# HAM BROWN RESERVE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT
January 10, 2024
PUBLIC HEARINGS
AND REGULAR
MEETING AGENDA

# AGENDA LETTER

# Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

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January 3, 2024

**ATTENDEES:** 

Please identify yourself each time you speak to facilitate accurate transcription of meeting minutes.

Board of Supervisors Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District

**Dear Board Members:** 

The Board of Supervisors of the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District will hold Public Hearings and a Regular Meeting on January 10, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746. The agenda is as follows:

- Call to Order/Roll Call
- 2. Public Comments
- 3. Consideration of Resolution 2024-01, Ratifying the Actions of the District Manager in Re-Setting the Date, Time and Location of the Public Hearing on the Intent to Use the Uniform Method; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date
- 4. Public Hearing Confirming the Intent of the District to Use the Uniform Method of Levy, Collection and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments as Authorized and Permitted by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes; Expressing the Need for the Levy of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments and Setting Forth the Legal Description of the Real Property Within the District's Jurisdictional Boundaries that May or Shall Be Subject to the Levy of District Non-Ad Valorem Assessments; Providing for Severability; Providing for Conflict and Providing for an Effective Date
  - A. Affidavit/Proof of Publication
  - B. Consideration of Resolution 2024-02, Expressing its Intent to Utilize the Uniform Method of Levying, Collecting, and Enforcing Non-Ad Valorem Assessments Which May Be Levied by the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District in Accordance with Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date
- Consideration of Resolution 2024-03, Ratifying the Actions of the District Manager in Re-Setting the Date, Time and Location of the Public Hearing on Debt Assessments; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date

- 6. Public Hearing to Consider the Adoption of an Assessment Roll and the Imposition of Special Assessments Relating to the Financing and Securing of Certain Public Improvements
  - Hear testimony from the affected property owners as to the propriety and advisability of making the improvements and funding them with special assessments on the property.
  - Thereafter, the governing authority shall meet as an equalizing board to hear any and all complaints as to the special assessments on a basis of justice and right.
  - A. Affidavit/Proof of Publication
  - B. Mailed Notice to Property Owner(s)
  - C. Presentation of Master Engineer's Report
  - D. Presentation of Special Assessment Methodology Report
  - E. Consideration of Resolution 2024-04, Making Certain Findings; Authorizing a Capital Improvement Plan; Adopting an Engineer's Report; Providing an Estimated Cost of Improvements; Adopting an Assessment Report; Equalizing, Approving, Confirming and Levying Debt Assessments; Addressing the Finalization of Special Assessments; Addressing the Payment of Debt Assessments and the Method of Collection; Providing for the Allocation of Debt Assessments and True-Up Payments; Addressing Government Property, and Transfers of Property to Units of Local, State and Federal Government; Authorizing an Assessment Notice; and Providing for Severability, Conflicts and an Effective Date
- 7. Consideration of Resolution 2024-05, Ratifying the Actions of the District Manager in Re-Setting the Date, Time and Location of the Public Hearing on the Rules of Procedure; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date
- 8. Public Hearing to Hear Public Comments and Objections to the Adoption of the Rules of Procedure, Pursuant to Sections 120.54 and 190.035, Florida Statutes
  - A. Affidavits of Publication
  - B. Consideration of Resolution 2024-06, Adopting Rules of Procedure; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date
- 9. Consideration of Resolution 2024-07, Ratifying the Actions of the District Manager in Re-Setting the Date, Time and Location of the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Public Hearings; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date

- 10. Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget
  - A. Affidavit of Publication
  - B. Consideration of Resolution 2024-08, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022, and Ending September 30, 2023; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date
- 11. Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget
  - A. Affidavit of Publication
  - B. Consideration of Resolution 2024-09, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budgets for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023, and Ending September 30, 2024; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date
- 12. Consideration of Resolution 2024-10, Designating the Primary Administrative Office of the District and Providing an Effective Date
- 13. Consideration of Resolution 2024-11, Designating the Location of the Local District Records Office and Providing an Effective Date
- 14. Consideration of Resolution 2024-12, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and Providing for an Effective Date
- 15. Consideration of Osceola Property Appraiser Agreement
- 16. Discussion: Construction Matters
- 17. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of November 30, 2023
- 18. Approval of Minutes
  - A. September 29, 2023 Landowners' Meeting
  - B. September 29, 2023 Organizational Meeting
- 19. Staff Reports
  - A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP
  - B. District Engineer (Interim): *Boyd Civil Engineering, Inc.*

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C. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC

NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD

QUORUM CHECK

SEAT 1	JACK TRAYNOR	In-Person	PHONE	☐ No
SEAT 2	ATINO SECOR	In-Person	PHONE	☐ No
SEAT 3	Dan Fitzpatrick	In-Person	PHONE	No
SEAT 4	Міке Roche	In-Person	PHONE	☐ No
SEAT 5	RYAN O'DOWD	In-Person	PHONE	No

- 20. Board Members' Comments/Requests
- 21. Public Comments
- 22. Adjournment

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (561) 346-5294.

Sincerely,

Cindy Cerbone

District Manager

FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE
CALL-IN NUMBER: 1-888-354-0094

PARTICIPANT PASSCODE: 801 901 3513

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#### **RESOLUTION 2024-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER IN RESETTING THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Ham Brown Reserve 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 Osceola County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, previously at a duly noticed public meeting, the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board") adopted Resolution 2023-25, setting the date, time and location for the public hearing on the District's intent to use the uniform method for December 14, 2023 at 1:30 p.m., at Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746; and

WHEREAS, due to the lack of a quorum, the District Manager rescheduled the date, time and location of the public hearing on the Rules of Procedure to January 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746, and the District Manager has caused the notice of the public hearing on the District's intent to use the uniform method with the date, time and location to be published consistent with the requirements of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board now desires to ratify the resetting of the date, time and location of the public hearing on the District's intent to use the uniform method.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- **SECTION 1. PUBLIC HEARING.** A Public Hearing will be held on the District's intent to adopt the uniform method on January 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746.
- **SECTION 2. PUBLICATION.** The District Secretary is directed to publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*.
- **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

# PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:	HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Ву:	Ву:
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

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### Osceola News-Gazette 222 Church Street (407) 846-7600

I, Emily Meffert, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am an agent of Column Software, PBC, duly appointed and authorized agent of the Publisher of Osceola News-Gazette, a publication that is a "legal newspaper" as that phrase is defined for the city of Kissimmee, for the County of Osceola, in the state of Florida, that this affidavit is Page 1 of 1 with the full text of the sworn-to notice set forth on the pages that follow, and that the attachment hereto contains the correct copy of what was published in said legal newspaper in consecutive issues on the following dates:

#### **PUBLICATION DATES:**

Dec. 14, 2023

Dec. 21, 2023

Dec. 28, 2023

Jan. 4. 2024

Notice ID: 0ij83DpV6GAWPuDX08d1

Notice Name: HAM BROWN\*Notice Uniform Method Hearing

**PUBLICATION FEE: \$353.41** 

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing document and that the facts stated in it are true,

Emily Marie Meffert

Agent

### **VERIFICATION**

State of Florida County of Charlotte

Rainail Mary Schri

Signed or attested before me on this: 01/09/2024

Notary Public Notarized online using audio-video communication

# HAM BROWN RESERVE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION OF NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District ("District") intends to use the uniform Development District ("District") Intends to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied by the District pursuant to Section 197.3632, Floriad Statutes. The Board of Supervisors of the District will conduct a public hearing on January 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at the Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing the District to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments ("Uniform Method") to be levied by the District on properties located on land included within the District.

The District may levy non-ad valorem special assessments for The District may levy hori-ad valorem special assessments for the purpose of financing, acquiring, maintaining and/or operating community development facilities, services and improvements within and without the boundaries of the District, which may consist of, among other things, recreational facilities, stormwater management improvements, irrigation, landscape, roadways, and other lawful improvements or services within or without the boundaries of the District.

Owners of the properties to be assessed and other interested parties may appear at the public hearing and be heard regarding the use of the Uniform Method. This hearing is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The public hearing may be continued to a date, time, and location to be specified on the record at the hearing.

There may be occasions when Supervisors or District Staff There may be occasions when Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office, c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the hearing with respect to any matter considered at the hearing 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 such appeal is to be based.

District Manager

RACHAEL MARY SCHULT

Expires on May 27, 2025

Notary Public - State of Florida Commission # HH135673

December 14, 21, 28, 2023 January 4, 2024

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#### **RESOLUTION 2024-02**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE 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 HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Ham Brown Reserve 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 Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, for the acquisition, 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 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, the District has caused notice of a public hearing to be advertised weekly in a newspaper of general circulation within Osceola County, Florida, for four (4) consecutive weeks prior to such hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

**SECTION 1.** The District upon conducting its public hearing as required by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, hereby expresses its intent to use the uniform method of collecting assessments imposed by the District 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 Osceola County, Florida, 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 10th day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:		HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
	ant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors		
Exhibit A: Le	egal Description			

Exhibit A: Legal Description

# HAM BROWN RESERVE CDD LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12 AND THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 12; THENCE S00°21'12"E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTH 1/2 FOR 1327.91 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 13; THENCE S00°04'03"E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 13 FOR 2656.87 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 13; THENCE S89°55'38"W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 FOR 1814.49 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTH LINE RUN N00°07'52"E FOR 1332.53 FEET; THENCE S89°52'00"W FOR 178.11 FEET; THENCE N00°08'18"E FOR 658.45 FEET; THENCE S89°52'00"W FOR 947.87 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EXISTING EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF HAM BROWN ROAD, SAID POINT BEING ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1155.00 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING OF N30°53'14"E; THENCE NORTHEAST ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AND ALONG SAID EXISTING EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 05°04'40" FOR 102.36 FEET; THENCE N33°25'34"E ALONG SAID EXISTING EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR 588.99 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 2155.00 FEET, THENCE NORTHWEST ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AND ALONG SAID EXISTING EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 26°39'42 FOR 1002.80 FEET TO A POINT ON THE BOUNDARY OF PARCEL 147 DESCRIBED IN THE ORDER OF TAKING PER OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2872, PAGES 373 THROUGH 399; THENCE ALONG SAID BOUNDARY FOR THE FOLLOWING EIGHT (8) COURSES; THENCE RUN S48°45'50"E FOR 270.74 FEET; THENCE N66°12'55"E FOR 90.62 FEET; THENCE N01°03'06"E FOR 367.31 FEET; THENCE N45°29'58"W FOR 57.06 FEET; THENCE N42°35'53"W FOR 71.23 FEET; THENCE N38°06'40"W FOR 73.44 FEET; THENCE N43°54'34"W- FOR 78.20 FEET; THENCE N12°10'22"W FOR 52.68 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF AFORESAID SOUTH 1/2; THENCE N89°55'39"E ALONG SAID NORTH LINE FOR 2112.39 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 193.250 ACRES (8,417,985 SQUARE FEET), MORE OR LESS.

#### **LESS AND EXCEPT:**

A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 12; THENCE S89°55'39"W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 FOR 1908.08 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID NORTH LINE RUN S01°03'06"E

FOR 292.93 FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF PARCEL C DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3207, PAGE 2085 AND THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT WL-9 DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2288, PAGE 2881, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT WL-9 FOR THE FOLLOWING SEVEN (7) COURSES; RUN S45°30'28" E FOR 18.80 FEET; THENCE S51°01'46"E FOR 117.88 FEET; THENCE S59°19'09"E FOR 69.20 FEET; THENCE S61°23'36"E FOR 77.63 FEET; THENCE S70°42'37"E FOR 89.41 FEET; THENCE S66°29'02"E FOR 84.50 FEET; THENCE S66°51'47"E FOR 75.76 TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF UPLAND PRESERVE U-2 DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2288, PAGE 2881; THENCE \$43°45'41"E ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF UPLAND PRESERVE U-2 FOR 318.32 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF UPLAND PRESERVE U-2 RUN S31°14'42"W FOR 229.31 FEET; THENCE S58°49'53"E FOR 84.22 FEET TO A POINT ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 745.14 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING OF S41°12'46"E; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 35°05'05" FOR 456.28 FEET; THENCE S45°59'05"W FOR 293.61 FEET; THENCE N44°0055"W FOR 471.33 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 525.00 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 14°44'24" FOR 135.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE N58°45'18"W FOR 21.44 FEET; THENCE S31°14'42"W FOR 315.67 FEET; THENCE N58°45'18"W FOR 443.00 FEET; THENCE N31°14'42"E FOR 507.41 FEET; THENCE N01°03'06"E FOR 13.77 FEET TO A POINT ON THE BOUNDARY LINE OF AFORESAID PARCEL C; THENCE CONTINUE N01°03'06"E ALONG SAID BOUNDARY LINE FOR 332.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 15.741 ACRES (685,694 SQUARE FEET), MORE OR LESS.

TOGETHER, CONTAINING A TOTAL ACREAGE OF 177.509 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER IN RESETTING THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON DEBT ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Ham Brown Reserve 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 Osceola County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS,** previously at a duly noticed public meeting, the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board") adopted Resolution 2023-26, setting the date, time and location for the public hearing on special assessments for December 14, 2023 at 1:30 p.m., at Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746; and

WHEREAS, due to the lack of a quorum, the District Manager rescheduled the date, time and location of the public hearing on special assessments to January 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746, and the District Manager has caused the notice of the public hearing on special assessments with the new date, time and location to be published consistent with the requirements of Chapters 170 and 190, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board now desires to ratify the actions of the District Manager in resetting the date, time and location of the public hearing on special assessments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- **SECTION 1.** The District Manager's actions in resetting the public hearing on special assessments to January 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746, and publishing the notice of same in the manner prescribed by Florida law is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.
- **SECTION 2.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.
- **SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the Board.

# PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:	HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
 By:	By:
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

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PROOF OF **PUBLICATION** From

IN THE MATTER OF: FIRST PUBLICATION: 12/14/23 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LAST PUBLICATION: 13/14/23

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### STATE OF FLORIDA **COUNTY OF OSCEOLA**

POTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING (PG-1)

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Pamela Bikowicz, who under oath says that she is the Business Manager of the Osceola News-Gazette, a weekly newspaper published at Kissimmee, in Osceola County, Florida; that the attached copy of the advertisement was published in the regular and entire edition of said newspaper in the following issues:

# DECEMBER 14 2023

Affiant further says that the Osceola News-Gazette is a newspaper published in Kissimmee, in said Osceola County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Osceola County, Florida, for a period of one year preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that she has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

> Sworn and subscribed before me by Pamela Bikowicz, who is ersonally known to me this



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NOTICE OF

HAM BROWN CDD

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SPECIAL MEETING

LAST PUBLICATION: 12/14/23

# **OSCEOLA NEWS-GAZETTE**

### STATE OF FLORIDA **COUNTY OF OSCEOLA**

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> Sworn and subscribed before me by Pamela Bikowicz, who is personally known to me this

> > **GARY P. LUGO** MY COMMISSION # HH 018514 EXPIRES: October 23, 2024 Sonded Thru Notary Public Underwri

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 170.07 AND 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

In accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District's ("District") Board of Supervisors ("Board") hereby provides notice of the following public hearings and public meeting:

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

DATE: January 10, 2024

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton

4971 Calypso Cay Way Kissimmee, Florida 34746

NOTE: The public hearing was originally scheduled for December 14, 2023, but was rescheduled and re-noticed for the date/time listed above.

The purpose of the public hearings announced above is to consider the imposition of special assessments ("Debt Assessments"), and adoption of assessment rolls to secure proposed bonds, on benefited lands within the District, and, to provide for the levy, collection and enforcement of the Debt Assessments. The proposed bonds secured by the Debt Assessments are intended to finance certain public infrastructure improvements, including, but not limited to, stormwater management, water and sewer utilities, landscape, irrigation, lighting, and other infrastructure improvements (together, "Project"), benefitting certain lands within the District. The Project is described in more detail in the Engineer's Report, dated September 26, 2023 ("Engineer's Report"). Specifically, the Project includes a Capital Improvement Plan to provide public infrastructure benefitting all lands within the District, as identified in the Engineer's Report. The Debt Assessments are proposed to be levied as one or more assessment liens and allocated to the benefitted lands within the District, as set forth in the Master Special Assessment Methodology Report, dated September 29, 2023 ("Assessment Report"). At the conclusion of the public hearings, the Board will, by resolution, levy and impose assessments as finally approved by the Board. A special meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it.

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**RESOLUTION 2023-26** 

[DECLARING RESOLUTION]

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- 5. **DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED.** The Assessments securing the Project shall be levied on the lands within the District, as described in **Exhibit B**, and as further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter provided for.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Amount includes estimated 3% County collection costs and 4% early payment discounts

- 6. ASSESSMENT PLAT. Pursuant to Section 170.04, Florida Statutes, there is on file, at the District Records Office, an assessment plat showing the area to be assessed certain plans and specifications describing the Project and the estimated cost of the Project, all of which shall be open to inspection by the public.
- 7. PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL. Pursuant to Section 170.06, Florida Statutes, the District Manager has caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll, in accordance with the method of assessment described in Exhibit B hereto, which shows the lots and lands assessed, the amount of benefit to and the assessment against each lot or parcel of land and the number of annual installments into which the assessment may be divided, which assessment roll is hereby adopted and approved as the District's preliminary assessment roll.
- 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS DECLARED; DIRECTION TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE HEARINGS. Pursuant to Sections 170.07 and 197.3632(4)(b), Florida Statutes, among other provisions of Florida law, there are hereby declared two public hearings to be held as follows:

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

January 10, 2024 DATE: TIME: 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton 4971 Calypso Cay Way Kissimmee, Florida 34746

NOTE: The public hearing was originally scheduled for December 14, 2023, but was rescheduled and re-noticed for the date/time listed above.

The purpose of the public hearings is to hear comment and objections to the proposed special assessment program for District improvements as identified in the preliminary assessment roll, a copy of which is on file and as set forth in **Exhibit B.** Interested parties may appear at that hearing or submit their comments in writing prior to the hearings at the District Records Office.

Notice of said hearings shall be advertised in accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, and the District Manager is hereby authorized and directed to place said notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the County in which the District is located (by two publications one week apart with the first publication at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the hearing established herein). The District Manager shall file a publisher's affidavit with the District Secretary verifying such publication of notice. The District Manager is further authorized and directed to give thirty (30) days written notice by mail of the time and place of this hearing to the owners of all property to be assessed and include in such notice the amount of the assessment for each such property owner, a description of the areas to be improved and notice that information concerning all assessments may be ascertained at the District Records Office. The District Manager shall file proof of such mailing by affidavit with the District Secretary.

- PUBLICATION OF RESOLUTION. Pursuant to Section 170.05, Florida Statutes, the District Manager is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published twice (once a week for two (2) weeks) in a newspaper of general circulation within the County in which the District is located and to provide such other notice as may be required by law or desired in the best interests of the District.
- 10. **CONFLICTS.** All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, superseded and repealed.
- 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.
- 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:

HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY **DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** 

/s/ Cindy Cerbone

/s/ John (Jack) Traynor

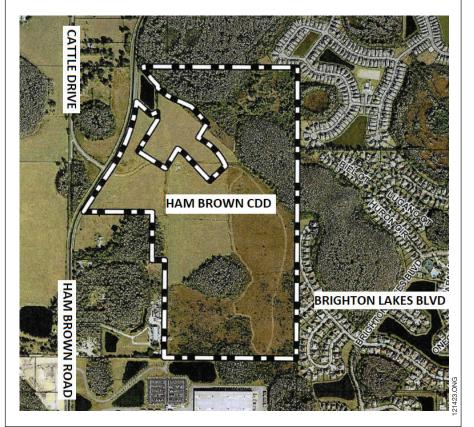
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Exhibit A: Engineer's Report, dated September 26, 2023

**Exhibit B:** Master Special Assessment Methodology Report, dated

September 29, 2023



# GRADES

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Among the grade highlights at the school level:

Harmony Community School, Hickory Elementary (each up from a 'B'), Sports Leadership Arts Management (SLAM), NeoCity Academy, Professional and Technical High School (PATHS), the Osceola County School for the Arts, Celebration K-8, Canoe Creek K-8 and Osceola Virtual School's secondary unit earned 'A' school grades.

There were no 'F' schools, and two charters, Poinciana Academy of Fine Arts and Victory Charter, received 'D's. Among the rest of schools, slightly more than half earned 'C's, including 19 of 28 elementary schools, five of 10 middle schools and five of 12 high schools, earned 'C's. Of the 'C's, Central Avenue and Highlands Elementary improved from 'D's.

At Tuesday's event, Shanoff also shared some of the benchmarks he's hit in his first 100 days at the helm of the county's school system.

"Interactions like these have been great. I came from Orange County and also spent a year in Volusia. We didn't have as close a relationship between municipalities, the business community and the school district," he said.

He's visited schools, walked them with principals and went on site with building and maintenance departments to see what "a day in the life" is like.



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"I'm two years removed from being a principal. I'm very aware of what they go through," he said. "The day in a school is not linear; I share in their embracing the chaos. We have 8,000 employees, we operate more like a cruise ship that's hard to turn rather than a speedboat. We value the idea of reflection and course direction."

During his first 100 days, employees received a 5 percent raise, thanks to the District repurposing federal relief dollars.

"Our folks got their raises. Orange County is still working on a contract, they've reached an impasse," Shanoff said. "And, when we mentioned Osceola Prosper (offering free Valencia College and Osceola Technical tuition to county graduates) at a presentation in San Diego, they were completely blown away. One other district in the country does it, and it's privately funded by an anonymous donor."

He said he's continuing to recruit teachers for nearly perpetual openings.

'We've used a national strategy, but it's hard to recruit engineers to be teachers in Florida to fill STEM positions," he said.

"So we look to other places. Shanoff addressed the districts new cell phone policy-students are not allowed to use them during the school day outside of allowed classroom applications or emergency situations—and how it's resulted in more classroom gains and fewer discipline

"If we did nothing else to increase achievement, I'd feel we succeeded," he said. "We've heard positive responses, not just from teachers and administrators, but from parents, and the students who came to the Board meetings and complained. They're now like, 'This isn't so bad."

problems.

So, where to go from here? Shanoff said it's in his nature to "never be personally satisfied."

"I'm my biggest critic. I'm absolutely happy with where the team is headed. I won't need the evaluation I'm going to get at the end of the year to tell me what I need to be working on. I will go home over the (holiday) break, and there won't be a day I won't think about something we can do better. I know I can always be better, I work for the 8,000 folks in our system, not the other way around."



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### — WATER AUTHORITY —

## Celebrating 20 years of Toho Water Authority

Toho Water Authority (Toho) is celebrating 20 years of providing water, sewer and reclaimed water services to Osceola County. Over the years, Toho has been through an incredible evolution. Starting with less than 100 employees in its debut year, Toho has grown to over 600 employees, all driven by a shared commitment to ensure clean and accessible water for residents, Toho's growth has been remarkable.

Toho was born on October 31, 2003, serving 42,000 customers, but the story really begins in 1985 with the City of Kissimmee Water and Sewer Department. The department worked out of the old City Hall and the City Central Services operating two water treatment plants, two wastewater plants and less than 40 lift stations.

Toho's 20 Year Timeline Highlights

- 2003: Toho was formed by a special act of the Florida Legislature and started with 42,000 customers. During its first week, Toho increases by 20-25% by purchasing the Florida Water Services utility operations.
- 2004: Toho maintains water service for its customers during Central Florida's worst hurricane season when Charley, Frances and Jean hit the area.
- 2006: A stronger water conservation program is developed to address both drinking and reclaimed water use.
- 2007: Toho begins ownership of Poinciana Utilities and becomes 80,000 customers.
- 2009: Toho has 2,500+ miles of pipes and \$1 billion in infrastructure.
- 2010: Toho moves into its new administration building in Kissimmee.
- 2011: Water Cooperative of Central Florida forms to coordinate regional water supply planning efforts.
- 2016: Automated meter reading (AMR) project is completed for

- the entire service area. The transition customers to Toho customer information system from KUA (Kissimmee Utility Authority) is completed.
- 2018: Executive Director Brian Wheeler retires after 33 years of service and Toho Water Authority. Todd Swingle assumes the leadership role.
- 2020: As the COVID-19 pandemic impacts the world, Toho continues to provide services and plan for the future.
- 2022: St. Cloud united with Toho as well as the growing Sundriage community. A new website was launched at tohowater. com. Hurricane Ian floods the area.
- 2023: Toho facilities take away four Florida Water Environment Association (FWEA) Awards and a Gold Award from the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) as well the Utility Of The Future, Today award – six years in a row. New payment portal is launched to provide an improved customer experience. Mural is added to administration building. Toho proudly serves its approximately 160,000 customers, and the future is bright.

To celebrate 20 years, Toho has adopted a special 20th anniversary logo! Also a tag line: Water. Community. Life. This logo will commemorate two decades of dedicated service, and reflect our ongoing mission to safeguard this precious resource. This design not only signifies our past achievements but also inspires a future of continued dedication to sustainable practices and the well-being of our communities. The tagline complements what Toho does every day as Toho keeps it Promise: Our Customers, Our Community Trust That Toho Cares.





