AGENDA
BRADENTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
10:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 11, 2024
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 101 OLD MAIN STREET

1. INVOCATION & PLEDGE

2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

3. TIME CERTAIN PUBLIC HEARING

a) Legal: RESOLUTION 24-75 - PUBLIC HEARING

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, IMPOSING NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOSPITALS LOCATED WITHIN CITY LIMITS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BENEFITING THE ASSESSED PROPERTIES THROUGH MEDICAID AND MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PAYMENTS FOR PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO MEDICAID, INDIGENT, AND UNINSURED MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON COMMUNITY; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT SUCH PROPERTIES ARE SPECIALLY BENEFITED BY THE ASSESSMENTS; APPROVING THE METHOD OF CALCULATING AND APPORTIONING THE ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE METHOD OF COLLECTING THE ASSESSMENTS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECT BILLING OF THE ASSESSMENTS TO THE OWNERS OR LESSEES OF ASSESSED PROPERTIES; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Resolution 24-75

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen comment will be accepted during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting on any non-agenda item, agenda item, future agenda item or topic of relevance to the City. Comments will be accepted on the public hearings at the appropriate time.

5. PROCLAMATIONS

a) Legislative: Tribute to Heroes Day
Tribute to Heroes Day Proclamation
b) Legislative: Constitution Week
Constitution Week Proclamation

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Clerk: Minutes from the August 23, 2024 Emergency City Council Meeting
8-23-2024 City Council Emergency Meeting Minutes

b) Clerk: Minutes from the August 30, 2024 Emergency City Council Meeting
8-30-2024 City Council Emergency Meeting Minutes

c) Administrative Services: Resolution Number 24-39 - North River Fence Bid Approval for State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Housing Rehab Project
Resolution 24-39

d) Administrative Services: Resolution 24-84 - 2023-2024 State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Annual Report
Resolution 24-84
SHIP Annual Report

e) Administrative Services: Resolution Number 24-88 - Air & Heat Inc. Bid Approval for State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Housing Rehab Project
Resolution 24-88

f) Administrative Services: Resolution Number 24-89 - Coastal FX Construction Bid Approval for State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Housing Project
Resolution 24-89

g) Information Technology: Sarasota County Hosting and Technology Services Agreement Renewal

h) Legislative: Resolution 24-92 - Tree and Land Preservation Board Appointment
Resolution 24-92
Resume

i) Police: Opioid Funds Expenditure
Opioid Funds Expenditure Memorandum

j) Purchasing: Recommendation of Award for RFP 24-023EJ State Lobbying Services
Notice of Recommended Award for State Lobbying Services
Ballard Partners, Inc. Completed Bid Package
The Southern Group of Florida, Inc. Completed Bid Package

k) Purchasing: Second Extension of the Agreement for R Grade Anhydrous Ammonia with Airgas Specialty Products, Inc.
Second Extension of the Agreement with Airgas Specialty Products, Inc.

8. BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS & COMMUNICATIONS

a) Planning & Community Development: ORDINANCE 4039 - FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF BRADENTON LAND USE ATLAS; CHANGING ZONING FROM UV (URBAN VILLAGE) TO R-4 (MOBILE HOME) FOR APPROXIMATELY 10.93 ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF 16TH STREET WEST, SOUTH OF 21ST AVENUE WEST, NORTH OF 26TH AVENUE WEST, WEST OF 14TH STREET WEST, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance 4039
LU.24.0877 - Staff Report
LU.24.0877 - Survey
LU.24.0877 - Permit Application

b) Police: ORDINANCE 4052 - FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TO MODIFY THE HOURS OF SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL TO REFLECT THAT NO ALCOHOL MAY BE SOLD OR CONSUMED ON PREMISES AFTER 2:00 A.M.; AMENDING SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE 4047 TO REFLECT THAT NO ALCOHOL MAY BE SOLD OR CONSUMED ON PREMISES AFTER 2:00 A.M.; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Ordinance 4052

c) Legal: ORDINANCE 4053 - FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF BRADENTON CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 26-38 TO MODIFY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE POWERS, DUTIES AND PROCEDURES OF CITY OFFICIALS IN A DISASTER EMERGENCY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Ordinance 4053

9. NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL

a) Police: Resolution 24-90 - After Midnight Permit Fees
Resolution 24-90

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

12. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

13. ADJOURN

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR AGENDA AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

Please place all cell phones on silent!

