps of Engineer Permit (ACOE), and City construction plan approval.

Following is a summary of required permits obtained and pending for the construction of the public infrastructure improvements for the District:

PHASE 1

Permits / Approvals	Approval / Expected Date
Zoning Approval	January 2020
Preliminary Plat	February 2020
SWFWMD ERP	March 2020
Construction Permits	March 2020
Polk County Health Department Water	March 2020
FDEP Sewer	March 2020
FDEP NOI	February 2020
ACOE	Not applicable

#### PHASE 2

Permits / Approvals	Approval / Expected Date
Zoning Approval	January 2020
Preliminary Plat	February 2020
SWFWMD ERP	March 2020
Construction Permits	March 2020
Polk County Health Department Water	March 2020
FDEP Sewer	March 2020
FDEP NOI	February 2020
ACOE	Not Applicable

#### PHASE 3

Permits / Approvals	Approval / Expected Date
Zoning Approval	February 2020
Preliminary Plat	January 2021
SWFWMD ERP	March 2021
Construction Permits	March 2021
Polk County Health Department Water	March 2021
FDEP Sewer	March 2021
FDEP NOI	March 2021
ACOE	Not Applicable

#### VII. RECOMMENDATION

As previously described within this Report, the public infrastructure as described is necessary for the development and functional operation as required by the City. The site planning, engineering design and construction plans for the infrastructure are in accordance with the applicable requirements of the City, and the SWFWMD. It should be noted that the infrastructure will provide its intended use and function so long as the construction and installation is in substantial conformance with the design construction plans and regulatory permits.

Items utilized in the *Opinion of Probable Costs* for this report are based upon proposed plan infrastructure as shown on construction drawings incorporating specifications in the most current SWFWMD and the City regulations.

#### VIII. REPORT MODIFICATION

During development and implementation of the public infrastructure improvements as described for the District, it may be necessary to make modifications and/or deviations for the plans. However, if such deviations and/or revisions do not change the overall primary objective of the plan for such improvements, then the costs differences would

not materially affect the proposed cost estimates.

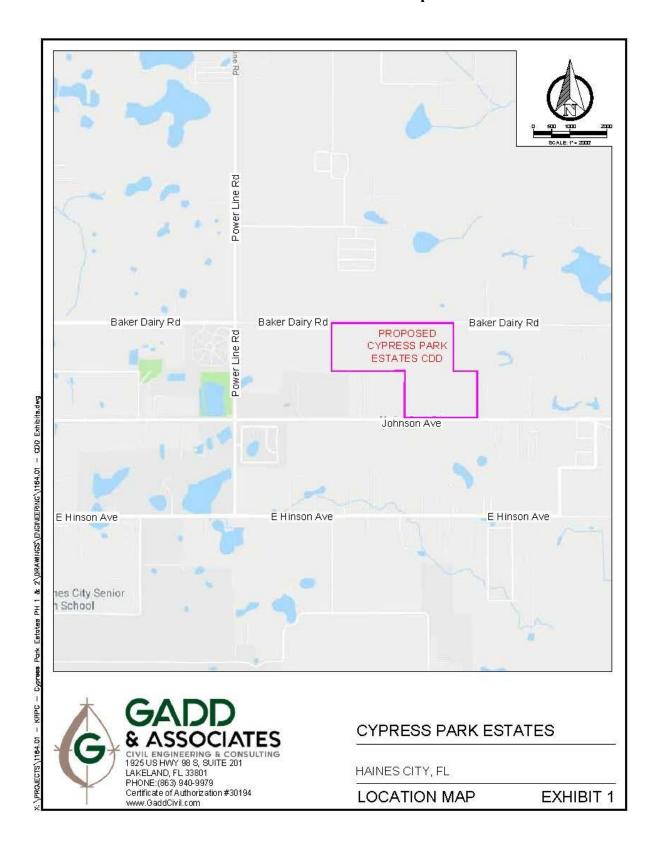
#### IX. CONCLUSION

It is our professional opinion that the public infrastructure costs for the CIP provided in this Report are reasonable to complete the construction of the public infrastructure improvements. Furthermore, the public infrastructure improvements will benefit and add value to lands within the District at least equal to the costs of such improvements.

The *Opinion of Probable Costs* of the public infrastructure improvements is only an estimate and is not a guaranteed maximum price. The estimated costs are based upon unit prices currently experienced on an ongoing and similar basis for work in the County. However, labor market, future costs of equipment, materials, changes to the regulatory permitting agencies activities, and the actual construction processes employed by the chosen site contractor are beyond the engineer's control. Due to this inherent opportunity for changes (upward or downward) in the construction costs, the total, final construction cost may be more or less than this estimate.

Based upon the presumption that the CIP construction continues in a timely manner, it is our professional opinion that the proposed public infrastructure improvements when constructed and built in substantial conformance with the approved plans and specifications, can be completed and used for their intended function. Be advised that we have utilized historical costs and direct unit costs from site contractors and consultants in the County, which we believe to be necessary in order to facilitate accuracy associated with the *Opinion of Probable Costs*. Based upon the information above, it is our professional opinion that the acquisition and construction costs of the proposed CIP can be completed at the cost as stated.

#### **EXHIBIT 1 – Location Map**



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#### **EXHIBIT 2 – Legal Description**

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Crooked Ranch

A portion of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Township 27 South, Range 27 East, Polk County, Florida, being described as follows:

Commence at the southwest corner of said Section 24; thence North 00°09'36" East along the west line of said Section 24, a distance of 40.00 feet to a point on the northerly right-of-way line of County Road S-580 (Johnson Avenue) per Florida Department of Transportation right-of-way per section number 16840-2601 and the Point of Beginning; thence North 89°45'02" East along the said northerly right-of-way line, 659.37 feet to the east line of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; thence departing the said northerly right-of-way line North 00°07'25" East along said east line of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24; thence South 89°51'27" West along said north line of said West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, a distance of 658.56 feet to aforesaid west line said Section 24; thence South 00°09'36" West along said west line of Section 24, a distance of 1267.87 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel containing 19.17 acres, more or less.

#### Wheeler Tract

A portion of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23 and the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24 all being in, Township 27 South, Range 27 East, Polk County, Florida, being described as follows:

Begin at the northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 23: thence South 90°00'00" East along the north line of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 23, a distance of 232.51 feet to the southerly maintained right-of-way line of Baker Dairy Road as shown in County Map Book 18, Pages 6-21; thence along the said southerly right-of-way line the following three (3) courses and distances: (1) South 88°42'12" East, 62.50 feet; (2) North 89°44'58" East, 303.66 feet; (3) North 88°15'07" East, 2.82 feet to said north line of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23; thence departing the said southerly right-of-way line South 90°00'00" East along said north line of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, a distance of 2057 58 feet to the northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24: thence North 89°53'06" Fast along the north line of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24, a distance of 657.73 feet to the east line of said West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24; thence South 00°07'25" West along the said east line of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, a distance of 1307.55 feet to the northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; thence North 89°51'27" East along the north line of said East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, a distance of 658.56 feet to the east line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; thence South 00°05'15" West along the said east line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, a distance of 1265.40 feet to the northerly right-of-way line of County Road S-580 (Johnson Avenue) per Florida Department of Transportation right-of-way map section number 16840-2601; thence South 89°45'02" West along the said northerly right-of-way line, 659.37 feet to the west line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; thence North 00°07'25" East along the said west line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, a distance of 1266.64 feet to the said northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24: thence South 89°51'27" West along the north line of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; a distance of 658.56 feet to the west line said Section 24; thence South 00°09'36" West along said west line of Section 24, a distance of 1267.87 feet said northerly right-of-way line; thence along said northerly right-of-way line South 89°45'43" West, 662.57 feet to the west line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 23; thence North 00°06'39" East along the said west line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, a distance of 1269.23 feet to the south line of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 23; thence South 89°52'49" West along the said south line of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, a distance of 1990.94 feet to the west line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 23; thence North 00°02'08" West along the said west line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, a distance of 1313.42 feet to the Point of Beginning.

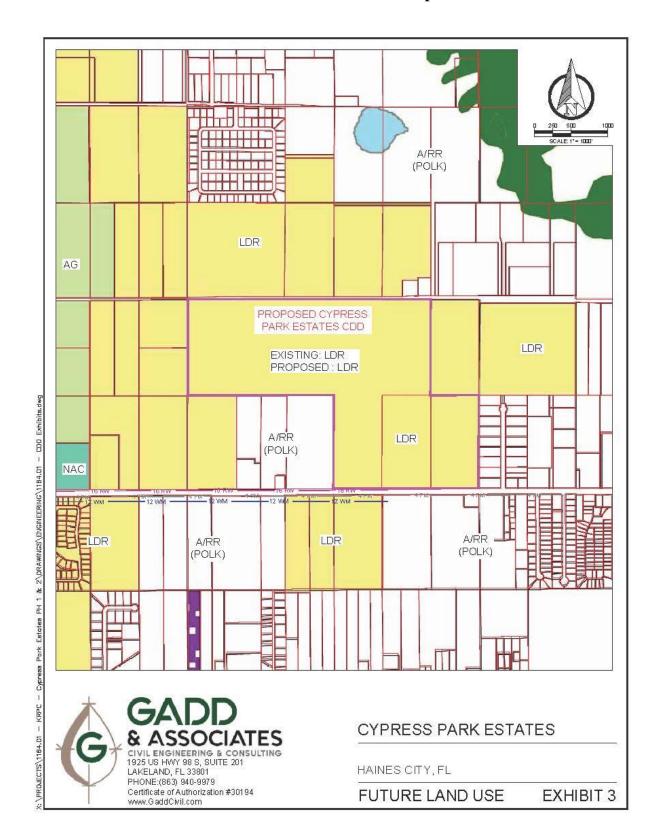


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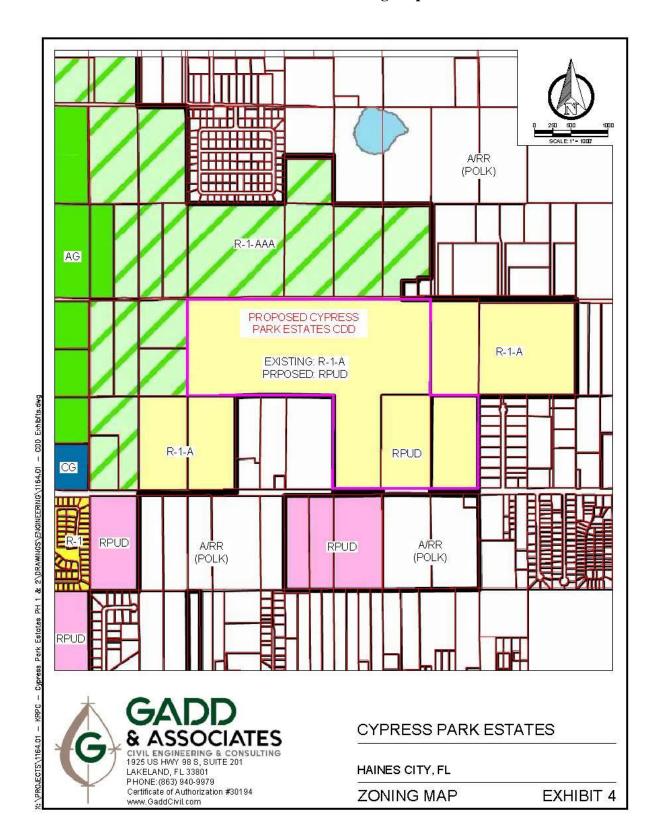
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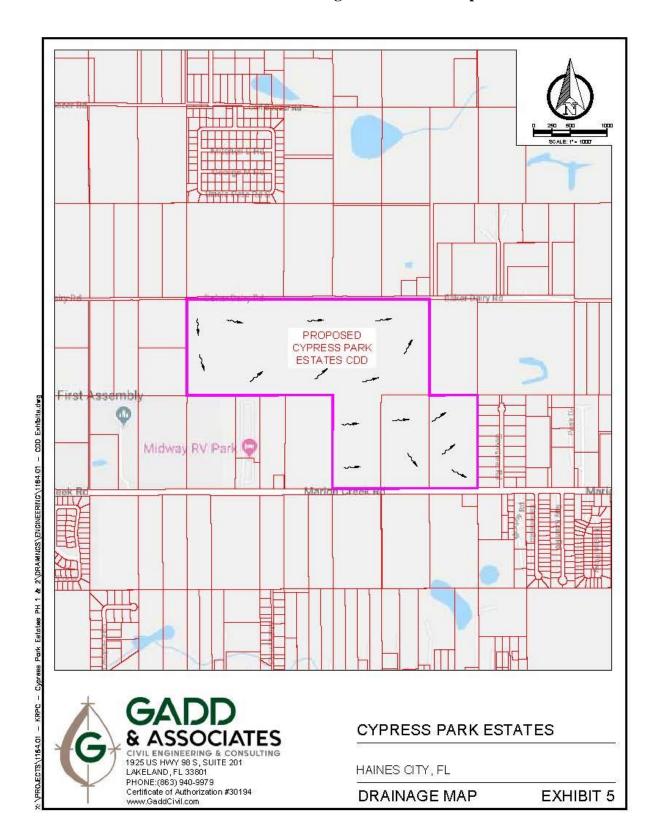
#### **EXHIBIT 3 – Land Use Map**



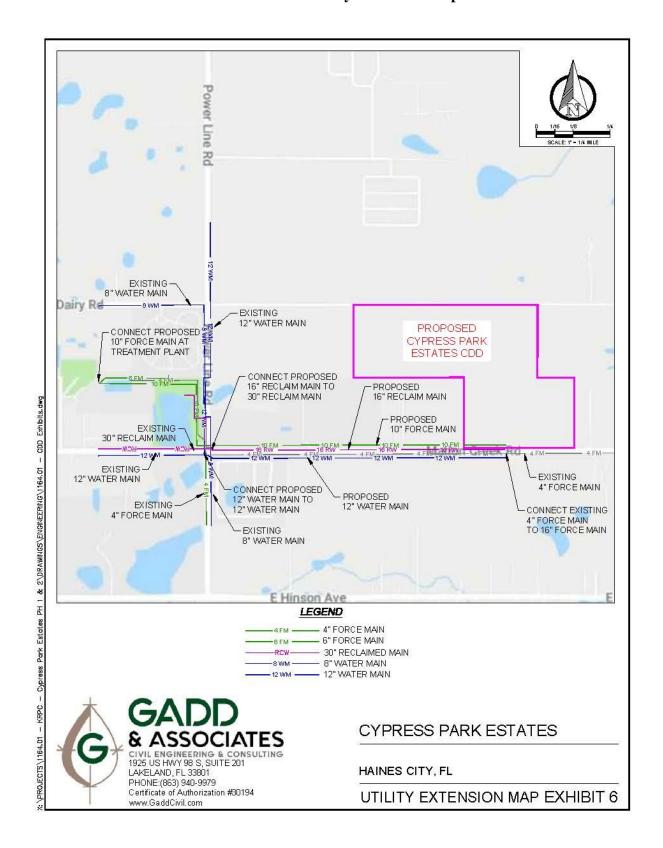
#### **EXHIBIT 4 – Zoning Map**



**EXHIBIT 5 – Drainage Flow Pattern Map** 



#### **EXHIBIT 6 – Utility Extension Map**



**EXHIBIT 7 – Summary of Probable Costs** 

Number of Lots	<u>350</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>703</u>		
<u>Infrastructure (1)</u>	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	<u>Total</u>		
Offsite Improvements (5)(6)	\$1,470,000	\$136,000	\$127,000	\$1,733,000		
Stormwater Management (2)(3)(5)(6)	\$3,220,000	\$1,583,000	\$1,663,000	\$6,466,000		
Utilities (Water, Sewer, Re-use & Street Lighting) (5)(6)(8)	\$2,975,000	\$1,674,000	\$1,693,000	\$6,342,000		
Roadway (4)(5)(6)	\$1,505,000	\$846,000	\$874,000	\$3,225,000		
Entry Feature & Signage <sup>(6)(7)</sup>	\$1,015,000	\$287,000	\$273,000	\$1,575,000		
Park and Recreational Facilities <sup>(6)</sup>	\$1,050,000	\$227,000	\$237,000	\$1,514,000		
Contingency	\$875,000	\$391,000	\$383,000	\$1,649,000		
TOTAL	\$12,110,000	\$5,144,000	\$5,250,000	\$22,504,000		

