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Approval of Resolution and Authorization of General Manager for Sale of GRU Real Property. (B)

Staff is requesting approval of a Resolution and authorization of the General Manager to execute a Special Warranty Deed and all documents for closing the sale of real property.

At the City Commission meeting held on February 19, 2009, the City Commission declared the GRU Rail Spur corridor property and the 95 acre Santa Fe River property as surplus property and authorized the General Manager to enter into a one year Option Agreement for the sale of the property. Attached for reference are the agenda item from February 19, 2009 and a map of the property. An Option Agreement for Sale and Purchase between the City of Gainesville, Florida Communities Trust, and Alachua Conservation Trust, Inc. was negotiated by staff. On February 20, 2012, the fully executed agreement was received.

Florida Communities Trust is a non-regulatory agency within the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and is funding this project through a grant award to Alachua Conservation Trust, Inc. The grant project has been named the "Santa Fe River Creek Preserve" (FCT Project Number: 08-082-FF8). Approval of a resolution is a requirement of the Option Agreement and it must certify that the City of Gainesville, Florida is the record owner of the real property and has the authority to dispose of the real property in accordance with the provisions described in the Option Agreement and that no member of the Gainesville City Commission will receive monetary compensation from the proceeds of the sale nor does any Gainesville City Commission member have a personal interest in the transaction. In this regard, the Mayor and each commissioner has executed an affidavit. It is also necessary to acquire authorization for the General Manager to execute all closing documents necessary to complete the sale.

The City Commission: 1) adopt a resolution, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality, certifying to Alachua Conservation Trust, Inc., and the Florida Communities Trust that the City of Gainesville, Florida is the record owner and has the authority to dispose of the real property as described in an Option Agreement for Sale and Purchase dated February 20, 2012 between the City of Gainesville, the Florida Communities Trust, and the Alachua Conservation Trust, Inc., and that no member of the Gainesville City Commission will receive monetary compensation from the proceeds nor does any Gainesville City Commission member have a personal interest in the transaction; 2) authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to execute a Special Warranty Deed and all documents necessary to complete the closing for the City's sale of the real property in accordance with the Option Agreement for Sale and Purchase, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

The total sale price of the property is \$800,000, less the City's closing costs and expenses as established in the Option Agreement for Sale and Purchase.

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