

## INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

**REAL ESTATE DIVISION** 

TO:

Honorable Mayor and Members

of the City Commission

DATE:

4/8/02

FROM:

Michael L. Kurtz, General Manager

SUBJECT:

Disposal of Surplus Property at 200 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue

## Recommendation:

The City Commission: 1) declare approximately .25 acres located in the 200 block of SE 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, west of the Main Street Wastewater Treatment Facility, as surplus property; and 2) authorize the Mayor and Clerk of the Commission to execute two Quit-Claim Deeds transferring title to the approximately .25 acres to the abutting land owners, reserving ingress and egress rights for abutting land owners and a public utility easement to the City of Gainesville, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

## **Explanation:**

In 1967 the City acquired a 225' x 60' strip (approximately .25 acres) of land just west of its wastewater treatment plant located at 200 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Recently, a survey was prepared by Eng, Denman, and Associates to determine the boundaries of the plant site. The survey depicted the 60' wide strip of property outside the fence boundary of the plant site, which has long been considered by staff as the western property line of the plant. This 60' strip of property is currently being utilized by the abutting landowners for access to their business and storage of equipment and is not being utilized for any City operations.

Staff has determined that they have no need for this property and have therefore negotiated with the abutting landowners to transfer title to the property back to them, reserving a public utilities easement to the City and the right of ingress/egress for all those affected landowners, which abut the property.

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