#### Notes:

- 1. Infrastructure consists of public roadway improvements, stormwater management facilities, master sanitary sewer lift station and utilities, entry feature, landscaping and signage, and parks and recreational facilities.
- 2. Excludes grading of each lot both for initial pad construction and in conjunction with home construction, which will be provided by developer or homebuilder.
- 3. Includes stormwater pond excavation. Costs do not include transportation to or placement of fill on private property.
- 4. Includes sub-grade, base, asphalt paving, curbing, and civil/site engineering.
- 5. Includes subdivision infrastructure (including a 2-lane collector road) and civil/site engineering. Offsite Improvements include turn lanes/intersection improvements and extension of offsite utilities.
- 6. Estimates are based on 2019 cost.
- 7. Includes entry features, signage, hardscape, landscape, irrigation and fencing.
- 8. CDD will enter into a Lighting Agreement with Duke Energy for the street light poles and lighting service. Only undergrounding of wire in public right-of-way and on District land is included.
- 9. Estimates based on Master Infrastructure to support development of 703 lots.

#### **EXHIBIT 8 – Summary of Proposed Facilities**

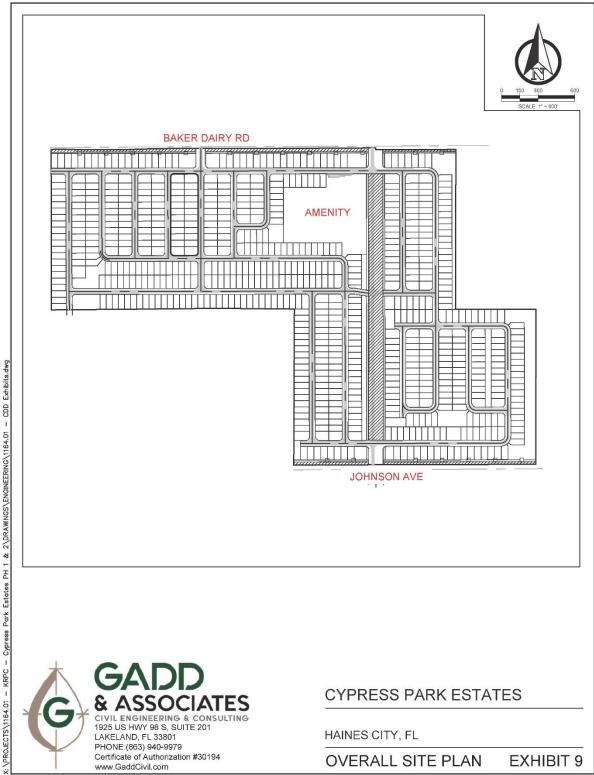
# Exhibit 8 Cypress Park Estates CDD Community Development District Summary of Proposed District Facilities

<u>District Infrastructure</u>	Construction	Ownership	<u>Capital</u> <u>Financing*</u>	Operation and Maintenance
Johnson Ave. Improvements	District	Polk County	District Bonds	Polk County
Baker Dairy Rd. Improvements	District	Polk County	District Bonds	Polk County
Proposed Bice Grove Rd. Extension Improvements	District	City of Haines City	District Bonds	City of Haines City
Stormwater Facilities	District	District	District Bonds	District
Lift Stations/Water/Sewer	District	City of Haines City	District Bonds	City of Haines City
Street Lighting/Conduit	District	**District	District Bonds	**District
Onsite Road Construction	District	District	District Bonds	District
Entry Feature & Signage	District	District	District Bonds	District
Parks and Recreational Facilities	District	District	District Bonds	District

<sup>\*</sup>Costs not funded by bonds will be funded by the developer.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Street lighting/conduit shall be owned and maintained by the District or the District shall enter into a lease with Duke Energy.

#### **EXHIBIT 9 – Overall Site Plan**



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**EXHIBIT 9 OVERALL SITE PLAN** 

## EXHIBIT B

# MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

**FOR** 

## CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Date: December 11, 2019

Prepared by

Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC 219 E. Livingston St. Orlando, FL 32801

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Development District as a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker nor is GMS-CF, LLC registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, GMS-CF, LLC does not provide the Cypress Park Estates Community Development District with financial advisory services or offer investment advice in any form.

## 1.0 Introduction

The Cypness Park Estates Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes as amended. The District anticipates the issuance at this time of not to exceed \$29,000,000 of tax exempt bonds in one or more series (the "Bonds") for the purpose of financing certain infrastructure improvements ("Capital Improvement Plan") within the District more specifically described in the Engineer's Report dated November 2019 prepared by Gadd & Associates, LLC, as may be amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Engineer's Report"). The District anticipates the construction of all or a portion of the improvements contained in the Capital Improvement Plan ("Capital Improvements") that benefit property owners within the District.

## 1.1 Purpose

This Master Assessment Methodology (the "Assessment Report") provides for an assessment methodology that allocates the debt to be incurred by the District to benefiting properties within the District. This Assessment Report allocates the debt to properties based on the special benefits each receives from the Capital Improvements. This Assessment Report will be supplemented with one or more supplemental methodology reports to reflect the actual terms and conditions at the time of the issuance of each series of Bonds issued to finance all or a portion of the Capital Improvements. This Assessment Report is designed to conform to the requirements of Chapters 190 and 170, Florida Statutes with respect to special assessments and is consistent with our understanding of case law on this subject.

The District intends to impose non ad valorem special assessments ("Special Assessments") on the benefited lands within the District based on this Assessment Report to secure repayment of the Bonds. It is anticipated that all of the proposed Special Assessments will be collected through the Uniform Method of Collection described in Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes or any other legal means available to the District. It is not the intent of this Assessment Report to address any other assessments, if applicable, that may be levied by the District, a homeowner's association, or any other unit of government.

## 1.2 Background

The District currently includes approximately 155.5 acres within Polk County, Florida. The development program for the District currently envisions approximately 703 residential units. The proposed development program is depicted in Table 1. It is recognized that such development plan may change, and this Assessment Report will be modified or supplemented accordingly.

The Capital Improvements contemplated by the District in the Capital Improvement Plan will provide infrastructure measurery to support development of the property within the District. Specifically, the District will construct and/or acquire certain offsite improvements, stormwater management facilities, utility facilities, roadways, entry

features, and park and amenity features. The acquisition and construction costs are summarized in Table 2.

The assessment methodology is a four-step process.

- 1. The District Engineer must first determine the public infrastructure improvements that may be provided by the District and the costs to implement the Capital Improvements.
- 2. The District Engineer determines the assessable acres that benefit from the District's Capital Improvements.
- 3. A calculation is made to determine the funding amounts necessary to acquire and/or construct the Capital Improvements.
- 4. This amount is initially divided equally among the benefited properties on a prorated assessable acreage basis. Ultimately, as land is platted, this amount will be assigned to each of the benefited properties based on the number and type of platted units.

## 1.3 Special Benefits and General Benefits

Capital Improvements undertaken by the District create special and peculiar benefits to the property, different in kind and degree, for properties within its borders as well as general benefits to the public at large. However, as discussed within this Assessment Report, these general benefits are incidental in nature and are readily distinguishable from the special and peculiar benefits, which accrue to property within the District. The implementation of the Capital Improvement Plan enables properties within the boundaries of the District to be developed. Without the District's Capital Improvement Plan, there would be no infrastructure to support development of land within the District. Without these improvements, development of the property within the District would be prohibited by law.

The general public and property owners outside of the District may benefit from the provision of the Capital Improvements. However, any such benefit will be incidental for the purpose of the Capital Improvement Plan, which is designed specifically to meet the needs of property within the District. Properties outside of the District boundaries do not depend upon the District's Capital Improvements. The property owners within the District are therefore receiving special benefits not received by the general public and those outside the District's boundaries.

## 1.4 Requirements of a Valid Assessment Methodology

There are two requirements under Florida law for a valid special assessment:

 The properties must receive a special benefit from the Capital Improvements being paid for. 2) The assessments must be fairly and reasonably allocated or apportioned to the properties being assessed based on the special benefit such properties receive.

Florida law provides for a wide application of special assessments that meet these two characteristics of special assessments.

## 1.5 Special Benefits Will Equal or Exceed the Costs Allocated

The special benefits provided to the property within the District will be equal to or greater than the costs associated with providing these benefits. The District Engineer estimates that the District's Capital Improvement Plan that is necessary to support full development of property within the District will cost approximately \$22,504,000. The District's Underwriter projects that financing costs required to fund the Capital Improvement Plan costs, the cost of issuance of the Bonds, the funding of a debt service reserve account and capitalized interest, will be approximately \$29,000,000. Without the Capital Improvement Plan, the property within the District would not be able to be developed and occupied by future residents of the community.

## 2.0 Assessment Methodology

### 2.1 Overview

The District anticipates issuing approximately \$29,000,000 in Bonds in one or more series to fund the District's entire Capital Improvement Plan, provide for capitalized interest, a debt service reserve account and pay cost of issuance. It is the purpose of this Assessment Report to allocate the \$29,000,000 in debt to the properties within the District benefiting from the Capital Improvement Plan. This report will be supplemented to reflect actual bond terms at the time of issuance.

Table 1 identifies the land uses and lot sizes in the development as identified by the Developer within the District. The District has commissioned an Engineer's Report that includes estimated construction costs for the Capital Improvements needed to support the development; these construction costs are outlined in Table 2. The Capital Improvements needed to support the development are described in detail in the Engineer's Report and are estimated to cost \$22,504,000. Based on the estimated costs, the size of the Bond issue under current market conditions needed to generate funds to pay for the Capital Improvements and related costs was determined by the District's Underwriter to total approximately \$29,000,000. Table 3 shows the breakdown of the Bond sizing.

### 2.2 Allocation of Debt

Allocation of debt is a continuous process until the development plan for the District is completed. Until the platting process occurs, the Capital Improvements funded by District Bonds benefits all acres within the District.

The initial assessments will be levied on an equal basis to all gross acreage within the District. A fair and reasonable methodology allocates the debt incurred by the District proportionately to the properties receiving the special benefits. At this point all of the lands within the District are benefiting from the Capital Improvements.

Once platting or the recording of a declaration of condominium of any portion of the District into individual lots or units ("Assigned Properties") has begun, the Special Assessments will be levied to the Assigned Properties based on the benefits they receive, on a first platted, first assigned basis. The "Unassigned Properties" defined as property that has not been platted or subjected to a declaration of condominium, will continue to be assessed on a per acre basis. Eventually the development plan will be completed and the debt relating to the Bonds will be allocated to the assigned properties within the District, which are the beneficiaries of the Capital Improvement Plan, as depicted in Table 5 and Table 6. If there are changes to development plan, a true up of the assessment will be calculated to determine if a debt reduction or true-up payment from the Developer is required. The process is outlined in Section 3.0.

The assignment of debt in this Assessment Report sets forth the process by which debt is apportioned. As mentioned herein, this Assessment Report will be supplemented from time to time.

### 2.3 Allocation of Benefit

The Capital Improvement Plan consists of offsite improvements, stormwater management facilities, utility facilities, roadways, entry features, and park and amenity features and professional fees along with related incidental costs. There is currently one product types within the planned development. The single-family home has been set as the base unit and has been assigned one equivalent residential unit ("ERU"). Table 4 shows the allocation of benefit to the particular product type. It is important to note that the benefit derived from the Capital Improvements on a particular unit will exceed the assessments allocated to that unit to repay the costs for the improvements providing such benefits.

### 2.4 Lienability Test: Special and Peculiar Benefit to the Property

Construction and/or acquisition by the District of its proposed Capital Improvements will provide several types of infrastructure systems, facilities and services for its

residents. These include offsite improvements, stormwater management facilities, utility facilities, roadways, entry features, and park and amenity features. The benefit from the Capital Improvements accrue in differing amounts and are somewhat dependent on the product type receiving the special benefits peculiar to that property type, which flow from the logical relationship of the Capital Improvements to the assigned properties.

Once these determinations are made, they are reviewed in the light of the special benefits peculiar to the property, which flow to the properties as a result of their logical connection from the Capital Improvements actually provided.

For the provision of the Capital Improvement Plan, the special and peculiar benefits are:

- 1) the added use of the property,
- 2) added enjoyment of the property, and
- 3) the increased marketability and value of the property.

These special and peculiar benefits are real and ascertainable but are not yet capable of being calculated as to value with mathematical certainty. However, each is more valuable than either the cost of, or the actual Special Assessment levied for the Capital Improvement as allocated.

## 2.5 Lienability Test: Reasonable and Fair Apportionment of the Duty to Pay Non-Ad Valorem Assessments

A reasonable estimate of the proportion of special and peculiar benefits received from the public improvements described in the Capital Improvement Plan is delineated in Table 5 (expressed as Allocation of Par Debt per Product Type). This is also shown on Table 7 depicting Allocation of Par Debt per Product Type.

The determination has been made that the duty to pay the non-ad valorem special assessments is fairly and reasonably apportioned because the special and peculiar benefits to the property derived from the acquisition and/or construction of Capital Improvement Plan have been apportioned to the property within the District according to reasonable estimates of the special and peculiar benefits provided consistent with the product type of assignable properties.

Accordingly, no acre or parcel of property within the boundaries of the District will have a lien for the payment of any Special Assessment more than the determined special benefit particular to that property and therefore, the debt allocation will not be increased more than the debt allocation set forth in this Assessment Report.

In accordance with the benefit allocation suggested for the product types in Table 4, a total debt per unit and an annual assessment per unit have been calculated for each product type (Table 6). These amounts represent the preliminary articipated per unit debt allocation assuming all anticipated assigned properties are built and sold as planned, and the entire proposed Capital Improvement Plam is constructed.