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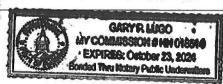
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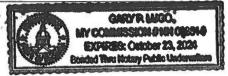
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  - C. The manner in which the Assessments shall be apportioned and paid is set forth in Exhibit B, as may be modified by supplemental assessment resolutions. The Assessments will constitute a "master" lien, which may be imposed without further public hearing in one or more separate liens each securing a series of bonds, and each as determined by supplemental assessment resolution. With respect to each lien securing a series of bonds, the special assessments shall be paid in not more than (30) thirty yearly installments. The special assessments may be payable at the same time and in the same manner as are ad-valorem taxes and collected pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes; provided, however, that in the event the uniform non ad-valorem assessment method of collecting the Assessments is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interest, the Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law, including but not limited to by direct bill. The decision to collect special assessments by any particular method – e.g., on the tax roll or by direct bill – does not mean that such method will be used to collect special assessments in future years, and the District reserves the right in its sole discretion to select collection methods in any given year, regardless of past practices.
- 5. **DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED.** The Assessments securing the Project shall be levied on the lands within the District, as described in **Exhibit B**, and as further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter provided for.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Amount includes estimated 3% County collection costs and 4% early payment discounts

- 6. **ASSESSMENT PLAT.** Pursuant to Section 170.04, *Florida Statutes*, there is on file, at the District Records Office, an assessment plat showing the area to be assessed certain plans and specifications describing the Project and the estimated cost of the Project, all of which shall be open to inspection by the public.
- 7. **PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL.** Pursuant to Section 170.06, *Florida Statutes*, the District Manager has caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll, in accordance with the method of assessment described in **Exhibit B** hereto, which shows the lots and lands assessed, the amount of benefit to and the assessment against each lot or parcel of land and the number of annual installments into which the assessment may be divided, which assessment roll is hereby adopted and approved as the District's preliminary assessment roll.
- 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS DECLARED; DIRECTION TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE HEARINGS. Pursuant to Sections 170.07 and 197.3632(4)(b), Florida Statutes, among other provisions of Florida law, there are hereby declared two public hearings to be held as follows:

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

DATE: January 10, 2024

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton 4971 Calypso Cay Way Kissimmee, Florida 34746

NOTE: The public hearing was originally scheduled for December 14, 2023, but was rescheduled and re-noticed for the date/time listed above.

The purpose of the public hearings is to hear comment and objections to the proposed special assessment program for District improvements as identified in the preliminary assessment roll, a copy of which is on file and as set forth in **Exhibit B**. Interested parties may appear at that hearing or submit their comments in writing prior to the hearings at the District Records Office.

Notice of said hearings shall be advertised in accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, and the District Manager is hereby authorized and directed to place said notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the County in which the District is located (by two publications one week apart with the first publication at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the hearing established herein). The District Manager shall file a publisher's affidavit with the District Secretary verifying such publication of notice. The District Manager is further authorized and directed to give thirty (30) days written notice by mail of the time and place of this hearing to the owners of all property to be assessed and include in such notice the amount of the assessment for each such property owner, a description of the areas to be improved and notice that information concerning all assessments may be ascertained at the District Records Office. The District Manager shall file proof of such mailing by affidavit with the District Secretary.

- 9. PUBLICATION OF RESOLUTION. Pursuant to Section 170.05, Florida Statutes, the District Manager is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published twice (once a week for two (2) weeks) in a newspaper of general circulation within the County in which the District is located and to provide such other notice as may be required by law or desired in the best interests of the District.
- 10. **CONFLICTS.** All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, superseded and repealed.
- 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.
- 12. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:

HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

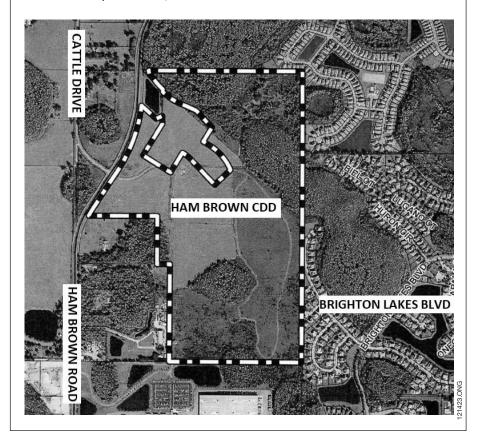
/s/ Cindy Cerbone

/s/ John (Jack) Traynor

Secretary/Assistant Secretary Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A:** Engineer's Report, dated September 26, 2023 **Exhibit B:** Master Special Assessment Methodology Report, dated

September 29, 2023



# Parade winners revealed at St. Cloud Merry Mingle



PHOTO/ST. CLOUD CHAMBER

St. Cloud's Betty Damke and Dirk Webb, the St. Cloud Chamber CEO, welcome members to the Merry Mingle, where best float and group winners from the St. Cloud Christmas Parade were announced.

# **By Ming Henry** For the News-Gazette

The St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Merry Member Mingle aboard the Pearl of the Lake on Tuesday, hosted by Chamber President Dirk Webb.

The annual The Merry Member Mingle, networking event is held to celebrate the holidays along with the successes of the community members a c c o m p l i s h m e n t s throughout the year and to welcome the new members and businesses that joined the community.

The winners for the 59th annual Christmas Parade that was held on Dec. 2, was also announced. First place went to Mishawaka

Girl Scouts, second place to Terry's Electric, and third place to OPRC ("Old People's Riding Club") Equestrian Adventures.

Terry Electric donated their winnings to the Mishawaka Girl Scouts, making this their third year of donating, with the explanation, "We don't do this for the money, we do it for the community."

# OSCAR names award winners, including REALTOR® of the Year



PHOTO/OSCAR

### Staff Report

The Osceola County Association of REALTORS\* recently honored local REALTORS\* and Vital Industry Partners (VIPs) during their Dec. 2 Installation and Awards Ceremony.

The recipients included: REALTOR® of the **Year - Joe Johnson**. The recipient exemplifies their talents and have demonstrated a committed effort in volunteering for other related real estate organizations, exemplifying OSCAR'S service mission. Johnson was nominated and chosen by fellow members of the Association. A member since 1997, he has served as the District 12 Vice President for Florida Realtors®., and led the RPAC Committee this year in achieving its largest fundraising goal to date.

"Joe's unwavering leadership, dedication, and commitment to the association and the real estate community have been nothing short of remarkable. His tireless efforts make him more than deserving of the prestigious 'Realtor of the Year' award," Board of Directors President Imran Mohamed said.

Johnson also earned the Public Policy Award, which recognizes a member who works effectively on local, state, and national public policy issues.

Vital Industry
Partner Rising Star of
the Year-Kristie Gilford.
Recognizes a newly active
Vital Industry Partner of
the Association, newly
active over the past two
years, who has contributed
outstanding service and
volunteer time.

Vital Industry
Partner of the Year-Amy
Buehler. Acknowledges
the contributions and
commitment of a Vital
Industry Partner who
actively participated in
OSCAR programs and
activities during the year.

Vital Industry Partner Office of the Year – Butler Mortgage. Recognizes a Vital Industry Partner that has contributed outstanding support to our Association.

Good Neighbor Award-Tina Campbell. Recognizes a member who has given time, energy, and resources to improve the welfare of those in need within our community.

Global Excellence Award - Patricia Hernandez. The Global Excellence Award recognizes a member who currently serves on the Global Alliance Committee.

Brokerage Office of the Year-Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Results Realty. Recognizes an office that participates and makes contributions within the Association and community.

REALTOR® Rising Star of the Year-David Chubb. Given to a REALTOR® member, newly active with the Association over the past two years, who has demonstrated commitment to the mission and contributed outstanding service within our Association.

Lifetime Achievement Award-Tim Weisheyer. Recognizes an OSCAR member who has performed outstanding service and accomplishments spanning a career in real estate over a minimum of 25 years.

"On behalf of the Osceola County Association of REALTORS", I would like to extend congratulations to our outstanding award recipients. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed. Your achievements inspire us all to strive for excellence in our profession," Mohamed said.

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# STATE OF FLORIDA) COUNTY OF PALM BEACH)

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

**BEFORE ME,** the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared Han Liu, who by me first being duly sworn and deposed says:

- 1. I am over eighteen (18) years of age and am competent to testify as to the matters contained herein. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
- 2. I, Han Liu, am employed by Wrathell Hunt & Associates, LLC, and, in the course of that employment, serve as Financial Analyst for the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District ("District").
- 3. Among other things, my duties include preparing and transmitting correspondence relating to the District.
- 4. I do hereby certify that on December 11, 2023, and in the regular course of business, I caused letters, in the forms attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, to be sent notifying affected landowner(s) in the District of their rights under Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, with respect to the District's anticipated imposition of assessments. I further certify that the letters were sent to the addressees identified in **Exhibit B** and in the manner identified in **Exhibit A**.
- 5. I have personal knowledge of having sent the letters to the addressees, and those records are kept in the course of the regular business activity for my office.

**FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.** 

By: Han Liu, Financial Analyst

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**EXHIBIT A:** Copies of Forms of Mailed Notices

**EXHIBIT B:** List of Addressee

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2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W 

Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Phone: (561) 571-0010 

Toll-free: (877) 276-0889 

Fax: (561) 571-0013

### Via First Class U.S. Mail and Email

December 11, 2023

BROOKFIELD HOLDINGS (HAM BROWN) LLC 250 Vesey Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281

Property Appraiser PINs: 13-26-28-0000-0010-0000, 13-26-28-0000-0018-0000 and 12-26-28-0000-

0019-0000

RE: Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District ("District")

Notice of Hearings on Debt Assessments

**Dear Property Owner:** 

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DATE:	January 10, 2024
	11:00 a.m.
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Sincerely,

Cindy Cerbone District Manager

ATTACHMENTS: Engineer's Report and Assessment Report (with Legal Descriptions of Lands)

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December 11, 2023

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Property Appraiser PINs: 13-26-28-0000-0010-0000, 13-26-28-0000-0018-0000 and 12-26-28-0000-0019-0000

RE: Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District ("District")

Notice of Hearings on Debt Assessments

**Dear Property Owner:** 

In accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, the District's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") hereby provides notice of the following public hearings, and public meeting:

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

DATE:	January 10, 2024
	11:00 a.m.
LOCATION:	Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton
	4971 Calypso Cay Way
	Kissimmee, Florida 34746

NOTE: The public hearing was originally scheduled for December 14, 2023, but was rescheduled and re-noticed for the date/time listed above.

The purpose of the public hearings announced above is to consider the imposition of special assessments ("Debt Assessments"), and adoption of assessment rolls to secure proposed bonds, on certain benefited lands within the District, and, to provide for the levy, collection and enforcement of the Debt Assessments. The proposed bonds secured by the Debt Assessments are intended to finance certain public infrastructure improvements, including, but not limited to, stormwater management, water and sewer utilities, landscape, irrigation, lighting, and other infrastructure improvements (together, "Project"), benefitting certain lands within the District. The Project is described in more detail in the Engineer's Report, dated September 26, 2023 ("Engineer's Report"). Specifically, the Project includes a Capital Improvement Plan to provide public infrastructure benefitting all lands within the District, as identified in the Engineer's Report. The Debt Assessments are proposed to be levied as one or more assessment liens and allocated to the benefitted lands within the District, as set forth in the Master Special Assessment Methodology Report, dated September 29, 2023 ("Assessment Report"). Copies of the Engineer's Report and Assessment Report are attached hereto. As required by Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, the Assessment Report, together with the Engineer's Report, describe in more detail the purpose of the Debt Assessments; the total amount to be levied against each parcel of land within the District; the units of measurement to be applied against each parcel to determine the Debt Assessments; the number of such units contained within each parcel; and the total revenue the District will collect by the Debt Assessments. At the conclusion of the public hearings, the Board will, by resolution, levy and impose the Debt Assessments as finally approved by the Board. A special meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other business that may come before it.

The Debt Assessments constitute a lien against benefitted property located within the District just as do each year's property taxes. For the Debt Assessments, the District may elect to have the County Tax Collector collect the assessments, or alternatively may collect the assessments by sending out an annual bill. For delinquent assessments that were initially directly billed by the District, the District may initiate a foreclosure action or may place the delinquent assessments on the next year's county tax bill. IT IS IMPORTANT TO PAY YOUR ASSESSMENT BECAUSE FAILURE TO PAY WILL CAUSE A TAX CERTIFICATE TO BE ISSUED AGAINST THE PROPERTY WHICH MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF TITLE, OR FOR DIRECT BILLED ASSESSMENTS, MAY RESULT IN A FORECLOSURE ACTION, WHICH ALSO MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF TITLE. The District's decision to collect assessments on the tax roll or by direct billing does not preclude the District from later electing to collect those or other assessments in a different manner at a future time.

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#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

#### PREPARED FOR:

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

#### **ENGINEER:**

Xabier Guerricagoitia, P. E. Boyd Civil Engineering, Inc. 6816 Hanging Moss Road Orlando, FL 32807

September 26, 2023

#### HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide a description of the capital improvement plan ("CIP") and estimated costs of the CIP for the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District ("District").

#### 2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION

The District consists of 177.509 acres of land and is located entirely within Osceola County, Florida. The site is generally located north of Lowes Home Centers Inc. Warehouse, east of Ham Brown Road, south of Orange Blossom Trail and west of the Brighton Lakes Community Development District.

The District is currently pursuing a boundary amendment to add approximately 2 acres into the District's boundaries. These additional lands will be developed into approximately 5 additional lots as well as some common space, and this report assumes that the boundary amendment will be successfully approved.

#### 3. PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The CIP is intended to provide public infrastructure improvements for the entire development. The following chart shows the planned product types for the District:

#### **PRODUCT TYPES**

Product Type	Phase 1 Units	Phase 2 Units	Total Units
Townhomes	156	0	156
Bungalow	41	0	41
Single Family 45'	21	162	183
Single Family 50'	58	126	184
TOTAL	276	288	564

The public infrastructure for the project is as follows:

#### **Roadway Improvements:**

The CIP includes subdivision roads within the District. Generally, all roads will be 2-lane un-divided roads. Such roads include the roadway asphalt, base, and subgrade, roadway curb and gutter, striping and signage and sidewalks within rights-of-way abutting non-lot lands. Sidewalks abutting lots will be constructed by the homebuilders. All roads will be designed in accordance with applicable design requirements.

All internal roadways that will be open to the public may be financed by the District. Collector roads are intended to be dedicated to a local general-purpose unit of government for ownership, operation, and maintenance, while the District anticipates owning and operating all other roads. Alternatively, the developer may elect to finance the internal roads, gate them, and turn them over to a homeowner's association for ownership, operation and maintenance (in such an event, the District would be limited to financing only certain utilities, conservation and stormwater improvements behind such gated areas).

#### **Stormwater Management System:**

The stormwater collection and outfall system is a combination of roadway curbs, curb inlets, pipe, control structures and open lakes designed to treat and attenuate stormwater runoff from District lands. The stormwater system will be designed consistent with the applicable design requirements for stormwater/floodplain management systems. The District will finance, own, operate and maintain the stormwater system.

NOTE: No private earthwork is included in the CIP. Accordingly, the District will not fund any costs of mass grading of lots or the transportation of any fill to such lots.

#### Water, Wastewater and Reclaim Utilities:

As part of the CIP, the District intends to construct and/or acquire water, wastewater and reclaim infrastructure. In particular, the on-site water supply improvements include water mains that will be located within rights-of-way and used for potable water service and fire protection.

Wastewater improvements for the project will include an onsite gravity collection system, offsite and onsite force main and onsite lift stations.

Similarly, the reclaim water distribution system will be constructed to provide service for irrigation throughout the community.

The water and reclaim distribution and wastewater collection systems for all phases will be constructed and/or acquired by the District and then dedicated to a local, public utility provider for operation and maintenance. The CIP will only include laterals to the lot lines (i.e., point of connection).

#### Hardscape, Landscape, and Irrigation:

The District will construct and/or install landscaping, irrigation and hardscaping within District common areas and rights-of-way. The District must meet local design criteria requirements for planting and irrigation design. This project will at a minimum meet those requirements and in most cases will exceed the requirements with enhancements for the benefit of the community.

All such landscaping, irrigation and hardscaping will be owned, maintained and funded by the District. Such infrastructure, to the extent that it is located in rights-of-way owned by a local

general purpose government will be maintained pursuant to a right-of-way agreement or permit. Any landscaping, irrigation or hardscaping systems behind hard-gated roads, if any, would not be financed by the District and instead would be privately installed and maintained.

#### **Streetlights / Undergrounding of Electrical Utility Lines**

The District intends to lease street lights through an agreement with a local utility provider and will fund the street lights through an annual operations and maintenance assessment. As such, streetlights are not included as part of the CIP.

The CIP does however include the incremental cost of undergrounding of electrical utility lines within right-of-way utility easements throughout the community. Any lines and transformers located in such areas would be owned by the local utility provider and not paid for by the District as part of the CIP.

#### **Recreational Amenities:**

As part of the overall development, the District intends to construct a clubhouse and other amenity facilities. Any District funded clubhouse or other amenity facilities will be open to the public and will be owned, operated and maintained by the District. Alternatively, the Developer may privately fund such facilities and, upon completion, transfer them to a homeowners' association for ownership, operation and maintenance. In such event, the amenities would be considered common elements for the exclusive benefit of the District landowners.

#### **Environmental Conservation**

The District will provide onsite conservation areas in order to offset wetland impacts associated with the construction of the development. The District will be responsible for the design, permitting, construction, and government reporting of necessary environmental mitigation within the District. There are no capital costs associated with this CIP item.

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

Offsite improvements include 9,550 linear feet of 8" PVC force main.

#### **Professional Services**

The CIP also includes various professional services. These include: (i) engineering, surveying and architectural fees, (ii) permitting and plan review costs, and (iii) development/construction management services fees that are required for the design, permitting, construction, and acceptance of the public improvements and facilities.

NOTE: In connection with the CIP, the District may finance certain infrastructure that may generate impact fee credits. As set forth in the District's assessment proceedings, and in recognition of the uncertain market for such credits, and limited value, and as consideration for the District and the developer undertaking the transactions involved with the CIP and financing arrangements, the District and the developer will enter into an agreement whereby the developer may retain any such impact fee credits, provided that (i) the developer contributes a corresponding amount of improvements, work product and/or real property as part of the CIP and/or reduces the cost of such improvements, work product or real property to be acquired by the District by a corresponding amount of such impact fee credits, or (ii) the developer may prepay debt assessments by a corresponding amount of such impact fee credits. Alternatively, the developer may provide the proceeds of the impact fee credits to the District for deposit into the applicable acquisition and construction account for the applicable bond series, and for use in acquiring and/or constructing the CIP.

#### 4. PERMITTING/CONSTRUCTION COMMENCEMENT

All necessary permits for the construction of the CIP have either been obtained or are currently under review by respective governmental authorities, and include the following:

- FDEP 404 Clean Water Act Permit No. ST404\_419929-001-SFI-31(pending)
- SFWMD, Environmental Resource Permit Application No. 220419-34058 (pending)
- Osceola County, Site Development Plan SDP22-0066 (pending)
- Toho Water Authority, Construction Plan Review Project #220064 (pending)

#### 5. OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS / O&M RESPONSIBILITIES

The table below presents, among other things, a cost estimate for the CIP. It is our professional opinion that the costs set forth below are reasonable and consistent with market pricing.

#### COST ESTIMATE

Improvement	Phase 1 Estimated Cost	Phase 2 Estimated Cost	TOTAL Estimated Cost	Operation & Maintenance Entity
Public Grading, Ponds and Stormwater Management System	\$8,695,026	\$3,726,440	\$12,421,466	CDD
Roadways	\$1,825,360	\$1,825,359	\$3,650,719	County
Water and Wastewater Utilities	\$4,477,669	\$1,919,001	\$6,396,670	(Public) Toho Water Authority
Wastewater Lift Station and On- Site Force Main	\$830,400	0	\$830,400	(Public) Toho Water Authority
Differential Cost of Undergrounding of Conduit	\$595,747	\$595,746	\$1,191,493	N/A
Hardscaping, Landscaping, and Irrigation	\$900,959	\$900,958	\$1,801,917	CDD
Conservation	-	-	-	CDD
Off-Site Force Main Improvements	\$2,663,534	0	\$2,663,534	(Public) Toho Water Authority
Professional Fees	\$365,395	\$365,395	\$730,790	CDD
Inspection and Permitting Fees	\$617,895	\$617,895	\$1,235,790	N/A
Contingency	\$2,306,918	\$1,027,136	\$3,334,054	As above
TOTAL	\$23,278,903	\$10,977,930	\$34,256,833	

- a. The probable costs estimated herein do not include anticipated carrying cost, interest reserves or other anticipated CDD expenditures that may be incurred.
- b. The developer reserves the right to finance any of the improvements outlined above, and have such improvements owned and maintained by a property owner's or homeowner's association, in which case such items would not be part of the CIP.
- c. The District intends to maintain all improvements that are part of the CIP. However, the District may enter into an agreement with a third-party, or an applicable property owner's or homeowner's association, to maintain any District-owned improvements, subject to the approval of the District's bond counsel.
- d. The cost estimate above excludes any costs attributable to the multi-family and commercial tracts that are intended to be part of the larger project, beyond the District's boundaries.

#### 6. CONCLUSIONS

The CIP will be designed in accordance with current governmental regulations and requirements. The CIP will serve its intended function so long as the construction is in substantial compliance with the design.

It is further our opinion that:

- the estimated cost to the CIP as set forth herein is reasonable based on prices currently being experienced in the jurisdiction in which the District is located, and is not greater than the lesser of the actual cost of construction or the fair market value of such infrastructure;
- All of the improvements comprising the CIP are required by applicable development approvals issued pursuant to Section 380.06, Florida Statutes;
- the CIP is feasible to construct, there are no technical reasons existing at this time that would prevent the implementation of the CIP, and it is reasonable to assume that all necessary regulatory approvals will be obtained in due course; and
- the assessable property within the District will receive a special benefit from the CIP that is at least equal to such costs.

Also, the CIP will constitute a system of improvements that will provide benefits, both general, and special and peculiar, to all lands within the District. The general public, property owners, and property outside the District will benefit from the provisions of the District's CIP; however, these are incidental to the District's CIP, which is designed solely to provide special benefits peculiar to property within the District. Special and peculiar benefits accrue to property within the District and enable properties within the District's boundaries to be developed.

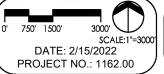
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Please note that the CIP as presented herein is based on current plans and market conditions which are subject to change. Accordingly, the CIP, as used herein, refers to sufficient public infrastructure of the kinds described herein (i.e., stormwater/floodplain management, sanitary sewer, potable water, etc.) to support the development and sale of the planned residential units in the District, which (subject to true-up determinations) number and type of units may be changed with the development of the site. Stated differently, during development and implementation of the public infrastructure improvements as

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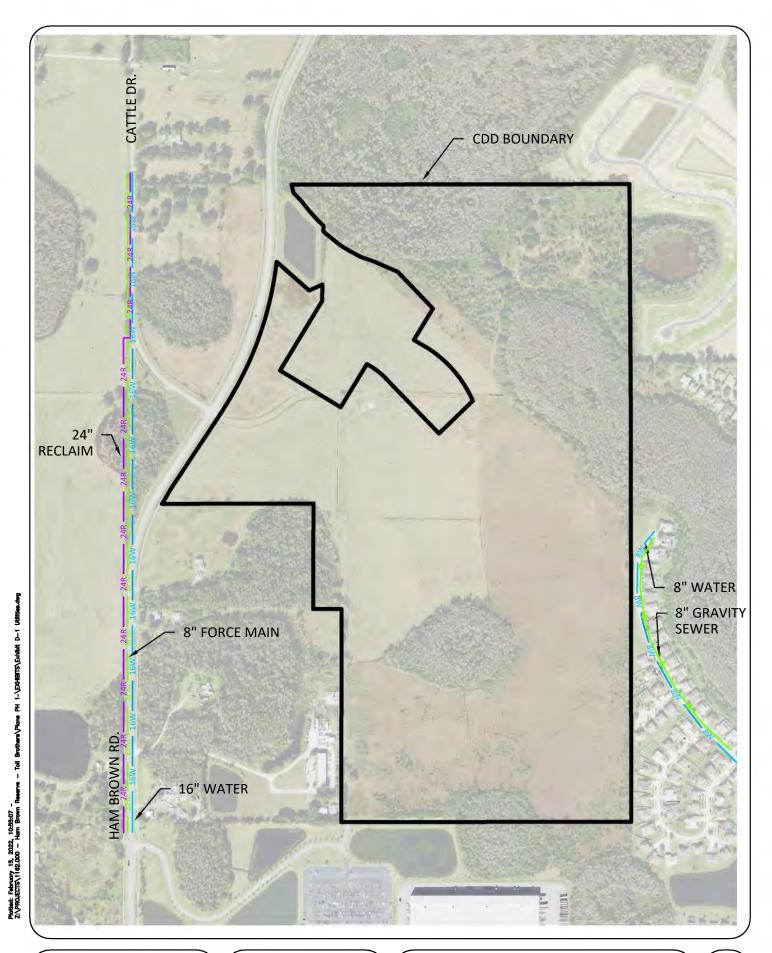
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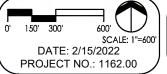
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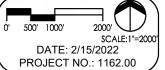
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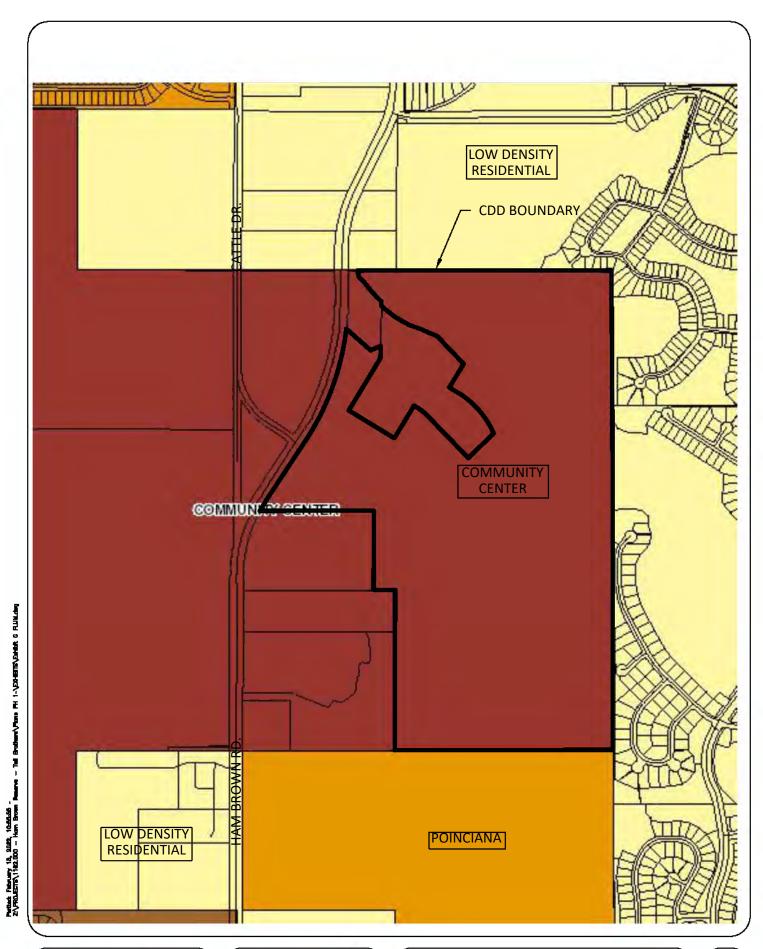
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HAM BROWN RESERVE CDD

EXHIBIT G

FUTURE LAND USE MAP

# HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Master Special Assessment Methodology Report

September 29, 2023



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#### 1.0 Introduction

#### 1.1 Purpose

This Master Special Assessment Methodology Report (the "Report") was developed to provide a master financing plan and a master special assessment methodology for the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District (the "District"), located in unincorporated Osceola County, Florida, as related to funding the costs of public infrastructure improvements (the "Capital Improvement Program" or "CIP") contemplated to be provided by the District.

