



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2024-205

Agenda Date: March 7, 2024

Department: Department of Sustainable Development

Title: 2024-205 Approval of Surplus Property List (B)

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Description: Request for City Commission approval of a listing of proposed escheated properties for future disposition.

Fiscal Note: None

Explanation: The City has acquired the proposed surplus properties listed in Exhibit “A” from Alachua County by County Deed due to non-payment of property taxes by the previous owners. The City adopted revised Real Property Policies on April 1, 2021 by Resolution No. 200961 (the “Policies”) that govern the disposition of City-owned real property.

Pursuant to the Policies, prior to disposition of real property, the City Commission must first find and declare that the properties are surplus. The Policies define surplus as “...property which no longer serves a public purpose, or is in excess of the City’s needs, or the sale of which would serve a greater public purpose than the retention of the property.”

The listed properties, if approved, will be disposed of, according to the Policies, in order to support the City's housing goals, including the provision of permanent Affordable Housing, neighborhood enhancement and stabilization, infill development, and mitigation of the impacts on vulnerable communities from gentrification and displacement.

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) approve the Resolution declaring the City property, as further described in Exhibit "A", as surplus; 2) approve disposition of the properties to affordable housing providers, per the Policies; 3) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all other closing documents; and 4) authorize the Mayor, or designee, to execute, then the City Clerk, or designee, to attest the Resolution and future deeds subject to review and approval of the City Attorney's Office as to form and legality.