



## Legislation Text

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### **Resolution Declaring City Owned Properties as Surplus and Authorize the Disposition (B)**

#### **Request to declare as surplus and dispose of City Owned Properties Tax Parcel 11309-000-000 and 11317-000-000.**

The City acquired the vacant property known as Tax Parcel 11309-000-000, located at 1639 Southeast 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue through Code Enforcement foreclosure on May 4, 2009 (OR Book 3876, Page 128). Tax Parcel 11317-000-000, located at 502 Southeast 17<sup>th</sup> Terrace, was received through donation on October 22, 2001 (OR Book 2399, Page 17). The City has received a request from Alachua County Habitat for Humanity for a donation of the two parcels for housing infill. Both properties were routed to all departments for a determination of necessity. GRU and Cox Cable request the retainage of the east ten feet of Tax Parcel 11317-000-000 for utilities.

In accordance with the Real Property Policies adopted by the City Commission on April 18, 2013 (Resolution No. 100630), this item requests the City Commission adopt a resolution finding and declaring the properties as surplus. As defined in the Policies, surplus means “property which no longer serves a public purpose, or is in excess of the City’s needs, or the sale of which would serve a greater public purpose than the retention of the property.” If the Commission adopts the resolution, the Public Works Department will dispose of the property in a competitive manner. The City Commission can waive the competitive bid process and offer the properties to non-profit organizations that will construct affordable new housing for qualified low-income first-time homebuyers. The deed conveyance from the City will allow the selected recipient up to 2 years from the date of closing to build a new affordable home(s) on the properties. If a new home(s) is not built within this time period, then this property will revert back to the City for use as determined by the City at that time. The disposition of this property would allow the opportunity to develop the vacant lots into useable housing stock and assist in the City’s continuing effort to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods for the benefit of all residents; and to increase the amount of affordable and low cost housing in the City. Staff believes it would be in the best interest of the City to return this parcel to the tax rolls, retaining the east ten feet of Tax Parcel 11317-000-000 for utilities.

Funding in the amount of \$100 for administrative costs is available in the Public Works Fiscal Year 2017 operating budget.

The City Commission: 1) adopt the Resolution declaring Tax Parcels 11309-000-000 and 11317-000-000 as surplus properties; 2) direct staff to dispose of the properties by competitive bid or offer the properties to a qualified nonprofit organization to be disposed of for affordable housing purposes; and 3) authorize the Mayor to sign and the Clerk to attest a Special Warranty Deed, subject to legal approval as to form and legality, retaining the east ten feet of Tax Parcel 11317-000-000 for utilities.