#### 1.2 Scope of the Report

This Report presents the projections for financing the District's CIP described in the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District Engineer's Report prepared by Boyd Civil Engineering, Inc. (the "District Engineer") and dated September 26, 2023 (the "Engineer's Report"), as well as describes the method for the allocation of special benefits and the apportionment of special assessment debt resulting from the provision and funding of the CIP.

#### 1.3 Special Benefits and General Benefits

Improvements undertaken and funded by the District as part of the CIP create special and peculiar benefits, different in kind and degree than general benefits, for properties within its borders as well as general benefits to the public at large. However, as discussed within this 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 District's CIP enables properties within its boundaries to be developed.

There is no doubt that the general public and property owners of property outside the District will benefit from the provision of the CIP. However, these benefits are only incidental since the CIP is designed solely to provide special benefits peculiar to property within the District. Properties outside the District are not directly served by the CIP and do not depend upon the CIP to obtain or to maintain their development entitlements. This fact alone clearly distinguishes the special benefits which District properties receive compared to those lying outside of the District's boundaries.

The CIP will provide public infrastructure improvements which are all necessary in order to make the lands within the District developable

and saleable. The installation of such improvements will cause the value of the developable and saleable lands within the District to increase by more than the sum of the financed cost of the individual components of the CIP. Even though the exact value of the benefits provided by the CIP is hard to estimate at this point, it is nevertheless greater than the costs associated with providing the same.

#### 1.4 Organization of the Report

Section Two describes the development program as proposed by the Developer, as defined below.

Section Three provides a summary of the CIP as determined by the District Engineer.

Section Four discusses the financing program for the District.

Section Five introduces the special assessment methodology for the District.

#### 2.0 Development Program

#### 2.1 Overview

The District will serve the Ham Brown Reserve development (the "Development" or "Ham Brown Reserve"), a master planned, residential development located in unincorporated Osceola County, The land within the District consists of approximately Florida. 177.509 +/- acres and is generally located north of Lowes Home Centers Inc. Warehouse, east of Ham Brown Road, south of Orange Blossom Trail and west of the Brighton Lakes Community Development District. Please note that the District is pursuing a future boundary amendment to add approximately 2 acres into the District's boundaries, and add approximately 5 additional lots and common space into the District's boundaries. This report includes the additional 5 lots as part of the overall project mix, but additional assessment proceedings will need to be completed, and a restated master assessment methodology report will need to be prepared, after the boundary amendment is completed.

#### 2.2 The Development Program

The development of Ham Brown Reserve is anticipated to be conducted by Brookfield Holdings (Ham Brown) LLC (the "Developer"). Based upon the information provided by the Developer

and the Engineer, the current development plan envisions a total of 564 single-family residential units, although land use types and unit numbers may change throughout the development period. Table 1 in the *Appendix* illustrates the development plan for Ham Brown Reserve. The development of Ham Brown Reserve is planned to be conducted in one or more phases over a multi-year period.

#### 3.0 The Capital Improvement Program

#### 3.1 Overview

The public infrastructure costs to be funded by the District are described by the District Engineer in the Engineer's Report. Only public infrastructure that may qualify for bond financing by the District under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes and under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, was included in these estimates.

#### 3.2 Capital Improvement Program

The CIP needed to serve the Development is projected to consist of improvements which will serve all of the lands in the District. The CIP will consist of public grading, ponds and stormwater management system, roadways, water and wastewater utilities, wastewater lift station and on-site force main, undergrounding of conduit, hardscaping, landscaping, and irrigation, and off-site improvements. At the time of this writing, the total cost of the Master Infrastructure Improvements is estimated to total approximately \$34,256,833.

According to the District Engineer, these infrastructure improvements will serve and provide benefit to all land uses in the District. The improvements that are part of the CIP will comprise an interrelated system of improvements, which means all of improvements will serve the entire District and improvements will be interrelated such that they will reinforce one another.

Table 2 in the *Appendix* illustrates the specific components of the CIP.

#### 4.0 Financing Program

#### 4.1 Overview

As noted above, the District is embarking on a program of capital improvements which will facilitate the development of lands within the District. Generally, construction of public improvements is either funded by the Developer and then acquired by the District or funded directly by the District. The choice of the exact mechanism for providing public infrastructure has not yet been made at the time of this writing, and the District may either acquire the public infrastructure from the Developer or construct it, or even partly acquire it and partly construct it.

Even though the actual financing plan may change to include multiple series of bonds, it is likely that in order to fully fund costs of the CIP as described in *Section 3.2* in one financing transaction, the District would have to issue approximately \$47,195,000 in par amount of Special Assessment Revenue Bonds (the "Bonds").

Please note that the purpose of this Report is to allocate the benefit of the CIP to the various land uses in the District and based on such benefit allocation to apportion the maximum debt necessary to fund the CIP. The discussion of the structure and size of the indebtedness is based on various estimates and is subject to change.

#### 4.2 Types of Bonds Proposed

The proposed financing plan for the District provides for the issuance of the Bonds in the approximate principal amount of \$47,195,000 to finance approximately \$34,256,833 in CIP costs. The Bonds as projected under this financing plan would be structured to be amortized in 30 annual installments following a 24-month capitalized interest period. Interest payments on the Bonds would be made every May 1 and November 1, and principal payments on the Bonds would be made either on May 1 or on November 1.

In order to finance the improvement and other costs, the District would need to borrow more funds and incur indebtedness in the total amount of approximately \$47,195,000. The difference is comprised of debt service reserve, capitalized interest, underwriter's discount and costs of issuance. Preliminary sources and uses of funding for the Bonds are presented in Table 3 in the *Appendix*. Please note that the structure of the Bonds as presented in this Report is preliminary and may change due to changes in the development program,

market conditions, timing of infrastructure installation as well as for other reasons. The District maintains complete flexibility as to the structure of the Bonds and reserves the right to modify it as necessary.

#### 5.0 Assessment Methodology

#### 5.1 Overview

The issuance of the Bonds provides the District with funds necessary to construct/acquire the infrastructure improvements which are part of the CIP outlined in Section 3.2 and described in more detail by the District Engineer in the Engineer's Report. These improvements lead to special and general benefits, with special benefits accruing to the assessable properties within the boundaries of the District and general benefits accruing to areas outside the District but being only incidental in nature. The debt incurred in financing the public infrastructure will be paid off by assessing properties that derive special and peculiar benefits from the CIP. All properties that receive special benefits from the CIP will be assessed for their fair share of the debt issued in order to finance all or a portion of the CIP.

#### 5.2 Benefit Allocation

The most current development plan envisions the development of 564 single-family residential units, although unit numbers and land use types may change throughout the development period.

According to the District Engineer, these infrastructure improvements will serve and provide benefit to all land uses in the District. The improvements that are part of the CIP will comprise an interrelated system of improvements, which means all of improvements will serve the entire District and improvements will be interrelated such that they will reinforce one another.

By allowing for the land in the District to be developable, both the improvements that comprise the CIP and their combined benefit will be greater than the sum of their individual benefits. All of the land uses within the District will benefit from each infrastructure improvement category, as the improvements provide basic infrastructure to all land within the District and benefit all land within the District as an integrated system of improvements.

As stated previously, the public infrastructure improvements included in the CIP have a logical connection to the special and peculiar benefits received by the land within the District, as without such improvements, the development of the properties within the District would not be possible. Based upon the connection between the improvements and the special and peculiar benefits to the land within the District, the District can assign or allocate a portion of the District's debt through the imposition of non-ad valorem assessments, to the land receiving such special and peculiar benefits. Even though these special and peculiar benefits are real and ascertainable, the precise amount of the benefit cannot yet be calculated with mathematical certainty. However, such benefit is more valuable than the pro-rata cost of the improvements necessary for that parcel, or the actual non-ad valorem assessment amount levied on that parcel.

The benefit associated with the CIP of the District is proposed to be allocated to the different product types within the District in proportion to the density of development and intensity of use of the master infrastructure as measured by a standard unit called an Equivalent Residential Unit ("ERU"). Table 4 in the *Appendix* illustrates the ERU weights that are proposed to be assigned to the land uses contemplated to be developed within the District based on the relative density of development and the intensity of use of master infrastructure, the total ERU counts for each land use category, and the share of the benefit received by each land use.

The rationale behind different ERU weights is supported by the fact that generally and on average smaller units or units with a lower intensity of use will use and benefit from the District's improvements less than larger units or units with a higher intensity of use, as for instance, generally and on average smaller units or units with lower intensity of use produce less storm water runoff, may produce fewer vehicular trips, and may need less water/sewer capacity than larger units. Additionally, the value of the larger units or units with a higher intensity of use is likely to appreciate by more in terms of dollars than that of the smaller units or units with a lower intensity of use as a result of the implementation of the CIP. As the exact amount of the benefit and appreciation is not possible to be calculated at this time, the use of ERU measures serves as a reasonable approximation of the relative amount of benefit received from the District's improvements.

Table 5 in the *Appendix* presents the apportionment of the assessment associated with funding the District's CIP (the "Bond Assessments") in accordance with the ERU benefit allocation method presented in Table 4. Table 5 also presents the annual levels of the projected annual debt service assessments per unit.

Amenities - No Bond Assessments are allocated herein to any private amenities or other common areas planned for the development. If owned by a homeowner's association or a master property owner's association, the amenities and common areas would be considered a common element for the exclusive benefit of property owners. Accordingly, any benefit to the amenities and common areas would directly benefit all platted lots in the District. If the amenities are owned by the District, then they would be governmental property not subject to the Bond Assessments and would be open to the general public, subject to District rules and policies. As such, no Bond Assessments will be assigned to the amenities and common areas.

**Governmental Property** - If at any time, any portion of the property contained in the District is sold or otherwise transferred to a unit of local, state, or federal government (without consent of such governmental unit to the imposition of Bond Assessments thereon), or similarly exempt entity, all future unpaid Bond Assessments for such tax parcel shall become due and payable immediately prior to such transfer.

#### 5.3 Assigning Debt

The Bond Assessments will initially be levied on all of the gross acre land in the District. Consequently, the Bond Assessments will be levied on approximately 177.509 +/- gross acres on an equal prorata gross acre basis and thus the total bonded debt in the amount of \$47,195,000 will be preliminarily levied on approximately 177.509 +/- gross acres at a rate of \$265,873.84 per acre.

As the land is platted, the Bond Assessments will be allocated to each platted parcel on a first platted-first assigned basis based on the planned use for that platted parcel as reflected in Table 5 in the *Appendix*. Such allocation of Bond Assessments to platted parcels will reduce the amount of Bond Assessments levied on unplatted gross acres within the District.

Further, to the extent that any residential land which has not been platted is sold to another developer or builder, the Bond Assessments will be assigned to such parcel at the time of the sale based upon the development rights associated with such parcel that are transferred from seller to buyer. The District shall provide an estoppel or similar document to the buyer evidencing the amount of Bond Assessments transferred at sale.

In the event unplatted land (the "Transferred Property") is sold to a third party not affiliated with the Master Developer, the Bond Assessments will be assigned to such Transferred Property at the time of the sale based on the maximum total number of ERUs assigned by the Master Developer to that Transferred Property. subject to review by the District's methodology consultant, to ensure that any such assignment is reasonable, supported by current development rights and plans, and otherwise consistent with this Supplemental Report. The owner of the Transferred Property will be responsible for the total Bond Assessments applicable to the Transferred Property, regardless of the total number of ERUs ultimately actually platted. These total Bond Assessments are fixed to the Transferred Property at the time of the sale. If the Transferred Property is subsequently sub-divided into smaller parcels, the total Bond Assessments initially allocated to the Transferred Property will be re-allocated to the smaller parcels pursuant to the methodology as described herein (i.e. equal assessment per acre until platting).

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

As first discussed in *Section 1.3*, Special Benefits and General Benefits, improvements undertaken by the District create special and peculiar benefits to certain properties within the District. The District's improvements benefit assessable properties within the District and accrue to all such assessable properties on an ERU basis.

Improvements undertaken by the District can be shown to be creating special and peculiar benefits to the property within the District. The special and peculiar benefits resulting from each improvement include, but are not limited to:

- a. added use of the property;
- b. added enjoyment of the property;
- c. decreased insurance premiums;
- d. increased marketability and value of the property.

The improvements which are part of the CIP make the land in the District developable and saleable and when implemented jointly as parts of the CIP, provide special and peculiar benefits which are greater than the benefits of any single category of improvements. These special and peculiar benefits are real and ascertainable, but not yet capable of being calculated and assessed in terms of numerical value; however, such benefits are more valuable than either the cost of, or the actual assessment levied for, the improvement or debt allocated to the parcel of land.

# 5.5 Lienability Test: Reasonable and Fair Apportionment of the Duty to Pay

A reasonable estimate of the proportion of special and peculiar benefits received from the improvements is delineated in Table 4 (expressed as ERU factors) in the *Appendix*.

The apportionment of the assessments is fair and reasonable because, with the exception mentioned in *Section 5.2*, it was conducted on the basis of consistent application of the methodology described in *Section 5.2* across all assessable property within the District according to reasonable estimates of the special and peculiar benefits derived from the CIP by different land uses.

Accordingly, no acre or parcel of property within the District will be liened for the payment of any non-ad valorem special assessment more than the determined special benefit peculiar to that property.

#### 5.6 True-Up Mechanism

The District's assessment program is predicated on the development of lots in a manner sufficient to include all of the planned Equivalent Residential Units ("ERUs") as set forth in Table 1 in the Appendix ("Development Plan"). At such time as lands are to be platted (or replatted) or site plans are to be approved (or re-approved), the plat or site plan (either, herein, "Proposed Plat") shall be presented to the District for a "true-up" review as follows:

- a. If a Proposed Plat within the District results in the same amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) able to be imposed on the "Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands" within the District (i.e., those remaining unplatted developable lands after the Proposed Plat is recorded) as compared to what was originally contemplated under the Development Plan, then the District shall allocate the Bond Assessments to the product types being platted and the remaining property in accordance with this First Supplemental Report, and cause the Bond Assessments to be recorded in the District's Improvement Lien Book.
- b. If a Proposed Plat within the District results in a greater amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) able to be imposed on the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands within the District as compared to what was originally contemplated under the Development Plan, then the District may undertake a pro rata reduction of Bond Assessments for all assessed properties within the District, or may otherwise address such net decrease as permitted by law.

c. If a Proposed Plat within the District results in a lower amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) able to be imposed on the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands within the District as compared to what was originally contemplated under the Development Plan, then the District shall require the landowner(s) of the lands encompassed by the Proposed Plat to pay a "True-Up Payment" equal to the difference between: (i) the Bond Assessments originally contemplated to be imposed on the lands subject to the Proposed Plat, and (ii) the Bond Assessments able to be imposed on the lands subject to the Proposed Plat, after the Proposed Plat (plus applicable interest, collection costs, penalties, etc.).

With respect to the foregoing true-up analysis, the District's Assessment Consultant, in consultation with the District Engineer and District Counsel, shall determine in his or her sole discretion what amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) are able to be imposed on the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands within the District, taking into account a Proposed Plat, by reviewing: a) the original, overall development plan showing the number and type of units reasonably planned for the District, b) the revised, overall development plan showing the number and type of units reasonably planned for within the District, c) proof of the amount of entitlements for the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands within the District, d) evidence of allowable zoning conditions that would enable those entitlements to be placed in accordance with the revised development plan, and e) documentation that shows the feasibility of implementing the proposed development plan. Prior to any decision by the District not to impose a true-up payment, a supplemental methodology shall be produced demonstrating that there will be sufficient assessments to pay debt service on the applicable series of bonds and the District will conduct new proceedings under Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes upon the advice of District Counsel.

Any True-Up Payment shall become due and payable that tax year by the landowner of the lands subject to the Proposed Plat within the District, shall be in addition to the regular assessment installment payable for such lands, and shall constitute part of the debt assessment liens imposed against the Proposed Plat property until paid. A True-Up Payment shall include accrued interest on the applicable bond series to the interest payment date that occurs at least 45 days after the True-Up Payment (or the second succeeding interest payment date if such True-Up Payment is made within forty-five (45) calendar days before an interest payment date (or such

other time as set forth in the supplemental indentures for the applicable bond series)).

All Bond Assessments levied run with the land, and such assessment liens include any True-Up Payments. The District will not release any liens on property for which True-Up Payments are due, until payment has been satisfactorily made. Further, upon the District's review of the final plat for the developable acres within the District, any unallocated Bond Assessments shall become due and payable and must be paid prior to the District's approval of that plat. This true-up process applies for both plats and/or re-plats.

Such review shall be limited solely to the function and the enforcement of the District's assessment liens and/or true-up agreements. Nothing herein shall in any way operate to or be construed as providing any other plat approval or disapproval powers to the District. For further detail on the true-up process, please refer to the True-Up Agreement and applicable assessment resolution(s).

#### 5.7 Assessment Roll

The Bond Assessments of \$47,195,000 are proposed to be levied over the area described in Exhibit "A". Excluding any capitalized interest period, debt service assessments shall be paid in thirty (30) annual principal installments.

# 5.8 Additional Items Regarding Bond Assessment Imposition and Allocation

Master Lien - This master assessment allocation methodology is intended to establish the necessary benefit and fair and reasonable allocation findings for a master assessment lien, which may give rise to one or more individual assessment liens relating to individual bond issuances necessary to fund all or a portion of the project(s) referenced herein comprising the CIP. All such liens shall be within the benefit limits established herein and using the allocation methodology described herein, and shall be described in one or more supplemental reports.

System of Improvements - As noted herein, the CIP functions as a system of improvements. Among other implications, this means that proceeds from any particular bond issuance can be used to fund master improvements within any benefitted property or designated assessment area within the District, regardless of where the Bond Assessments are levied, provided that Bond

Assessments are fairly and reasonably allocated across all benefitted properties.

Contributions - As set forth in any supplemental report, and for any particular bond issuance, the Developer may opt to "buy down" the Bond Assessments on particular product types and/or lands using a contribution of cash, infrastructure or other consideration, and in order for Bond Assessments to reach certain target levels. Note that any "true-up," as described herein, may require a payment to satisfy "true-up" obligations as well as additional contributions to maintain such target assessment levels. Any amounts contributed by the Developer to pay down Bond Assessment will not be eligible for "deferred costs" or any other form of repayment, if any are provided for in connection with any particular bond issuance.

New Unit Types - As noted herein, this report identifies the anticipated product types for the development, and associates particular ERU factors with each product type. If new product types are identified in the course of development, the District's Assessment Consultant – without a further hearing – may determine the ERU factor for the new product type on a front footage basis, provided that such determination is made on a prorated basis and derived from the front footage of existing product types and their corresponding ERUs. For example, if a Single Family 50' unit has an ERU of 1.00, and a Single Family 45' unit has an ERU of 0.92, then a new Single Family 55' unit would have an ERU of 1.08.

#### 6.0 Additional Stipulations

#### 6.1 Overview

Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC was retained by the District to prepare a methodology to fairly allocate the special assessments related to the District's CIP. Certain financing, development and engineering data was provided by members of District Staff and/or the Developer. The allocation methodology described herein was based on information provided by those professionals. Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC makes no representations regarding said information transactions beyond restatement of the factual information necessary for compilation of this Report. For additional information on the Bond structure and related items, please refer to the Offering Statement associated with this transaction.

Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC does not represent the District as a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker nor is Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC does not provide the District with financial advisory services or offer investment advice in any form.

#### 7.0 Appendix

#### Table 1

## **Ham Brown Reserve**

#### **Community Development District**

#### **Development Plan**

	Phase 1 Number	Phase 2 Number	Total Number of
Product Type	of Units	of Units	Units
Townhomes	156	0	156
Bungalow	41	0	41
Single Family 45'	21	162	183
Single Family 50'	58	126	184
Total	276	288	564

#### Table 2

## **Ham Brown Reserve**

#### **Community Development District**

#### **Project Costs**

Improvement	Total Costs
Public Grading, Ponds and Stormwater Management System	\$12,421,466.00
Roadways	\$3,650,719.00
Water and Wastewater Utilities	\$6,396,670.00
Wastewater Lift Station and On-Site Force Main	\$830,400.00
Differential Cost of Undergrounding of Conduit	\$1,191,493.00
Hardscaping, Landscaping, and Irrigation	\$1,801,917.00
Conservation	\$0.00
Off-Site Improvements	\$2,663,534.00
Professional Fees	\$730,790.00
Inspection and Permitting Fees	\$1,235,790.00
Contingency	\$3,334,054.00
Total	\$34,256,833.00

Table 3

## **Ham Brown Reserve**

## **Community Development District**

#### **Preliminary Sources and Uses of Funds**

Sources	
Bond Proceeds:	
Par Amount	\$47,195,000.00
Total Sources	\$47,195,000.00
Uses	
Project Fund Deposits:	
Project Fund	\$34,256,833.00
Other Fund Deposits:	
Debt Service Reserve Fund	\$4,192,210.72
Capitalized Interest Fund	\$7,551,200.00
Delivery Date Expenses:	
Costs of Issuance	\$1,193,900.00
Rounding	\$856.28

\$47,195,000.00

#### Table 4

**Total Uses** 

## **Ham Brown Reserve**

#### **Community Development District**

#### **Benefit Allocation**

	Total Number o	of	
Product Type	Units	ERU Weight	Total ERU
Townhomes	156	0.48	74.88
Bungalow	41	0.68	27.88
Single Family 45'	183	0.90	164.70
Single Family 50'	184	1.00	184.00
Total	564		451.46

#### Table 5

## **Ham Brown Reserve**

#### **Community Development District**

#### **Bond Assessments Apportionment**

Product Type	Total Number of Units	Total Cost Allocation*	Maximum Total Bond Assessments Apportionment	Maximum Bond Assessments Apportionment per Unit	Annual Debt Service Payment**
Townhomes	156	\$5,681,902.39	\$7,827,850.97	\$50,178.53	\$4,792.72
Bungalow	41	\$2,115,537.38	\$2,914,536.39	\$71,086.25	\$6,789.69
Single Family 45'	183	\$12,497,453.58	\$17,217,508.75	\$94,084.75	\$8,986.35
Single Family 50'	184	\$13,961,939.64	\$19,235,103.89	\$104,538.61	\$9,984.83
Total	564	\$34,256,833.00	\$47,195,000.00		

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that cost allocations to units herein are based on the ERU benefit allocation illustrated in Table 4.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes county collection costs estimated at 2% (subject to change) and an early collection discount allowance estimated at 4% (subject to change)

#### Exhibit "A"

Bond Assessments in the amount of \$47,195,000 are proposed to be levied uniformly over the area described below:

# HAM BROWN RESERVE CDD LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12 AND THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 12; THENCE S00°21'12"E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTH 1/2 FOR 1327.91 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 13; THENCE S00°04'03"E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 13 FOR 2656.87 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 13; THENCE S89°55'38"W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 FOR 1814.49 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTH LINE RUN N00°07'52"E FOR 1332.53 FEET; THENCE S89°52'00"W FOR 178.11 FEET; THENCE N00°08'18"E FOR 658.45 FEET; THENCE S89°52'00"W FOR 947.87 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EXISTING EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF HAM BROWN ROAD, SAID POINT BEING ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1155.00 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING OF N30°53'14"E; THENCE NORTHEAST ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AND ALONG SAID EXISTING EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 05°04'40" FOR 102.36 FEET; THENCE N33°25'34"E ALONG SAID EXISTING EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR 588.99 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 2155.00 FEET, THENCE NORTHWEST ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AND ALONG SAID EXISTING EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 26°39'42 FOR 1002.80 FEET TO A POINT ON THE BOUNDARY OF PARCEL 147 DESCRIBED IN THE ORDER OF TAKING PER OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2872, PAGES 373 THROUGH 399; THENCE ALONG SAID BOUNDARY FOR THE FOLLOWING EIGHT (8) COURSES; THENCE RUN S48°45'50"E FOR 270.74 FEET; THENCE N66°12'55"E FOR 90.62 FEET; THENCE N01°03'06"E FOR 367.31 FEET; THENCE N45°29'58"W FOR 57.06 FEET; THENCE N42°35'53"W FOR 71.23 FEET; THENCE N38°06'40"W FOR 73.44 FEET; THENCE N43°54'34"W- FOR 78.20 FEET; THENCE N12°10'22"W FOR 52.68 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF AFORESAID SOUTH 1/2; THENCE N89°55'39"E ALONG SAID NORTH LINE FOR 2112.39 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 193.250 ACRES (8,417,985 SQUARE FEET), MORE OR LESS.

