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City of Gainesville (COG)/Gainesville Housing Authority (GHA) Potential Partnership Plan (B)

On November 18, 2021, the City Commission approved the following motion:
Motion: In recognition of the Gainesville Housing Authority's aggressive plan to create 500 additional affordable housing opportunities in our city and the need for those opportunities, I move that we direct the City Manager to detail a plan for the City of Gainesville to work with the GHA toward the following ends:

- *Name the GHA as an official housing partner of the City*
- *Provide dedicated grant support*
- *Provide connection fee assistance*
- *Disburse city-owned surplus property for affordable housing construction*
- *Partner for home-ownership readiness classes*
- *Other programs as recommended by the city manager.*

The plan should be a multi-year, fixed-date agreement with options for renewability, and should return to the commission by our second meeting in January 2022.

City staff and GHA met in December 2021 to discuss the proposed details of the Plan. The GHA has provided an outline of various affordable housing projects and strategies to work towards the goal of creating 500 additional housing opportunities in our city.

The Plan will include: 1) developing a Memorandum of Understanding; 2) clarifying the role and relationship of the COG/GHA; 3) evaluating potential projects to provide affordable housing opportunities for eligible recipients; 4) identifying possible funding sources; 5) the terms of the Plan; and 6) the implementation timeline.

The Plan will require further discussions to finalize the various components of the partnership. As such, staff is requesting the City Commission to provide feedback on the proposed details of the Plan. Thereafter, staff will come back with a draft Memorandum of Understanding of the City/GHA partnership for approval.

Strategic Connection: This item is connected to Goal 3: A Great Place to Live & Experience in the City's Strategic Plan.

To be determined

The City Commission provide feedback on the proposed details of the Plan.