## 3.0 True Up Mechanism

Although the District does not process plats, declaration of condominiums, site plans or revisions thereto, it does have an important role to play during the course of platting and site planning. Whenever a plat, declaration of condominium or site plan is approved, the District must allocate a portion of its debt to the property according to this Assessment Report outlined herein ("Assigned Property"). In addition, the District must also prevent any buildup of debt on property or land that could be fully conveyed and/or platted without all of the debt being allocated ("Unassigned Property"). To preclude this, when platting for 25%, 50%, 75% and 100% of the units planned for platting has occurred within the District, the District will determine the amount of anticipated Bond Special Assessment revenue that remains on the Unassigned Properties, taking into account the full development plan of the District. If the total anticipated Bond Special Assessment revenue to be generated from the Assigned and Unassigned Properties is greater than or equal to the maximum annual debt service then no debt reduction or true-up payment is required. In the case that the revenue generated is less then the required amount then a debt reduction or trueup payment by the landowner in the amount necessary to reduce the par amount of the outstanding Bonds plus accrued interest to a level that will be supported by the new net annual debt service assessments will be required.

If a true-up payment is made less than 45 days prior to an interest payment date, the amount of accrued interest will be calculated to the next succeeding interest payment date.

#### 4.0 Assessment Roll

The District will initially distribute the Special Assessments across the property within the District boundaries on a gross acreage basis. As Assigned Properties become known with certainty, the District will refine its allocation of debt from a per acre basis to a per unit basis as shown in Table 6. If the land use plan or product type changes, then the District will update Table 6 to reflect the changes as part of the foregoing true-up process. As a result, the assessment liens are not finalized with certainty on any acre of land in the District prior to the time final Assigned Properties become known. The preliminary assessment roll is attached as Table 7.

TABLE 1 SYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SEVELOPMENT PROGRAM MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Land Use/Product Type*	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Total Assessible Units	ERRULES poeer Writt ((11))	Trotal ERUs
Single Family	350	182	171	703	11.000	703
Total Units				703		703

<sup>(1)</sup> Benefit is allocated on an ERU basis; based on density of planned development, with Single Family = 1 ERU

<sup>\*</sup> Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

TABLE 2
CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COST ESTIMATES

MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Capital Improvement Plan (("CIP")) (11)	PHINTES	æ1	Phas	æ2			ઉ	st Estimate
Offsite Improvements Stormwater Management Utilities (Water, Sewer, & Street Lighting) Roadway Entry Feature Parks and Amenities Contingencies	*****	1,4770,000 3,220,000 2,975,000 1,505,000 1,015,000 1,050,000 875,000	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$	136,000 1,583,000 1,674,000 846,000 287,000 227,000 391,000	<i>ቀን ቀን ቀን ቀን ቀን ቀን</i>	127,000 1,663,000 1,693,000 874,000 273,000 237,000 383,000	ᡧᢧᡤᢧᡇᢧᡇᢧᡇᢧᡇᢧᡇ	1,733,000 6,466,000 6,342,000 3,225,000 1,575,000 1,514,000 1,649,000
	\$	12,110,000	\$	5,144,000	\$	5,250,000	\$	22,504,988

(1) A detailed description of these improvements is provided in the Engineer's Report dated November 2019.

**Pescription** 

Construction Funds

Capitalized Interest

Debt Service Reserve

TABLE3 CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELORMENT DISTRICT BOND SIZING MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

	Tr.	4) 104)000
Underwriters Discount	\$	220,000
Eost of Issuance	\$	530,000
Contingency	\$	109,182
Par Amount*	\$	29,000,000
Band Assumptions:		
Interest Rate		6.00%
Amertization		30 years
Capitalized Interest		24 months
Bebt Service Reserve		Max Annual
Underwriters Discount		2%

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222,5004,0000

2,106,818

3,480,000

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<sup>\*</sup> Par amount is subject to change based on the actual terms at the sale of the bonds

TABLE 4
CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
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MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

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<sup>\*</sup> Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

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<sup>\*</sup> Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

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Totals .	<del>7</del> 03	ş	29,000,000		\$ 2,106,848				

<sup>(1)</sup> This amount includes 7% collection fees and early payment discounts when collected on the Polk Country Tax Bill utilizing the Uniform met

<sup>\*</sup> Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

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Wheeler Farms, Inc. Crooked & Ranch, Inc.	<del>2727236</del> 06060623661 <del>2727</del> 24666669644626	13808 19.18	\$11 <b>84,408</b> \$1 <b>184,408</b>	\$ 225,463,055 3,536,945	99-99	4,844,863 256,355	90.00	1,389,100 276,296
Totals		157.26		\$ 29,000,000	Ş	2,106,818	\$	2,265,396

(1) This amount includes 7% to cover collection fees and early payment discounts when collected on the Polk County Tax Bill utilizing the uniform method:

Annual Assessment Periods	30
Projected Bond Rate (%) Maximum Annual Pent Service	6.00%
Maximum Angual Bebt Service	\$2,106,818

\* - See Legal Description attached as Exhibit A

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## SECTION 4

This Instrument Prepared by and return to:

Roy Van Wyk, Esq. HOPPING GREEN & SAMS P.A. Post Office Box 6526 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

## CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND GOVERNMENT LIEN OF RECORD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the Cypress Park Estates Community Development District (the "District"), a special-purpose local government established under and pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, enjoys a governmental lien on certain lands contained within the real property known as the Cypress Park Estates Community Development District, and described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Property"). Such lien is coequal with the lien of all state, county, district and municipal taxes, superior in dignity to all other liens, titles and claims until paid pursuant to Section 170.09 of the Florida Statutes. The District has adopted Resolution Numbers 2020-24 and 2020-28 (the "Assessment Resolutions"), which provide for, levy, and set forth the terms of the non-ad valorem special assessments on the Property (the "Cypress Park Estates Master Assessments"), which is specifically benefitted by the improvements anticipated to be financed with the proceeds of the District's Special Assessment Bonds, or other indebtedness (collectively, the "Bonds"). As provided in the Assessment Resolutions, these non-ad valorem assessments do not apply to governmental properties dedicated by plats, deeds or otherwise, including rights of way.

The non-ad valorem special assessments provided for in the Assessment Resolutions were legally and validly determined and levied in accordance with all applicable requirements of Florida law, and these non-ad valorem special assessments constitute, and will at all relevant times in the future constitute, legal, valid, and binding first liens on the land against which assessed until paid, coequal with the liens of all state, county, district, and municipal taxes, and superior in dignity to all other liens, titles, and claims.

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The District may collect assessments on any of the lands described in the attached **Exhibit A** by any method authorized by law, which method may change from year to year.

The District is a special-purpose form of local government established pursuant to and governed by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to Section 190.048, Florida Statutes, you are hereby notified that: THE CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAY IMPOSE AND LEVY TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS, OR BOTH TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, ON THIS PROPERTY. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PAY THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE DISTRICT AND ARE SET ANNUALLY BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS ARE IN ADDITION TO COUNTY AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AND ALL OTHER TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PROVIDED FOR BY LAW. The District's lien secures the payment of special assessments levied in accordance with Florida Statutes, which special assessments in turn secure the payment of the Bonds. Copies of the *Master Assessment Methodology*, dated December 11, 2019, and Assessment Resolutions may be obtained from the registered agent of the District as designated by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity in accordance with Section 189.014, Florida Statutes, or by contacting the District at:

Cypress Park Estates Community Development District c/o Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC 219 East Livingston Street Orlando, Florida 32801 (407) 841-5524

THE LIEN FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IS STATUTORY AND NO FILING IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PERFECT OR PROVIDE RECORD NOTICE THEREOF. THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES. IN ADDITION TO THE MINUTES, RECORDS AND OTHER MATERIAL OF THE DISTRICT AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT, THIS ALSO CONSTITUTES A LIEN OF RECORD FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 197.573 OF THE

## FLORIDA STATUTES AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAW.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Notice has been executed as of the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020, and recorded in the Official Records of Polk County, Florida.

	CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
	Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
Witness	Witness
Print Name	Print Name
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF	ad before me by means of $\Box$ mby sical massages on $\Box$ online
	ed before me by means of □ physical presence or □ online by, as Chairperson for the Cypress rict.
	(Official Notary Signature & Seal) Name: Personally Known
	OR Produced Identification
	Type of Identification

## Exhibit A

## **Legal Description of Cypress Park Estates Community Development District**

A portion of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Township 27 South, Range 27 East, Polk County, Florida, being described as follows:

Commence at the southwest corner of said Section 24; thence North 00°09'36" East along the west line of said Section 24, a distance of 40.00 feet to a point on the northerly right-of-way line of County Road S-580 (Johnson Avenue) per Florida Department of Transportation right-of-way map section number 16840-2601 and the Point of Beginning; thence North 89°45'02" East along the said northerly right-of-way line, 659.37 feet to the east line of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; thence departing the said northerly right-of-way line North 00°07'25" East along said east line of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, a distance of 1266.64 feet to the north line of said West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24; thence South 89°51'27" West along said north line of said West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, a distance of 658.56 feet to aforesaid west line said Section 24; thence South 00°09'36" West along said west line of Section 24, a distance of 1267.87 feet to the Point of Beginning.

A portion of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23 and the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24 all being in, Township 27 South, Range 27 East, Polk County, Florida, being described as follows:

Begin at the northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 23; thence South 90°00'00" East along the north line of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 23, a distance of 232.51 feet to the southerly maintained right-of-way line of Baker Dairy Road as shown in County Map Book 18, Pages 6-21; thence along the said southerly right-of-way line the following three (3) courses and distances: (1) South 88°42'12" East, 62.50 feet; (2) North 89°44'58" East, 303.66 feet; (3) North 88°15'07" East, 2.82 feet to said north line of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23; thence departing the said southerly right-of-way line South 90°00'00" East along said north line of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, a distance of 2057.58 feet to the northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; thence North 89°53'06" East along the north line of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24, a distance of 657.73 feet to the east line of said West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24; thence South 00°07'25" West along the said east line of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, a distance of 1307.55 feet to the northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; thence North 89°51'27" East along the north line of said East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, a distance of 658.56 feet to the east line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; thence South 00°05'15" West along the said east line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, a distance of 1265.40 feet to the northerly right-ofway line of County Road S-580 (Johnson Avenue) per Florida Department of Transportation right-of-way map section number 16840-2601; thence South 89°45'02" West along the said northerly right-of-way line, 659.37 feet to the west line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; thence North 00°07'25" East along the said west line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, a distance of 1266.64 feet to the said northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; thence South 89°51'27" West along the north line of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; a distance of 658.56 feet to the west line said Section 24; thence South 00°09'36" West along said west line of Section 24, a distance of 1267.87 feet said northerly right-of-way line; thence along said northerly right-of-way line South 89°45'43" West, 662.57 feet to the west line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 23; thence North 00°06'39" East along the said west line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, a distance of 1269.23 feet to the south line of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 23; thence South 89°52'49" West along the said south line of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, a distance of 1990.94 feet to the west line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 23; thence North 00°02'08" West along the said west line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, a distance of 1313.42 feet to the Point of Beginning.

# SECTION B

## SECTION 1

### **RESOLUTION 2020-29**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS,** Cypress Park Estates Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Haines City, Florida; and

**WHEREAS,** Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt rules to govern the administration of the District and to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to maintain compliance with recent changes to Florida law, the Board of Supervisors finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution the Rules of Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit A for immediate use and application; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has complied with applicable Florida law concerning rule development and adoption.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

**SECTION 1.** The attached Rules of Procedure are hereby adopted pursuant to this resolution as necessary for the conduct of District business. These Rules of Procedure replace all prior versions of the Rules of Procedure, and shall stay in full force and effect until such time as the Board of Supervisors may amend these rules in accordance with Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.

**SECTION 2.** If any provision of this resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3.** This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

ATTEST:		CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Secretary		Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
Exhibit A:	Rules of Procedure	

## **EXHIBIT A:**

RULES OF PROCEDURE

## RULES OF PROCEDURE CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

## **EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 28, 2020**

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### Rule 1.0 General.

- (1) The Cypress Park Estates Community Development District (the "District") was created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, and was established to provide for the ownership, operation, maintenance, and provision of various capital facilities and services within its jurisdiction. The purpose of these rules (the "Rules") is to describe the general operations of the District.
- (2) Definitions located within any section of these Rules shall be applicable within all other sections, unless specifically stated to the contrary.
- (3) Unless specifically permitted by a written agreement with the District, the District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours.
- (4) A Rule of the District shall be effective upon adoption by affirmative vote of the District Board. After a Rule becomes effective, it may be repealed or amended only through the rulemaking procedures specified in these Rules. Notwithstanding, the District may immediately suspend the application of a Rule if the District determines that the Rule conflicts with Florida law. In the event that a Rule conflicts with Florida law and its application has not been suspended by the District, such Rule should be interpreted in the manner that best effectuates the intent of the Rule while also complying with Florida law. If the intent of the Rule absolutely cannot be effectuated while complying with Florida law, the Rule shall be automatically suspended.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

## Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

- (1) <u>Board of Supervisors.</u> The Board of Supervisors of the District (the "Board") shall consist of five (5) members. Members of the Board ("Supervisors") appointed by ordinance or rule or elected by landowners must be citizens of the United States of America and residents of the State of Florida. Supervisors elected or appointed by the Board to elector seats must be citizens of the United States of America, residents of the State of Florida and of the District and registered to vote with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which the District is located and for those elected, shall also be qualified to run by the Supervisor of Elections. The Board shall exercise the powers granted to the District under Florida law.
  - (a) Supervisors shall hold office for the term specified by Section 190.006 of the Florida Statutes. If, during the term of office, any Board member(s) vacates their office, the remaining member(s) of the Board shall fill the vacancies by appointment for the remainder of the term(s). If three or more vacancies exist at the same time, a quorum, as defined herein, shall not be required to appoint replacement Board members.
  - (b) Three (3) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting business, exercising powers and all other purposes. A Board member shall be counted toward the quorum if physically present at the meeting, regardless of whether such Board member is prohibited from, or abstains from, participating in discussion or voting on a particular item.
  - (c) Action taken by the Board shall be upon a majority vote of the members present, unless otherwise provided in the Rules or required by law. Subject to Rule 1.3(10), a Board member participating in the Board meeting by teleconference or videoconference shall be entitled to vote and take all other action as though physically present.
  - (d) Unless otherwise provided for by an act of the Board, any one Board member may attend a mediation session on behalf of the Board. Any agreement resulting from such mediation session must be approved pursuant to subsection (1)(c) of this Rule.
- (2) Officers. At the first Board meeting held after each election where the newly elected members take office, the Board shall select a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer.
  - (a) The Chairperson must be a member of the Board. If the Chairperson resigns from that office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Chairperson. The Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Chairperson shall be authorized to execute resolutions and contracts on the District's behalf. The Chairperson shall convene and conduct all meetings of the Board. In the event the Chairperson is unable

to attend a meeting, the Vice-Chairperson shall convene and conduct the meeting. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson may delegate the responsibility of conducting the meeting to the District's manager ("District Manager") or District Counsel, in whole or in part.

