



## Legislation Text

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### **Approval and Authorization to Purchase Real Property on Southeast 4<sup>th</sup> Street (B)**

**This item is a request to approve and authorize the purchase of real property, located at 1125 Southeast 4<sup>th</sup> Street, known as Alachua County Tax Parcel 16026-000-000.**

As primary part of the proposed renovations to Southeast 4<sup>th</sup> Street, it is necessary to purchase property for stormwater retention and treatment. To treat the stormwater, north of Sweetwater Branch, the Public Works Department has identified a property, owned by the Joseph N. Holton QTIP Trust and known as Tax Parcel 16026-000-000. This parcel consists of 3.75 acres which would allow ample room for a retention pond to include a park with pedestrian walk. The pond and park amenity would be similar to the retention pond located southwest of Southwest 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Southwest 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The purchase would also supply additional right of way for the Southeast 4<sup>th</sup> Street Renovation Project. The Trust is asking \$500,000 for the property. The appraisal established a value of \$490,000.

This parcel contains two business tenants. In preliminary talks with the tenants, they may be interested in purchasing a portion of the property. The contract allows the City, as buyer, to subdivide the property prior to closing and to assign its interests in the subdivided parcels to other buyers. Based on information extracted from the appraisal, it is preliminarily estimated (but subject to change based on the City's subdivision requirements) that one parcel could consist of approximately 0.96 acres and would be valued at \$178,465 with the existing structures, the second parcel could consist of 0.67 acres and would be valued at \$140,000 with the existing structures and the third parcel (the one that the City would purchase for its roadway and stormwater improvement projects) could consist of 2.12 vacant acres and would be valued at \$181,835.

The Trust is willing to sell the property in three separate sales as long as all the parties close and the whole property is sold in its entirety. If the City is unable to subdivide the property prior to closing, or either or both of the other parties do not close on their respective portions, the City would acquire each respective portion.

Funding is available in the Southeast 4<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction Project fiscal year 2011 to 2015 funds.

The City Commission: 1) approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the Contract for Purchase with the Joseph N. Holton QTIP Trust for the purchase of Tax Parcel 16026-000-000, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality; 2) authorize the City Manager to pursue all necessary approvals to subdivide the property prior to closing; and 3) if the subdivision is approved, authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute Assignments of Contract to other buyers, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.