PRIOR TO COUNCIL MEETING: Appointments on the agenda, all items from Department Directors and other interested parties must be submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the Council meeting. Anyone wishing to be placed on the agenda must contact Tamara Melton, City Clerk, at City Hall by phone 941-932-9463 or email: tamara.melton@bradentonfl.gov and give their name, business name (if applicable), whether they are resident taxpayers of the City and their business before Council. Appearances before Council will be authorized by the Mayor or Councilperson in charge of the meeting. NOTE: The Mayor may ask a city department to look into an issue prior to the meeting to see if the issue can be resolved. If the Mayor or Councilperson in charge of the meeting feels the request is justified, they will instruct the City Clerk as to its placement on the agenda.

Non-Discrimination Statement: The City of Bradenton prohibits discrimination in all of its services, programs or activities on the basis of race, color, age, disability, sex, national origin, religion, genetic information or marital status. Persons with a disability needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in, or who require assistance or an alternative means for communication of program information such as Braille, large print, etc., should contact as soon as possible, but at least 48 hours in advance:

City of Bradenton
ADA/Title VI Coordinator
101 Old Main Street
Bradenton, FL 34205
ADACoordinator@cityofbradenton.com
941-932-9400
TTY: 7-1-1 or 1-800-955-8771

La ciudad de Bradenton proveera servicio de interprete a las personas quienes su primer lenguage no es el ingles. Si necesita estos servicios, usted o su representante puede comunicar al ADA/Title VI Coordinator, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, FL 34205. Tambien puede llamar al (941) 932-9470 o enviar correo electronico a ADACoordinator@cityofbradenton.com

AT COUNCIL MEETING:

Citizen comment will be accepted during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting on any non-agenda item, agenda item, future agenda item or topic of relevance to the City. Citizen comment related to any public hearing item shall be provided during the duly noticed public hearing in order to maintain an accurate record of the proceedings. All citizen comments related to quasi-judicial items are required to be under oath and such comments will be invited to be presented during the duly noticed public hearing for such items.

If an individual (or agent) wishes to address the City Council, they should complete a comment card available at the back of the Chamber and submit such card to the City Clerk.

At the appropriate time during the meeting, the Mayor will call speakers to come forward. After being recognized by the Mayor, the individual should come to the podium and, for the public record, state their name and address, and then provide any relevant comments or testimony related to the item they wish to address. In the case of an agent, they shall identify themselves and the party they represent. The speaker should then proceed to state their position or present their information.

An individual appearance for citizen comment will be limited to three (3) minutes unless additional time is permitted by the Mayor or consensus of the Council. Additional time will be allowed (up to 10 minutes at the discretion of the Mayor or consensus of the Council) for public hearing items if the speaker is officially representing a group of five or more people, provided that written authorization is provided that the person is authorized to speak on behalf of the group.

Note: If handouts are being distributed, please provide a minimum of ten (10) copies to the City Clerk. If you wish to display a drawing or rendering, contact Tamara Melton, as indicated above, prior to the meeting. Any submissions commented on, photographs, letters, renderings, etc. will be kept by the City Clerk for the official record.

PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 286.0105: If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the board, council, agency, or commission at this meeting, such individual will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

PLEDGE OF PUBLIC CONDUCT We, the Mayor, City Council and Employees of the City of Bradenton, agree to: *Establish a process to promote positive interaction among ourselves and the citizens of Bradenton in a positive and non-threatening environment. *Encourage visible, involved and active participation among all. *Promote improved communication through active listening, providing feedback and honest expression of ideas. *Utilize consensus for decision making. *We realize that though we may disagree, we will be respectful of each other. *We

will direct all comments to the issues and will avoid personal attacks.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.a

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Tamara Melton, Legal

ITEM TYPE: Resolution

AGENDA SECTION: **TIME CERTAIN PUBLIC HEARING**

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION 24-75 - PUBLIC HEARING

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, IMPOSING NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOSPITALS LOCATED WITHIN CITY LIMITS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BENEFITING THE ASSESSED PROPERTIES THROUGH MEDICAID AND MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PAYMENTS FOR PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO MEDICAID, INDIGENT, AND UNINSURED MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON COMMUNITY; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT SUCH PROPERTIES ARE SPECIALLY BENEFITED BY THE ASSESSMENTS; APPROVING THE METHOD OF CALCULATING AND APPORTIONING THE ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE METHOD OF COLLECTING THE ASSESSMENTS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECT BILLING OF THE ASSESSMENTS TO THE OWNERS OR LESSEES OF ASSESSED PROPERTIES; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
Yes

EXPLANATION:

Pursuant to the Bradenton Local Participation Fund Ordinance, codified in 66.207 of the City of Bradenton Code of Ordinances, as adopted on May 22, 2024, the City Council for the City of Bradenton, Florida will convene a public hearing to discuss, consider, and take action on a resolution setting the rate of collection for a payment due upon receipt.