- (b) The Vice-Chairperson shall be a member of the Board and shall have such duties and responsibilities as specifically designated by the Board from time to time. The Vice-Chairperson has the authority to execute resolutions and contracts on the District's behalf in the absence of the Chairperson. If the Vice-Chairperson resigns from office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board.
- (c) The Secretary of the Board serves at the pleasure of the Board and need not be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the minutes of Board meetings and may have other duties assigned by the Board from time to time. An employee of the District Manager may serve as Secretary. The Secretary shall be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.
- (d) The Treasurer need not be a member of the Board but must be a resident of the State of Florida. The Treasurer shall perform duties described in Section 190.007(2) and (3) of the Florida Statutes, as well as those assigned by the Board from time to time. The Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Treasurer shall either be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.
- (e) In the event that both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent from a Board meeting and a quorum is present, the Board may designate one of its members or a member of District staff to convene and conduct the meeting. In such circumstances, any of the Board members present are authorized to execute agreements, resolutions, and other documents approved by the Board at such meeting. In the event that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are both unavailable to execute a document previously approved by the Board, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may execute such document.

- (f) The Board may assign additional duties to District officers from time to time, which include, but are not limited to, executing documents on behalf of the District.
- (g) The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and any other person authorized by District Resolution may sign checks and warrants for the District, countersigned by the Treasurer or other persons authorized by the Board.
- (3) <u>Committees.</u> The Board may establish committees of the Board, either on a permanent or temporary basis, to perform specifically designated functions. Committees may include individuals who are not members of the Board. Such functions may include, but are not limited to, review of bids, proposals, and qualifications, contract negotiations, personnel matters, and budget preparation.
- (4) Record Book. The Board shall keep a permanent record book entitled "Record of Proceedings," in which shall be recorded minutes of all meetings, resolutions, proceedings, certificates, and corporate acts. The Records of Proceedings shall be located at a District office and shall be available for inspection by the public.
- (5) <u>Meetings.</u> For each fiscal year, the Board shall establish a schedule of regular meetings, which shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located and filed with the local general-purpose governments within whose boundaries the District is located. All meetings of the Board and Committees serving an advisory function shall be open to the public in accord with the provisions of Chapter 286 of the Florida Statutes.
- (6) Voting Conflict of Interest. The Board shall comply with Section 112.3143 of the Florida Statutes, so as to ensure the proper disclosure of conflicts of interest on matters coming before the Board for a vote. For the purposes of this section, "voting conflict of interest" shall be governed by the Florida Constitution and Chapters 112 and 190 of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. Generally, a voting conflict exists when a Board member is called upon to vote on an item which would inure to the Board member's special private gain or loss or the Board member knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of a principal by whom the Board member is retained, the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal, a business associate, or a relative including only a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.
  - (a) When a Board member knows the member has a conflict of interest on a matter coming before the Board, the member should notify the Board's Secretary prior to participating in any discussion with the Board on the matter. The member shall publicly announce the conflict of interest at the meeting. This announcement shall appear in the minutes.

If the Board member was elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, the Board member may vote or abstain from voting on the matter at issue. If the Board member was elected by electors residing within the District, the Board member is prohibited from voting on the matter at issue. In the event that the Board member intends to abstain or is prohibited from voting, such Board member shall not participate in the discussion on the item subject to the vote.

The Board's Secretary shall prepare a Memorandum of Voting Conflict (Form 8B) which shall then be signed by the Board member, filed with the Board's Secretary, and provided for attachment to the minutes of the meeting within fifteen (15) days of the meeting.

- (b) If a Board member inadvertently votes on a matter and later learns he or she has a conflict on the matter, the member shall immediately notify the Board's Secretary. Within fifteen (15) days of the notification, the member shall file the appropriate Memorandum of Voting Conflict, which will be attached to the minutes of the Board meeting during which the vote on the matter occurred. The Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall immediately be provided to other Board members and shall be read publicly at the next meeting held subsequent to the filing of the Memorandum of Voting Conflict. The Board member's vote is unaffected by this filing.
- (c) It is not a conflict of interest for a Board member, the District Manager, or an employee of the District to be a stockholder, officer or employee of a landowner or of an entity affiliated with a landowner.
- (d) In the event that a Board member elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, has a continuing conflict of interest, such Board member is permitted to file a Memorandum of Voting Conflict at any time in which it shall state the nature of the continuing conflict. Only one such continuing Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall be required to be filed for each term the Board member is in office.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: §§ 112.3143, 190.006, 190.007, Fla. Stat.

## Rule 1.2 District Offices; Public Information and Inspection of Records; Policies; Service Contract Requirements; Financial Disclosure Coordination.

- (1) <u>District Offices.</u> Unless otherwise designated by the Board, the official District office shall be the District Manager's office identified by the District Manager. If the District Manager's office is not located within the county in which the District is located, the Board shall designate a local records office within such county which shall at a minimum contain, but not be limited to, the following documents:
  - (a) Agenda packages for prior 24 months and next meeting;
  - (b) Official minutes of meetings, including adopted resolutions of the Board;
  - (c) Names and addresses of current Board members and District Manager, unless such addresses are protected from disclosure by law;
  - (d) Adopted engineer's reports;
  - (e) Adopted assessment methodologies/reports;
  - (f) Adopted disclosure of public financing;
  - (g) Limited Offering Memorandum for each financing undertaken by the District;
  - (h) Proceedings, certificates, bonds given by all employees, and any and all corporate acts;
  - (i) District policies and rules;
  - (j) Fiscal year end audits; and
  - (k) Adopted budget for the current fiscal year.

The District Manager shall ensure that each District records office contains the documents required by Florida law.

(2) Public Records. District public records include all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received in connection with the transaction of official business of the District. All District public records not otherwise restricted by law may be copied or inspected at the District Manager's office during regular business hours. Certain District records can also be inspected and copied at the District's local records office during regular business hours. All written public records requests shall be directed to the Secretary who by these rules is appointed

as the District's records custodian. Regardless of the form of the request, any Board member or staff member who receives a public records request shall immediately forward or communicate such request to the Secretary for coordination of a prompt response. The Secretary, after consulting with District Counsel as to the applicability of any exceptions under the public records laws, shall be responsible for responding to the public records request. At no time can the District be required to create records or summaries of records, or prepare opinions regarding District policies, in response to a public records request.

- (3) <u>Service Contracts.</u> Any contract for services, regardless of cost, shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws. The District Manager shall be responsible for initially enforcing all contract provisions related to a contractor's duty to comply with public records laws.
- (4) Fees; Copies. Copies of public records shall be made available to the requesting person at a charge of \$0.15 per page for one-sided copies and \$0.20 per page for two-sided copies if not more than 8 ½ by 14 inches. For copies of public records in excess of the sizes listed in this section and for outside duplication services, the charge shall be equal to the actual cost of reproduction. Certified copies of public records shall be made available at a charge of one dollar (\$1.00) per page. If the nature or volume of records requested requires extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance, the District may charge, in addition to the duplication charge, a special service charge that is based on the cost the District incurs to produce the records requested. This charge may include, but is not limited to, the cost of information technology resource, employee labor, and fees charged to the District by consultants employed in fulfilling the request. In cases where the special service charge is based in whole or in part on the costs incurred by the District due to employee labor, consultant fees, or other forms of labor, those portions of the charge shall be calculated based on the lowest labor cost of the individual(s) who is/are qualified to perform the labor, taking into account the nature or volume of the public records to be inspected or copied. The charge may include the labor costs of supervisory and/or clerical staff whose assistance is required to complete the records request, in accordance with Florida law. For purposes of this Rule, the word "extensive" shall mean that it will take more than 15 minutes to locate, review for confidential information, copy and re-file the requested material. In cases where extensive personnel time is determined by the District to be necessary to safeguard original records being inspected, the special service charge provided for in this section shall apply. If the total fees, including but not limited to special service charges, are anticipated to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), then, prior to commencing work on the request, the District will inform the person making the public records request of the estimated cost, with the understanding that the final cost may vary from that estimate. If the person making the public records request decides to proceed with the request, payment of the estimated cost is required in advance. Should the person fail to pay the estimate, the District is under no duty to produce

the requested records. After the request has been fulfilled, additional payments or credits may be due. The District is under no duty to produce records in response to future records requests if the person making the request owes the District for past unpaid duplication charges, special service charges, or other required payments or credits.

- (5) <u>Records Retention.</u> The Secretary of the District shall be responsible for retaining the District's records in accordance with applicable Florida law.
- (6) <u>Policies.</u> The Board may adopt policies related to the conduct of its business and the provision of services either by resolution or motion.
- Financial Disclosure Coordination. Unless specifically designated by Board (7) resolution otherwise, the Secretary shall serve as the Financial Disclosure Coordinator ("Coordinator") for the District as required by the Florida Commission on Ethics ("Commission"). The Coordinator shall create, maintain and update a list of the names, e-mail addresses, physical addresses, and names of the agency of, and the office or position held by, all Supervisors and other persons required by Florida law to file a statement of financial interest due to his or her affiliation with the District ("Reporting Individual"). The Coordinator shall provide this list to the Commission by February 1 of each year, which list shall be current as of December 31 of the prior year. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Coordinator in writing if there are any changes to such person's name, e-mail address, or physical address. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Commission in the manner prescribed by the Commission if there are any changes to such person's email address.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 112.31446(3), 112.3145(8)(a)1., 119.07, 119.0701, 190.006, Fla. Stat.

## **Rule 1.3** Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days, but no more than thirty (30) days public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. "General circulation" means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
  - (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
  - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
  - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
  - (d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at (\_\_)

    \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
  - (e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

- (f) The following or substantially similar language: "The meeting [or hearing or workshop] may be continued in progress without additional notice to a time, date, and location stated on the record."
- (2) <u>Mistake.</u> In the event that a meeting is held under the incorrect assumption that notice required by law and these Rules has been given, the Board at its next properly noticed meeting shall cure such defect by considering the agenda items from the prior meeting individually and anew.
- (3) Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of District Counsel and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, shall prepare an agenda of meeting/hearing/workshop. The agenda and any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding any confidential and any confidential and exempt information, shall be available to the public at least seven days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. Meeting materials shall be defined as, and limited to, the agenda, meeting minutes, resolutions, and agreements of the District that District staff deems necessary for Board approval. Inclusion of additional materials for Board consideration other than those defined herein as "meeting materials" shall not convert such materials into "meeting materials." For good cause, the agenda may be changed after it is first made available for distribution, and additional materials may be added or provided under separate cover at the meeting. The requirement of good cause shall be liberally construed to allow the District to efficiently conduct business and to avoid the expenses associated with special meetings.

The District may, but is not required to, use the following format in preparing its agenda for its regular meetings:

Call to order
Roll call
Public comment
Organizational matters
Review of minutes
Specific items of old business
Specific items of new business
Staff reports

- (a) District Counsel
- (b) District Engineer
- (c) District Manager
  - 1. Financial Report
  - 2. Approval of Expenditures

Supervisor's requests and comments
Public comment
Adjournment

- (4) <u>Minutes.</u> The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and keeping the minutes of each meeting of the Board. Minutes shall be corrected and approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting. The Secretary may work with other staff members in preparing draft minutes for the Board's consideration.
- (5) <u>Special Requests.</u> Persons wishing to receive, by mail, notices or agendas of meetings, may so advise the District Manager or Secretary at the District Office. Such persons shall furnish a mailing address in writing and shall be required to pre-pay the cost of the copying and postage.
- (6) Emergency Meetings. The Chairperson, or Vice-Chairperson if the Chairperson is unavailable, upon consultation with the District Manager and District Counsel, if available, may convene an emergency meeting of the Board without first having complied with sections (1) and (3) of this Rule, to act on emergency matters that may affect the public health, safety, or welfare. Whenever possible, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to provide public notice and notify all Board members of an emergency meeting twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Reasonable efforts may include telephone notification. Notice of the emergency meeting must be provided both before and after the meeting on the District's website, if it has one. Whenever an emergency meeting is called, the District Manager shall be responsible for notifying at least one newspaper of general circulation in the District. After an emergency meeting, the Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, the time, date and place of the emergency meeting, the reasons why an emergency meeting was necessary, and a description of the action taken. Actions taken at an emergency meeting may be ratified by the Board at a regularly noticed meeting subsequently held.
- (7) <u>Public Comment.</u> The Board shall set aside a reasonable amount of time at each meeting for public comment and members of the public shall be permitted to provide comment on any proposition before the Board. The portion of the meeting generally reserved for public comment shall be identified in the agenda. Policies governing public comment may be adopted by the Board in accordance with Florida law.
- (8) <u>Budget Hearing.</u> Notice of hearing on the annual budget(s) shall be in accord with Section 190.008 of the Florida Statutes. Once adopted in accord with Section 190.008 of the Florida Statutes, the annual budget(s) may be amended from time to time by action of the Board. Approval of invoices by the Board in excess of the funds allocated to a particular budgeted line item shall serve to amend the budgeted line item.
- (9) <u>Public Hearings.</u> Notice of required public hearings shall contain the information required by applicable Florida law and by these Rules applicable to meeting notices and shall be mailed and published as required by Florida law. The District Manager shall ensure that all such notices, whether mailed or published, contain the information required by Florida law and these Rules and are mailed and

- published as required by Florida law. Public hearings may be held during Board meetings when the agenda includes such public hearing.
- (10) Participation by Teleconference/Videoconference. District staff may participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Board members may also participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference if in the good judgment of the Board extraordinary circumstances exist; provided however, at least three Board members must be physically present at the meeting location to establish a quorum. Such extraordinary circumstances shall be presumed when a Board member participates by teleconference or videoconference, unless a majority of the Board members physically present determines that extraordinary circumstances do not exist.
- (11) <u>Board Authorization.</u> The District has not adopted Robert's Rules of Order. For each agenda item, there shall be discussion permitted among the Board members during the meeting. Unless such procedure is waived by the Board, approval or disapproval of resolutions and other proposed Board actions shall be in the form of a motion by one Board member, a second by another Board member, and an affirmative vote by the majority of the Board members present. Any Board member, including the Chairperson, can make or second a motion.
- (12) <u>Continuances.</u> Any meeting or public hearing of the Board may be continued without re-notice or re-advertising provided that:
  - (a) The Board identifies on the record at the original meeting a reasonable need for a continuance;
  - (b) The continuance is to a specified date, time, and location publicly announced at the original meeting; and
  - (c) The public notice for the original meeting states that the meeting may be continued to a date and time and states that the date, time, and location of any continuance shall be publicly announced at the original meeting and posted at the District Office immediately following the original meeting.
- (13) Attorney-Client Sessions. An Attorney-Client Session is permitted when the District's attorneys deem it necessary to meet in private with the Board to discuss pending litigation to which the District is a party before a court or administrative agency or as may be authorized by law. The District's attorney must request such session at a public meeting. Prior to holding the Attorney-Client Session, the District must give reasonable public notice of the time and date of the session and the names of the persons anticipated to attend the session. The session must commence at an open meeting in which the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson announces the commencement of the session, the estimated length of the session, and the names of the persons who will be attending the session. The discussion during the session is confined to settlement negotiations or strategy related to

litigation expenses or as may be authorized by law. Only the Board, the District's attorneys (including outside counsel), the District Manager, and the court reporter may attend an Attorney-Client Session. During the session, no votes may be taken and no final decisions concerning settlement can be made. Upon the conclusion of the session, the public meeting is reopened, and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson must announce that the session has concluded. The session must be transcribed by a court-reporter and the transcript of the session filed with the District Secretary within a reasonable time after the session. The transcript shall not be available for public inspection until after the conclusion of the litigation.