#### **LESS AND EXCEPT:**

A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 12; THENCE S89°55'39"W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 FOR 1908.08 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID NORTH LINE RUN S01°03'06"E

FOR 292.93 FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF PARCEL C DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3207, PAGE 2085 AND THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT WL-9 DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2288, PAGE 2881, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT WL-9 FOR THE FOLLOWING SEVEN (7) COURSES; RUN S45°30'28" E FOR 18.80 FEET; THENCE S51°01'46"E FOR 117.88 FEET; THENCE S59°19'09"E FOR 69.20 FEET; THENCE S61°23'36"E FOR 77.63 FEET; THENCE S70°42'37"E FOR 89.41 FEET; THENCE S66°29'02"E FOR 84.50 FEET; THENCE S66°51'47"E FOR 75.76 TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF UPLAND PRESERVE U-2 DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2288, PAGE 2881; THENCE \$43°45'41"E ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF UPLAND PRESERVE U-2 FOR 318.32 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF UPLAND PRESERVE U-2 RUN S31°14'42"W FOR 229.31 FEET; THENCE S58°49'53"E FOR 84.22 FEET TO A POINT ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 745.14 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING OF S41°12'46"E; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 35°05'05" FOR 456.28 FEET; THENCE S45°59'05"W FOR 293.61 FEET; THENCE N44°0055"W FOR 471.33 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 525.00 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 14°44'24" FOR 135.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE N58°45'18"W FOR 21.44 FEET; THENCE S31°14'42"W FOR 315.67 FEET; THENCE N58°45'18"W FOR 443.00 FEET; THENCE N31°14'42"E FOR 507.41 FEET; THENCE N01°03'06"E FOR 13.77 FEET TO A POINT ON THE BOUNDARY LINE OF AFORESAID PARCEL C; THENCE CONTINUE N01°03'06"E ALONG SAID BOUNDARY LINE FOR 332.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 15.741 ACRES (685,694 SQUARE FEET), MORE OR LESS.

TOGETHER, CONTAINING A TOTAL ACREAGE OF 177.509 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

# **Exhibit B**

BROOKFIELD HOLDINGS (HAM BROWN) LLC	250 Vesey Street, 15 <sup>th</sup> Floor
	New York, NY 10281
BROOKFIELD HOLDINGS (HAM BROWN) LLC	3200 Park Center Drive, Suite 1000
	Costa Mesa, California 92626
BROOKFIELD HOLDINGS (HAM BROWN) LLC	2395 Ham Brown Road
	Kissimmee, Florida 34746
STARLIGHT HOMES FLORIDA LLC	1064 Greenwood Blvd., Suite 124
	Lake Mary, Florida 32746

Property Appraiser PINs: 13-26-28-0000-0010-0000, 13-26-28-0000-0018-0000 and 12-26-28-0000-0019-0000

# HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

#### PREPARED FOR:

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

#### **ENGINEER:**

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September 26, 2023

#### HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide a description of the capital improvement plan ("CIP") and estimated costs of the CIP for the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District ("District").

#### 2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION

The District consists of 177.509 acres of land and is located entirely within Osceola County, Florida. The site is generally located north of Lowes Home Centers Inc. Warehouse, east of Ham Brown Road, south of Orange Blossom Trail and west of the Brighton Lakes Community Development District.

The District is currently pursuing a boundary amendment to add approximately 2 acres into the District's boundaries. These additional lands will be developed into approximately 5 additional lots as well as some common space, and this report assumes that the boundary amendment will be successfully approved.

#### 3. PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The CIP is intended to provide public infrastructure improvements for the entire development. The following chart shows the planned product types for the District:

#### **PRODUCT TYPES**

Product Type	Phase 1 Units	Phase 2 Units	Total Units
Townhomes	156	0	156
Bungalow	41	0	41
Single Family 45'	21	162	183
Single Family 50'	58	126	184
TOTAL	276	288	564

The public infrastructure for the project is as follows:

#### **Roadway Improvements:**

The CIP includes subdivision roads within the District. Generally, all roads will be 2-lane un-divided roads. Such roads include the roadway asphalt, base, and subgrade, roadway curb and gutter, striping and signage and sidewalks within rights-of-way abutting non-lot lands. Sidewalks abutting lots will be constructed by the homebuilders. All roads will be designed in accordance with applicable design requirements.

All internal roadways that will be open to the public may be financed by the District. Collector roads are intended to be dedicated to a local general-purpose unit of government for ownership, operation, and maintenance, while the District anticipates owning and operating all other roads. Alternatively, the developer may elect to finance the internal roads, gate them, and turn them over to a homeowner's association for ownership, operation and maintenance (in such an event, the District would be limited to financing only certain utilities, conservation and stormwater improvements behind such gated areas).

#### **Stormwater Management System:**

The stormwater collection and outfall system is a combination of roadway curbs, curb inlets, pipe, control structures and open lakes designed to treat and attenuate stormwater runoff from District lands. The stormwater system will be designed consistent with the applicable design requirements for stormwater/floodplain management systems. The District will finance, own, operate and maintain the stormwater system.

NOTE: No private earthwork is included in the CIP. Accordingly, the District will not fund any costs of mass grading of lots or the transportation of any fill to such lots.

#### Water, Wastewater and Reclaim Utilities:

As part of the CIP, the District intends to construct and/or acquire water, wastewater and reclaim infrastructure. In particular, the on-site water supply improvements include water mains that will be located within rights-of-way and used for potable water service and fire protection.

Wastewater improvements for the project will include an onsite gravity collection system, offsite and onsite force main and onsite lift stations.

Similarly, the reclaim water distribution system will be constructed to provide service for irrigation throughout the community.

The water and reclaim distribution and wastewater collection systems for all phases will be constructed and/or acquired by the District and then dedicated to a local, public utility provider for operation and maintenance. The CIP will only include laterals to the lot lines (i.e., point of connection).

#### Hardscape, Landscape, and Irrigation:

The District will construct and/or install landscaping, irrigation and hardscaping within District common areas and rights-of-way. The District must meet local design criteria requirements for planting and irrigation design. This project will at a minimum meet those requirements and in most cases will exceed the requirements with enhancements for the benefit of the community.

All such landscaping, irrigation and hardscaping will be owned, maintained and funded by the District. Such infrastructure, to the extent that it is located in rights-of-way owned by a local

general purpose government will be maintained pursuant to a right-of-way agreement or permit. Any landscaping, irrigation or hardscaping systems behind hard-gated roads, if any, would not be financed by the District and instead would be privately installed and maintained.

#### Streetlights / Undergrounding of Electrical Utility Lines

The District intends to lease street lights through an agreement with a local utility provider and will fund the street lights through an annual operations and maintenance assessment. As such, streetlights are not included as part of the CIP.

The CIP does however include the incremental cost of undergrounding of electrical utility lines within right-of-way utility easements throughout the community. Any lines and transformers located in such areas would be owned by the local utility provider and not paid for by the District as part of the CIP.

#### **Recreational Amenities:**

As part of the overall development, the District intends to construct a clubhouse and other amenity facilities. Any District funded clubhouse or other amenity facilities will be open to the public and will be owned, operated and maintained by the District. Alternatively, the Developer may privately fund such facilities and, upon completion, transfer them to a homeowners' association for ownership, operation and maintenance. In such event, the amenities would be considered common elements for the exclusive benefit of the District landowners.

#### **Environmental Conservation**

The District will provide onsite conservation areas in order to offset wetland impacts associated with the construction of the development. The District will be responsible for the design, permitting, construction, and government reporting of necessary environmental mitigation within the District. There are no capital costs associated with this CIP item.

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

Offsite improvements include 9,550 linear feet of 8" PVC force main.

#### **Professional Services**

The CIP also includes various professional services. These include: (i) engineering, surveying and architectural fees, (ii) permitting and plan review costs, and (iii) development/construction management services fees that are required for the design, permitting, construction, and acceptance of the public improvements and facilities.

NOTE: In connection with the CIP, the District may finance certain infrastructure that may generate impact fee credits. As set forth in the District's assessment proceedings, and in recognition of the uncertain market for such credits, and limited value, and as consideration for the District and the developer undertaking the transactions involved with the CIP and financing arrangements, the District and the developer will enter into an agreement whereby the developer may retain any such impact fee credits, provided that (i) the developer contributes a corresponding amount of improvements, work product and/or real property as part of the CIP and/or reduces the cost of such improvements, work product or real property to be acquired by the District by a corresponding amount of such impact fee credits, or (ii) the developer may prepay debt assessments by a corresponding amount of such impact fee credits. Alternatively, the developer may provide the proceeds of the impact fee credits to the District for deposit into the applicable acquisition and construction account for the applicable bond series, and for use in acquiring and/or constructing the CIP.

#### 4. PERMITTING/CONSTRUCTION COMMENCEMENT

All necessary permits for the construction of the CIP have either been obtained or are currently under review by respective governmental authorities, and include the following:

- FDEP 404 Clean Water Act Permit No. ST404\_419929-001-SFI-31(pending)
- SFWMD, Environmental Resource Permit Application No. 220419-34058 (pending)
- Osceola County, Site Development Plan SDP22-0066 (pending)
- Toho Water Authority, Construction Plan Review Project #220064 (pending)

#### 5. OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS / O&M RESPONSIBILITIES

The table below presents, among other things, a cost estimate for the CIP. It is our professional opinion that the costs set forth below are reasonable and consistent with market pricing.

#### **COST ESTIMATE**

Improvement	Phase 1 Estimated Cost	Phase 2 Estimated Cost	TOTAL Estimated Cost	Operation & Maintenance Entity
Public Grading, Ponds and Stormwater Management System	\$8,695,026	\$3,726,440	\$12,421,466	CDD
Roadways	\$1,825,360	\$1,825,359	\$3,650,719	County
Water and Wastewater Utilities	\$4,477,669	\$1,919,001	\$6,396,670	(Public) Toho Water Authority
Wastewater Lift Station and On- Site Force Main	\$830,400	0	\$830,400	(Public) Toho Water Authority
Differential Cost of Undergrounding of Conduit	\$595,747	\$595,746	\$1,191,493	N/A
Hardscaping, Landscaping, and Irrigation	\$900,959	\$900,958	\$1,801,917	CDD
Conservation	-	-	-	CDD
Off-Site Force Main Improvements	\$2,663,534	0	\$2,663,534	(Public) Toho Water Authority
Professional Fees	\$365,395	\$365,395	\$730,790	CDD
Inspection and Permitting Fees	\$617,895	\$617,895	\$1,235,790	N/A
Contingency	\$2,306,918	\$1,027,136	\$3,334,054	As above
TOTAL	\$23,278,903	\$10,977,930	\$34,256,833	

- a. The probable costs estimated herein do not include anticipated carrying cost, interest reserves or other anticipated CDD expenditures that may be incurred.
- b. The developer reserves the right to finance any of the improvements outlined above, and have such improvements owned and maintained by a property owner's or homeowner's association, in which case such items would not be part of the CIP.
- c. The District intends to maintain all improvements that are part of the CIP. However, the District may enter into an agreement with a third-party, or an applicable property owner's or homeowner's association, to maintain any District-owned improvements, subject to the approval of the District's bond counsel.
- d. The cost estimate above excludes any costs attributable to the multi-family and commercial tracts that are intended to be part of the larger project, beyond the District's boundaries.

#### 6. CONCLUSIONS

The CIP will be designed in accordance with current governmental regulations and requirements. The CIP will serve its intended function so long as the construction is in substantial compliance with the design.

It is further our opinion that:

- the estimated cost to the CIP as set forth herein is reasonable based on prices currently being experienced in the jurisdiction in which the District is located, and is not greater than the lesser of the actual cost of construction or the fair market value of such infrastructure;
- All of the improvements comprising the CIP are required by applicable development approvals issued pursuant to Section 380.06, Florida Statutes;
- the CIP is feasible to construct, there are no technical reasons existing at this time that would
  prevent the implementation of the CIP, and it is reasonable to assume that all necessary
  regulatory approvals will be obtained in due course; and
- the assessable property within the District will receive a special benefit from the CIP that is at least equal to such costs.

Also, the CIP will constitute a system of improvements that will provide benefits, both general, and special and peculiar, to all lands within the District. The general public, property owners, and property outside the District will benefit from the provisions of the District's CIP; however, these are incidental to the District's CIP, which is designed solely to provide special benefits peculiar to property within the District. Special and peculiar benefits accrue to property within the District and enable properties within the District's boundaries to be developed.

The CIP will be owned by the District or other governmental units and such CIP is intended to be available and will reasonably be available for use by the general public (either by being part of a system of improvements that is available to the general public or is otherwise available to the general public) including nonresidents of the District. All of the CIP is or will be located on lands owned or to be owned by the District or another governmental entity or on perpetual easements in favor of the District or other governmental entity. The CIP, and any cost estimates set forth herein, do not include any earthwork, grading or other improvements on private lots or property. The District will pay the lesser of the cost of the components of the CIP or the fair market value.

Please note that the CIP as presented herein is based on current plans and market conditions which are subject to change. Accordingly, the CIP, as used herein, refers to sufficient public infrastructure of the kinds described herein (i.e., stormwater/floodplain management, sanitary sewer, potable water, etc.) to support the development and sale of the planned residential units in the District, which (subject to true-up determinations) number and type of units may be changed with the development of the site. Stated differently, 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, and the District expressly reserves the right to do so.

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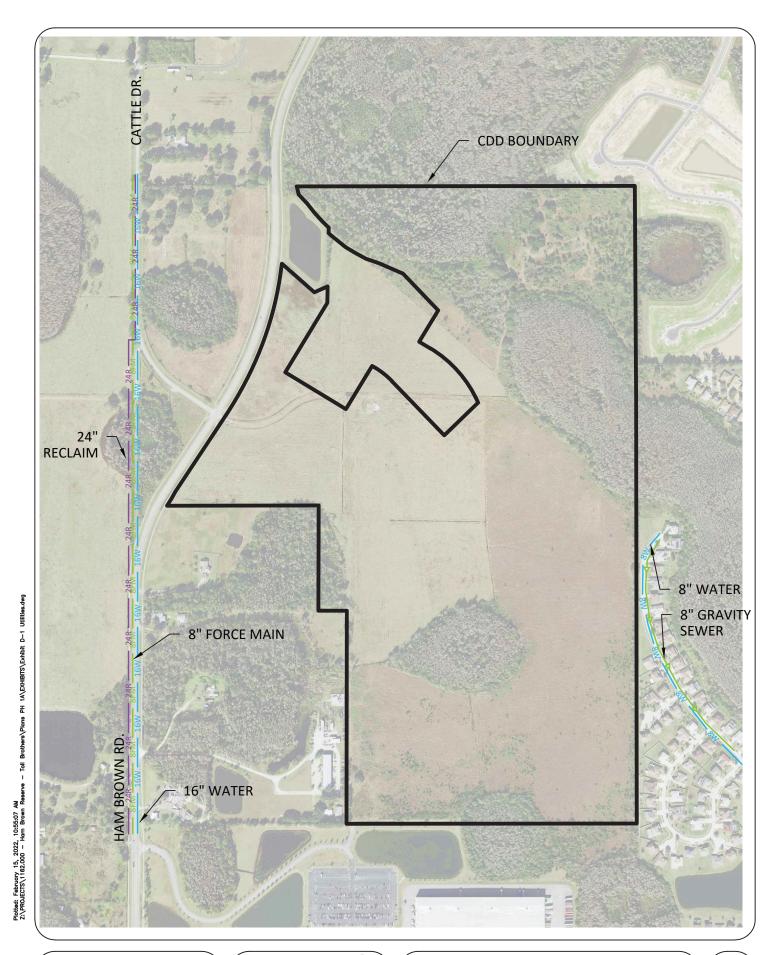
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EXHIBIT A

LOCATION MAP







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EXHIBIT D-1

EXISTING UTILITIES

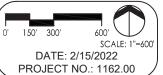


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EXHIBIT G

FUTURE LAND USE MAP

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Master Special Assessment Methodology Report

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#### 1.0 Introduction

#### 1.1 Purpose

This Master Special Assessment Methodology Report (the "Report") was developed to provide a master financing plan and a master special assessment methodology for the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District (the "District"), located in unincorporated Osceola County, Florida, as related to funding the costs of public infrastructure improvements (the "Capital Improvement Program" or "CIP") contemplated to be provided by the District.

#### 1.2 Scope of the Report

This Report presents the projections for financing the District's CIP described in the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District Engineer's Report prepared by Boyd Civil Engineering, Inc. (the "District Engineer") and dated September 26, 2023 (the "Engineer's Report"), as well as describes the method for the allocation of special benefits and the apportionment of special assessment debt resulting from the provision and funding of the CIP.

#### 1.3 Special Benefits and General Benefits

Improvements undertaken and funded by the District as part of the CIP create special and peculiar benefits, different in kind and degree than general benefits, for properties within its borders as well as general benefits to the public at large. However, as discussed within this 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 District's CIP enables properties within its boundaries to be developed.

There is no doubt that the general public and property owners of property outside the District will benefit from the provision of the CIP. However, these benefits are only incidental since the CIP is designed solely to provide special benefits peculiar to property within the District. Properties outside the District are not directly served by the CIP and do not depend upon the CIP to obtain or to maintain their development entitlements. This fact alone clearly distinguishes the special benefits which District properties receive compared to those lying outside of the District's boundaries.

The CIP will provide public infrastructure improvements which are all necessary in order to make the lands within the District developable

and saleable. The installation of such improvements will cause the value of the developable and saleable lands within the District to increase by more than the sum of the financed cost of the individual components of the CIP. Even though the exact value of the benefits provided by the CIP is hard to estimate at this point, it is nevertheless greater than the costs associated with providing the same.

#### 1.4 Organization of the Report

Section Two describes the development program as proposed by the Developer, as defined below.

Section Three provides a summary of the CIP as determined by the District Engineer.

Section Four discusses the financing program for the District.

Section Five introduces the special assessment methodology for the District.

#### 2.0 Development Program

#### 2.1 Overview

The District will serve the Ham Brown Reserve development (the "Development" or "Ham Brown Reserve"), a master planned, residential development located in unincorporated Osceola County, The land within the District consists of approximately Florida. 177.509 +/- acres and is generally located north of Lowes Home Centers Inc. Warehouse, east of Ham Brown Road, south of Orange Blossom Trail and west of the Brighton Lakes Community Development District. Please note that the District is pursuing a future boundary amendment to add approximately 2 acres into the District's boundaries, and add approximately 5 additional lots and common space into the District's boundaries. This report includes the additional 5 lots as part of the overall project mix, but additional assessment proceedings will need to be completed, and a restated master assessment methodology report will need to be prepared, after the boundary amendment is completed.

#### 2.2 The Development Program

The development of Ham Brown Reserve is anticipated to be conducted by Brookfield Holdings (Ham Brown) LLC (the "Developer"). Based upon the information provided by the Developer

and the Engineer, the current development plan envisions a total of 564 single-family residential units, although land use types and unit numbers may change throughout the development period. Table 1 in the *Appendix* illustrates the development plan for Ham Brown Reserve. The development of Ham Brown Reserve is planned to be conducted in one or more phases over a multi-year period.

#### 3.0 The Capital Improvement Program

#### 3.1 Overview

The public infrastructure costs to be funded by the District are described by the District Engineer in the Engineer's Report. Only public infrastructure that may qualify for bond financing by the District under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes and under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, was included in these estimates.

#### 3.2 Capital Improvement Program

The CIP needed to serve the Development is projected to consist of improvements which will serve all of the lands in the District. The CIP will consist of public grading, ponds and stormwater management system, roadways, water and wastewater utilities, wastewater lift station and on-site force main, undergrounding of conduit, hardscaping, landscaping, and irrigation, and off-site improvements. At the time of this writing, the total cost of the Master Infrastructure Improvements is estimated to total approximately \$34,256,833.

According to the District Engineer, these infrastructure improvements will serve and provide benefit to all land uses in the District. The improvements that are part of the CIP will comprise an interrelated system of improvements, which means all of improvements will serve the entire District and improvements will be interrelated such that they will reinforce one another.

Table 2 in the *Appendix* illustrates the specific components of the CIP.

#### 4.0 Financing Program

#### 4.1 Overview

As noted above, the District is embarking on a program of capital improvements which will facilitate the development of lands within the District. Generally, construction of public improvements is either funded by the Developer and then acquired by the District or funded directly by the District. The choice of the exact mechanism for providing public infrastructure has not yet been made at the time of this writing, and the District may either acquire the public infrastructure from the Developer or construct it, or even partly acquire it and partly construct it.

Even though the actual financing plan may change to include multiple series of bonds, it is likely that in order to fully fund costs of the CIP as described in *Section 3.2* in one financing transaction, the District would have to issue approximately \$47,195,000 in par amount of Special Assessment Revenue Bonds (the "Bonds").

Please note that the purpose of this Report is to allocate the benefit of the CIP to the various land uses in the District and based on such benefit allocation to apportion the maximum debt necessary to fund the CIP. The discussion of the structure and size of the indebtedness is based on various estimates and is subject to change.

#### 4.2 Types of Bonds Proposed

The proposed financing plan for the District provides for the issuance of the Bonds in the approximate principal amount of \$47,195,000 to finance approximately \$34,256,833 in CIP costs. The Bonds as projected under this financing plan would be structured to be amortized in 30 annual installments following a 24-month capitalized interest period. Interest payments on the Bonds would be made every May 1 and November 1, and principal payments on the Bonds would be made either on May 1 or on November 1.

In order to finance the improvement and other costs, the District would need to borrow more funds and incur indebtedness in the total amount of approximately \$47,195,000. The difference is comprised of debt service reserve, capitalized interest, underwriter's discount and costs of issuance. Preliminary sources and uses of funding for the Bonds are presented in Table 3 in the *Appendix*. Please note that the structure of the Bonds as presented in this Report is preliminary and may change due to changes in the development program,

market conditions, timing of infrastructure installation as well as for other reasons. The District maintains complete flexibility as to the structure of the Bonds and reserves the right to modify it as necessary.

#### 5.0 Assessment Methodology

#### 5.1 Overview

The issuance of the Bonds provides the District with funds necessary to construct/acquire the infrastructure improvements which are part of the CIP outlined in Section 3.2 and described in more detail by the District Engineer in the Engineer's Report. These improvements lead to special and general benefits, with special benefits accruing to the assessable properties within the boundaries of the District and general benefits accruing to areas outside the District but being only incidental in nature. The debt incurred in financing the public infrastructure will be paid off by assessing properties that derive special and peculiar benefits from the CIP. All properties that receive special benefits from the CIP will be assessed for their fair share of the debt issued in order to finance all or a portion of the CIP.

#### 5.2 Benefit Allocation

The most current development plan envisions the development of 564 single-family residential units, although unit numbers and land use types may change throughout the development period.

According to the District Engineer, these infrastructure improvements will serve and provide benefit to all land uses in the District. The improvements that are part of the CIP will comprise an interrelated system of improvements, which means all of improvements will serve the entire District and improvements will be interrelated such that they will reinforce one another.

By allowing for the land in the District to be developable, both the improvements that comprise the CIP and their combined benefit will be greater than the sum of their individual benefits. All of the land uses within the District will benefit from each infrastructure improvement category, as the improvements provide basic infrastructure to all land within the District and benefit all land within the District as an integrated system of improvements.