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:
Approved

SUGGESTED MOTION:
Motion to approve Resolution 24-75.

ATTACHMENTS:
Resolution 24-75

RESOLUTION NO. 24-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, IMPOSING NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOSPITALS LOCATED WITHIN CITY LIMITS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BENEFITING THE ASSESSED PROPERTIES THROUGH MEDICAID AND MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PAYMENTS FOR PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO MEDICAID, INDIGENT, AND UNINSURED MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON COMMUNITY; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT SUCH PROPERTIES ARE SPECIALLY BENEFITED BY THE ASSESSMENTS; APPROVING THE METHOD OF CALCULATING AND APPORTIONING THE ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE METHOD OF COLLECTING THE ASSESSMENTS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECT BILLING OF THE ASSESSMENTS TO THE OWNERS OR LESSEES OF ASSESSED PROPERTIES; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Authority**. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to City Ordinance No. 4045 (the "Ordinance"), Article VIII, Section 2(b) of the Constitution of the State of Florida, Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

Section 2. **Definitions**. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned in the Ordinance unless the context otherwise requires.

Section 3. **Findings.** It is hereby ascertained, determined and declared as follows:

(A) Private for-profit and not-for profit hospitals located in the City of Bradenton (the "Hospitals") annually provide millions of dollars of uncompensated care to uninsured persons and those who qualify for Medicaid because Medicaid, on average, covers only 60% of the costs of the health care services actually provided by Hospitals to Medicaid-eligible persons, leaving

hospitals with significant uncompensated costs.

(B) The State of Florida (the "State") received federal authority to establish supplemental payment programs to offset hospitals' uncompensated Medicaid costs and charity care costs and improve quality of care provided to Florida's Medicaid, indigent, and uninsured populations.

(C) Hospitals have asked the City of Bradenton (the "City") to impose non-ad valorem special assessments (the "Assessments") upon certain real property interests held by the Hospitals to help finance the non-federal share of the supplemental payment programs.

(D) The only real properties interests that will be subject to the Assessments authorized herein are those belonging to the Hospitals.

(E) The City recognizes that one or more of the Hospitals within the City's boundaries may be located upon real property leased from governmental entities and that such real property may be assessed because they are used by private hospital entities for non-governmental purposes.

(F) The funding raised by the Assessments will, through intergovernmental transfers ("IGTs") provided consistent with federal guidelines, support additional funding for supplemental payments to Hospitals.

(G) Assessed Properties will benefit directly and especially from the assessments as a result of the above-described additional funding provided to said Hospitals.

(H) A logical relationship exists between the services provided by the Hospitals, which will be supported by the Assessments, and the special and particular benefit to the real property of the Hospitals.

(I) The City has an interest in promoting access to health care for its low-income and uninsured residents.

(J) Leveraging additional federal support through the above-described IGTs to fund supplemental payments to the Hospitals for health care services directly and specifically benefits the Hospitals' property interests and supports their continued ability to provide those services.

(K) Imposing Assessments limited to Hospital properties to help fund the provision of these services and the achievement of certain quality standards by the Hospitals to residents of the City is a valid public purpose that benefits the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City.

(L) The Assessments ensure the financial stability and viability of the Hospitals providing such services.

(M) The Hospitals are important contributors to the City's economy, and the financial benefit to these Hospitals directly and specifically supports their mission, as well as their ability to grow, expand, and maintain their facilities in concert with the population growth in the jurisdiction of the City.

(N) The City Council finds the Assessments will enhance the Hospitals' ability to grow, expand, maintain, improve, and increase the value of their City of Bradenton properties and facilities under all present circumstances and those of the foreseeable future.

(O) The apportionment method approved herein for the Assessments ensures all Hospitals will be assessed at uniform rates that are compliant with 42 C.F.R. § 433.68(d).

