



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2025-07

Agenda Date: January 16, 2025

Department: Public Works Department

Title: 2025-07 Property Transfer from Gainesville Regional Utilities to General Government for Fire Rescue Administration (B)

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Description: Request for the City Commission to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Gainesville Regional Utilities for a real property asset transfer for the Fire Rescue Administration site at the Catalyst Building located in the Power District.

Fiscal Note: The negotiated price for the real property transfer is \$156,500 which is the appraised value. Funds for the transfer are available in the Streets, Stations and Strong Foundations Fund.

Explanation: Fire Rescue Administration relocated to the Catalyst Building at 606 SE Depot Avenue in the Power District in Summer 2024. A long range plan report prepared for the site, which includes additional parking and a future Emergency Operations Center (EOC), was presented to the City Commission on April 25, 2024. This plan requires additional land rights to implement; the land rights required are a Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) asset. The City Commission directed staff to negotiate an agreement with GRU for the additional land rights required by the long range plan. The property required totals 0.40 acres and is a portion of Tax Parcel 12720-000-000. The environmental assessments conducted for this acreage did not return any documented contamination. The GRU Authority approved the property transfer at its December 11, 2024 meeting at the appraised value.

Strategic Connection:

- ☐ Goal 1: Equitable Community
- ☐ Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- ☒ Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- ☐ Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- ☒ Goal 5: "Best in Class" Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission authorize the City Manager or designee to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Gainesville Regional Utilities, and any

other documents required, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality, to transfer 0.40 acres of Tax Parcel 12720-000-000 from a Gainesville Regional Utilities asset to a General Government asset in consideration of \$156,500.