As stated previously, the public infrastructure improvements included in the CIP have a logical connection to the special and peculiar benefits received by the land within the District, as without such improvements, the development of the properties within the District would not be possible. Based upon the connection between the improvements and the special and peculiar benefits to the land within the District, the District can assign or allocate a portion of the District's debt through the imposition of non-ad valorem assessments, to the land receiving such special and peculiar benefits. Even though these special and peculiar benefits are real and ascertainable, the precise amount of the benefit cannot yet be calculated with mathematical certainty. However, such benefit is more valuable than the pro-rata cost of the improvements necessary for that parcel, or the actual non-ad valorem assessment amount levied on that parcel.

The benefit associated with the CIP of the District is proposed to be allocated to the different product types within the District in proportion to the density of development and intensity of use of the master infrastructure as measured by a standard unit called an Equivalent Residential Unit ("ERU"). Table 4 in the *Appendix* illustrates the ERU weights that are proposed to be assigned to the land uses contemplated to be developed within the District based on the relative density of development and the intensity of use of master infrastructure, the total ERU counts for each land use category, and the share of the benefit received by each land use.

The rationale behind different ERU weights is supported by the fact that generally and on average smaller units or units with a lower intensity of use will use and benefit from the District's improvements less than larger units or units with a higher intensity of use, as for instance, generally and on average smaller units or units with lower intensity of use produce less storm water runoff, may produce fewer vehicular trips, and may need less water/sewer capacity than larger units. Additionally, the value of the larger units or units with a higher intensity of use is likely to appreciate by more in terms of dollars than that of the smaller units or units with a lower intensity of use as a result of the implementation of the CIP. As the exact amount of the benefit and appreciation is not possible to be calculated at this time, the use of ERU measures serves as a reasonable approximation of the relative amount of benefit received from the District's improvements.

Table 5 in the *Appendix* presents the apportionment of the assessment associated with funding the District's CIP (the "Bond Assessments") in accordance with the ERU benefit allocation method presented in Table 4. Table 5 also presents the annual levels of the projected annual debt service assessments per unit.

Amenities - No Bond Assessments are allocated herein to any private amenities or other common areas planned for the development. If owned by a homeowner's association or a master property owner's association, the amenities and common areas would be considered a common element for the exclusive benefit of property owners. Accordingly, any benefit to the amenities and common areas would directly benefit all platted lots in the District. If the amenities are owned by the District, then they would be governmental property not subject to the Bond Assessments and would be open to the general public, subject to District rules and policies. As such, no Bond Assessments will be assigned to the amenities and common areas.

**Governmental Property** - If at any time, any portion of the property contained in the District is sold or otherwise transferred to a unit of local, state, or federal government (without consent of such governmental unit to the imposition of Bond Assessments thereon), or similarly exempt entity, all future unpaid Bond Assessments for such tax parcel shall become due and payable immediately prior to such transfer.

#### 5.3 Assigning Debt

The Bond Assessments will initially be levied on all of the gross acre land in the District. Consequently, the Bond Assessments will be levied on approximately 177.509 +/- gross acres on an equal prorata gross acre basis and thus the total bonded debt in the amount of \$47,195,000 will be preliminarily levied on approximately 177.509 +/- gross acres at a rate of \$265,873.84 per acre.

As the land is platted, the Bond Assessments will be allocated to each platted parcel on a first platted-first assigned basis based on the planned use for that platted parcel as reflected in Table 5 in the *Appendix*. Such allocation of Bond Assessments to platted parcels will reduce the amount of Bond Assessments levied on unplatted gross acres within the District.

Further, to the extent that any residential land which has not been platted is sold to another developer or builder, the Bond Assessments will be assigned to such parcel at the time of the sale based upon the development rights associated with such parcel that are transferred from seller to buyer. The District shall provide an estoppel or similar document to the buyer evidencing the amount of Bond Assessments transferred at sale.

In the event unplatted land (the "Transferred Property") is sold to a third party not affiliated with the Master Developer, the Bond Assessments will be assigned to such Transferred Property at the time of the sale based on the maximum total number of ERUs assigned by the Master Developer to that Transferred Property. subject to review by the District's methodology consultant, to ensure that any such assignment is reasonable, supported by current development rights and plans, and otherwise consistent with this Supplemental Report. The owner of the Transferred Property will be responsible for the total Bond Assessments applicable to the Transferred Property, regardless of the total number of ERUs ultimately actually platted. These total Bond Assessments are fixed to the Transferred Property at the time of the sale. If the Transferred Property is subsequently sub-divided into smaller parcels, the total Bond Assessments initially allocated to the Transferred Property will be re-allocated to the smaller parcels pursuant to the methodology as described herein (i.e. equal assessment per acre until platting).

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

As first discussed in *Section 1.3*, Special Benefits and General Benefits, improvements undertaken by the District create special and peculiar benefits to certain properties within the District. The District's improvements benefit assessable properties within the District and accrue to all such assessable properties on an ERU basis.

Improvements undertaken by the District can be shown to be creating special and peculiar benefits to the property within the District. The special and peculiar benefits resulting from each improvement include, but are not limited to:

- a. added use of the property;
- b. added enjoyment of the property;
- c. decreased insurance premiums;
- d. increased marketability and value of the property.

The improvements which are part of the CIP make the land in the District developable and saleable and when implemented jointly as parts of the CIP, provide special and peculiar benefits which are greater than the benefits of any single category of improvements. These special and peculiar benefits are real and ascertainable, but not yet capable of being calculated and assessed in terms of numerical value; however, such benefits are more valuable than either the cost of, or the actual assessment levied for, the improvement or debt allocated to the parcel of land.

# 5.5 Lienability Test: Reasonable and Fair Apportionment of the Duty to Pay

A reasonable estimate of the proportion of special and peculiar benefits received from the improvements is delineated in Table 4 (expressed as ERU factors) in the *Appendix*.

The apportionment of the assessments is fair and reasonable because, with the exception mentioned in *Section 5.2*, it was conducted on the basis of consistent application of the methodology described in *Section 5.2* across all assessable property within the District according to reasonable estimates of the special and peculiar benefits derived from the CIP by different land uses.

Accordingly, no acre or parcel of property within the District will be liened for the payment of any non-ad valorem special assessment more than the determined special benefit peculiar to that property.

#### 5.6 True-Up Mechanism

The District's assessment program is predicated on the development of lots in a manner sufficient to include all of the planned Equivalent Residential Units ("ERUs") as set forth in Table 1 in the Appendix ("Development Plan"). At such time as lands are to be platted (or replatted) or site plans are to be approved (or re-approved), the plat or site plan (either, herein, "Proposed Plat") shall be presented to the District for a "true-up" review as follows:

- a. If a Proposed Plat within the District results in the same amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) able to be imposed on the "Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands" within the District (i.e., those remaining unplatted developable lands after the Proposed Plat is recorded) as compared to what was originally contemplated under the Development Plan, then the District shall allocate the Bond Assessments to the product types being platted and the remaining property in accordance with this First Supplemental Report, and cause the Bond Assessments to be recorded in the District's Improvement Lien Book.
- b. If a Proposed Plat within the District results in a greater amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) able to be imposed on the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands within the District as compared to what was originally contemplated under the Development Plan, then the District may undertake a pro rata reduction of Bond Assessments for all assessed properties within the District, or may otherwise address such net decrease as permitted by law.

c. If a Proposed Plat within the District results in a lower amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) able to be imposed on the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands within the District as compared to what was originally contemplated under the Development Plan, then the District shall require the landowner(s) of the lands encompassed by the Proposed Plat to pay a "True-Up Payment" equal to the difference between: (i) the Bond Assessments originally contemplated to be imposed on the lands subject to the Proposed Plat, and (ii) the Bond Assessments able to be imposed on the lands subject to the Proposed Plat, after the Proposed Plat (plus applicable interest, collection costs, penalties, etc.).

With respect to the foregoing true-up analysis, the District's Assessment Consultant, in consultation with the District Engineer and District Counsel, shall determine in his or her sole discretion what amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) are able to be imposed on the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands within the District, taking into account a Proposed Plat, by reviewing: a) the original, overall development plan showing the number and type of units reasonably planned for the District, b) the revised, overall development plan showing the number and type of units reasonably planned for within the District, c) proof of the amount of entitlements for the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands within the District, d) evidence of allowable zoning conditions that would enable those entitlements to be placed in accordance with the revised development plan, and e) documentation that shows the feasibility of implementing the proposed development plan. Prior to any decision by the District not to impose a true-up payment, a supplemental methodology shall be produced demonstrating that there will be sufficient assessments to pay debt service on the applicable series of bonds and the District will conduct new proceedings under Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes upon the advice of District Counsel.

Any True-Up Payment shall become due and payable that tax year by the landowner of the lands subject to the Proposed Plat within the District, shall be in addition to the regular assessment installment payable for such lands, and shall constitute part of the debt assessment liens imposed against the Proposed Plat property until paid. A True-Up Payment shall include accrued interest on the applicable bond series to the interest payment date that occurs at least 45 days after the True-Up Payment (or the second succeeding interest payment date if such True-Up Payment is made within forty-five (45) calendar days before an interest payment date (or such

other time as set forth in the supplemental indentures for the applicable bond series)).

All Bond Assessments levied run with the land, and such assessment liens include any True-Up Payments. The District will not release any liens on property for which True-Up Payments are due, until payment has been satisfactorily made. Further, upon the District's review of the final plat for the developable acres within the District, any unallocated Bond Assessments shall become due and payable and must be paid prior to the District's approval of that plat. This true-up process applies for both plats and/or re-plats.

Such review shall be limited solely to the function and the enforcement of the District's assessment liens and/or true-up agreements. Nothing herein shall in any way operate to or be construed as providing any other plat approval or disapproval powers to the District. For further detail on the true-up process, please refer to the True-Up Agreement and applicable assessment resolution(s).

#### 5.7 Assessment Roll

The Bond Assessments of \$47,195,000 are proposed to be levied over the area described in Exhibit "A". Excluding any capitalized interest period, debt service assessments shall be paid in thirty (30) annual principal installments.

# 5.8 Additional Items Regarding Bond Assessment Imposition and Allocation

Master Lien - This master assessment allocation methodology is intended to establish the necessary benefit and fair and reasonable allocation findings for a master assessment lien, which may give rise to one or more individual assessment liens relating to individual bond issuances necessary to fund all or a portion of the project(s) referenced herein comprising the CIP. All such liens shall be within the benefit limits established herein and using the allocation methodology described herein, and shall be described in one or more supplemental reports.

System of Improvements - As noted herein, the CIP functions as a system of improvements. Among other implications, this means that proceeds from any particular bond issuance can be used to fund master improvements within any benefitted property or designated assessment area within the District, regardless of where the Bond Assessments are levied, provided that Bond

Assessments are fairly and reasonably allocated across all benefitted properties.

Contributions - As set forth in any supplemental report, and for any particular bond issuance, the Developer may opt to "buy down" the Bond Assessments on particular product types and/or lands using a contribution of cash, infrastructure or other consideration, and in order for Bond Assessments to reach certain target levels. Note that any "true-up," as described herein, may require a payment to satisfy "true-up" obligations as well as additional contributions to maintain such target assessment levels. Any amounts contributed by the Developer to pay down Bond Assessment will not be eligible for "deferred costs" or any other form of repayment, if any are provided for in connection with any particular bond issuance.

New Unit Types - As noted herein, this report identifies the anticipated product types for the development, and associates particular ERU factors with each product type. If new product types are identified in the course of development, the District's Assessment Consultant – without a further hearing – may determine the ERU factor for the new product type on a front footage basis, provided that such determination is made on a prorated basis and derived from the front footage of existing product types and their corresponding ERUs. For example, if a Single Family 50' unit has an ERU of 1.00, and a Single Family 45' unit has an ERU of 0.92, then a new Single Family 55' unit would have an ERU of 1.08.

#### 6.0 Additional Stipulations

#### 6.1 Overview

Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC was retained by the District to prepare a methodology to fairly allocate the special assessments related to the District's CIP. Certain financing, development and engineering data was provided by members of District Staff and/or the Developer. The allocation methodology described herein was based on information provided by those professionals. Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC makes no representations regarding said information transactions beyond restatement of the factual information necessary for compilation of this Report. For additional information on the Bond structure and related items, please refer to the Offering Statement associated with this transaction.

Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC does not represent the District as a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker nor is Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC does not provide the District with financial advisory services or offer investment advice in any form.

### 7.0 Appendix

#### Table 1

# **Ham Brown Reserve**

### **Community Development District**

#### **Development Plan**

	Phase 1 Number	Phase 2 Number	Total Number of
Product Type	of Units	of Units	Units
Townhomes	156	0	156
Bungalow	41	0	41
Single Family 45'	21	162	183
Single Family 50'	58	126	184
Total	276	288	564

#### Table 2

# **Ham Brown Reserve**

### **Community Development District**

#### **Project Costs**

Improvement	Total Costs
Public Grading, Ponds and Stormwater Management System	\$12,421,466.00
Roadways	\$3,650,719.00
Water and Wastewater Utilities	\$6,396,670.00
Wastewater Lift Station and On-Site Force Main	\$830,400.00
Differential Cost of Undergrounding of Conduit	\$1,191,493.00
Hardscaping, Landscaping, and Irrigation	\$1,801,917.00
Conservation	\$0.00
Off-Site Improvements	\$2,663,534.00
Professional Fees	\$730,790.00
Inspection and Permitting Fees	\$1,235,790.00
Contingency	\$3,334,054.00
Total	\$34,256,833.00

Table 3

# **Ham Brown Reserve**

## **Community Development District**

#### **Preliminary Sources and Uses of Funds**

Sources	
Bond Proceeds:	
Par Amount	\$47,195,000.00
Total Sources	\$47,195,000.00
<u>Uses</u>	
Project Fund Deposits:	
Project Fund	\$34,256,833.00
Other Fund Deposits:	
Debt Service Reserve Fund	\$4,192,210.72
Capitalized Interest Fund	\$7,551,200.00
Delivery Date Expenses:	
Costs of Issuance	\$1,193,900.00
Rounding	\$856.28
Total Uses	\$47,195,000.00

#### Table 4

# **Ham Brown Reserve**

#### **Community Development District**

#### **Benefit Allocation**

	Total Number of	f	
Product Type	Units	ERU Weight	Total ERU
Townhomes	156	0.48	74.88
Bungalow	41	0.68	27.88
Single Family 45'	183	0.90	164.70
Single Family 50'	184	1.00	184.00
Total	564		451.46

#### Table 5

## **Ham Brown Reserve**

### **Community Development District**

#### **Bond Assessments Apportionment**

Product Type	Total Number of Units	Total Cost Allocation*	Maximum Total Bond Assessments Apportionment	Maximum Bond Assessments Apportionment per Unit	Annual Debt Service Payment**
Townhomes	156	\$5,681,902.39	\$7,827,850.97	\$50,178.53	\$4,792.72
Bungalow	41	\$2,115,537.38	\$2,914,536.39	\$71,086.25	\$6,789.69
Single Family 45'	183	\$12,497,453.58	\$17,217,508.75	\$94,084.75	\$8,986.35
Single Family 50'	184	\$13,961,939.64	\$19,235,103.89	\$104,538.61	\$9,984.83
Total	564	\$34,256,833.00	\$47,195,000.00		

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that cost allocations to units herein are based on the ERU benefit allocation illustrated in Table 4.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes county collection costs estimated at 2% (subject to change) and an early collection discount allowance estimated at 4% (subject to change)

### Exhibit "A"

Bond Assessments in the amount of \$47,195,000 are proposed to be levied uniformly over the area described below:

# HAM BROWN RESERVE CDD LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12 AND THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 12; THENCE S00°21'12"E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTH 1/2 FOR 1327.91 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 13; THENCE S00°04'03"E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 13 FOR 2656.87 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 13; THENCE S89°55'38"W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 FOR 1814.49 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTH LINE RUN N00°07'52"E FOR 1332.53 FEET; THENCE S89°52'00"W FOR 178.11 FEET; THENCE N00°08'18"E FOR 658.45 FEET; THENCE S89°52'00"W FOR 947.87 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EXISTING EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF HAM BROWN ROAD, SAID POINT BEING ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1155.00 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING OF N30°53'14"E; THENCE NORTHEAST ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AND ALONG SAID EXISTING EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 05°04'40" FOR 102.36 FEET; THENCE N33°25'34"E ALONG SAID EXISTING EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR 588.99 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 2155.00 FEET, THENCE NORTHWEST ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AND ALONG SAID EXISTING EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 26°39'42 FOR 1002.80 FEET TO A POINT ON THE BOUNDARY OF PARCEL 147 DESCRIBED IN THE ORDER OF TAKING PER OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2872, PAGES 373 THROUGH 399; THENCE ALONG SAID BOUNDARY FOR THE FOLLOWING EIGHT (8) COURSES; THENCE RUN S48°45'50"E FOR 270.74 FEET; THENCE N66°12'55"E FOR 90.62 FEET; THENCE N01°03'06"E FOR 367.31 FEET; THENCE N45°29'58"W FOR 57.06 FEET; THENCE N42°35'53"W FOR 71.23 FEET; THENCE N38°06'40"W FOR 73.44 FEET; THENCE N43°54'34"W- FOR 78.20 FEET; THENCE N12°10'22"W FOR 52.68 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF AFORESAID SOUTH 1/2; THENCE N89°55'39"E ALONG SAID NORTH LINE FOR 2112.39 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 193.250 ACRES (8,417,985 SQUARE FEET), MORE OR LESS.

#### **LESS AND EXCEPT:**

A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 12; THENCE S89°55'39"W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 FOR 1908.08 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID NORTH LINE RUN S01°03'06"E

FOR 292.93 FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF PARCEL C DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3207, PAGE 2085 AND THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT WL-9 DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2288, PAGE 2881, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT WL-9 FOR THE FOLLOWING SEVEN (7) COURSES; RUN S45°30'28" E FOR 18.80 FEET; THENCE S51°01'46"E FOR 117.88 FEET; THENCE S59°19'09"E FOR 69.20 FEET; THENCE S61°23'36"E FOR 77.63 FEET; THENCE S70°42'37"E FOR 89.41 FEET; THENCE S66°29'02"E FOR 84.50 FEET; THENCE S66°51'47"E FOR 75.76 TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF UPLAND PRESERVE U-2 DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2288, PAGE 2881; THENCE \$43°45'41"E ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF UPLAND PRESERVE U-2 FOR 318.32 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF UPLAND PRESERVE U-2 RUN S31°14'42"W FOR 229.31 FEET; THENCE S58°49'53"E FOR 84.22 FEET TO A POINT ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 745.14 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING OF S41°12'46"E; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 35°05'05" FOR 456.28 FEET; THENCE S45°59'05"W FOR 293.61 FEET; THENCE N44°0055"W FOR 471.33 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 525.00 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 14°44'24" FOR 135.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE N58°45'18"W FOR 21.44 FEET; THENCE S31°14'42"W FOR 315.67 FEET; THENCE N58°45'18"W FOR 443.00 FEET; THENCE N31°14'42"E FOR 507.41 FEET; THENCE N01°03'06"E FOR 13.77 FEET TO A POINT ON THE BOUNDARY LINE OF AFORESAID PARCEL C; THENCE CONTINUE N01°03'06"E ALONG SAID BOUNDARY LINE FOR 332.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 15.741 ACRES (685,694 SQUARE FEET), MORE OR LESS.

TOGETHER, CONTAINING A TOTAL ACREAGE OF 177.509 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

# HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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#### **RESOLUTION 2024-04**

## [SECTION 170.08, F.S. DEBT ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION FOR HAM BROWN RESERVE CDD MASTER LIEN]

A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS; AUTHORIZING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN; ADOPTING AN ENGINEER'S REPORT; PROVIDING AN ESTIMATED COST OF IMPROVEMENTS; ADOPTING AN ASSESSMENT REPORT; EQUALIZING, APPROVING, CONFIRMING AND LEVYING DEBT ASSESSMENTS; ADDRESSING THE FINALIZATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; ADDRESSING THE PAYMENT OF DEBT ASSESSMENTS AND THE METHOD OF COLLECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF DEBT ASSESSMENTS AND TRUE-UP PAYMENTS; ADDRESSING GOVERNMENT PROPERTY, AND TRANSFERS OF PROPERTY TO UNITS OF LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; AUTHORIZING AN ASSESSMENT NOTICE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS,** the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended ("**Act**"); and

**WHEREAS**, the District has previously indicated its intention to construct certain types of improvements and to finance such improvements through the issuance of bonds, notes or other specific financing mechanisms, which bonds, notes or other specific financing mechanisms would be repaid by the imposition of special assessments on benefited property within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board") has 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, and now desires to adopt a resolution imposing and levying such assessments as set forth herein.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. **AUTHORITY.** This Resolution is adopted pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, including without limitation, Section 170.08, *Florida Statutes*. The recitals stated above are incorporated herein; are adopted by the Board as true and correct statements; and are further declared to be findings made and determined by the Board.
  - 2. **FINDINGS.** The Board further finds and determines as follows:

#### The Capital Improvement Plan

a. The District is authorized by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, install, equip, operate, extend, construct, or reconstruct roadways, sewer and water distribution systems, stormwater management/earthwork

- improvements, landscape, irrigation and entry features, conservation and mitigation, street lighting and other infrastructure projects and services necessitated by the development of, and serving lands within, the District; and
- b. On September 29, 2023, and pursuant to Section 170.03, Florida Statutes, among other laws, the Board adopted Resolution 2023-26 ("Declaring Resolution"), and in doing so determined to undertake a capital improvement plan to install, plan, establish, construct or reconstruct, enlarge, equip, acquire, operate and/or maintain the District's capital improvements planned for the lands within the District ("Project"); and
- c. The Project is described in the Declaring Resolution and the Engineer's Report, dated September 26, 2023 ("Engineer's Report," attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference), and the plans and specifications for the Project are on file in the offices of the District Manager at c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 ("District Records Office"); and

#### The Debt Assessment Process

- d. Also as part of the Declaring Resolution, the Board expressed an intention to issue bonds, notes or other specific financing mechanisms to provide a portion of the funds needed for the Project, and further declared its intention to defray the whole or any part of the expense of the Projects by levying special assessments ("Debt Assessments") on specially benefited property within the District ("Assessment Area"); and
- e. The Declaring Resolution 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; and
- f. As directed by the Declaring Resolution, said Declaring Resolution 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 District; and
- g. As directed by the Declaring Resolution, the Board caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll as required by Section 170.06, *Florida Statutes*; and
- h. As required by Section 170.07, Florida Statutes, and as part of the Declaring Resolution, the Board fixed the time and place of a public hearing at which owners of the property to be assessed and other persons interested therein could appear before the Board and be heard as to (i) the propriety and advisability of making the improvements, (ii) the cost thereof, (iii) the manner of payment therefore, and (iv) the amount thereof to be assessed against each specially benefited property or parcel, and the Board further authorized publication of notice of such public hearing and individual mailed notice of such public hearing in accordance with Chapters 170, 190, and 197, Florida Statutes; and
- Notice of the scheduled public hearing was given by publication and also by mail as required by Sections 170.07 and 197.3632, Florida Statutes, and affidavits as to such publication and mailings are on file in the office of the Secretary of the District; and

j. On January 10, 2024, the Board conducted such public hearing and heard and considered all complaints and testimony as to the matters described above; the Board further met as an "Equalization Board;" and 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; and

#### **Equalization Board Additional Findings**

- k. Having considered the estimated costs of the Projects, the estimated financing costs and all comments and evidence presented at such public hearing, the Board further finds and determines that:
  - i. It is necessary to the public health, safety and welfare and in the best interests of the District that: (1) the District provide the Project as set forth in the Engineer's Report; (2) the cost of such Project be assessed against the lands specially benefited by such Project, and within the Assessment Area, as set forth in the Assessment Report; and (3) the District issue bonds, notes or other specific financing mechanisms to provide funds for such purposes pending the receipt of such Debt Assessments; and
  - ii. The provision of said Project, the levying of the Debt Assessments, and the sale and issuance of such bonds, notes, or other specific financing mechanisms serve a proper, essential, and valid public purpose and are in the best interests of the District, its landowners and residents; and
  - iii. The estimated costs of the Project is as specified in the Engineer's Report and Assessment Report (defined below), and the amount of such costs is reasonable and proper; and
  - iv. It is reasonable, proper, just and right to assess the cost of such Projects against the properties specially benefited thereby in the Assessment Areas, using the method determined by the Board and set forth in the Master Special Assessment Methodology Report, dated September 29, 2023 ("Assessment Report," attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference), which results in the Debt Assessments set forth on the final assessment roll; and
  - v. The Project benefits the Assessment Area as set forth in the Assessment Report; and
  - vi. Accordingly, the Debt Assessments as set forth in the Assessment Report constitute a special benefit to the applicable parcels of real property listed on said final assessment roll, and the benefit, in the case of each such parcel, will be equal to or in excess of the Debt Assessments imposed thereon, as set forth in **Exhibit B**; and
  - vii. All developable property within the Assessment Area is deemed to be benefited by the Project, and the Debt Assessments will be allocated in accordance with the Assessment Report at **Exhibit B**; and

- viii. The Debt Assessments are fairly and reasonably allocated across the benefitted property, as set forth in **Exhibit B**; and
- ix. It is in the best interests of the District that the Debt Assessments be paid and collected as herein provided; and
- x. In order to provide funds with which to pay the costs of the Project which are to be assessed against the benefited properties, pending the collection of the Debt Assessments, it is necessary for the District to issue revenue bonds, notes or other specific financing mechanisms, including refunding bonds (together, "Bonds").
- 3. **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PROJECT; ADOPTION OF ENGINEER'S REPORT.** The Engineer's Report identifies and describes the infrastructure improvements to be financed in part with the Bonds, and sets forth the cost of the Project. The District hereby confirms that the Project serves a proper, essential, and valid public purpose. The use of the Engineer's Report in connection with the sale of the Bonds is hereby authorized, approved and ratified, 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.
- 4. **ESTIMATED COST OF IMPROVEMENTS.** The total estimated cost of the Project and the cost to be paid by the Debt Assessments on all specially benefited property are set forth in **Exhibits A and B**, respectively, hereto.
- 5. **ADOPTION OF ASSESSMENT REPORT.** The Assessment Report setting forth the allocation of Debt Assessments to the benefitted lands within the Assessment Area is hereby approved, adopted, and confirmed. The District ratifies its use in connection with the sale of the Bonds.
- 6. **EQUALIZATION, APPROVAL, CONFIRMATION AND LEVY OF DEBT ASSESSMENTS.** The Debt Assessments imposed on the parcels specially benefited by the Project within the Assessment Area, 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, the lien of Debt Assessments as reflected in **Exhibit B**, attached hereto, shall be recorded by the Secretary of the District in the District's "**Improvement Lien Book**." The Debt Assessments levied 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, 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.

a. Supplemental Assessment Resolutions for Bonds. The lien for the Debt Assessments established hereunder shall be inchoate until the District issues Bonds. In connection with the issuance of any particular series of the Bonds, the District may adopt, without the need for further public hearing, a supplemental assessment resolution establishing specific Debt Assessments, in one or more separately enforceable Debt Assessment liens, securing such Bonds. Such subsequent resolutions 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 assessments pledged to that issue, which amount shall be consistent with the lien imposed by this Resolution. Among other things,

the supplemental assessment resolutions may provide for the issuance of multiple series of Bonds each secured by the Assessment Area.