(P) On May 22, 2024, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 4045 (the "Assessment Ordinance"), authorizing the City to levy uniform non-ad valorem special assessments which are fairly and reasonably apportioned among the Hospitals' property interests within the City's jurisdictional limits, to establish and maintain a system of funding for IGTs to support the non-federal share of supplemental payment programs, thus directly and specially benefitting Hospital properties.

(Q) The City has received from the Hospitals subject to the Assessments the releases and indemnity specified by Section 66-227 of the Assessment Ordinance as prerequisites for imposition of the Assessments.

(R) On September 11, 2024, the City Council conducted the duly noticed public hearing required by Section 66-219 of the Assessment Ordinance, during which representatives of the Assessed Properties and the general public were provided the opportunity to comment on the proposed Assessments.

(S) Such comments and written objections, if any, were considered by the City Council prior to adoption of this Resolution.

Section 4. Special Assessments. The City hereby imposes the Assessments against the Assessed Properties, in the amounts set forth in the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll which are to be collected from each Assessed Property during the City's fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024 ("Fiscal Year 2024-25"). Proceeds from the Assessments shall be used to benefit Assessed Properties through supplemental payment programs that will specially benefit the Assessed Properties for Local Services.

The Assessments shall constitute a lien upon the Assessed Properties owned by Hospitals and/or a lien upon improvements on the Property made by Hospital leaseholders equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district, or municipal taxes and other non-ad valorem assessments, until paid. Assessment payments made by or on behalf of Assessed Properties may not be passed along to patients of the Assessed Property as a surcharge or as any other form of additional patient charge. Failure to pay may cause foreclosure proceedings, which could result in loss of title, to commence.

The amount of the Assessment for each Assessed Property is as follows:

HCA Florida Blake Hospital - $9,040,762
Manatee Memorial Hospital - $10,532,951
Suncoast Behavioral Health Center - $236,227

Section 5. Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll. The Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for Fiscal Year 2024-25, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved.

Section 6. Use of Assessment Proceeds. Funds generated from the Assessments shall be used only to:

1. Provide to the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (the "Agency") the non-federal share for the Medicaid Hospital Directed Payment Program ("DPP") and the Low Income Pool program ("LIP"), payments from which are to be made directly or indirectly in support of hospitals serving Medicaid beneficiaries, the indigent, and uninsured citizens; and

2. Reimburse the City for administrative costs associated with the implementation of the Assessments and such other expenses as may be authorized by the Ordinance.

If, at the end of Fiscal Year 2024-25, additional amounts remain in the Bradenton Local Provider Participation Fund, such amounts shall roll over in the account for use in the next Fiscal Year by the City for authorized purposes, including payment of the City's administrative expenses, as provided in Sections 66-213 and 66-223 of the Ordinance.

If, after the Assessments funds are transferred to the Agency, the Agency returns some or all of the transferred funding to the City (including, but not limited to, a return of the non-federal share after a disallowance of matching

federal funds), the Council is hereby authorized to refund to Assessed Properties, in proportion to amounts paid in during the Fiscal Year, the amount of such returned funds.

Section 7. Computation of Assessment. The Assessments shall equal 3.03% of net patient revenue for each Assessed Property, as set forth in the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll. These rates support the supplemental payment programs authorized in the state budget for July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Any balance remaining in the City of Bradenton Local Provider Participation Fund after intergovernmental transfers for these programs will carry forward to support supplemental payment programs authorized in any state budget for a future fiscal year.

The amount of the Assessments required of each Assessed Property may not exceed an amount that, when added to the amount of other hospital assessments levied by the state or local government, exceeds the maximum percent of the aggregate net patient revenue of all Assessed Hospitals in the state permitted by 42 C.F.R. § 433.68(f)(3)(i)(A). Assessments for each Assessed Property will be derived from data contained in cost reports and/or in the Florida Hospital Uniform Reporting System, as available from the Agency.

The method for apportioning and calculating the Assessments set forth herein is fair and reasonable, and is hereby approved and adopted.

Section 8. Method of Collection. The Assessments shall be direct billed to the owners or lessees of Assessed Properties in accordance with Section 66-222 of the Ordinance. The Assessment Coordinator is hereby authorized and directed to facilitate mailing of billing invoices in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix B. Such invoices shall be provided by first class mail to each Hospital within a timeline that ensures funding for the DPP and LIP. The Assessment Coordinator is directed to mail the invoices once the Agency provides the City with timelines for the intergovernmental transfers for the DPP and LIP. Assessment payments not received within thirty (30) days of the due date set forth in the invoices shall become delinquent as provided in Section 66-22 of the Ordinance.