(14) Security and Firesafety Board Discussions. Portions of a meeting which relate to or would reveal a security or firesafety system plan or portion thereof made confidential and exempt by section 119.071(3)(a), Florida Statutes, are exempt from the public meeting requirements and other requirements of section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and section 24(b), Article 1 of the State Constitution. Should the Board wish to discuss such matters, members of the public shall be required to leave the meeting room during such discussion. Any records of the Board's discussion of such matters, including recordings or minutes, shall be maintained as confidential and exempt records in accordance with Florida law.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, Fla. Stat.

### Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

- (1) <u>Internal Controls.</u> The District shall establish and maintain internal controls designed to:
  - (a) Prevent and detect "fraud," "waste" and "abuse" as those terms are defined in section 11.45(1), Florida Statutes; and
  - (b) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; and
  - (c) Support economical and efficient operations; and
  - (d) Ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and
  - (e) Safeguard assets.
- (2) <u>Adoption.</u> The internal controls to prevent fraud, waste and abuse shall be adopted and amended by the District in the same manner as District policies.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: § 218.33(3), Fla. Stat.

### **Rule 2.0** Rulemaking Proceedings.

(1) Commencement of Proceedings. Proceedings held for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a District rule shall be conducted according to these Rules. Rulemaking proceedings shall be deemed to have been initiated upon publication of notice by the District. A "rule" is a District statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of the District ("Rule"). Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the District to consider or adopt rules unless required by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other monetary charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

## (2) <u>Notice of Rule Development.</u>

- (a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a Rule, the District shall provide notice of the development of a proposed rule by publication of a Notice of Rule Development in a newspaper of general circulation in the District before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by section (3) of this Rule. Consequently, the Notice of Rule Development shall be published at least twenty-nine (29) days prior to the public hearing on the proposed Rule. The Notice of Rule Development shall indicate the subject area to be addressed by rule development, provide a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule, cite the specific legal authority for the proposed rule, and include a statement of how a person may promptly obtain, without cost, a copy of any preliminary draft, if available.
- (b) All rules as drafted shall be consistent with Sections 120.54(1)(g) and 120.54(2)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

#### (3) Notice of Proceedings and Proposed Rules.

(a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, the District shall give notice of its intended action, setting forth a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action, a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted, and a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific. The notice shall include a summary of the District's statement of the estimated regulatory costs, if one has been prepared, based on the factors set forth in Section 120.541(2) of the Florida Statutes, and a statement that any person who wishes to provide the District with a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of the notice. The notice shall additionally include a statement that any affected person may request a public hearing

by submitting a written request within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice. Except when intended action is the repeal of a rule, the notice shall include a reference to both the date on which and the place where the Notice of Rule Development required by section (2) of this Rule appeared.

- (b) The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and each county in which the District is located not less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the intended action. The proposed rule shall be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of the publication of notice.
- (c) The notice shall be mailed to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least fourteen (14) days prior to such mailing, have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings. Any person may file a written request with the District Manager to receive notice by mail of District proceedings to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule. Such persons must furnish a mailing address and may be required to pay the cost of copying and mailing.
- (4) <u>Rule Development Workshops.</u> Whenever requested in writing by any affected person, the District must either conduct a rule development workshop prior to proposing rules for adoption or the Chairperson must explain in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The District may initiate a rule development workshop but is not required to do so.
- (5) Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking. All Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking proceedings must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner, the specific action requested, the specific reason for adoption, amendment, or repeal, the date submitted, the text of the proposed rule, and the facts showing that the petitioner is regulated by the District or has a substantial interest in the rulemaking. Not later than sixty (60) calendar days following the date of filing a petition, the Board shall initiate rulemaking proceedings or deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial. If the petition is directed to an existing policy that the District has not formally adopted as a rule, the District may, in its discretion, notice and hold a public hearing on the petition to consider the comments of the public directed to the policy, its scope and application, and to consider whether the public interest is served adequately by the application of the policy on a case-by-case basis, as contrasted with its formal adoption as a rule. However, this section shall not be construed as requiring the District to adopt a rule to replace a policy.
- (6) <u>Rulemaking Materials.</u> After the publication of the notice referenced in section (3) of this Rule, the Board shall make available for public inspection and shall provide, upon request and payment of the cost of copies, the following materials:

- (a) The text of the proposed rule, or any amendment or repeal of any existing rules;
- (b) A detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule;
- (c) A copy of the statement of estimated regulatory costs if required by Section 120.541 of the Florida Statutes; and
- (d) The published notice.
- **(7)** Hearing. The District may, or, upon the written request of any affected person received within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule, shall, provide a public hearing for the presentation of evidence, argument, and oral statements, within the reasonable conditions and limitations imposed by the District to avoid duplication, irrelevant comments, unnecessary delay, or disruption of the proceedings. The District shall publish notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the District either in the text of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule or in a separate publication at least seven (7) days before the scheduled public hearing. The notice shall specify the date, time, and location of the public hearing, and the name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing. Written statements may be submitted by any person prior to or at the public hearing. All timely submitted written statements shall be considered by the District and made part of the rulemaking record.
- (8) Emergency Rule Adoption. The Board may adopt an emergency rule if it finds that immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare exists which requires immediate action. Prior to the adoption of an emergency rule, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to notify a newspaper of general circulation in the District. Notice of emergency rules shall be published as soon as possible in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The District may use any procedure which is fair under the circumstances in the adoption of an emergency rule as long as it protects the public interest as determined by the District and otherwise complies with these provisions.
- (9) Negotiated Rulemaking. The District may use negotiated rulemaking in developing and adopting rules pursuant to Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, except that any notices required under Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located.
- (10) <u>Rulemaking Record.</u> In all rulemaking proceedings, the District shall compile and maintain a rulemaking record. The record shall include, if applicable:

- (a) The texts of the proposed rule and the adopted rule;
- (b) All notices given for a proposed rule;
- (c) Any statement of estimated regulatory costs for the rule;
- (d) A written summary of hearings, if any, on the proposed rule;
- (e) All written comments received by the District and responses to those written comments; and
- (f) All notices and findings pertaining to an emergency rule.

### (11) <u>Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.</u>

- (a) Any person substantially affected by a rule may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of the rule on the ground that the rule is an invalid exercise of the District's authority.
- (b) The petition seeking an administrative determination must state with particularity the provisions alleged to be invalid with sufficient explanation of the facts or grounds for the alleged invalidity and facts sufficient to show that the person challenging a rule is substantially affected by it.
- (c) The petition shall be filed with the District. Within 10 days after receiving the petition, the Chairperson shall, if the petition complies with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other person as a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within 30 days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn or a continuance is granted by agreement of the parties. The failure of the District to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements in this Rule shall be presumed to be material; however, the District may rebut this presumption by showing that the substantial interests of the petitioner and the fairness of the proceedings have not been impaired.
- (d) Within 30 days after the hearing, the hearing officer shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing.
- (e) Hearings held under this section shall be de novo in nature. The petitioner has a burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the existing rule is an invalid exercise of District authority as to the objections raised. The hearing officer may:
  - (i) Administer oaths and affirmations;

- (ii) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
- (iii) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;
- (iv) Enter orders; and
- (v) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.
- (f) The petitioner and the District shall be adverse parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- (12) <u>Variances and Waivers.</u> A "variance" means a decision by the District to grant a modification to all or part of the literal requirements of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. A "waiver" means a decision by the District not to apply all or part of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Variances and waivers from District rules may be granted subject to the following:
  - (a) Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person, and when application of the rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.
  - (b) A person who is subject to regulation by a District Rule may file a petition with the District, requesting a variance or waiver from the District's Rule. Each petition shall specify:
    - (i) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested;
    - (ii) The type of action requested;
    - (iii) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner; and
    - (iv) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.
  - (c) The District shall review the petition and may request only that information needed to clarify the petition or to answer new questions

raised by or directly related to the petition. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by Rule of the District, the District shall proceed, at the petitioner's written request, to process the petition.

- (d) The Board shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver and shall announce such disposition at a publicly held meeting of the Board, within ninety (90) days after receipt of the original petition, the last item of timely requested additional material, or the petitioner's written request to finish processing the petition. The District's statement granting or denying the petition shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the District's action.
- (13) Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges. All rates, fees, rentals, or other charges shall be subject to rulemaking proceedings. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.035, Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 190.011(5), 190.035(2), Fla. Stat.

### **Rule 3.0** Competitive Purchase.

- (1) <u>Purpose and Scope.</u> In order to comply with Sections 190.033(1) through (3), 287.055 and 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, the following provisions shall apply to the purchase of Professional Services, insurance, construction contracts, design-build services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) <u>Board Authorization.</u> Except in cases of an Emergency Purchase, a competitive purchase governed by these Rules shall only be undertaken after authorization by the Board.

#### (3) <u>Definitions.</u>

- (a) "Competitive Solicitation" means a formal, advertised procurement process, other than an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, or Invitation to Negotiate, approved by the Board to purchase commodities and/or services which affords vendors fair treatment in the competition for award of a District purchase contract.
- (b) "Continuing Contract" means a contract for Professional Services entered into in accordance with Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, between the District and a firm, whereby the firm provides Professional Services to the District for projects in which the costs do not exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000), for a study activity when the fee for such Professional Services to the District does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), or for work of a specified nature as outlined in the contract with the District, with no time limitation except that the contract must provide a termination clause (for example, a contract for general District engineering services). Firms providing Professional Services under Continuing Contracts shall not be required to bid against one another.
- (c) "Contractual Service" means the rendering by a contractor of its time and effort rather than the furnishing of specific commodities. The term applies only to those services rendered by individuals and firms who are independent contractors. Contractual Services do not include auditing services, Maintenance Services, or Professional Services as defined in Section 287.055(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, and these Rules. Contractual Services also do not include any contract for the furnishing of labor or materials for the construction, renovation, repair, modification, or demolition of any facility, building, portion of building, utility, park, parking lot, or structure or other improvement to real property entered into pursuant to Chapter 255 of the Florida Statutes, and Rules 3.5 or 3.6.

- (d) "Design-Build Contract" means a single contract with a Design-Build Firm for the design and construction of a public construction project.
- (e) "Design-Build Firm" means a partnership, corporation or other legal entity that:
  - (i) Is certified under Section 489.119 of the Florida Statutes, to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or
  - (ii) Is certified under Section 471.023 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice engineering; certified under Section 481.219 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or certified under Section 481.319 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.
- "Design Criteria Package" means concise, performance-oriented drawings (f) or specifications for a public construction project. The purpose of the Design Criteria Package is to furnish sufficient information to permit Design-Build Firms to prepare a bid or a response to the District's Request for Proposals, or to permit the District to enter into a negotiated Design-Build Contract. The Design Criteria Package must specify performancebased criteria for the public construction project, including the legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements applicable to the project. Design Criteria Packages shall require firms to submit information regarding the qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms, including the partners and members thereof.
- (g) "Design Criteria Professional" means a firm who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481 of the Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471 of the Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who is employed by or under contract to the District to provide professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the Design Criteria Package.
- (h) "Emergency Purchase" means a purchase necessitated by a sudden unexpected turn of events (for example, acts of God, riot, fires, floods, hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds

that the delay incident to competitive purchase would be detrimental to the interests of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, instances where the time to competitively award the project will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an undue hardship on the public health, safety, or welfare.

- (i) "Invitation to Bid" is a written solicitation for sealed bids with the title, date, and hour of the public bid opening designated specifically and defining the commodity or service involved. It includes printed instructions prescribing conditions for bidding, qualification, evaluation criteria, and provides for a manual signature of an authorized representative. It may include one or more bid alternates.
- (j) "Invitation to Negotiate" means a written solicitation for competitive sealed replies to select one or more vendors with which to commence negotiations for the procurement of commodities or services.
- (k) "Negotiate" means to conduct legitimate, arm's length discussions and conferences to reach an agreement on a term or price.
- (l) "Professional Services" means those services within the scope of the practice of architecture, professional engineering, landscape architecture, or registered surveying and mapping, as defined by the laws of Florida, or those services performed by any architect, professional engineer, landscape architect, or registered surveyor and mapper, in connection with the firm's or individual's professional employment or practice.
- (m) "Proposal (or Reply or Response) Most Advantageous to the District" means, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, the proposal, reply, or response that is:
  - (i) Submitted by a person or firm capable and qualified in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, who has the integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance;
  - (ii) The most responsive to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation as determined by the Board; and
  - (iii) For a cost to the District deemed by the Board to be reasonable.
- (n) "Purchase" means acquisition by sale, rent, lease, lease/purchase, or installment sale. It does not include transfer, sale, or exchange of goods, supplies, or materials between the District and any federal, state, regional or local governmental entity or political subdivision of the State of Florida.

- (o) "Request for Proposals" or "RFP" is a written solicitation for sealed proposals with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated and requiring the manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, qualifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis, and evaluation criteria as necessary.
- (p) "Responsive and Responsible Bidder" means an entity or individual that has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. "Responsive and Responsible Vendor" means an entity or individual that has submitted a proposal, reply, or response that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an entity or individual is a Responsive and Responsible Bidder (or Vendor), the District may consider, in addition to factors described in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the following:
  - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by the entity/individual;
  - (ii) The past performance of the entity/individual for the District and in other professional employment;
  - (iii) The willingness of the entity/individual to meet time and budget requirements;
  - (iv) The geographic location of the entity's/individual's headquarters or office in relation to the project;
  - (v) The recent, current, and projected workloads of the entity/individual;
  - (vi) The volume of work previously awarded to the entity/individual;
  - (vii) Whether the cost components of the bid or proposal are appropriately balanced; and
  - (viii) Whether the entity/individual is a certified minority business enterprise.