- b. Adjustments to Debt Assessments. 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 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 and 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.
- c. Contributions. In connection with the issuance of a series of the Bonds, the project developer may request that any related Debt Assessments be reduced for certain product types. To accomplish any such requested reduction, and pursuant to the terms of an applicable acquisition agreement, and this resolution, the developer will agree to provide a contribution of infrastructure, work product, or land based on the lesser of cost basis or appraised value, comprising a portion of the Project and to meet the minimum requirements set forth in the Assessment Report, if any. Any such contributions shall not be eligible for payment under the Bonds.
- d. Impact Fee Credits. The District may or may not be entitled to impact fee credits as a result of the development of the Project, based on applicable laws and/or agreements governing impact fee credits. Unless otherwise addressed by supplemental assessment resolution, the proceeds from any impact fee credits received may be used in the District's sole discretion as an offset for any acquisition of any portion of the Project (e.g., land based on the lesser of cost basis or appraised value, infrastructure and/or work product), for completion of the Project, or otherwise used against the outstanding indebtedness of any debt issuance that funded the improvement giving rise to the credits.
- 7. **FINALIZATION OF DEBT ASSESSMENTS.** When the Project has 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 Section 170.08, *Florida Statutes*, the District shall credit to each Debt Assessment the difference, if any, between the Debt Assessment as hereby made, approved and confirmed and the actual costs incurred in completing the Project. In making such credits, no credit shall be given for bond, note or other specific financing mechanism costs, capitalized interest, funded reserves or bond or other discounts. Such credits, if any, shall be entered in the Improvement Lien Book.

#### 8. PAYMENT OF DEBT ASSESSMENTS AND METHOD OF COLLECTION.

a. **Payment.** The Debt Assessments, as further set forth in each supplemental assessment resolution, and securing the issuance of each series of the Bonds, may be paid in not more than thirty (30) yearly installments of principal and interest – beginning upon the issuance of the particular series of the Bonds (and after taking into account any capitalized interest periods), provided, however, that the Board shall at any time make such adjustments by resolution, and 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.

- b. Prepayment. Subject to the provisions of any supplemental assessment resolution, any owner of property subject to the Debt Assessments may, at its option, pre-pay the entire amount of the Debt Assessment any time, or a portion of the amount of the Debt Assessment up to two times, plus accrued interest to the next succeeding interest payment date (or the second succeeding interest payment date if such prepayment is made within forty-five (45) calendar days before an interest payment date (or such other time as set forth in the supplemental indenture for the applicable series of bonds secured by the Debt Assessments in question)), attributable to the property subject to Debt Assessments owned by such owner. Prepayment of Debt Assessments does not entitle the property owner to any discounts for early payment. If authorized by a supplemental assessment resolution, the District may grant a discount equal to all or a part of the payee's proportionate share of the cost of the applicable Project consisting of bond financing costs, such as capitalized interest, funded reserves, and bond discount included in the estimated cost of the applicable Project, upon payment in full of any Debt Assessment during such period prior to the time such financing costs are incurred as may be specified by the District.
- c. Uniform Method; Alternatives. The District may elect to use the method of collecting Debt Assessments authorized by Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes ("Uniform Method"). The District has heretofore taken all required actions to comply with Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes. Such Debt 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 Debt Assessments is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interests, and subject to the terms of any applicable trust indenture, the Debt Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law. In particular, the District may, in its sole discretion, collect Debt Assessments by directly billing landowners and enforcing said collection in any manner authorized by law. Any prejudgment interest on delinquent assessments that are directly billed shall accrue at the applicable rate of any bonds or other debt instruments secured by the Debt Assessments. The decision to collect Debt Assessments by any particular method – e.g., on the tax roll or by direct bill - does not mean that such method will be used to collect Debt Assessments in future years, and the District reserves the right in its sole discretion to select collection methods in any given year, regardless of past practices.
- d. *Uniform Method Agreements Authorized.* For each year the District uses the Uniform Method, the District shall enter into an agreement with the County Tax Collector who may notify each owner of a lot or parcel within the District of the amount of the special assessment, including interest thereon, in the manner provided in Section 197.3635, *Florida Statutes*.
- e. **Re-amortization.** Any particular lien of the Debt Assessments shall be subject to reamortization where the applicable series of Bonds is subject to re-amortization pursuant to the applicable trust indenture and where the context allows.
- ALLOCATION OF DEBT ASSESSMENTS; APPLICATION OF TRUE-UP PAYMENTS.

- a. At such time as parcels of land, or portions thereof, are included in a plat or site plan, it shall be an express condition of the lien established by this Resolution that, prior to County approval, any and all plats or site plans for 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. As parcels of land, or portions thereof, are included in a plat or site plan, the District Manager shall review the plat or site plan and cause the Debt Assessments securing each series of Bonds to be reallocated to the units being included in the plat or site plan and the remaining property in accordance with Exhibit B, and cause such reallocation to be recorded in the District's Improvement Lien Book.
- b. Pursuant to the Assessment Report, attached hereto as Exhibit B, and which terms are incorporated herein, there may be required from time to time certain true-up payments. When a plat or site plan is presented to the District, the District Manager shall review the plat or site plan to determine whether, taking into account the plat or site plan, there is a net shortfall in the overall principal amount of assessments reasonably able to be assigned to benefitted lands within the Assessment Area. Such determination shall be made based on the language in this Resolution and/or the tests or other methods set forth in Exhibit B (if any), or any tests or methods set forth in a supplemental assessment resolution and corresponding assessment report. If the overall principal amount of assessments reasonably cannot be assigned, or is not reasonably expected to be assigned, as set forth in more detail in and subject to the terms of Exhibit B (or any supplemental resolution and report, as applicable), to the platted and site planned lands as well as the undeveloped lands, then a debt reduction payment ("True-Up Payment") in the amount of such shortfall shall become due and payable that tax year by the landowner(s) of record of the land subject to the proposed plat or site plan and of the remaining undeveloped lands, in addition to any regular assessment installment. The District's review shall be limited solely to this function and the enforcement of the lien established by this Resolution. In the event a True-Up Payment is due and unpaid, the lien established herein for the True-Up Payment amount shall remain in place until such time as the True-Up Payment is made. The District shall record all True-Up Payments in its Improvement Lien Book.
- c. In connection with any true-up determination, affected landowner(s) may request that such true-up determination be deferred because the remaining undeveloped lands are able to support the development of all of the originally planned units within the Assessment Area. To support the request, the affected landowner(s) shall provide the following evidence for the District's consideration: a) proof of the amount of entitlements remaining on the undeveloped lands within the Assessment Area, b) a revised overall development plan showing the number and type of units reasonably planned for the remainder of the development, c) evidence of allowable zoning conditions that would enable those entitlements to be placed in accordance with the revised development plan, and d) documentation prepared by a licensed engineer that shows the feasibility of implementing the proposed development plan. Any deferment shall be in the District's reasonable discretion.
- d. The foregoing is based on the District's understanding that the community would be developed with the type and number of units set forth in **Exhibit B**, on the developable

acres. However, more than the stated number of units may be developed. In no event shall the District collect Debt Assessments pursuant to this Resolution in excess of the total debt service related to the Project, including all costs of financing and interest. The District recognizes that such things 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 Debt Assessments collected in excess of the District's total debt service obligations for the Project, the Board shall by resolution take appropriate action to equitably reallocate the Debt Assessments.

- e. As set forth in any supplemental assessment resolution and/or supplemental assessment report for a specific series of Bonds, the District may assign a specific debt service assessment lien comprising a portion of the Debt Assessments to the Assessment Area, and, accordingly, any related true-up determinations may be limited to determining whether the planned units for such specified lands in the Assessment Area have been and/or will be developed.
- 10. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; TRANSFERS OF PROPERTY TO UNITS OF LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. Real property owned by units of local, state, and federal governments, or similarly exempt entities, shall not be subject to the Debt Assessments without specific consent thereto. If at any time, any real property on which Debt 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 Debt Assessments thereon), or similarly exempt entity, all future unpaid Debt Assessments for such tax parcel shall become due and payable immediately prior to such transfer without any further action of the District.
- 11. ASSESSMENT NOTICE. The District's Secretary is hereby directed to record a general Notice of Assessments in the Official Records of the County in which the District is located, which notice shall be updated from time to time in a manner consistent with changes in the boundaries of the District.
- 12. SEVERABILITY. If any section or part of a section of this Resolution is 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.
- **13. CONFLICTS.** All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, superseded and repealed.
  - **14. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

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### APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:	HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors		

**Exhibit A:** Engineer's Report, dated September 26, 2023

**Exhibit B:** Master Special Assessment Methodology Report, dated September 29, 2023

# HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-05**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER IN RESETTING THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RULES OF PROCEDURE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Ham Brown Reserve 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 Osceola County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS,** previously at a duly noticed public meeting, the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board") adopted Resolution 2023-13, setting the date, time and location for the public hearing on the Rules of Procedure for December 14, 2023 at 1:30 p.m., at Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746; and

WHEREAS, due to the lack of a quorum, the District Manager rescheduled the date of the public hearing on the Rules of Procedure January 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746, and the District Manager has caused the notice of the public hearing on the Rules of Procedure with the date, time and location to be published consistent with the requirements of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board now desires to ratify the actions of the District Manager in resetting the date, time and location of the public hearing on the Rules of Procedure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- **SECTION 1.** The District Manager's actions in resetting the public hearing on the Rules of Procedure to January 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746, and publishing the notice of same in the manner prescribed by Florida law is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.
- **SECTION 2.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.
- **SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the Board.

## PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:	HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
By:	Ву:
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Char/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

# HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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I, Stefan Edward Pla, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am an agent of Column Software, PBC, duly appointed and authorized agent of the Publisher of Osceola News-Gazette, a publication that is a "legal newspaper" as that phrase is defined for the city of Kissimmee, for the County of Osceola, in the state of Florida, that this affidavit is Page 1 of 1 with the full text of the sworn-to notice set forth on the pages that follow, and that the attachment hereto contains the correct copy of what was published in said legal newspaper in consecutive issues on the following dates:

#### **PUBLICATION DATES:**

Dec. 7, 2023

Notice ID: A31YAVioaBGMGjFTV6Jt

Notice Name: HAM BROWN\*Notice of Rule Development 01.10.

**PUBLICATION FEE: \$66.77** 

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing document and that the facts stated in it are true,

Stefan Dla

Agent

#### **VERIFICATION**

State of Florida County of Orange

Signed or attested before me on this: 12/07/2023

County of Orange

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Notary Public - State of Florida

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#### NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT BY THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

In accord with Chapters 120 and 190, Florida Statutes, the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District ("District") hereby gives notice of its intention to develop Rules of Procedure to govern the operations of the District

The Rules of Procedure will address such areas as the Board of Supervisors, officers and voting, district offices, public information and inspection of records, policies, public meetings, hearings and workshops, rulemaking proceedings and competitive purchase including procedure under the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, procedure regarding auditor selection, purchase of insurance, pre-qualification, construction contracts, goods, supplies and materials, maintenance services, contractual services and protests with respect to proceedings, as well as any other area of the general operation of the District.

The purpose and effect of the Rules of Procedure is to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to ensure compliance with recent changes to Florida law. The legal authority for the adoption of the proposed Rules of Procedure includes sections 190.011(5), 190.011(15) and 190.035, Florida Statutes (2023). The specific laws implemented in the Rules of Procedure include, but are not limited to, sections 112.08, 112.3143, 112.31446, 112.3145, 119.07, 119.0701, 189.053, 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 190.011(3), 190.011(5), 190.031, 190.035, 213.3, 218.391, 255.05, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0114, 287.017, 287.055 and 287.084, Florida Statutes (2023).

A copy of the proposed Rules of Procedure may be obtained by contacting the District Manager, Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010.

Cindy Cerbone District Manager

December 7, 2023



#### Osceola News-Gazette 222 Church Street (407) 846-7600

I, Emily Meffert, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am an agent of Column Software, PBC, duly appointed and authorized agent of the Publisher of Osceola News-Gazette, a publication that is a "legal newspaper" as that phrase is defined for the city of Kissimmee, for the County of Osceola, in the state of Florida, that this affidavit is Page 1 of 1 with the full text of the sworn-to notice set forth on the pages that follow, and that the attachment hereto contains the correct copy of what was published in said legal newspaper in consecutive issues on the following dates:

#### **PUBLICATION DATES:**

Dec. 14, 2023

Notice ID: GJXe5BBG4TUPCy2wrU0k

Notice Name: HAM BROWNCDD\*Notice of Rulemaking 01.10.2

**PUBLICATION FEE: \$112.48** 

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing document and that the facts stated in it are true,

Emily Marie Meffert

Agent

#### **VERIFICATION**

State of Florida County of Orange

Signed or attested before me on this:  $\frac{12}{14}/2023$ 

Notary Public

Notarized online using audio-video communication

#### NOTICE OF RULEMAKING REGARDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors of the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District ("District") on January 10, 2024 at 11.00 a.m., at the Hampton Inn & Sultes by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746.

In accord with Chapters 120 and 190, Florida Statutes, the District hereby gives the public notice of its intent to adopt its proposed Rules of Procedure. The purpose and effect of the proposed Rules of Procedure is to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to ensure compliance with recent changes to Florida law. Prior notice of rule development was published in the Osceola News-Gazette on December 7, 2023.

The Rules of Procedure may address such areas as the Board of Supervisors, officers and voting, district offices, public information and inspection of records, policies, public meetings, hearings and workshops, rulemaking proceedings and competitive purchase including procedure under the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, procedure regarding auditor selection, purchase of insurance, pre-qualification, construction contracts, goods, supplies and materials, maintenance services, contractual services and protests with respect to proceedings, as well as any other area of the general operation of the District.

Specific legal authority for the adoption of the proposed Rules of Procedure includes Sections 190.011(5), 190.011(15) and 190.035, Florida Statutes (2023). The specific laws implemented in the Rules of Procedure include, but are not limited to, Sections 112.08, 112.3144, 3112.31446, 112.3145, 119.07, 119.0701, 189.053, 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.003, 190.011(3), 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, 190.035, 218.33, 218.391, 255.05, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 286.0105, 286.0113, 286.0114, 287.017, 287.055 and 287.084, Florida Statutes (2023).

A copy of the proposed Rules of Procedure may be obtained by contacting the District Manager's Office at Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010.

Any person who wishes to provide the District with a proposal for a lower cost regulatory afternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), Florida Statutes, must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to the District Manager's Office.

This public hearing may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearing without additional notice. If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at a public hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. At the hearing, staff or Supervisors may participate in the public hearing by speaker telephone.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

District Manager

PAMELA BAEZ

Notary Public - State of Florida

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December 14, 2023

# HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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#### **RESOLUTION 2024-06**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS,** Ham Brown Reserve 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 Osceola County, 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 HAM BROWN RESERVE 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 10th day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:	HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMEN  DISTRICT		
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors		

## EXHIBIT A: RULES OF PROCEDURE

## RULES OF PROCEDURE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

### **EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 10, 2024**

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#### Rule 1.0 General.

- (1) The Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District ("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 ("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 ("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) <u>Public Records.</u> 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 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 e-mail 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 authorized or required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) 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. A newspaper is deemed to be a newspaper of "general circulation" within the District and county in which the District is located if such newspaper has been in existence for two (2) years at the time of publication of the applicable notice (unless no newspaper within the county has been published for such length) and satisfies the criteria of section 50.011(1), Florida Statutes, or if such newspaper is a direct successor of a newspaper which has been so published, as such provisions may be amended from time to time by law. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published as provided in Chapter 50, Florida Statutes, and such notice published consistent with Chapter 50 shall satisfy the requirement to give at least seven (7) days' public notice stated herein. 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 561-571-0010. 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."

The date, time, and place of each meeting, hearing, or workshop of the Board shall additionally be posted on the District's website at least seven (7) days before each meeting, hearing, or workshop.

- (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 the 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 prepay 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) <u>Security and Firesafety Board Discussions</u>. 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: §§ 50.011, 50.031, 189.015, 189.069(2)(a)15, 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) Adoption. 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) <u>Negotiated Rulemaking.</u> 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) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.
  - (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:
  - 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.
- (I) "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) Competitive Selection.

- (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) Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee. 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) Request for Proposals. 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) <u>Notice of Award.</u> 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 pre-qualified 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.
  - 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.
  - (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 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) <u>Sole Source; Government.</u> 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) Exceptions. 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.

- 4. The proposals, 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 In consultation with the Design Criteria the District. 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) Exceptions. 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) <u>Scope.</u> 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) <u>Discretionary Bond.</u> 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 prequalified 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.
- (3) 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) <u>Exemptions.</u> 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) Filing.

- (a) With respect to a protest regarding qualifications, specifications, 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.
- (6) 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 10, 2024 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.

# HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

### **RESOLUTION 2024-07**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER IN RESETTING THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 AND FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Ham Brown Reserve 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 Osceola County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, previously at a duly noticed public meeting, the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board") adopted Resolution 2023-18, setting the date, time and location for the public hearings to consider the proposed Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budgets for December 14, 2023 at 1:30 p.m., at Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746; and

WHEREAS, due to the lack of a quorum, the District Manager reset the date, time and location of the public hearing to consider the proposed Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budgets to January 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746, and the District Manager has caused the notice of the public hearing with the new location to be published consistent with the requirements of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board now desires to ratify the actions of the District Manager in resetting of the date, time and location of the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

**SECTION 1.** The District Manager's actions in resetting the date of the public hearing to consider the proposed Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budgets to January 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746, and publishing the notice of same in the manner prescribed by Florida law is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

**SECTION 2.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the Board.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 10th day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:	HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
 By:	
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

## HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



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I, Samantha Pryor, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am an agent of Column Software, PBC, duly appointed and authorized agent of the Publisher of Osceola News-Gazette, a publication that is a "legal newspaper" as that phrase is defined for the city of Kissimmee, for the County of Osceola, in the state of Florida, that this affidavit is Page 1 of 1 with the full text of the sworn-to notice set forth on the pages that follow, and that the attachment hereto contains the correct copy of what was published in said legal newspaper in consecutive issues on the following dates:

### **PUBLICATION DATES:**

Dec. 21, 2023

Dec. 28, 2023

Notice ID: bg3G7GglqpzwtGdHfpmz

Notice Name: HAM BROWN CDD\*Notice of FY23 & FY24 Budgets

**PUBLICATION FEE: \$165.18** 

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing document and that the facts stated in it are true,

HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2024 BUDGETS; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development Dict ("District") will hold public hearings on January 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at the Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746 for the purpose of hearing comments and objections on the adoption of the proposed budgets ("Proposed Budgets") of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 ("Fiscal Year 2022/2023") and the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024 ("Fiscal Year 2023/2024"). A regular board meeting of the District will also be dead that the time where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it.

A copy of the agenda and Proposed Budgets may be obtained by contacting the offices of the District Manager, Wrathell Hunt & Associates, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (877) 276-0889 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours or by visiting the District's website at https://hambrownreservecdd.net/.

The public hearings and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearings or meeting.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting and/or public hearings or requiring assistance connecting to any communications media technology because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting and public hearings. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearings or meeting is advised that person will need a record of 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 such appeal is to be based.

District Manager

December 21, 28, 2023

### Sanartha Pryor

Agent

### **VERIFICATION**

State of Florida County of Orange TO PERSON DE LEGIS

PAMELA BAEZ

Notary Public - State of Florida

Commission # HH 186700 Expires on October 14, 2025

Signed or attested before me on this: 12/28/2023

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## HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

### **RESOLUTION 2024-08**

THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ("DISTRICT") RELATING TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has submitted to the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District ("District") proposed budget(s) ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 ("Fiscal Year 2022/2023") along with an explanatory and complete financial plan for each fund of the District, pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, at least sixty (60) days prior to the adoption of the Proposed Budget, the District filed a copy of the Proposed Budget with the local governing authorities having jurisdiction over the area included in the District pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(b), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board set a public hearing thereon and caused notice of such public hearing to be given by publication pursuant to Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Manager posted the Proposed Budget on the District's website at least two days before the public hearing; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*, requires that, prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the Board, by passage of the Annual Appropriation Resolution, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and appropriate such sums of money as the Board deems necessary to defray all expenditures of the District during the ensuing fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared a Proposed Budget, whereby the budget shall project the cash receipts and disbursements anticipated during a given time period, including reserves for contingencies for emergency or other unanticipated expenditures during the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE MALABAR SPRINGS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

### SECTION 1. BUDGET

a. The Board has reviewed the Proposed Budget, a copy of which is on file with the office of the District Manager and at the District's Local Records Office, and hereby approves certain amendments thereto, as shown in Section 2 below.

- b. The Proposed Budget, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A,"** as amended by the Board, is hereby adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes* ("**Adopted Budget"**), and incorporated herein by reference; provided, however, that the comparative figures contained in the Adopted Budget may be subsequently revised as deemed necessary by the District Manager to reflect actual revenues and expenditures.
- c. The Adopted Budget, as amended, shall be maintained in the office of the District Manager and at the District's Local Records Office and identified as "The Budget for the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2023."
- d. The Adopted Budget shall be posted by the District Manager on the District's official website within thirty (30) days after adoption, and shall remain on the website for at least 2 years.

### SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS

There is hereby appropriated out of the revenues of the District, for Fiscal Year 2022/2023, the sums set forth in **Exhibit A** to be raised by the levy of assessments, a funding agreement and/or otherwise. Such sums are deemed by the Board to be necessary to defray all expenditures of the District during said budget year, and are to be divided and appropriated in the amounts set forth in **Exhibit A**.

### SECTION 3. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District at any time within Fiscal Year 2022/2023 or within 60 days following the end of the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 may amend its Adopted Budget for that fiscal year as follows:

- a. A line-item appropriation for expenditures within a fund may be decreased or increased by motion of the Board recorded in the minutes, and approving the expenditure, if the total appropriations of the fund do not increase.
- b. The District Manager or Treasurer may approve an expenditure that would increase or decrease a line-item appropriation for expenditures within a fund if the total appropriations of the fund do not increase and if either (i) the aggregate change in the original appropriation item does not exceed the greater of \$15,000 or 15% of the original appropriation, or (ii) such expenditure is authorized by separate disbursement or spending resolution.
- c. Any other budget amendments shall be adopted by resolution and consistent with Florida law.

The District Manager or Treasurer must ensure that any amendments to the budget under paragraph c. above are posted on the District's website within 5 days after adoption and remain on the website for at least 2 years.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

### PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.

ATTEST:	HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A:** Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget(s)

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### HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2023

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### HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GENERAL FUND BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2023

	Proposed Budget FY 2023
REVENUES	
Landowner contribution	13,484
Total revenues	13,484
EXPENDITURES	
Professional & administrative	
Supervisors	-
Management/accounting/recording**	2,000
Legal	7,500
Engineering	1,000
Audit	-
Arbitrage rebate calculation*	-
Dissemination agent*	-
Trustee*	-
Telephone	17
Postage	250
Printing & binding	42
Legal advertising	1,750
Annual special district fee	175
Insurance	-
Contingencies/bank charges	750
Website hosting & maintenance	-
Website ADA compliance	
Total expenditures	13,484
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues	
over/(under) expenditures	-
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Fund balance - beginning (unaudited)	-
Fund balance - ending (projected)	
Unassigned	-
Fund balance - ending	\$ -
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<sup>\*</sup>These items will be realized when bonds are issued.

<sup>\*\*</sup>WHA will charge a reduced management fee of \$2,000 per month until bonds are issued.

### HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

### **EXPENDITURES**

EXPENDITURES	
Professional & administrative	
Supervisors	\$ -
Statutorily set at \$200 for each meeting of the Board of Supervisors not to exceed \$4,800	
for each fiscal year.	0.000
Management/accounting/recording**	2,000
Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA), specializes in managing community development districts by combining the knowledge, skills and experience of a team of	
professionals to ensure compliance with all of the District's governmental requirements.	
WHA develops financing programs, administers the issuance of tax exempt bond	
financings, operates and maintains the assets of the community.	
Legal	7,500
General counsel and legal representation, which includes issues relating to public	.,000
finance, public bidding, rulemaking, open meetings, public records, real property	
dedications, conveyances and contracts.	
Engineering	1,000
The District's Engineer will provide construction and consulting services, to assist the	
District in crafting sustainable solutions to address the long term interests of the	
community while recognizing the needs of government, the environment and	
maintenance of the District's facilities.	
Audit	-
Statutorily required for the District to undertake an independent examination of its books,	
records and accounting procedures.	
Arbitrage rebate calculation*	-
To ensure the District's compliance with all tax regulations, annual computations are	
necessary to calculate the arbitrage rebate liability.	
Dissemination agent*	-
The District must annually disseminate financial information in order to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Wrathell, Hunt	
& Associates serves as dissemination agent.	
Trustee*	_
Telephone	- 17
Postage	250
Telephone and fax machine.	200
Printing & binding	42
Mailing of agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.	12
Legal advertising	1,750
Letterhead, envelopes, copies, agenda packages	,,,,,,
Annual special district fee	175
The District advertises for monthly meetings, special meetings, public hearings, public	
bids, etc.	
Insurance	-
Annual fee paid to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.	
Contingencies/bank charges	750
Bank charges and other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year and automated	
AP routing etc.	
Website hosting & maintenance	-
Website ADA compliance	-
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# HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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### **RESOLUTION 2024-09**

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**WHEREAS**, the District Manager posted the Proposed Budget on the District's website at least two days before the public hearing; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*, requires that, prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the Board, by passage of the Annual Appropriation Resolution, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and appropriate such sums of money as the Board deems necessary to defray all expenditures of the District during the ensuing fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared a Proposed Budget, whereby the budget shall project the cash receipts and disbursements anticipated during a given time period, including reserves for contingencies for emergency or other unanticipated expenditures during the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE MALABAR SPRINGS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

### SECTION 1. BUDGET

a. The Board has reviewed the Proposed Budget, a copy of which is on file with the office of the District Manager and at the District's Local Records Office, and hereby approves certain amendments thereto, as shown in Section 2 below.

- b. The Proposed Budget, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A,"** as amended by the Board, is hereby adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes* ("**Adopted Budget**"), and incorporated herein by reference; provided, however, that the comparative figures contained in the Adopted Budget may be subsequently revised as deemed necessary by the District Manager to reflect actual revenues and expenditures.
- c. The Adopted Budget, as amended, shall be maintained in the office of the District Manager and at the District's Local Records Office and identified as "The Budget for the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2024."
- d. The Adopted Budget shall be posted by the District Manager on the District's official website within thirty (30) days after adoption, and shall remain on the website for at least 2 years.

### **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS**

There is hereby appropriated out of the revenues of the District, for Fiscal Year 2023/2024, the sums set forth in **Exhibit A** to be raised by the levy of assessments, a funding agreement and/or otherwise. Such sums are deemed by the Board to be necessary to defray all expenditures of the District during said budget year, and are to be divided and appropriated in the amounts set forth in **Exhibit A**.

### SECTION 3. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District at any time within Fiscal Year 2023/2024 or within 60 days following the end of the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 may amend its Adopted Budget for that fiscal year as follows:

- a. A line-item appropriation for expenditures within a fund may be decreased or increased by motion of the Board recorded in the minutes, and approving the expenditure, if the total appropriations of the fund do not increase.
- b. The District Manager or Treasurer may approve an expenditure that would increase or decrease a line-item appropriation for expenditures within a fund if the total appropriations of the fund do not increase and if either (i) the aggregate change in the original appropriation item does not exceed the greater of \$15,000 or 15% of the original appropriation, or (ii) such expenditure is authorized by separate disbursement or spending resolution.
- c. Any other budget amendments shall be adopted by resolution and consistent with Florida law.

The District Manager or Treasurer must ensure that any amendments to the budget under paragraph c. above are posted on the District's website within 5 days after adoption and remain on the website for at least 2 years.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

### PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.

ATTEST:	HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A:** Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget(s)

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget(s)

# HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2024

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# HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GENERAL FUND BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2024

	Propos Budg FY 20	et
REVENUES		
Landowner contribution	83,6	
Total revenues	83,6	382
EXPENDITURES		
Professional & administrative		
Supervisors		-
Management/accounting/recording**	40,0	000
Legal	25,0	000
Engineering	2,0	000
Audit		-
Arbitrage rebate calculation*		-
Dissemination agent*	6	667
Trustee*		-
Telephone	2	200
Postage		500
Printing & binding	5	500
Legal advertising	6,5	500
Annual special district fee		175
Insurance	•	500
Contingencies/bank charges		750
Website hosting & maintenance	•	088
Website ADA compliance		210
Total expenditures	83,6	382
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues		
over/(under) expenditures		-
Fund halange haginning (versualite d)		
Fund balance - beginning (unaudited)		-
Fund balance - ending (projected)		
Unassigned	\$	<u> </u>
Fund balance - ending	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

<sup>\*</sup>These items will be realized when bonds are issued.

<sup>\*\*</sup>WHA will charge a reduced management fee of \$2,000 per month until bonds are issued.

## HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

#### **EXPENDITURES**

EXPENDITURES	
Professional & administrative	•
Supervisors	\$ -
Statutorily set at \$200 for each meeting of the Board of Supervisors not to exceed \$4,800	
for each fiscal year.  Management/accounting/recording**	40,000
Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA), specializes in managing community	40,000
development districts by combining the knowledge, skills and experience of a team of	
professionals to ensure compliance with all of the District's governmental requirements.	
WHA develops financing programs, administers the issuance of tax exempt bond	
financings, operates and maintains the assets of the community.	
Legal	25,000
General counsel and legal representation, which includes issues relating to public	23,000
finance, public bidding, rulemaking, open meetings, public records, real property	
dedications, conveyances and contracts.	
Engineering	2,000
The District's Engineer will provide construction and consulting services, to assist the	2,000
District in crafting sustainable solutions to address the long term interests of the	
community while recognizing the needs of government, the environment and	
maintenance of the District's facilities.	
Audit	_
Statutorily required for the District to undertake an independent examination of its books,	
records and accounting procedures.	
Arbitrage rebate calculation*	-
To ensure the District's compliance with all tax regulations, annual computations are	
necessary to calculate the arbitrage rebate liability.	
Dissemination agent*	667
The District must annually disseminate financial information in order to comply with the	
requirements of Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Wrathell, Hunt	
& Associates serves as dissemination agent.	
Trustee*	-
Telephone	200
Postage	500
Telephone and fax machine.	
Printing & binding	500
Mailing of agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.	
Legal advertising	6,500
Letterhead, envelopes, copies, agenda packages	
Annual special district fee	175
The District advertises for monthly meetings, special meetings, public hearings, public	
bids, etc.	
Insurance	5,500
Annual fee paid to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.	
Contingencies/bank charges	750
Bank charges and other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year and automated	t
AP routing etc.	
Website hosting & maintenance	1,680
Website ADA compliance	210
Total expenditures	\$ 83,682
*These items will be realized when bonds are issued.	

<sup>\*</sup>These items will be realized when bonds are issued.

<sup>\*\*</sup>WHA will charge a reduced management fee of \$2,000 per month until bonds are issued.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-10**

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE PRIMARY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to designate its primary administrative office as the location where the District's public records are routinely created, sent, received, maintained, and requested, for the purposes of prominently posting the contact information of the District's Record's Custodian in order to provide citizens with the ability to access the District's records and ensure that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- 1. PRIMARY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE. The District's primary administrative office for purposes of Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, shall be located at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.
  - **2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:	HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-11**

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE LOCATION OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT RECORDS OFFICE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District ("District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated within Osceola County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to designate a local district records office location for the purposes of affording citizens the ability to access the District's records, promoting the disclosure of matters undertaken by the District, and ensuring that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119 and Section 190.006(7), Florida Statutes.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1.	Section 1. The District's local records office shall be located at:			
Section 2.	This Resolution shall take	e effect immediately upon adoption.		
Passed and	ADOPTED this day of	, 2024.		
ATTEST:		HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
	t Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair Board of Supervisors		

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-12**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is required by Section 189.015, *Florida Statutes*, to file quarterly, semi-annually, or annually a schedule (including date, time, and location) of its regular meetings with local governing authorities; and

WHEREAS, further, in accordance with the above-referenced statute, the District shall also publish quarterly, semi-annually, or annually the District's regular meeting schedule in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the county in which the District is located.

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 meeting schedule attached as Exhibit A.

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- 1. **ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE.** The Fiscal Year 2023/2024 annual meeting schedule attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved and shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Florida law and also provided to applicable governing authorities.
- 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this day of	, 2024.
ATTEST:	HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

#### **EXHIBIT "A"**

#### HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 MEETING SCHEDULE LOCATION** TBD DATE **POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS** TIME **February Regular Meeting** AM/PM 2024 March , 2024 **Regular Meeting** AM/PM **Regular Meeting** April 2024 AM/PM **Regular Meeting** May 2024 AM/PM **Regular Meeting** 2024 AM/PM June **Regular Meeting** July \_ 2024 AM/PM **Regular Meeting** August \_ 2024 AM/PM September 2024 **Regular Meeting** AM/PM



## KATRINA S. SCARBOROUGH, CFA, CCF, MCF OSCEOLA COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

November 6, 2023

Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC c/o Daniel Perez 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W Boca Raton, FL 33431 561-571-0019

Re: Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District

Dear Mr. Perez,

Ham Brown Reserve CDD declared its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessment as authorized by section 197.3631, Florida Statutes (2015), pursuant to the method provided for in sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes (2015).

Section 197.3632(2), Florida Statutes (2015) requires that a written agreement be entered into between Ham Brown Reserve CDD and the Property Appraiser providing for reimbursement by Ham Brown Reserve CDD of the necessary administrative costs incurred by the Property Appraiser under section 197.3632. There will be a one time set up fee of \$200.00 along with a yearly administration fee. The yearly administration fee will be determined once the assessment roll has been certified and the total costs are determined; this yearly costs may not exceed 2% of your total collections. You will be billed quarterly starting October 1, 2021.

The Osceola County Property Appraiser's Office is working in conjunction with Osceola County Special Assessments Department therefore; all of your contact information and deadlines will remain intact.

Enclosed with this letter are two signed copies of an agreement between Ham Brown Reserve CDD and the Property Appraiser. Please sign both of them and keep one copy for your records and return the other one to the Property Appraiser's Office at 2505 East Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy., Kissimmee, Fl 34744.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Kenny Pennington in my office at (407) 742-5000 or by email at <a href="mailto:kenny-pennington">kenny-pennington</a> in my office at (407) 742-5000 or by email at <a href="mailto:kenny-pennington">kenny-pennington</a> in my office at

Sincerely,

Katrina S. Scarborough, CFE,CCF,MCF

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## **AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 6th day of November 2023, by and between Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District (CDD), and **Katrina S.**Scarborough, Osceola County Property Appraiser (Property Appraiser), who understand and agree as follows:

#### WITNESSETH

Whereas, Ham Brown Reserve CDD has declared its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessment as authorized by section 197.3631, Florida Statutes (2015), pursuant to the method provided for in sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes (2015).

Whereas, section 197.3632(2), Florida Statutes (2015), requires that a written agreement be entered into between Ham Brown Reserve CDD and Property Appraiser providing for reimbursement by Ham Brown Reserve CDD of the necessary administrative costs incurred by the Property Appraiser under section 197.3632.

## **Now Therefore** the parties agree that:

- 1. The Property Appraiser shall perform those services specified in section 197.3632, to be performed by a property appraiser for the benefit of Ham Brown Reserve CDD. In performing those services, the Property Appraiser may obtain the assistance of Osceola County.
- 2. Ham Brown Reserve CDD shall reimburse the Property Appraiser for all necessary administrative costs incurred providing such services, including any administrative costs incurred by Osceola County at the request of the Property Appraiser as set forth in section 197.3632(2).
- 3. Administrative costs shall include, but not be limited to, those costs associated with personnel, forms, supplies, data processing, computer equipment, postage, and programming as prescribed in section 197.3632(2). Ham Brown Reserve CDD also agrees to hold the Property

Appraiser harmless for any and all costs, court costs, and attorney's fees resulting from or arising from any and all challenges, both administrative and judicial, which the Property Appraiser may be required to defend involving the imposition and/or levy of non-ad valorem assessment. All such administrative costs and additional costs, court costs, and attorney's fees incurred by the Property Appraiser in both administrative and judicial challenges shall be paid to the Property Appraiser within fifteen (15) days of the presentment of a statement or invoice setting forth the amount due and the reason therefore.

- 4. This Agreement is the minimum necessary to implement the law and will be amended as necessary from time to time to clarify or supplement the provisions hereof.
- 5. The parties hereto agree that the Property Appraiser, by executing this Agreement and agreeing to assist Ham Brown Reserve CDD in the collection of non-ad valorem assessments, does not warrant either the legal efficacy or validity of any levies made by Ham Brown Reserve CDD as non-ad valorem assessments, or the correctness of the amount of the levy or charge imposed against the parcels of property to be subject to the levy, or any individual parcel subject to said levy.
- 6. The parties agree that any errors made in the amount of the levy or imposition or any other errors of omission or commission regardless of the nature or cause of same, shall be processed and corrected exclusively and solely by Ham Brown Reserve CDD and that the Property Appraiser shall not be responsible for same. The parties further agree that all requests or claims made by any affected property owner for correction shall be processed exclusively by Ham Brown Reserve

CDD and shall be filed with Ham Brown Reserve CDD, or its designee, provided that its designee shall not be the Property Appraiser.

- 7. The term of this Agreement shall commence with the 2024 non-ad valorem assessment rolls of Ham Brown Reserve CDD and shall continue and extend uninterrupted from year to year from the effective date as indicated below unless a notice of discontinuance shall be issued by any party. A notice of discontinuance shall be in writing and shall be delivered not less than ninety (90) days in advance of the commencement of the next fiscal year of Ham Brown Reserve CDD save and except during those years when Ham Brown Reserve CDD in timely fashion notifies the Tax Collector and the Property Appraiser that it needs to collect and enforce the assessment pursuant to other provisions of law.
- 8. The parties to this Agreement agree to consult and cooperate as necessary and practical for the efficient and timely listing, preparation, submissions, certification, collection and enforcement against delinquencies of Ham Brown Reserve CDD non-ad valorem or special assessment rolls and levies, including provision by Ham Brown Reserve CDD to the other parties of any staff assistance reasonably necessary and required to effect the purposes of this Agreement.
- 9. The parties shall perform all their obligations under this Agreement in accordance with good faith and prudent practice.
- 10. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein and may not be amended, modified or discontinued, unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, except in writing and signed by all the parties hereto. Should any provision of this Agreement be declared to be invalid, the remaining provisions of this Agreement

shall remain in full force and effect, unless such provision found to be invalid alter substantially the benefits of the Agreement for either of the parties or renders the statutory and regulatory obligations unperformable.

- 11. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.
- 12. Written notice shall be given to the parties at the following address, or such other place or person as each of the parties shall designate by similar notice:

a. Ham Brown Reserve CDD: 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W

Boca Raton, FL 33431

b. Property Appraiser: 2505 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway Kissimmee, Florida 34744-4909

Ham Brown Reserve CDD

In Witness Where of the parties have hereunto set their hand and seals and such of them as are corporations have caused these presents to be signed by their duly authorized officers.

ATTEST

By:	By:
As authorized for execution by the of Ham Brown Reserve CDD at its regular meeting	
WITNESSES:)	OSCEOLA COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER:
Cathy Lelv	Katrina S. Scarborough, CFA, CCF, MCF
	Osceola County Property Appraiser

# UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

HAM BROWN RESERVE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
UNAUDITED
NOVEMBER 30, 2023

# HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS NOVEMBER 30, 2023

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS Undeposited funds Due from Landowner Total assets	\$ 16,332 2,314 18,646	\$ 16,332 2,314 18,646
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Landowner advance Total liabilities	\$ 12,646 6,000 18,646	\$ 12,646 6,000 18,646
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Deferred receipts Total deferred inflows of resources	2,314 2,314	2,314 2,314
Fund balances: Unassigned Total fund balances	(2,314) (2,314)	(2,314) (2,314)
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 18,646	\$ 18,646

## HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GENERAL FUND

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2023

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES				
Landowner contribution	\$ 2,058	\$ 2,058	\$ 83,682	2%
Total revenues	2,058	2,058	83,682	2%
EXPENDITURES				
Professional & administrative				
Management/accounting/recording	2,000	4,000	40,000	10%
Legal	247	247	25,000	1%
Engineering	-	-	2,000	0%
Dissemination agent*	-	-	667	0%
Telephone	17	33	200	17%
Postage	-	-	500	0%
Printing & binding	42	83	500	17%
Legal advertising	-	-	6,500	0%
Annual special district fee	-	-	175	0%
Insurance	-	-	5,500	0%
Contingencies/bank charges	-	-	750	0%
Website hosting & maintenance	-	-	1,680	0%
Website ADA compliance			210	0%
Total expenditures	2,306	4,363	83,682	5%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues				
over/(under) expenditures	(248)	(2,305)	-	
Fund balances - beginning	(2,066)	(9)	-	
Fund balances - ending	\$ (2,314)	\$ (2,314)	\$ -	
*These items will be realized when hands are issued				

# MINUTES A

## DRAFT

1 2 3 4	MINUTES OF MEETING HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT			
5	A Landowners' Meeting of the Ham	Brown Reserve Community Development District		
6	was held on September 29, 2023 at 1:00 p.	m., at the Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971		
7	Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746.			
8				
9 10	Present at the meeting:			
111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 221 222 223		District Manager District Manger District Counsel Kutak Rock LLP Bond Counsel Ashton Woods Proxy Holder  FICULTIES, THE MINUTES		
26				
27 28 29	FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS  Ms. Cerbone called the meeting to order	Call to Order/Roll Call ler at 1:02 p.m.		
30	_	·		
31 32	SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS	Affidavit/Proof of Publication		
33 34	The affidavit of publication was includ	ed for informational purposes.		
35 36 37	THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS	Election of Chair to Conduct Landowners' Meeting		

38		Ms. Cerbone served as Chair to conduct the Landowners' meeting. She noted that Mr.			
39	Dan F	Dan Fitzpatrick is the designated Proxy Holder for Landowner Brookfield Holdings (Ham Brown)			
40	LLC, tl	LLC, the owner of 177.509 acres. Mr. Fitzpatrick is eligible to cast up to 178 votes per Seat.			
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42	FOUR	TH ORDER OF	BUSINESS	Election of Superviso	ors [All Seats]
43 44	A.	Nominations			
45			ck nominated the following:		
46		Seat 1	Jack Traynor		
47		Seat 2	Atino Secor		
48		Seat 3	Dan Fitzpatrick		
49		Seat 4	Mike Roche		
50		Seat 5	Ryan O'Dowd		
51	No other nominations were made.				
52	В.	Casting of Ballots			
53		• Deter	mine Number of Voting Units	Represented	
54		A total of 178	3 voting units were represente	ed.	
55		• Deter	mine Number of Voting Units	S Assigned by Proxy	
56		All 178 voting	g units were assigned by proxy	to Mr. Fitzpatrick.	
57		Mr. Fitzpatri	ck completed the ballot, cas	ting the following vot	es, which Ms. Cerbone
58	read i	nto the record	:		
59		Seat 1	Jack Traynor	177 votes	
60		Seat 2	Atino Secor	177 votes	
61		Seat 3	Dan Fitzpatrick	176 votes	
62		Seat 4	Mike Roche	176 votes	
63		Seat 5	Ryan O'Dowd	176 votes	
64	C.	Ballot Tabula	ation and Results		
65	Ms. Cerbone reported the following ballot tabulation, results and term lengths:				
66		Seat 1	Jack Traynor	177 votes	4-Year Term

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Seat 2	Atino Secor	177 votes	4-Year Term	
Seat 3	Dan Fitzpatrick	176 votes	2-Year Term	
Seat 4	Mike Roche	176 votes	2-Year Term	
Seat 5	Ryan O'Dowd	176 votes	2-Year Term	
2 FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Landowners' Questions/Comments				
There were no Landowners' questions or comments.				
SIXTH ORDER OF I	BUSINESS	Adjournment		
There bein	g nothing further to dis	scuss, the meeting adjourne	ed at 1:04 p.m.	
	[SIGNATURES APP	EAR ON THE FOLLOWING P	AGE]	
	Seat 2 Seat 3 Seat 4 Seat 5  FIFTH ORDER OF E There were	Seat 2 Atino Secor Seat 3 Dan Fitzpatrick Seat 4 Mike Roche Seat 5 Ryan O'Dowd  FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS  There were no Landowners' quest  SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS  There being nothing further to dis	Seat 2 Atino Secor 177 votes Seat 3 Dan Fitzpatrick 176 votes Seat 4 Mike Roche 176 votes Seat 5 Ryan O'Dowd 176 votes  FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Landowners' Questions or comments.	

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87	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair

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HAM BROWN RESERVE CDD

September 29, 2023

# MINUTES B

## DRAFT

1 2 3	MINUTES OF MEETING HAM BROWN RESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
4	An Organizational Meeting of the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development Dist		
5	was held on September 29, 2023, immediately following the Landowners' meeting at 1:00 p.m.		
6	at the Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746.		
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8 9	Present at the meeting were:		
10	Jack Traynor	Chair	
11	Atino Secor	Vice Chair	
12	Dan Fitzpatrick	Assistant Secretary	
13	Ryan O'Dowd	Assistant Secretary	
14	Mike Roche	Assistant Secretary	
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16	Also present:		
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18	Cindy Cerbone	District Manager	
19	Craig Wrathell	District Manager	
20	Jere Earlywine (via telephone)	District Counsel	
21	Bennett Davenport (via telephone)	Kutak Rock LLP	
22	Xabier Guerricagoitia (via telephone)	District Engineer	
23	Steve Boyd	District Engineer	
24	Ashton Bligh (via telephone)	Bond Counsel	
25	Tina Lee	Ashton Woods	
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27	FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS	Call to Order/Roll Call	
28			
29	Ms. Cerbone called the meeting to order	at 1:05 p.m., and noted that the Landowners'	
30	Election was held just prior to this meeting.		
31			
32 33	SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS	Public Comments	
34	No members of the public were present.		
35			
36	GENERAL DISTRICT ITEMS		
		Administration of Ootle of Office to Florida	
37 38 39 40	THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS	Administration of Oath of Office to Elected Board of Supervisors (the following will be provided in a separate package)	

- Ms. Cerbone, a Notary of the State of Florida and duly authorized, administered the
  Oath of Office to Mr. Traynor, Mr. Secor, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. O'Dowd and Mr. Roche. She
  discussed forms, interactions among Supervisors, email usage, recordkeeping and public
  records requests and avoiding conflicts of interest and provided the following:
- 45 A. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees
- 46 B. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities
- 47 C. Chapter 190, Florida Statutes
- 48 **D.** Financial Disclosure Forms

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- 49 I. Form 1: Statement of Financial Interests
- 50 II. Form 1X: Amendment to Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- 51 III. Form 1F: Final Statement of Financial Interests
- 52 E. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict
  - Mr. Wrathell distributed Form 8B for each Board Member to disclose their employment and/or business affiliation with the Landowner; these forms will be kept on file and attached to meeting minutes when necessary.
- Ms. Cerbone read the Form 8B language into the record, as follows:
  - "I am a member of the Board of Supervisors of the Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District created under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and I am a principal, employee and/or business associate, or relative, of a landowner in the District. Decisions potentially affecting the landowner might come before the Board from time to time. Pursuant to Section 112.3143(3)(b), and 190.007(1), Florida Statutes, I understand that I do not have a conflict of interest when voting on such matters, and that I am not prohibited from voting on such matters. That said, I am filing this disclosure of voting conflict in an abundance of caution, and to follow the procedures required by section 112.3134, Florida Statutes, and for the duration of my term and any subsequent terms."
  - Mr. Wrathell noted that discussing routine matters handled by Landowner representatives that will not come before the CDD Board, such as routine lot sales, do not represent violations of the Sunshine Law.
  - Mr. Earlywine discussed the need to immediately inform District Management of any public records requests. He discussed the ethics laws, including the required disclosures and

various prohibitions. Prohibitions include use of a public office for one's own private gain or benefit, accepting or soliciting a gift in exchange for a vote, etc. He discussed the requirement for Supervisors to annually complete a four-hour ethics continuing education course, which will become effective on January 1, 2024. Staff will email information regarding free courses.