No act of error or omission on the part of the Assessment Coordinator, City Council, Property Appraiser, or their deputies or employees shall operate to release or discharge any obligation for payment of the Assessments imposed by the City Council under the Ordinance and this Resolution.

Section 9. Authorizations. The Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney, City Clerk and Assessment Coordinator are each authorized and directed to take all actions and steps and to execute all instruments, documents, and contracts on behalf of the City that are necessary or desirable in connection with imposition and collection of the Assessments, including but not limited to executing one or more Letters of Agreement with the Agency, facilitating remittance of Assessment proceeds to the Agency in accordance therewith, and completing and submitting to the Agency any questionnaires, information or records requests associated therewith.

Section 10. Responsibility for Enforcement. The City and agent, if any, shall maintain the duty to enforce the prompt collection of the Assessments by the means provided herein. The duties related to collection of assessments may be enforced at the suit of any holder of obligations in a court of competent jurisdiction by mandamus or other appropriate proceedings or actions.

Section 11. Severability. If any clause, section, or provision of this resolution is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason or cause, the remaining portion hereof shall be in full force and effect and shall be valid as if such invalid portion thereof had not been incorporated herein.

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Section 12. **Effective Date**. This Resolution to be effective immediately upon adoption. This Resolution duly adopted this 11th day of September, 2024.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, WITH A QUORUM PRESENT AND VOTING ON THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

THE CITY OF BRADENTON, BY AND THROUGH THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON

ATTEST:

Tamara Melton
City Clerk

Gene Brown
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Scott Rudacille
City Attorney

APPENDIX A

NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

Facility	Hospital Address	Parcel #	2022 Inpatient Net Patient Revenue	SFY2025 Assessment of IP NPR	2022 Outpatient Net Patient Revenue	SFY2025 Assessment of OP NPR	Mandatory Assessment Payment for Fiscal Year 2024-25
				3.03%		3.03%	
HCA Florida Blake Hospital	2020 59th St W, Bradenton, FL 34209	3938400059	$ 211,430,659	$ 6,406,349	$ 86,944,335	$ 2,634,413	$ 9,040,762
Manatee Memorial Hosp	206 2nd St E, Bradenton, FL 34208	3163600103	213,680,270	6,474,512	133,941,870	4,058,439	10,532,951
Suncoast Behavioral Health Center	4480 51st St W, Bradenton, FL 34210	5165320002	7,684,690	232,846	111,578	3,381	236,227

APPENDIX B

FORM OF ASSESSMENT INVOICE

[City Letterhead]

_____ 2024

[Hospital Administrator]
[Hospital Name]
[Hospital Address]

Re: Parcel Number _____
Bradenton Local Provider Participation Fund Assessment

Dear Hospital Administrator:

Attached is your invoice for the annual mandatory payment for the Bradenton Local Provider Participation Fund ("LPPF").

The mandatory payment rate for all programs funded through the State of Florida budget for State Fiscal Year 2025 has been set at 3.03% of net patient revenue. Gross and net patient revenue is based on the Hospital's most recently filed Medicare cost report, which is filed with the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services. The mandatory payments will be deposited into the LPPF. These funds will be used for the non-federal share of the Directed Payment Program ("DPP") and Low Income Pool ("LIP") supplemental payment programs. The LPPF is broad based; it applies to all non-public hospitals located in the City of Bradenton (the "City") that provide inpatient hospital services. The formula for calculating the mandatory payments is the same for each hospital. No hospitals are held harmless or exempt from paying the mandatory payments.

The mandatory payments are assessed annually. The assessment to be collected from the above-referenced parcel for the City's fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024 is provided in the schedule below:

Quarter	Provider Name	Mandatory Payment	Due Date
1 - 4		$_____	

[If applicable: The total assessment amount indicated above is being billed in two installments pertaining to the DPP and LIP, respectively. Please remit the first installment for the DPP in the amount of $_____ by _____, 2024. The second installment for the LIP will be billed by subsequent invoice].

Questions regarding your assessment and the process for collection may be directed to the City Administrator at (941) 932-9442 or rob.perry@bradentonFL.gov

The Assessments constitute a lien against assessed property equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district or municipal taxes and other non-ad valorem assessments.