(q) "Responsive Bid," "Responsive Proposal," "Responsive Reply," and "Responsive Response" all mean a bid, proposal, reply, or response which conforms in all material respects to the specifications and conditions in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation document and these Rules, and the cost components of which, if any, are appropriately balanced. A bid, proposal, reply or response is not responsive if the person or firm submitting it fails to meet any material requirement relating to the qualifications, financial stability, or licensing of the bidder.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

### **Rule 3.1** Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

- (1) Scope. The following procedures are adopted for the selection of firms or individuals to provide Professional Services exceeding the thresholds herein described, for the negotiation of such contracts, and to provide for protest of actions of the Board under this Rule. As used in this Rule, "Project" means that fixed capital outlay study or planning activity when basic construction cost is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FIVE, or for a planning study activity when the fee for Professional Services is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO, as such categories may be amended or adjusted from time to time.
- (2) <u>Qualifying Procedures.</u> In order to be eligible to provide Professional Services to the District, a consultant must, at the time of receipt of the firm's qualification submittal:
  - (a) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
  - (b) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
  - (c) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the consultant is a corporation; and
  - (d) Meet any qualification requirements set forth in the District's Request for Qualifications.

Evidence of compliance with this Rule may be submitted with the qualifications, if requested by the District. In addition, evidence of compliance must be submitted any time requested by the District.

(3) Public Announcement. Except in cases of valid public emergencies as certified by the Board, the District shall announce each occasion when Professional Services are required for a Project or a Continuing Contract by publishing a notice providing a general description of the Project, or the nature of the Continuing Contract, and the method for interested consultants to apply for consideration. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and in such other places as the District deems appropriate. The notice must allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of qualifications from the date of publication. The District may maintain lists of consultants interested in receiving such notices. These consultants are encouraged to submit annually statements of qualifications and performance data. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such consultants, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process. The Board has the right to reject any and all qualifications, and such reservation shall be included in the published notice. Consultants not receiving a contract award shall not be entitled to recover from the District any costs of qualification package preparation or submittal.

### (4) <u>Competitive Selection.</u>

- (a) The Board shall review and evaluate the data submitted in response to the notice described in section (3) of this Rule regarding qualifications and performance ability, as well as any statements of qualifications on file. The Board shall conduct discussions with, and may require public presentation by consultants regarding their qualifications, approach to the Project, and ability to furnish the required services. The Board shall then select and list the consultants, in order of preference, deemed to be the most highly capable and qualified to perform the required Professional Services, after considering these and other appropriate criteria:
  - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by each consultant;
  - (ii) Whether a consultant is a certified minority business enterprise;
  - (iii) Each consultant's past performance;
  - (iv) The willingness of each consultant to meet time and budget requirements;
  - (v) The geographic location of each consultant's headquarters, office and personnel in relation to the project;
  - (vi) The recent, current, and projected workloads of each consultant; and
  - (vii) The volume of work previously awarded to each consultant by the District.
- (b) Nothing in these Rules shall prevent the District from evaluating and eventually selecting a consultant if less than three (3) Responsive qualification packages, including packages indicating a desire not to provide Professional Services on a given Project, are received.
- (c) If the selection process is administered by any person or committee other than the full Board, the selection made will be presented to the full Board with a recommendation that competitive negotiations be instituted with the selected firms in order of preference listed.

(d) Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all qualification packages, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's ranking decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

# (5) <u>Competitive Negotiation.</u>

- (a) After the Board has authorized the beginning of competitive negotiations, the District may begin such negotiations with the firm listed as most qualified to perform the required Professional Services at a rate or amount of compensation which the Board determines is fair, competitive, and reasonable.
- (b) In negotiating a lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional contract for more than the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, the firm receiving the award shall be required to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that "wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting." In addition, any professional service contract under which such a certificate is required, shall contain a provision that "the original contract price and any additions thereto, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Board determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs."
- (c) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the firm determined to be the most qualified at a price deemed by the District to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the District shall immediately begin negotiations with the second most qualified firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third most qualified firm shall be undertaken.
- (d) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with one of the top three (3) ranked consultants, additional firms shall be selected by the District, in order of their competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.

- (6) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (7) <u>Continuing Contract.</u> Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a Continuing Contract between a consultant and the District.
- (8) <u>Emergency Purchase.</u> The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these Rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

### **Rule 3.2** Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

In order to comply with the requirements of Section 218.391 of the Florida Statutes, the following procedures are outlined for selection of firms or individuals to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts. For audits required under Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes but not meeting the thresholds of Chapter 218 of the Florida Statutes, the District need not follow these procedures but may proceed with the selection of a firm or individual to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District.

### (1) <u>Definitions.</u>

- (a) "Auditing Services" means those services within the scope of the practice of a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.
- (b) "Committee" means the auditor selection committee appointed by the Board as described in section (2) of this Rule.
- (2) <u>Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee.</u> Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Board shall establish an auditor selection committee ("Committee"), the primary purpose of which is to assist the Board in selecting an auditor to conduct the annual financial audit required by Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes. The Committee shall include at least three individuals, at least one of which must also be a member of the Board. The establishment and selection of the Committee must be conducted at a publicly noticed and held meeting of the Board. The Chairperson of the Committee must be a member of the Board. An employee, a chief executive officer, or a chief financial officer of the District may not serve as a member of the Committee; provided however such individual may serve the Committee in an advisory capacity.
- (3) Establishment of Minimum Qualifications and Evaluation Criteria. Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Committee shall meet at a publicly noticed meeting to establish minimum qualifications and factors to use for the evaluation of Auditing Services to be provided by a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.
  - (a) <u>Minimum Qualifications.</u> In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at all relevant times including the time of receipt of the proposal by the District:

- (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
- (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any pre-qualification requirements established by the Committee and set forth in the RFP or other specifications.

If requested in the RFP or other specifications, evidence of compliance with the minimum qualifications as established by the Committee must be submitted with the proposal.

- (b) Evaluation Criteria. The factors established for the evaluation of Auditing Services by the Committee shall include, but are not limited to:
  - (i) Ability of personnel;
  - (ii) Experience;
  - (iii) Ability to furnish the required services; and
  - (iv) Such other factors as may be determined by the Committee to be applicable to its particular requirements.

The Committee may also choose to consider compensation as a factor. If the Committee establishes compensation as one of the factors, compensation shall not be the sole or predominant factor used to evaluate proposals.

- (4) <u>Public Announcement.</u> After identifying the factors to be used in evaluating the proposals for Auditing Services as set forth in section (3) of this Rule, the Committee shall publicly announce the opportunity to provide Auditing Services. Such public announcement shall include a brief description of the audit and how interested firms can apply for consideration and obtain the RFP. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and the county in which the District is located. The public announcement shall allow for at least seven (7) days for the submission of proposals.
- (5) <u>Request for Proposals.</u> The Committee shall provide interested firms with a Request for Proposals ("RFP"). The RFP shall provide information on how proposals are to be evaluated and such other information the Committee

determines is necessary for the firm to prepare a proposal. The RFP shall state the time and place for submitting proposals.

(6) Committee's Evaluation of Proposals and Recommendation. The Committee shall meet at a publicly held meeting that is publicly noticed for a reasonable time in advance of the meeting to evaluate all qualified proposals and may, as part of the evaluation, require that each interested firm provide a public presentation where the Committee may conduct discussions with the firm, and where the firm may present information, regarding the firm's qualifications. At the public meeting, the Committee shall rank and recommend in order of preference no fewer than three firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services after considering the factors established pursuant to subsection (3)(b) of this Rule. If fewer than three firms respond to the RFP or if no firms respond to the RFP, the Committee shall recommend such firm as it deems to be the most highly qualified. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may recommend that any and all proposals be rejected.

# (7) <u>Board Selection of Auditor.</u>

- (a) Where compensation was not selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall negotiate with the firm ranked first and inquire of that firm as to the basis of compensation. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the first ranked firm at a price deemed by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the Board shall immediately begin negotiations with the second ranked firm. satisfactory agreement with the second ranked firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third ranked firm shall be undertaken. The Board may reopen formal negotiations with any one of the three top-ranked firms, but it may not negotiate with more than one firm at a time. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with any of the selected firms, the Committee shall recommend additional firms in order of the firms' respective competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
- (b) Where compensation was selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall select the highest-ranked qualified firm or document in its public records the reason for not selecting the highest-ranked qualified firm.
- (c) In negotiations with firms under this Rule, the Board may allow the District Manager, District Counsel, or other designee to conduct negotiations on its behalf.

- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may reject any or all proposals. The Board shall not consider any proposal, or enter into any contract for Auditing Services, unless the proposed agreed-upon compensation is reasonable to satisfy the requirements of Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes, and the needs of the District.
- (8) <u>Contract.</u> Any agreement reached under this Rule shall be evidenced by a written contract, which may take the form of an engagement letter signed and executed by both parties. The written contract shall include all provisions and conditions of the procurement of such services and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
  - (a) A provision specifying the services to be provided and fees or other compensation for such services;
  - (b) A provision requiring that invoices for fees or other compensation be submitted in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms of the contract;
  - (c) A provision setting forth deadlines for the auditor to submit a preliminary draft audit report to the District for review and to submit a final audit report no later than June 30 of the fiscal year that follows the fiscal year for which the audit is being conducted;
  - (d) A provision specifying the contract period, including renewals, and conditions under which the contract may be terminated or renewed. The maximum contract period including renewals shall be five (5) years. A renewal may be done without the use of the auditor selection procedures provided in this Rule but must be in writing.
  - (e) Provisions required by law that require the auditor to comply with public records laws.
- (9) Notice of Award. Once a negotiated agreement with a firm or individual is reached, or the Board authorizes the execution of an agreement with a firm where compensation was a factor in the evaluation of proposals, notice of the intent to award, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests regarding the award of contracts under this Rule shall be as provided for in Rule 3.11. No proposer shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 218.33, 218.391, Fla. Stat.

#### **Rule 3.3** Purchase of Insurance.

- (1) Scope. The purchases of life, health, accident, hospitalization, legal expense, or annuity insurance, or all of any kinds of such insurance for the officers and employees of the District, and for health, accident, hospitalization, and legal expenses upon a group insurance plan by the District, shall be governed by this Rule. This Rule does not apply to the purchase of any other type of insurance by the District, including but not limited to liability insurance, property insurance, and directors and officers insurance. Nothing in this Rule shall require the District to purchase insurance.
- (2) <u>Procedure.</u> For a purchase of insurance within the scope of these Rules, the following procedure shall be followed:
  - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Notice of Invitation to Bid.
  - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District. The notice shall allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of bids.
  - (c) The District may maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such persons, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process.
  - (d) Bids shall be opened at the time and place noted in the Invitation to Bid.
  - (e) If only one (1) response to an Invitation is received, the District may proceed with the purchase. If no response to an Invitation to Bid is received, the District may take whatever steps are reasonably necessary in order to proceed with the purchase.
  - (f) The Board has the right to reject any and all bids and such reservations shall be included in all solicitations and advertisements.
  - (g) Simultaneously with the review of the submitted bids, the District may undertake negotiations with those companies that have submitted reasonable and timely bids and, in the opinion of the District, are fully qualified and capable of meeting all services and requirements. Bid responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the specifications and criteria contained in the Invitation to Bid; in addition, the total cost to the District, the cost, if any, to the District officers, employees, or their dependents, the geographic location of the company's headquarters and offices in relation to the District, and the ability of the company to guarantee premium stability may be considered. A contract to purchase

insurance shall be awarded to that company whose response to the Invitation to Bid best meets the overall needs of the District, its officers, employees, and/or dependents.

(h) Notice of the intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, shall be provided in writing to all bidders by United States Mail, by hand delivery, or by overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of insurance under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

### **Rule 3.4** Pre-qualification

- (1) <u>Scope.</u> In its discretion, the District may undertake a pre-qualification process in accordance with this Rule for vendors to provide construction services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) <u>Procedure.</u> When the District seeks to pre-qualify vendors, the following procedures shall apply:
  - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Request for Qualifications.
  - (b) For construction services exceeding the thresholds described in Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, the Board must advertise the proposed prequalification criteria and procedures and allow at least seven (7) days notice of the public hearing for comments on such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. At such public hearing, potential vendors may object to such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. Following such public hearing, the Board shall formally adopt pre-qualification criteria and procedures prior to the advertisement of the Request for Qualifications for construction services.
  - (c) The Request for Qualifications shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of qualifications for goods, supplies and materials, Contractual Services, maintenance services, and construction services under two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000). The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of qualifications for construction services estimated to cost over two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) and thirty (30) days for construction services estimated to cost over five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).
  - (d) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Qualifications. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any pre-qualification determination or contract awarded in accordance with these Rules and shall not be a basis for a protest of any pre-qualification determination or contract award.
  - (e) If the District has pre-qualified vendors for a particular category of purchase, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies or

responses in response to the applicable Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

- (f) In order to be eligible to submit qualifications, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the qualifications:
  - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
  - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
  - (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
  - (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Qualifications.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the qualifications if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the qualifications.

- (g) Qualifications shall be presented to the Board, or a committee appointed by the Board, for evaluation in accordance with the Request for Qualifications and this Rule. Minor variations in the qualifications may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature.
- (h) All vendors determined by the District to meet the pre-qualification requirements shall be pre-qualified. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of qualifications. For construction services, any contractor pre-qualified and considered eligible by the Department of Transportation to bid to perform the type of work the project entails shall be presumed to be qualified to perform the project.
- (i) The Board shall have the right to reject all qualifications if there are not enough to be competitive or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of qualification preparation or submittal from the District.

(j) Notice of intent to pre-qualify, including rejection of some or all qualifications, shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's pre-qualification decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11; provided however, protests related to the pre-qualification criteria and procedures for construction services shall be resolved in accordance with section (2)(b) of this Rule and Section 255.20(1)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

## (3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

- (a) The District, for good cause, may deny, suspend, or revoke a prequalified vendor's pre-qualified status. A suspension, revocation, or denial for good cause shall prohibit the vendor from bidding on any District construction contract for which qualification is required, shall constitute a determination of non-responsibility to bid on any other District construction or maintenance contract, and shall prohibit the vendor from acting as a material supplier or subcontractor on any District contract or project during the period of suspension, revocation, or denial. Good cause shall include the following:
  - i. One of the circumstances specified under Section 337.16(2), Fla. Stat., has occurred.
  - ii. Affiliated contractors submitted more than one proposal for the same work. In this event the pre-qualified status of all of the affiliated bidders will be revoked, suspended, or denied. All bids of affiliated bidders will be rejected.
  - iii. The vendor made or submitted false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements, certifications, or materials in any claim for payment or any information required by any District contract.
  - iv. The vendor or its affiliate defaulted on any contract or a contract surety assumed control of financial responsibility for any contract of the vendor.
  - v. The vendor's qualification to bid is suspended, revoked, or denied by any other public or semi-public entity, or the vendor has been the subject of a civil enforcement proceeding or settlement involving a public or semi-public entity.
  - vi. The vendor failed to comply with contract or warranty requirements or failed to follow District direction in the performance of a contract.

