



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

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Agenda Date: April 27, 2023

Department: City Manager

Title: 2023-389 Ironwood Golf Course Budget-to-Actual Analysis for Fiscal Years 2020-2022 (B)

Department: Office of the City Manager

Description: This item includes budget-to-actual analysis for the Ironwood Golf Course for the previous four fiscal years and is directly responsive to Finding 11: Transparency of Golf Course Operations, of the State Auditor General's Operational Audit of the City of Gainesville.

Fiscal Note: Based on audited financial statements, Ironwood experienced operational losses of \$362,717.01 in FY 2020, \$222,878.18 in FY 2021. In FY 2022, it is estimated the golf course lost \$159,911.52 based on unaudited financial data.

Explanation: Operational Audit Report No. 2022-087 of the City of Gainesville conducted by the State of Florida Auditor General and published in January 2022 included an analysis of the financial transparency of the Ironwood Golf course. Specifically, the report found that beginning in the 2019-20 fiscal year, the City began reporting Ironwood financials within the General Fund subsequent to the close out of the golf course's enterprise fund. As a result of this action, the operations of the golf course are no longer discretely presented in the City's audited financial statements, and Ironwood's financial position is less transparent per Finding 11 of the Auditor General's report.

The audit report recommendation is for the City to provide periodic financial reports of Ironwood's operations to the City Commission for discussion which would allow the City Commission to periodically assess Ironwood's financial activity and provide information necessary to make informed decisions about Ironwood's operations. In addition, discussion of such financial reports at public meetings would provide transparency of Ironwood's operations to members of the public.

To that end, this agenda item includes budget-to-actual performance reports for the golf course for the follow fiscal years: FY 2020, FY 2021, and FY2022. City staff plans to present the first and second quarter budget-to-actual analysis for FY 2023 at the upcoming Finance Committee meeting on May 23, 2023 and to the City Commission on June 1, 2023.

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 General Policy Committee receive a budget-to-actual analysis for the Ironwood Golf Course for FY 2020, FY 2021, and FY 2022.