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83	Ms. Cer	bone presented Resolutio	n 2023-01 and recapped	I the results of the
84	Landowners' Ele	ction, which will be inserted	into Sections 1 and 2, as fol	ows:
85	Seat 1	Jack Traynor	177 votes	4-Year Term
86	Seat 2	Atino Secor	177 votes	4-Year Term
87	Seat 3	Dan Fitzpatrick	176 votes	2-Year Term
88	Seat 4	Mike Roche	176 votes	2-Year Term
89	Seat 5	Ryan O'Dowd	176 votes	2-Year Term
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91 92 93	Resolution	ION by Mr. Roche and second 2023-01, Canvassing and of Supervisors Held Pursua	Certifying the Results of the	ne Landowners'

Election of Supervisors Held Pursuant to Section 190.006(2), Florida Statutes, and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

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FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Consideration of Resolution 2023-02,
	Designating Certain Officers of the District,
	and Providing for an Effective Date

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Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-02. Mr. Fitzpatrick nominated the following slate:

103	Chair	Jack Traynor
104	Vice Chair	Atino Secor
105	Secretary	Craig Wrathell
106	Assistant Secretary	Dan Fitzpatrick

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Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-03 and the Fee Schedule and Management Agreement. The Management Fee is reduced to \$2,000 per month until bonds are issued.

Discussion ensued regarding inclusion of Field Operations in the budget, contracting with the HOA for Field Operations, contracting with property management companies, etc.

On MOTION by Mr. Secor and seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick, with all in favor, 2023-03, Appointing and Fixing the Compensation of Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC as the District Manager and Methodology Consultant; Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

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- 138 В. Resolution 2023-04, Appointing District Counsel for the District, and Authorizing 139 Compensation; and Providing for an Effective Date
- 140 Fee Agreement: Kutak Rock LLP

141		Mr. Earlywine presented Resolution 2023-04 and the Kutak Rock LLP Fee Agreement.
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148 149	C.	Resolution 2023-05, Designating a Registered Agent and Registered Office of the
150		District, and Providing for an Effective Date
151 152		Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-05.
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158 159	D.	Resolution 2023-06, Appointing an Interim District Engineer for the Ham Brown
160		Reserve Community Development District, Authorizing Its Compensation and
161		Providing for an Effective Date
162		Interim Engineering Services Agreement: Boyd Civil Engineering, Inc.
163		Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-06 and the Interim Engineering Services
164	Agree	ement.
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172 173	E.	Authorization of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services
174		Ms. Cerbone presented the RFQ for Engineering Services and Competitive Selection
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181 182	F.	Board Member Compensation: 190.006 (8), F.S.
183		The Board Members declined compensation.
184	G.	Resolution 2023-07, Designating the Primary Administrative Office, Principal
185		Headquarters and Local Records Office of the District and Providing an Effective Date
186		Mr. Earlywine suggested approving the Resolution in part, at this time, to designate just
187	the Pr	imary Administrative Office, at this time. Resolution 2023-07 will be revised accordingly.
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189 190 191 192		On MOTION by Mr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr. Roche, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-07, as amended, Designating 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 as the Primary Administrative Office of the District; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.
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195	н.	Resolution 2023-08, Setting Forth the Policy of the District Board of Supervisors with
196		Regard to the Support and Legal Defense of the Board of Supervisors and District
197		Officers, and Providing for an Effective Date
198		Authorization to Obtain General Liability and Public Officers' Insurance
199		Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-08.
200		Discussion ensued regarding procedures and extending protections offered to Board
201	Memb	pers and Staff acting in their official capacities.
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203 204 205 206 207 208 209		On MOTION by Mr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr. Roche, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-08, Setting Forth the Policy of the District Board of Supervisors with Regard to the Support and Legal Defense of the Board of Supervisors and District Officers, and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted, and authorizing Staff to obtain General Liability and Public Officers' Insurance, subject to Developer's Counsel's review of the sample policy and Resolution, was approved.
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212	I.	Resolution 2023-09, Providing for the Public's Opportunity to Be Heard; Designating
213		Public Comment Periods; Designating a Procedure to Identify Individuals Seeking to Be
214		Heard; Addressing Public Decorum; Addressing Exceptions; and Providing for
215		Severability and an Effective Date
216		Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-09.

On MOTION by Mr. Secor and seconded by Mr. Roche, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-09, Providing for the Public's Opportunity to Be Heard; Designating Public Comment Periods; Designating a Procedure to Identify Individuals Seeking to Be Heard; Addressing Public Decorum; Addressing Exceptions; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date, was adopted.

J. Resolution 2023-10, Providing for the Appointment of a Records Management Liaison Officer; Providing the Duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer; Adopting a Records Retention Policy; and Providing for Severability and Effective Date

Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-10.

On MOTION by Mr. Roche and seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-10, Providing for the Appointment of a Records Management Liaison Officer; Providing the Duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer; Adopting a Records Retention Policy; and Providing for Severability and Effective Date, was adopted.

K. Resolution 2023-11, Granting the Chair and Vice Chair the Authority to Execute Real and Personal Property Conveyance and Dedication Documents, Plats and Other Documents Related to the Development of the District's Improvements; Approving the Scope and Terms of Such Authorization; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-11. This Resolution grants the Chair and Vice Chair and other officers in the Chair's absence, the authority to work with the District Engineer, District Counsel and District Staff and to execute certain documents in between meetings, to avoid delays in construction.

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256		of Establishment of the District
257		Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-12.
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259 260 261 262 263		On MOTION by Mr. Roche and seconded by Mr. Secor, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-12, Ratifying, Confirming and Approving the Recording of the Notice of Establishment of the District, was adopted.
264	M.	Authorization of Request for Proposals (RFP) for Annual Audit Services
265		Ms. Cerbone presented the RFP For Annual Audit Services.
266		Designation of Board of Supervisors as Audit Committee
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268 269 270 271 272		On MOTION by Mr. Secor and seconded by Mr. Roche, with all in favor, the Request for Proposals for Annual Audit Services, authorizing the District Manager to advertise the RFP and designating the Board of Supervisors as the Audit Committee, were approved.
273 274	N.	Strange Zone, Inc., Quotation #M22-1032 for District Website Design, Maintenance
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275		and Domain Web-Site Design Agreement  Ms. Corbona presented the Strange Zone, Inc. (\$71) preposal
276		Ms. Cerbone presented the Strange Zone, Inc. (SZI) proposal.

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On MOTION by Mr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr. Roche, with all in favor, Strange Zone, Inc., Quotation #M22-1032 for District Website Design, Maintenance and Domain Web-Site Design Agreement, in the amount of \$1,679.99, was approved.

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Ο. ADA Site Compliance Proposal for Website Compliance Shield, Accessibility Policy and 285 One (1) Annual Technological Audit

Ms. Cerbone presented the ADA Site Compliance proposal.

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On MOTION by Mr. Roche and seconded by Mr. Secor, with all in favor, the ADA Site Compliance Proposal for Website Compliance Shield, Accessibility Policy and One (1) Annual Technological Audit, in the annual amount of \$210, was approved.

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- Ρ. Resolution 2023-13, to Designate Date, Time and Place of Public Hearing and Authorization to Publish Notice of Such Hearing for the Purpose of Adopting Rules of **Procedure; and Providing an Effective Date**
- 297 I. **Rules of Procedure** 
  - II. **Notices** [Rule Development and Rulemaking]
- 299 These items were included for informational purposes.
- 300 Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-13 and the accompanying Exhibits.

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On MOTION by Mr. Secor and seconded by Mr. Roche, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-13, to Designate December 14, 2023 at 1:30 p.m., at the Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 304 305 34746 as the Date, Time and Place for a Public Hearing and Authorization to 306 Publish Notice of Such Hearing for the Purpose of Adopting Rules of Procedure; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted. 307

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- 310 Q. Resolution 2023-14, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of 311 the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and Providing for an
- 312 **Effective Date**
- 313 This item was deferred.
- 314 R. Resolution 2023-15, Approving the Florida Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement; 315 Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date
- 316 Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-15.

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<ul><li>321</li><li>322</li><li>323</li></ul>	S.	Stormwater Management Needs Analysis Reporting Requirements
324		Ms. Cerbone stated CDDs are required to prepare a Stormwater Management Needs
325	Analy	sis Report every five years. As the due date for the initial Report has passed and there is
326	no int	erim reporting requirement, a Report will be prepared when necessary.
327	T.	Interlocal Agreement
328		Mr. Earlywine presented the Interlocal Agreement. He discussed the Petitioner's
329	Agree	ment submitted to the County and responded to questions.
330		Discussion ensued regarding the assignment of the Petitioner's Agreement.
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332 333 334 335 336	BANK	On MOTION by Mr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr. Secor, with all in favor, the Interlocal Agreement and authorizing the Chair to execute, was approved.  ING ITEMS
337 338 339	SEVEN	ITH ORDER OF BUSINESS  Consideration of the Following Banking Items:
340	A.	Resolution 2023-16, Designating a Public Depository for Funds of the District and
341		Providing an Effective Date
342		Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-16.
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344 345 346 347		On MOTION by Mr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr. O'Dowd, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-16, Designating Truist Bank as Public Depository for Funds of the District and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.
348 349	В.	Resolution 2023-17, Directing the District Manager to Appoint Signors on the Local
350		Bank Account; and Providing an Effective Date
351		Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-17.
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357 358	BUDG	ETARY ITEMS	
359 360 361	EIGHT	H ORDER OF BUSINESS	Consideration of the Following Budgetary Items:
362	A.	Resolution 2023-18, Approving A Propos	sed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and
363		Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and Setting a Publi	c Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law
364		Addressing Transmittal, Posting and	Publication Requirements; Addressing
365		Severability; and Providing for an Effective	Date
366		Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-2	18 and the proposed Fiscal Years 2023 and
367	2024 l	oudgets, which are both Landowner-funded,	with expenses funded as incurred. She noted
368	that th	ne heading on Page 1 of the Fiscal Year 2024	budget will be corrected to read "FY 2024".
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379	В.	Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and Fiscal Year 2023	/2024 Budget Funding Agreements
380		Ms. Cerbone presented the Fiscal Year 20	022/2023 and Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budge
381	Fundir	ng Agreements. Funding requests will be sub	mitted to Mr. Traynor.
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383 384 385		On MOTION by Mr. Fitzpatrick and secon the 2022/2023 and Fiscal Year 2023/2024 approved.	

388	C.	Resolution 2023-19, Adopting the Alternative Investment Guidelines for Investing
389		Public Funds in Excess of Amounts Needed to Meet Current Operating Expenses, in
390		Accordance with Section 218.415(17), Florida Statutes
391		Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-19.
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On MOTION by Mr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr. Roche, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-19, Adopting the Alternative Investment Guidelines for Investing Public Funds in Excess of Amounts Needed to Meet Current Operating Expenses, in Accordance with Section 218.415(17), Florida Statutes, was adopted.

Mr. Wrathell discussed the items to be billed for Fiscal Year 2023 and the budget amendment processes. He stated that District Management will waive the Management Fee for September 2023 and begin charging its fee in October 2023.

D. Resolution 2023-20, Authorizing the Disbursement of Funds for Payment of Certain Continuing Expenses Without Prior Approval of the Board of Supervisors; Authorizing the Disbursement of Funds for Payment of Certain Non-Continuing Expenses Without Prior Approval of the Board of Supervisors; Providing for a Monetary Threshold; and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-20. She discussed the processes for unbudgeted emergency expenses.

On MOTION by Mr. Roche and seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-20, Authorizing the Disbursement of Funds for Payment of Certain Continuing Expenses Without Prior Approval of the Board of Supervisors; Authorizing the Disbursement of Funds for Payment of Certain Non-Continuing Expenses Without Prior Approval of the Board of Supervisors; Providing for a Monetary Threshold; and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

E. Resolution 2023-21, Adopting a Policy for Reimbursement of District Travel Expenses; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date

Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-21.

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On MOTION by Mr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr. Roche, with all in favor,
Resolution 2023-21, Adopting a Policy for Reimbursement of District Travel
Expenses; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date, was adopted.

- F. Resolution 2023-22, Adopting Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures Pursuant to Chapter 218, Florida Statutes; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date
  - Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-22.

On MOTION by Mr. Secor and seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-22, Adopting Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures Pursuant to Chapter 218, Florida Statutes; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

- G. Resolution 2023-23, Adopting an Internal Controls Policy Consistent with Section
   218.33, Florida Statutes; Providing an Effective Date
- Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-23.

On MOTION by Mr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr. Roche, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-23, Adopting an Internal Controls Policy Consistent with Section 218.33, Florida Statutes; Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

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Resolution 2023-24, Authorizing An Individual Designated by the Board of Supervisors, to Act as the District's Purchasing Agent for the Purpose of Procuring, Accepting, and Maintaining Any and All Construction Materials Necessary for the Construction, Installation, Maintenance or Completion of the District's Infrastructure Improvements as Provided in the District's Adopted Improvement Plan; Providing for the Approval of a Work Authorization; Providing for Procedural Requirements for the Purchase of Materials; Approving the Form of a Purchase Requisition Request; Approving the Form of a Purchase Order; Approving the Form of a Certificate of Entitlement; Authorizing

457		the Purchase of Insurance; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effecti	ve
458		Date	
459		Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-24 and read the title.	
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461 462 463 464 465 466 467 468 469 470 471 472 473		On MOTION by Mr. Roche. and seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-24, Authorizing An Individual Designated by the Board of Supervisors, to Act as the District's Purchasing Agent for the Purpose of Procuring, Accepting, and Maintaining Any and All Construction Materials Necessary for the Construction, Installation, Maintenance or Completion of the District's Infrastructure Improvements as Provided in the District's Adopted Improvement Plan; Providing for the Approval of a Work Authorization; Providing for Procedural Requirements for the Purchase of Materials; Approving the Form of a Purchase Requisition Request; Approving the Form of a Purchase Order; Approving the Form of a Certificate of Entitlement; Authorizing the Purchase of Insurance; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.	
473 474 475	l.	Consideration of E-Verify Memo with MOU	
476		Ms. Cerbone presented E-Verify information related to the requirement for	all
477	emplo	oyers to verify employment eligibility utilizing the E-Verify System and for the CDD	to
478 479	enroll	ll with E-Verify and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with E-Verify.	
480 481 482 483 484 485	BONZ	On MOTION by Mr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr. Roche, with all in favor, acknowledging the E-Verify Memo requirements, as set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding, and authorizing enrollment and utilization of the E-Verify program, was approved.	
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487 488 489	NINTH	TH ORDER OF BUSINESS Consideration of the Following Born Financing Related Items:	nd
490	•	Presentation of Master Engineer's Report	

The following questions were posed and answered:

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This item, previously Item 9D, was presented out of order.

Mr. Boyd presented the Engineer's Report dated September 26, 2023.

Mr. Wrathell: In Section 3 you have the total of 564 units and on it has the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) costs. So you have Phase 1 and Phase 2 that is totaling the \$34.256 million?

Mr. Boyd: Correct.

Discussion ensued regarding ownership of alleys, bond financing and the Developer's reserved right to finance any of the improvements, in which case such items would not be part of the CIP.

Mr. Wrathell noted that, if the alleys are to remain private, bond monies and platting will reflect that accordingly.

On MOTION by Mr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr. Roche, with all in favor, the Master Engineer's Report dated September 26, 2023, in substantial form, was approved.

## Presentation of Master Special Assessment Methodology Report

This item, previously Item 9E, was presented out of order.

Mr. Wrathell presented the Master Special Assessment Methodology Report dated September 29, 2023. He reviewed the pertinent information and discussed the Development Program, CIP, Financing Program, Assessment Methodology, lienability tests, special and peculiar benefits, True-up Mechanism and the Appendix Tables and Exhibits. He noted the following:

The land within the CDD boundaries currently consists of approximately 177.509 acres.

Ms. Lee stated the correct name of the Developer is "Brookfield Holdings (Ham Brown) LLC". Additional units related to an anticipated boundary reduction are not currently included in the Report; additional acreage adjustments will be necessary when the Boundary Amendment is addressed.

The current Development Plan envisions 565 single-family residential units.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to address scriveners' errors and make boundary-related adjustments prior to the assessment hearing.

Ms. Cerbone discussed the parties on the distribution list and noted that all parties can see the documents as they are updated and make sure the numbers are accurate.

- The proposed financing plan provides for issuance of bonds in the approximate principal amount of \$47,195,000 to finance approximately \$34,256,833 in CIP costs, as reflected in the Engineer's Report.
- Section 5.3, titled "Assigning Debt", will likely be revised to reflect both the amounts before and after the Boundary Amendment, with an accompanying table.

Discussion ensued regarding the boundary adjustments.

Mr. Earlywine suggested expediting an additional Boundary Amendment to include a common area and six additional lots that should be included in the CDD boundaries. He does not believe it will delay bond financing but, if timing becomes an issue, he suggested Mr. Kessler be consulted regarding establishing an Escrow account for the debt assessments associated with the lots. At this time, bond issuance is anticipated in February.

Mr. Wrathell left the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

On MOTION by Mr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr. Roche, with all in favor, the Master Special Assessment Methodology Report dated September 29, 2023, in substantial form, was approved.

Resolution 2023-27, Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$47,195,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds, in One or More Series to Pay All or a Portion of the Costs of the Planning, Financing, Construction and/or Acquisition of Public Infrastructure Improvements Including, But Not Limited to Entry Features and Signage, Stormwater Facilities, Water and Sewer Facilities, Recreation Facilities and Road Construction, and Associated Professional Fees and Incidental Costs Related Thereto Pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as Amended; Appointing a Trustee; Approving the Form of and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Master Trust Indenture; Providing that Such Bonds Shall Not Constitute a Debt, Liability or Obligation of Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District, Osceola County, Florida, or the State of Florida or of Any Political Subdivision Thereof, But Shall Be Payable From Special Assessments Assessed and Levied on the Property Within the District Benefited By the

- Improvements And Subject to Assessment; Providing for the Judicial Validation of such
  Bonds; and Providing for Other Related Matters
- This item, previously Item 9G, was presented out of order.
- Ms. Bligh presented Resolution 2023-27, which accomplishes the following:
- This is the first step in the bond issuance process.
- Authorizes issuance of a not to exceed \$47,195,000 aggregate principal amount of
- 563 bonds.
- Authorizes and approves execution and delivery of the Master Trust Indenture and
- 565 Supplemental Trust Indenture.
- Appoints Regions Bank as the Trustee, Registrar and Paying Agent.
- 567 Authorizes and directs District Counsel and Bond Counsel to file for validation.

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On MOTION by Mr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr. Roche, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-27, Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$47,195,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds, in One or More Series to Pay All or a Portion of the Costs of the Planning, Financing, Construction and/or Acquisition of Public Infrastructure Improvements Including, But Not Limited to Entry Features and Signage, Stormwater Facilities, Water and Sewer Facilities, Recreation Facilities and Road Construction, and Associated Professional Fees and Incidental Costs Related Thereto Pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as Amended; Appointing a Trustee; Approving the Form of and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Master Trust Indenture; Providing that Such Bonds Shall Not Constitute a Debt, Liability or Obligation of Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District, Osceola County, Florida, or the State of Florida or of Any Political Subdivision Thereof, But Shall Be Payable From Special Assessments Assessed and Levied on the Property Within the District Benefited By the Improvements And Subject to Assessment; Providing for the Judicial Validation of such Bonds; and Providing for Other Related Matters, was adopted.

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## A. Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement

Mr. Earlywine presented the Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement.

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593		On MOTION by Mr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr. Roche, with all in favor,
594		the Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement, in substantial form and subject
595		to review by Developer's Counsel, and authorizing the Chair to execute, was
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599	В.	Engagement of Bond Financing Professionals
600		Mr. Earlywine presented the following:

- I. Underwriter/Investment Banker: FMSbonds, Inc.
- II. Bond Counsel: Greenberg Traurig, PA
- III. Trustee, Paying Agent and Registrar: US Bank, NA

On MOTION by Mr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr. Roche, with all in favor, the FMSbonds, Inc., Agreement for Underwriter Services and G-17 Disclosure Letter; Greenberg Traurig, P.A., Engagement Letter for Bond Counsel Services; and US Bank Trust Company, N.A. Engagement Letter to serve as Trustee, Paying Agent and Registrar, all in substantial form and subject to review by Developer's Counsel, were approved.

- C. Resolution 2023-25, Designating a Date, Time, and Location of a Public Hearing Regarding the District's Intent to Use the Uniform Method for the Levy, Collection, and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments as Authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes; Authorizing the Publication of the Notice of Such Hearing; and Providing an Effective Date
- Mr. Earlywine presented Resolution 2023-25.

On MOTION by Mr. Secor and seconded by Mr. Roche, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-25, Designating a Date, Time, and Location of December 14, 2023 at 1:30 p.m., at the Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746, for a Public Hearing Regarding the District's Intent to Use the Uniform Method for the Levy, Collection, and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments as Authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes; Authorizing the Publication of the Notice of Such Hearing; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

D. Presentation of Master Engineer's Report

- This item was presented prior to Item 9A.
- 632 E. Presentation of Master Special Assessment Methodology Report
- This item was presented prior to Item 9A.
  - F. Resolution 2023-26, Declaring Special Assessments; Designating the Nature and Location of the Proposed Improvements; Declaring the Total Estimated Cost of the Improvements, the Portion to be Paid By Assessments, and the Manner and Timing in Which the Assessments are to Be Paid; Designating the Lands Upon Which the Assessments Shall Be Levied; Providing for an Assessment Plat and a Preliminary Assessment Roll; Addressing the Setting of Public Hearings; Providing for Publication of this Resolution; and Addressing Conflicts, Severability and an Effective Date

Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2023-26 and read the title.

On MOTION by Mr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr. Roche, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-26, Declaring Special Assessments; Designating the Nature and Location of the Proposed Improvements; Declaring the Total Estimated Cost of the Improvements, the Portion to be Paid By Assessments, and the Manner and Timing in Which the Assessments are to Be Paid; Designating the Lands Upon Which the Assessments Shall Be Levied; Providing for an Assessment Plat and a Preliminary Assessment Roll; Addressing the Setting of Public Hearings for December 14, 2023 at 1:30 p.m., at the Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 4971 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, Florida 34746; Providing for Publication of this Resolution; and Addressing Conflicts, Severability and an Effective Date, and authorizing the Chair to execute, was adopted.

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Resolution 2023-27, Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$50,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Ham Brown Reserve Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds, in One or More Series to Pay All or a Portion of the Costs of the Planning, Financing, Construction and/or Acquisition of Public Infrastructure Improvements Including, But Not Limited to Entry Features and Signage, Stormwater Facilities, Water and Sewer Facilities, Recreation Facilities and Road Construction, and Associated Professional Fees and Incidental Costs Related Thereto Pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as Amended; Appointing a Trustee; Approving the Form of and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Master Trust Indenture; Providing

665		that Such Bonds Shall Not Constitute a	Debt, Liability or Obligation of Ham Brown
666		Reserve Community Development Distr	ict, Osceola County, Florida, or the State of
667		Florida or of Any Political Subdivision	Thereof, But Shall Be Payable From Special
668		Assessments Assessed and Levied on the	Property Within the District Benefited By the
669		Improvements And Subject to Assessmen	nt; Providing for the Judicial Validation of such
670		Bonds; and Providing for Other Related N	Natters
671		This item was presented prior to Item 9A.	
672 673	CONS	STRUCTION ITEMS	
674 675 676		H ORDER OF BUSINESS	Consideration of the Following Construction Related Items
677	_	Mr. Earlywine presented the following:	
678	A.	Acquisition Agreement	
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680 681 682 683		On MOTION by Mr. Roche and seconde Acquisition Agreement, in substantia Developer's Counsel, and authorizing the	I form and subject to review by
684 685 686	В.	Temporary Construction and Access Ease	ment Agreement
687 688 689		On MOTION by Mr. Roche and seconde Temporary Construction and Access Ease Chair to execute, was approved.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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692	BOUN	NDARY AMENDMENT ITEMS	
693 694 695	ELEVE	ENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Consideration of the Following Boundary Amendment Related Items
696		Mr. Earlywine presented the following:	
697	A.	Resolution 2023-28, Directing the Chairn	nan and District Staff to Request the Passage
698		of an Ordinance by the Board of Count	y Commissioners of Osceola County Florida,

699		Amending the District's Boundari	es, and Authorizing Such Other Actions as are
700		Necessary in Furtherance of that Pro	ocess; and Providing an Effective Date
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702 703 704 705 706 707 708		Resolution 2023-28, Directing the Passage of an Ordinance by the B County Florida, Amending the Di	Seconded by Mr. Secor, with all in favor, Chairman and District Staff to Request the oard of County Commissioners of Osceola strict's Boundaries, and Authorizing Such Furtherance of that Process; and Providing the Chair to execute, was adopted.
709 710 711	В.	Consideration of Boundary Amenda	nent Funding Agreement
712 713 714 715		1	conded by Mr. Secor, with all in favor, the Agreement, in substantial form, and as approved.
716 717 718	TWEL	FTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Staff Reports
719	A.	District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP	
720	В.	District Engineer (Interim): Boyd Civ	ril Engineering, Inc.
721	C.	District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt an	d Associates, LLC
722 723		There were no Staff reports.	
724 725 726	THIRT	There were no Board Members' com	Board Members' Comments/Requests ments or requests.
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728 729	FOUR	TEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Public Comments
730		No members of the public spoke.	
<ul><li>731</li><li>732</li><li>733</li></ul>	FIFTE	ENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Adjournment
734 735		On MOTION by Mr. Roche and sec	onded by Mr. Fitzpatrick, with all in favor,

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September 29, 2023