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Property Exchange with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation and Corresponding Resolution (B)

Staff is requesting approval of a property exchange with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation.

In December 2002, the City purchased a 1123 acre tract of land for a buffer and future development located to the north of the GRU Deerhaven Power Plant facility. A 10 acre piece of property owned by the State of Florida, Department of Transportation (FDOT) exists within the boundaries of the buffer property purchased by the City. In order to unify the site ownership and to satisfy the future FDOT needs, staff has negotiated an even exchange of the 10 acre FDOT site with a site located on the western side of the Deerhaven Power Plant facility and west of the Alachua County Public Works compound. FDOT will grant the City a Quit Claim Deed for their 10 acre parcel in exchange for the City's 10 acre parcel to be conveyed to FDOT via a City Deed. FDOT does not require an appraisal as this transaction is an even exchange of property and is deemed to be for public purpose. The adoption of a resolution requesting FDOT to convey their 10 acre parcel to the City and declaring the property will be used for a public purpose is required by FDOT.

The City Commission: 1) approve the exchange of property with the State of Florida at no cost to the City other than closing costs, as negotiated by staff; and 2) adopt a resolution, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality, requesting the State of Florida Department of Transportation to convey property to the City of Gainesville; and 3) authorize the Mayor and Clerk of the Commission to execute the City Deed to the State of Florida, substantially in the form on file, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 4) authorize the General Manager or his designee to execute any documents necessary to complete the closing, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

There is no cost to the City for this property exchange other than closing costs and those funds are available in the Energy Supply Capital Budget.

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