



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2024-204

Agenda Date: March 7, 2024

Department: Department of Sustainable Development

Title: 2024-204 Drainage Easement from City of Gainesville to Alachua County – Southwest 62nd Boulevard Connector Project (B)

Department: Sustainable Development

Description: Request for the City Commission to grant a drainage easement to Alachua County for a Stormwater Management Facility

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Explanation: The Southwest 62nd Boulevard Connector new alignment project (City facility) from Clark Butler Boulevard to Southwest 20th Avenue has been fully permitted and is in the construction phase. The topography in the area required upstream stormwater quantity compensation to be treated in a new City-owned stormwater management facility (SMF) for the new alignment; the most appropriate location for compensation is from the SW 20th Avenue corridor, which is a County facility. As such, the County needs rights to discharge to, access and, if necessary, maintain the new SMF. Staff recommends these rights be granted via a drainage easement. The City will be responsible for maintenance of the SMF and the County would be able to maintain the SMF in cases of emergency.

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: 1) grant the drainage easement to Alachua County for the Southwest 62nd Boulevard Stormwater Management Facility project as detailed; and 2) authorize the Mayor, or designee, to execute and the City Clerk to attest the drainage easement to Alachua County, subject to the City Attorney’s Office as to form and legality.