- vii. The vendor failed to timely furnish all contract documents required by the contract specifications, special provisions, or by any state or federal statutes or regulations. If the vendor fails to furnish any of the subject contract documents by the expiration of the period of suspension, revocation, or denial set forth above, the vendor's prequalified status shall remain suspended, revoked, or denied until the documents are furnished.
- viii. The vendor failed to notify the District within 10 days of the vendor, or any of its affiliates, being declared in default or otherwise not completing work on a contract or being suspended from qualification to bid or denied qualification to bid by any other public or semi-public agency.
  - ix. The vendor did not pay its subcontractors or suppliers in a timely manner or in compliance with contract documents.
  - x. The vendor has demonstrated instances of poor or unsatisfactory performance, deficient management resulting in project delay, poor quality workmanship, a history of payment of liquidated damages, untimely completion of projects, uncooperative attitude, contract litigation, inflated claims or defaults.
  - xi. An affiliate of the vendor has previously been determined by the District to be non-responsible, and the specified period of suspension, revocation, denial, or non-responsibility remains in effect.
- xii. The vendor or affiliate(s) has been convicted of a contract crime.
  - 1. The term "contract crime" means any violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract or any violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract.
  - 2. The term "convicted" or "conviction" means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a contract crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
- (b) A denial, suspension, or revocation shall prohibit the vendor from being a subcontractor on District work during the period of denial, suspension, or revocation, except when a prime contractor's bid has used prices of a subcontractor who becomes disqualified after the bid, but before the request for authorization to sublet is presented.

- (c) The District shall inform the vendor in writing of its intent to deny, suspend, or revoke its pre-qualified status and inform the vendor of its right to a hearing, the procedure which must be followed, and the applicable time limits. If a hearing is requested within 10 days after the receipt of the notice of intent, the hearing shall be held within 30 days after receipt by the District of the request for the hearing. The decision shall be issued within 15 days after the hearing.
- (d) Such suspension or revocation shall not affect the vendor's obligations under any preexisting contract.
- (e) In the case of contract crimes, the vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be revoked indefinitely. For all violations of Rule 3.4(3)(a) other than for the vendor's conviction for contract crimes, the revocation, denial, or suspension of a vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be for a specific period of time based on the seriousness of the deficiency.

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

- i. Impacts on project schedule, cost, or quality of work;
- ii. Unsafe conditions allowed to exist;
- iii. Complaints from the public;
- iv. Delay or interference with the bidding process;
- v. The potential for repetition;
- vi. Integrity of the public contracting process;
- vii. Effect on the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0525, 255.20, Fla. Stat.

# **Rule 3.5** Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

- (1) Scope. All contracts for the construction or improvement of any building, structure, or other public construction works authorized by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, the costs of which are estimated by the District in accordance with generally accepted cost accounting principles to be in excess of the threshold amount for applicability of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as that amount may be indexed or amended from time to time, shall be let under the terms of these Rules and the procedures of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time. A project shall not be divided solely to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) <u>Procedure.</u> When a purchase of construction services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
  - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
  - Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to (b) Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed bids, proposals, replies, or responses, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses. If the Board has previously pre-qualified contractors pursuant to Rule 3.4 and determined that only the contractors that have been pre-qualified will be permitted to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation need not be published. Instead, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be sent to the pre-qualified contractors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service.
  - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

- (d) If the District has pre-qualified providers of construction services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses to Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations.
- (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
  - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
  - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
  - (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the bidder is a corporation; and
  - (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects including but not limited to, reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past 5 years may be considered ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply, or response, if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

(f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in

accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.

- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No contractor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, response, or reply preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require potential contractors to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses, shall be provided in writing to all contractors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of construction services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase construction services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of construction services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the construction services without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Sole Source; Government. Construction services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Construction services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of construction services, which may include goods, supplies, or materials, that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules. A contract for construction services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (5) <u>Emergency Purchases.</u> The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.
- (6) <u>Exceptions.</u> This Rule is inapplicable when:
  - (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
  - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
  - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contract; or
  - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

### **Rule 3.6** Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

(1) <u>Scope.</u> The District may utilize Design-Build Contracts for any public construction project for which the Board determines that use of such contract is in the best interest of the District. When letting a Design-Build Contract, the District shall use the following procedure:

### (2) Procedure.

- (a) The District shall utilize a Design Criteria Professional meeting the requirements of Section 287.055(2)(k) of the Florida Statutes, when developing a Design Criteria Package, evaluating the proposals and qualifications submitted by Design-Build Firms, and determining compliance of the project construction with the Design Criteria Package. The Design Criteria Professional may be an employee of the District, may be the District Engineer selected by the District pursuant to Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, or may be retained pursuant to Rule 3.1. The Design Criteria Professional is not eligible to render services under a Design-Build Contract executed pursuant to the Design Criteria Package.
- (b) A Design Criteria Package for the construction project shall be prepared and sealed by the Design Criteria Professional. If the project utilizes existing plans, the Design Criteria Professional shall create a Design Criteria Package by supplementing the plans with project specific requirements, if any.
- (c) The Board may either choose to award the Design-Build Contract pursuant to the competitive proposal selection process set forth in Section 287.055(9) of the Florida Statutes, or pursuant to the qualifications-based selection process pursuant to Rule 3.1.
  - (i) <u>Qualifications-Based Selection.</u> If the process set forth in Rule 3.1 is utilized, subsequent to competitive negotiations, a guaranteed maximum price and guaranteed completion date shall be established.
  - (ii) Competitive Proposal-Based Selection. If the competitive proposal selection process is utilized, the Board, in consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, shall establish the criteria, standards and procedures for the evaluation of Design-Build Proposals based on price, technical, and design aspects of the project, weighted for the project. After a Design Criteria Package and the standards and procedures for evaluation of proposals have been developed, competitive proposals from qualified firms shall be solicited pursuant to the design criteria by the following procedure:

- 1. A Request for Proposals shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed proposals, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of proposals.
- 2. The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Proposals. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
- 3. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at the time of receipt of the proposals:
  - a. Hold the required applicable state professional licenses in good standing, as defined by Section 287.055(2)(h) of the Florida Statutes;
  - b. Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
  - c. Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation;
  - d. Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals and Design Criteria Package.

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects including but not limited to reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past 5 years may

be considered ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the proposal if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the proposal.

- The proposals, or the portions of which that include the 4. price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the In consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, the Board shall evaluate the proposals received based on evaluation criteria and procedures established prior to the solicitation of proposals, including but not limited to qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms and the partners and members thereof. The Board shall then select no fewer than three (3) Design-Build Firms as the most qualified.
- 5. The Board shall have the right to reject all proposals if the proposals are too high, or rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.
- 6. If less than three (3) Responsive Proposals are received, the District may purchase design-build services or may reject the proposals for lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Proposals are received, the District may proceed with the procurement of design-build services in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the design-build services without further competitive selection processes.
- 7. Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the

Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's rankings under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

- 8. The Board shall negotiate a contract with the firm ranking the highest based on the evaluation standards and shall establish a price which the Board determines is fair, competitive and reasonable. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm, based on the ranking by the evaluation standards. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the second most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified firm. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the third most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, the Board shall select additional firms in order of their rankings based on the evaluation standards and continue negotiations until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
- 9. After the Board contracts with a firm, the firm shall bring to the Board for approval, detailed working drawings of the project.
- 10. The Design Criteria Professional shall evaluate the compliance of the detailed working drawings and project construction with the Design Criteria Package and shall provide the Board with a report of the same.
- (3) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (4) <u>Emergency Purchase.</u> The Board may, in case of public emergency, declare an emergency and immediately proceed with negotiations with the best qualified

Design-Build Firm available at the time. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

- (5) <u>Exceptions.</u> This Rule is inapplicable when:
  - (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
  - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
  - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contractor; or
  - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

#### **Rule 3.7** Payment and Performance Bonds.

- (1) This Rule shall apply to contracts for the construction of a public building, for the prosecution and completion of a public work, or for repairs upon a public building or public work and shall be construed in addition to terms prescribed by any other Rule that may also apply to such contracts.
- (2) Required Bond. Upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule in excess of \$200,000, the Board should require that the contractor, before commencing the work, execute and record a payment and performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price. Notwithstanding the terms of the contract or any other law, the District may not make payment to the contractor until the contractor has provided to the District a certified copy of the recorded bond.
- (3) Discretionary Bond. At the discretion of the Board, upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule for an amount not exceeding \$200,000, the contractor may be exempted from executing a payment and performance bond.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

#### Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

- (1) Purpose and Scope. All purchases of goods, supplies, or materials exceeding the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, shall be purchased under the terms of this Rule. Contracts for purchases of "goods, supplies, and materials" do not include printing, insurance, advertising, or legal notices. A contract involving goods, supplies, or materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) <u>Procedure.</u> When a purchase of goods, supplies, or materials is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
  - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
  - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
  - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
  - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of goods, supplies, and materials, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
  - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
    - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
    - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply or response if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

Any firm or individual whose principal place of business is outside the State of Florida must also submit a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in that foreign state, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of that foreign state to business entities whose principal places of business are in that foreign state, in the letting of any or all public contracts. Failure to submit such a written opinion or submission of a false or misleading written opinion may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and this Rule. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.
- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid, after taking into account the preferences provided for in this subsection, submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be accepted. If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which does not grant a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the

lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of Florida shall be awarded a preference of five (5) percent. If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which grants a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of Florida shall be awarded a preference equal to the preference granted by such foreign state.

To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.

- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of goods, supplies, and materials under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase goods, supplies, or materials, or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies, and materials, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct

purchase of the goods, supplies, and materials without further competitive selection processes.

- Goods, Supplies, and Materials included in a Construction Contract Awarded Pursuant to Rule 3.5 or 3.6. There may be occasions where the District has undergone the competitive purchase of construction services which contract may include the provision of goods, supplies, or materials. In that instance, the District may approve a change order to the contract and directly purchase the goods, supplies, and materials. Such purchase of goods, supplies, and materials deducted from a competitively purchased construction contract shall be exempt from this Rule.
- (4) Exemption. Goods, supplies, and materials that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Goods, supplies, and materials provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for goods, supplies, or materials is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of goods, supplies or materials that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules.
- (5) <u>Renewal.</u> Contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, and/or materials subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (6) <u>Emergency Purchases.</u> The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 189.053, 190.033, 287.017, 287.084, Fla. Stat.

#### **Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.**

- (1) Scope. All contracts for maintenance of any District facility or project shall be set under the terms of this Rule if the cost exceeds the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR. A contract involving goods, supplies, and materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) <u>Procedure.</u> When a purchase of maintenance services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
  - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
  - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
  - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
  - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of maintenance services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
  - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
    - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
    - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply, or response if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, and responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.
- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted in response to an Invitation to Bid by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate or Competitive Solicitation the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No Vendor shall be

- entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of maintenance services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase the maintenance services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of maintenance services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the maintenance services without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Exemptions. Maintenance services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Maintenance services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for maintenance services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) <u>Renewal.</u> Contracts for the purchase of maintenance services subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (5) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (6) <u>Emergency Purchases.</u> The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.033, 287.017, Fla. Stat.

#### **Rule 3.10** Contractual Services.

- (1) Exemption from Competitive Purchase. Pursuant to Section 190.033(3) of the Florida Statutes, Contractual Services shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. If an agreement is predominantly for Contractual Services, but also includes maintenance services or the purchase of goods and services, the contract shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. Regardless of whether an advertisement or solicitation for Contractual Services is identified as an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, no rights or remedies under these Rules, including but not limited to protest rights, are conferred on persons, firms, or vendors proposing to provide Contractual Services to the District.
- (2) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> In accordance with Florida law, each contract for Contractual Services shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

### Rule 3.11 Protests with Respect to Proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9.

The resolution of any protests with respect to proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9 shall be in accordance with this Rule.

#### (1) <u>Filing.</u>

- With respect to a protest regarding qualifications, specifications, (a) documentation, or other requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation issued by the District, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the first advertisement of the Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's intended decision. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.
- (b) Except for those situations covered by subsection (1)(a) of this Rule, any firm or person who is affected adversely by a District's ranking or intended award under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9 and desires to contest the District's ranking or intended award, shall file with the District a written notice of protest within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after receipt of the notice of the District's ranking or intended award. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's ranking or intended award. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.
- (c) If the requirement for the posting of a protest bond and the amount of the protest bond, which may be expressed by a percentage of the contract to be awarded or a set amount, is disclosed in the District's competitive solicitation documents for a particular purchase under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3,

- 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9, any person who files a notice of protest must post the protest bond. The amount of the protest bond shall be determined by District staff after consultation with the Board and within the limits, if any, imposed by Florida law. In the event the protest is successful, the protest bond shall be refunded to the protestor. In the event the protest is unsuccessful, the protest bond shall be applied towards the District's costs, expenses, and attorney's fees associated with hearing and defending the protest. In the event the protest is settled by mutual agreement of the parties, the protest bond shall be distributed as agreed to by the District and protestor.
- (d) The District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours.
- (2) <u>Contract Execution.</u> Upon receipt of a notice of protest which has been timely filed, the District shall not execute the contract under protest until the subject of the protest is resolved. However, if the District sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances showing that delay incident to protest proceedings will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the contract may be executed.
- (3) <u>Informal Proceeding.</u> If the Board determines a protest does not involve a disputed issue of material fact, the Board may, but is not obligated to, schedule an informal proceeding to consider the protest. Such informal proceeding shall be at a time and place determined by the Board. Notice of such proceeding shall be sent via facsimile, United States Mail, or hand delivery to the protestor and any substantially affected persons or parties not less than three (3) calendar days prior to such informal proceeding. Within thirty (30) calendar days following the informal proceeding, the Board shall issue a written decision setting forth the factual, legal, and policy grounds for its decision.
- (4) <u>Formal Proceeding.</u> If the Board determines a protest involves disputed issues of material fact or if the Board elects not to use the informal proceeding process provided for in section (3) of this Rule, the District shall schedule a formal hearing to resolve the protest. The Chairperson shall designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other person as a hearing officer to conduct the hearing. The hearing officer may:
  - (a) Administer oaths and affirmations;
  - (b) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
  - (c) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;

- (d) Enter orders; and
- (e) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.

The hearing officer shall, within thirty (30) days after the hearing or receipt of the hearing transcript, whichever is later, file a recommended order which shall include a caption, time and place of hearing, appearances entered at the hearing, statement of the issues, findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated, and a recommendation for final District action. The District shall allow each party fifteen (15) days in which to submit written exceptions to the recommended order. The District shall issue a final order within sixty (60) days after the filing of the recommended order.

- (5) <u>Intervenors.</u> Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- Rejection of all Qualifications, Bids, Proposals, Replies and Responses after Receipt of Notice of Protest. If the Board determines there was a violation of law, defect, or an irregularity in the competitive solicitation process, the Bids, Proposals, Replies, and Responses are too high, or if the Board determines it is otherwise in the District's best interest, the Board may reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew. If the Board decides to reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew, any pending protests shall automatically terminate.
- (7) <u>Settlement.</u> Nothing herein shall preclude the settlement of any protest under this Rule at any time.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: § 190.033, Fla. Stat.

