



Legislation Text

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Land Surplus for Alachua County Historic Trust Matheson Museum, Inc. (B)

This item is a request for the surplus of additional property for the Alachua County Historic Trust Matheson Museum, Inc.

At the April 28, 2008 City Commission meeting, the Commission declared the approximate 0.10-acre portion of City owned, Sweetwater Park as surplus and agreed to sell it at the fair market value of \$19,950 to the Alachua County Historic Trust Matheson Museum. The Commission authorized the City Manager to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement, to prepare a Special Warranty Deed, and authorized the Mayor to execute the deed to convey the 0.10-acre portion to be combined with a parcel the Museum owns. This 0.10-acre portion of City owned property was 28 feet deep by approximately 160 feet long.

It has now come to staff's attention that in order for the Matheson property to be compliant with zoning requirements, they will need an additional 2 feet for a total of 30 feet deep by approximately 160 feet long. The Alachua County Historic Trust Matheson Museum is willing to convey the original portion back in exchange for the requested 30 feet by approximately 160 feet portion of Sweetwater Park. The new configuration of property is an additional approximately 67 square feet and will meet zoning compliance. Applying the \$4.50 per square foot costs, associated with the original purchase, the approximately 67 square feet would be an additional \$300. In addition, if the newly created property line encroaches within 3 feet of the pedestrian sidewalk located in the park, the Alachua County Historic Trust Matheson Museum has agreed to pay to relocate the sidewalk and signs. They have also agreed to install a green picket fence on the new property line.

Should the City Commission elect to approve this request, there is no cost to the City of Gainesville; the City will derive \$300 in revenue from the transaction.

Recommended Motion: The City Commission: 1) declare the additional 2 feet of Sweetwater Park as surplus; 2) accept the conveyance of the original portion from the Alachua County Historic Trust Matheson Museum, Inc; and 3) authorize the Mayor to execute, and the Clerk to attest the Special Warranty Deed, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Alternative Recommendation A

The City Commission: 1) deny this request, and 2) provide staff with further direction as appropriate.