#### **Rule 4.0 Effective Date.**

These Rules shall be effective January 28, 2020, except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

# SECTION C

## SECTION 1

#### **RESOLUTION 2020-30**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE **PARK CYPRESS ESTATES COMMUNITY** DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EXPRESSING ITS INTENT TO UTILIZE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF LEVYING, COLLECTING, AND ENFORCING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS WHICH MAY BE LEVIED BY THE **CYPRESS ESTATES** PARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY **PROVIDING** AN CLAUSE; AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Cypress Park Estates Community Development District ("District") was established pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, which authorizes the District to levy certain assessments which include benefit and maintenance assessments and further authorizes the District to levy special assessments pursuant to Chapters 170 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, for the acquisition, maintenance, construction, or reconstruction of assessable improvements authorized by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS**, the above referenced assessments are non-ad valorem in nature and, therefore, may be levied and collected under the provisions of Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, in which the State of Florida has provided a uniform method for the levying, collecting, and enforcing such non-ad valorem assessments (the "Uniform Method"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has previously adopted Resolution 2020-25 declaring the intent to use the Uniform Method for the levy, collection and enforcement of non-ad valorem special assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, over certain lands within the District as described therein; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, the District has caused notice of a public hearing on the District's intent to use the Uniform Method to be advertised weekly in a newspaper of general circulation within Polk County for four (4) consecutive weeks prior to such hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has held a public hearing pursuant to Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, where public and landowners were allowed to give testimony regarding the use of the Uniform Method; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to use the Uniform Method for the levy, collection and enforcement of non-ad valorem special assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, for special assessments, including benefit and maintenance assessments, over all the lands in the District as further described in **Exhibit A**.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

**SECTION 1.** The Cypress Park Estates Community Development District upon conducting its public hearing as required by Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, hereby expresses its need and intent to use the Uniform Method of collecting assessments imposed by the District over the lands described in **Exhibit A**, as provided in Chapters 170 and 190, *Florida Statutes*, each of which are non-ad valorem assessments which may be collected annually pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for the purpose of paying principal and interest on any and all of its indebtedness and for the purpose of paying the cost of operating and maintaining its assessable improvements. The legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to a levy of assessments is attached and made a part of this Resolution as **Exhibit A**. The non-ad valorem assessments and the District's use of the uniform method of collecting its non-ad valorem assessment(s) may continue in any given year when the Board of Supervisors determines that use of the uniform method for that year is in the best interests of the District.

**SECTION 2.** The District's Secretary is authorized to provide the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector of Polk County and the Department of Revenue of the State of Florida with a copy of this Resolution and enter into any agreements with the Property Appraiser and/or Tax Collector necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

**SECTION 3.** If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of January, 2020.

ATTEST:	CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A:** Legal Description of Cypress Park Estates Community Development District

#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### **Legal Description of Cypress Park Estates Community Development District**

A portion of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Township 27 South, Range 27 East, Polk County, Florida, being described as follows:

Commence at the southwest corner of said Section 24; thence North 00°09'36" East along the west line of said Section 24, a distance of 40.00 feet to a point on the northerly right-of-way line of County Road S-580 (Johnson Avenue) per Florida Department of Transportation right-of-way map section number 16840-2601 and the Point of Beginning; thence North 89°45'02" East along the said northerly right-of-way line, 659.37 feet to the east line of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; thence departing the said northerly right-of-way line North 00°07'25" East along said east line of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24; thence South 89°51'27" West along said north line of said West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24; thence South 89°51'27" West along said north line of said West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, a distance of 658.56 feet to aforesaid west line said Section 24; thence South 00°09'36" West along said west line of Section 24, a distance of 1267.87 feet to the Point of Beginning.

A portion of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23 and the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24 all being in, Township 27 South, Range 27 East, Polk County, Florida, being described as follows:

Begin at the northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 23; thence South 90°00'00" East along the north line of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 23, a distance of 232.51 feet to the southerly maintained right-of-way line of Baker Dairy Road as shown in County Map Book 18, Pages 6-21; thence along the said southerly right-of-way line the following three (3) courses and distances: (1) South 88°42'12" East, 62.50 feet; (2) North 89°44'58" East, 303.66 feet; (3) North 88°15'07" East, 2.82 feet to said north line of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23; thence departing the said southerly right-of-way line South 90°00'00" East along said north line of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, a distance of 2057.58 feet to the northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; thence North 89°53'06" East along the north line of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24, a distance of 657.73 feet to the east line of said West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24; thence South 00°07'25" West along the said east line of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, a distance of 1307.55 feet to the northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; thence North 89°51'27" East along the north line of said East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, a distance of 658.56 feet to the east line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; thence South 00°05'15" West along the said east line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, a distance of 1265.40 feet to the northerly right-of-way line of County Road S-580 (Johnson Avenue) per Florida Department of Transportation right-of-way map section number 16840-2601; thence South 89°45'02" West along the said northerly right-of-way line, 659.37 feet to the west line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; thence North 00°07'25" East along the said west line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, a distance of 1266.64 feet to the said northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; thence South 89°51'27" West along the north line of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24; a distance of 658.56 feet to the west line said Section 24; thence South 00°09'36" West along said west line of Section 24, a distance of 1267.87 feet said northerly right-of-way line; thence along said northerly right-of-way line South 89°45'43" West, 662.57 feet to the west line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 23; thence North 00°06'39" East along the said west line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, a distance of 1269.23 feet to the south line of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 23; thence South 89°52'49" West along the said south line of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, a distance of 1990.94 feet to the west line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 23; thence North 00°02'08" West along the said west line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, a distance of 1313.42 feet to the Point of Beginning.

# SECTION VI



STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
FOR
CONTINUING CONTRACT FOR
CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES

CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

January 2020



1925 US HWY 98 S, SUITE 201 LAKELAND, FL 33801 Phone: (863) 940-9979

www.GaddCivil.com

January 14, 2020

ATTN: Jill Burns
Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC
219 East Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801

**RE:** Statement of Qualifications for Engineering Services

**Cypress Park Estates Community Development District** 

Dear Ms. Jill Burns:

Gadd & Associates, LLC is pleased to present this response to Cypress Park Estates Community Development District (the District) request for qualifications to provide continuing professional engineering services. Gadd & Associates was founded in February 2013 to merge talent and expertise in the civil engineering and land planning disciplines. Our staff of qualified professionals bring a wealth of knowledge to each project, based on experience and and our understanding of our Client's needs.

#### **Company Information**

Gadd & Associates, LLC is a Limited Liability Company fully licensed and insured to provide professional engineering services in Florida. Additionally, we are dually licensed with Polk County and the City of Lakeland. Services provided by Gadd & Associates include Civil Engineering consulting, design, permitting, and construction management of projects throughout central Florida. Specifically, these projects include commercial, industrial, municipal, educational, and residential developments.

As a firm and throughout our individual careers, we have been associated with many successful residential projects, including those located within the City Limits of Haines City. Rodney A. Gadd, P.E. as a Principal of the company, would be the primary contact for this project and will be made available to attend District meetings, provide construction services, and other engineering tasks as needed. Additional support staff will be provided on a as needed basis.

#### Primary Address:

**1925 US Highway 98 S, Suite 201, Lakeland, FL 33801** ((863)) 940-9979 Office Phome

All business associated with our services are conducted out of the above listed office, centrally located in Polk County. These include, but are not limited to, human resources, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and the calculation and distribution of payroll.

#### **Current Workload**

Gadd & Associates currently maintains a steady workload of commercial, industrial, mumicipal, educational, and residential Civil Engineering projects. Included within the residential component of our active projects is providing Engineer of Record services for the design and permitting of the Cypress Park Estates Subdivision. Our understanding and experience specific to this project would be an invaluable asset to the District moving forward.

Because of our current involvement with this subdivision and our experience on residential projects, we feel the transition for our staff to incorporate the District's Continuing Contract for Engineering Services into our workload would be seamless and without interruption or conflict. We are constantly evaluating our projects and adjusting staff resources as required to complete each project to meet the needs of our clients. We are confident in our ability to provide the District with cost-conscience, timely, and professional services for this Continuing Contract.

Respectfully Submitted, Gadd & Associates, LLC

Rodney A. Gadd, PE

Principal

#### **Enclosures:**

- A. Resume Rodney A. Gadd, P.E.
- **B.** SF330

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- C. Compliance Documents
  - Secretary of State of Florida Copy of Certification of Incorporation
  - iii. Floriida Professional Registration Certificates
  - iii. Sworn Statement Public Entity Crimes
  - iv. Certificates of Insurance



EDUCATION

Master of Science
Civil Engineering
University of South Florida
Tampa, FL

Bachelor of Science Civil Engineering University of South Florida Tampa, FL

REGISTRATION
Professional Engineer
Florida License # 70875

AWARDS
2013 Engineer of the Year
Florida Engineering Society
Ridge Chapter

2016 Project of the Year Citrus Ridge: A Civics Academy Florida Engineering Society Ridge Chapter



1925 US Highway 98 S, Suite 201 Lakeland, FL 33801 (863)940-9979

### RODNEY A. GADD, P.E. PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

Rodney is responsible for supervision and quality control of all projects for the firm. He is a founding Principal of the company, having formed Gadd & Associates in 2013. During his years of experience with private sector Civil Engineering firms, Rodney has become proficient with the design and permitting requirements of projects throughout Central Florida, specializing in Polk County and the municipalities included therein.

#### **EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

During his professional career while at Gadd & Associates and previous firms, he has had the opportunity to be the Engineer of Record for many successful private and public sector projects.

**Examples of these projects include:** 

Educational Facilities: In excess of one hundred K-12 and College new campus, major renovation, ADA compliance, and various improvement projects.

Private Sector: Commercial & residential subdivisions, office buildings, warehouses, hotels, and apartment complexes.

Municipal projects: Roadways, utility extensions & improvements, fire rescue stations, Sheriff complex improvements, and community centers.

His specific role in each project includes Client liaison, project research, design supervision, code compliance, value engineering, and construction inspection/certification.

By applying the concept that positive relationships are the only thing secondary to professionalism, he has been able to streamline projects with contractors, municipalities, and clients throughout his professional career. His knowledge of codes, materials, and construction technique makes him an asset to Owner/Development teams.

#### **ARCHITECT - ENGINEER QUALIFICATIONS**

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Project includes Planned Unit Development, design, and permitting of 532 lot single family subdivision. Additional consulting services to include additional 171 lots (Phase 3)

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Project includes Planned Unit Development, design, and permitting of 39 lot single family subdivision.

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Project includes design and permitting of 212 lot single family subdivision. Specific role in this project was drainage, utility, and misc. design.

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30. PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE AGENCY. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NEEDED.  Please refer to attached for additional requested information								

II. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIME The foregoing is a statement of facts.

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### **ARCHITECT-ENGINEER QUALIFICATIONS**

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#### 2019 FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ANNUAL REPORT

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**Entity Name: GADD & ASSOCIATES, LLC** 

#### Current Principal Place of Business:

1925 U.S. HIGHWAY 98 SOUTH SUITE 201 LAKELAND, FL 33801 FILED
Jan 28, 2019
Secretary of State
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#### **Current Mailing Address:**

1925 U.S. HIGHWAY 98 SOUTH SUITE 201 LAKELAND, FL 33801 US

FEI Number: 90-0934939

Certificate of Status Desired: No

Name and Address of Current Registered Agent:

GADD, RODNEY A 1925 US HWY 98 S #201 LAKELAND, FL 33801 US

The above named entity submits this statement for the purpose of changing its registered office or registered agent, or both, in the State of Florida.

SIGNATURE: RODNEY A, GADD

01/28/2019

Electronic Signature of Registered Agent

Date

#### Authorized Person(s) Detail:

Title

MGRM

Name

GADD, RODNEY A

Address

1925 U.S. HIGHWAY 98 SOUTH

City-State-Zip: LAKELAND FL 33801

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JONATHAN ZACHEM, SECRETARY



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## GADD & ASSOCIATES LLC

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## **SWORN STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 287.133(3)(a),** FLORIDA STATUTES, ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

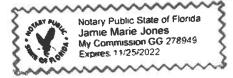
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	byRedney A. Gadd, P.E.
	[print individual's name and title]
	for Gadd & Associates, LLC
	[print name of entity submitting sworn statement]
	whose business address is1925 US HWY 98 S., Suite 201, Lakeland , FL 33801
	and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is90-0934939 (If the
	entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement:
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	means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
3.	I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or noto contenders.
4.	I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133 (1)(a), Florida Statutes, means:
	1. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or
	2. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest

in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a prima facile case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public

entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.

5. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)((e), Florida Statutes means any natural person or entitly organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter into a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity. 6. Based on information and belief, the statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. [indicate which statement applies.] X Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives. partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors. executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. However, there has been a subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings and the Final Order entered by the hearing Officer determined that it was not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list. [attach a copy of the final order] I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (ONE) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND. THAT THIS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES FOR CATEGORY TWO OF ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM, Personally known OR Produced identification My commission expires (Type of Identification) (Printed typed or stamped Commissioned name of Notary Public)



Signature Notary Public



#### CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

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THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MAITTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFIERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

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#### Cypress Park Estates Community Development District Engineer RFQ Ranking Sheet

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# **SECTION VII**



### Marsha M. Faux, CFA, ASA

## Polk County Property Appraiser 2020 Data Sharing and Usage Agreement

#### **CYPRESS PARK ESTATES**

This Data Sharing and Usage Agreement, hereafter referred to as "Agreement," establishes the terms and conditions under which the CYPRESS PARK ESTATES, hereafter referred to as agency, can acquire and use Polk County Property Appraiser data that is exempt from Public Records disclosure as defined in FS 119.071.

The confidentiality of personal identifying and location information including: names, physical, mailing, and street addresses, parcel ID, legal property description, neighborhood name, lot number, GPS coordinates, or any other descriptive property information that may reveal identity or home address pertaining to parcels owned by individuals that have received exempt / confidential status, hereafter referred to as confidential information, will be protected as follows:

- 1. The agency will not release confidential information that may reveal identifying and location information of individuals exempted from Public Records disclosure.
- 2. The agency will not present the confidential information in the results of data analysis (including maps) in any manner that would reveal personal identifying and location information of individuals exempted from Public Records disclosure.
- 3. The agency shall comply with all state laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of personal identifying and location information that is the subject of this Agreement.
- 4. The agency shall ensure any employee granted access to confidential information is subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 5. The agency shall ensure any third party granted access to confidential information is subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Acceptance of these terms must be provided in writing to the agency by the third party before personal identifying and location information is released.

The term of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2020 and shall run until December 31, 2020, the date of signature by the parties notwithstanding. This Agreement shall not automatically renew. A new agreement will be provided annually for the following year.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, both the Polk County Property Appraiser, through its duly authorized representative, and the agency, through its duly authorized representative, have hereunto executed this Data Sharing and Usage Agreement for the term of the agreement.

POLK COU	NTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	CYPRESS P	PARK ESTATES
Signature:	Marche Facesp	Signature:	Sell Burn
Print:	Marsha M. Faux CFA, ASA	Print:	Jill Burns
Title:	Polk County Property Appraiser	Title:	District Manager
Date:	<u>December 2, 2019</u>	Date:	12/9/19