*** * * * THIS IS AN INVOICE * * * ***

BRADENTON LOCAL PROVIDER PARTICIPATION FUND

[Hospital Name]

Parcel Number _____

Amount of assessment attributed to hospital: $_____

Number of annual payments: 1

Total amount of annual payments: $_____

Amount Due: $_____

Due by Date: Upon receipt

Instructions for payment: _____

*** * * * THIS IS AN INVOICE * * * ***

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.a

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Kelly Thomas, Legislative

ITEM TYPE: Proclamation

AGENDA SECTION: PROCLAMATIONS

SUBJECT: Tribute to Heroes Day

SUGGESTED ACTION: Reading

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:
A proclamation honoring all the heroes of September 11, 2001.

ATTACHMENTS:
Tribute to Heroes Day Proclamation

City of Bradenton
Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Bradenton, I do hereby issue this proclamation honoring

Tribute to Heroes Day
September 11, 2024

Whereas, on September 11, 2001, the United States suffered and endured one of the most horrific acts in our history, the attack of our homeland by terrorists who highjacked four jetliners in a carefully executed plan to fill Americans with fear and insecurity; and

Whereas, the American people refused to be cowed, and stood proud and honored their lost countrymen with strength and dignity; and

Whereas, 343 firefighters and 60 police officers lost their lives on that fateful day as they responded to the calls of the injured and trapped. They did not hesitate. They did not falter. They went forward regardless of the risk and are true heroes; and

Whereas, September 11, 2001, proved to the world that heroes come in all shapes and sizes. They are the many firefighters, emergency services and law enforcement personnel who responded on that day, and are ready to respond again, whenever and wherever they are needed; and

Whereas, the courageous and unselfish acts that day proved again that our country is truly the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that, I, Gene Brown, as Mayor of the City of Bradenton, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2024, as ***Tribute to Heroes Day***, and urge all citizens to reflect and remember those lost but never forgotten and thank those emergency response personnel who risk their lives daily. Their spirit endures in the breeze that lifts the Stars and Stripes each and every day. God bless America and all those that reside in her land from sea to shining sea.

Gene Brown
Mayor
September 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.b

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Kelly Thomas, Legislative

ITEM TYPE: Proclamation

AGENDA SECTION: PROCLAMATIONS

SUBJECT: Constitution Week

SUGGESTED ACTION: Reading

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:
A proclamation honoring Constitution Week.

SUGGESTED MOTION:
N/A

ATTACHMENTS:
Constitution Week Proclamation

City of Bradenton
Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Bradenton, I do hereby issue this proclamation honoring

Constitution Week
September 17-23, 2024

Whereas, September 17, 2024, marks the 237th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

Whereas, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17-23, 2024 as Constitution Week.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that, I, Gene Brown, as Mayor of the City of Bradenton, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2024 as ***Constitution Week*** and urge all citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787, by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

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Gene Brown
Mayor
September 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.a

Item Cover Page

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Tamara Melton, Clerk

ITEM TYPE: Minutes

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Minutes from the August 23, 2024 Emergency City Council Meeting

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:
Minutes from the August 23, 2024 Emergency City Council Meeting

SUGGESTED MOTION:
Motion to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2024 emergency City Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:
8-23-2024 City Council Emergency Meeting Minutes

CITY OF BRADENTON

CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES

August 23, 2024
8:30 A.M.

The City of Bradenton City Council met in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida, at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, August 23, 2024.

Present: Councilwoman Ward I Jayne Kocher; Councilman Ward III Josh Cramer; Councilwoman Ward IV Lisa Gonzalez Moore; and Councilwoman Ward V Pam Coachman.

City Officials: Lance Williams, Chief Operating Officer; Melanie Bevan, Police Chief; Tamara Melton, City Clerk; and Scott Rudacille, City Attorney.

Mayor Gene Brown and Vice Mayor Marianne Barnebey were excused.

City Attorney, Scott Rudacille, called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Mr. Rudacille clarified that Mayor Brown and Vice Mayor Barnebey were unable to attend, therefore he called the meeting to order. He recommended electing a Second Vice Mayor to preside over the meeting.

ELECTION OF SECOND VICE MAYOR

Councilman Cramer nominated Councilwoman Pam Coachman as Second Vice Mayor and Councilwoman Gonzalez Moore seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations for Second Vice Mayor.

MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILWOMAN PAM COACHMAN AS SECOND VICE MAYOR was made by Councilman Cramer and seconded by Councilwoman Kocher. The motion passed 4-0. Vice Mayor Barnebey was excused.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

a) Resolution 24-80 for Invest 97L

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-80 was made by Councilwoman Kocher and seconded by Councilwoman Gonzalez Moore.

Lance Williams, Chief Operating Officer, explained staff requested the extension of the emergency declaration because the vendor was still collecting storm debris around the City.

The motion passed 4-0. Vice Mayor Barnebey was excused.

Second Vice Mayor Coachman adjourned the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

NOTE: This is not a verbatim record. An audio recording of the meeting is available upon request.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.b

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Tamara Melton, Clerk

ITEM TYPE: Minutes

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Minutes from the August 30, 2024 Emergency City Council Meeting

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:
Minutes from the August 30, 2024 emergency City Council meeting.

SUGGESTED MOTION:
Motion to approve the minutes from the August 30, 2024 emergency City Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:
8-30-2024 City Council Emergency Meeting Minutes

CITY OF BRADENTON

CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES

August 30, 2024
8:30 A.M.

The City of Bradenton City Council met in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida, at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, August 30, 2024.

Present: Councilwoman Ward I Jayne Kocher; Vice Mayor Ward II Marianne Barnebey; Councilman Ward III Josh Cramer; Councilwoman Ward IV Lisa Gonzalez Moore; and Councilwoman Ward V Pam Coachman.

City Officials: Rob Perry, City Administrator; Lance Williams, Chief Operating Officer; Melanie Bevan, Police Chief; Tamara Melton, City Clerk; and Scott Rudacille, City Attorney.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

a) Resolution 24-83 for Invest 97L

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-83 was made by Vice Mayor Barnebey and seconded by Councilwoman Kocher. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

NOTE: This is not a verbatim record. An audio recording of the meeting is available upon request.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.c

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Karen Swartz, Administrative Services

ITEM TYPE: Resolution

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Resolution Number 24-39 - North River Fence Bid Approval for State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Housing Rehab Project

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve the $8,219 in SHIP funding for loan 1020 26th Street West.

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:

This loan will provide $8,219 in Housing Rehabilitation (SHIP) funding to rehabilitate a single-family home located at 1020 26th Street West, in Ward 2. The city was awarded SHIP funding from Financial Housing Finance Corporation through a competitive application process to preserve its affordable housing stock by providing funds for housing rehabilitation. The funding is provided to the homeowner as a deferred, forgivable loan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City receives SHIP funding on a reimbursement basis (Fund 180)

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:

The resolution has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

SUGGESTED MOTION:
Motion to approve Resolution 24-39.

ATTACHMENTS:
Resolution 24-39

CITY OF BRADENTON

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, APPROVING SHIP REHABILITATION **LOAN #762** FOR **1020 26th St W** FOR $8,219.00; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Bradenton wishes to preserve its affordable housing stock by providing funds for housing rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Homeowner **Deborah Antosca, 1020 26th St W, Bradenton, Florida 34205** was determined eligible to receive assistance with rehabilitation of her home; and

WHEREAS, the City awards funding for housing rehabilitation projects through an open, competitive bidding process, and the bid submitted by North River Fence for $8,219.00 was determined to be the lowest, most responsive bid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA:

1. The City of Bradenton hereby approves the Housing Rehabilitation grant for **1020 26th St W** for $8,219.00 for **Deborah Antosca**;
2. The Mayor is authorized to execute this Resolution approving the funding;
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, WITH A QUORUM PRESENT AND VOTING ON THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ATTEST:

Tamara Melton
CITY CLERK

Gene Brown
MAYOR

Scott Rudacille
CITY ATTORNEY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.d

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Karen Swartz, Administrative Services

ITEM TYPE: Resolution

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Resolution 24-84 - 2023-2024 State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Annual Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve Resolution 24-84 - 2023-2024 SHIP Annual Report.

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:

The City of Bradenton Division of Housing and Community Development generates an annual report accounting for allocated SHIP funding status for the Closeout Year (2021-2022) and the Interim Year (2022-2023) in terms of expensed or encumbered. This report is submitted to the Florida Housing Financial Corporation by September 15, 2024. The report also verifies if the funds are hitting the target marks for set asides (% to specific demographics of special need, income level, etc.).

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
The annual report is required as part of the continued compliance under Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) and provides the current status (expensed or encumbered) of allocated funds.

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:

The resolution has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

SUGGESTED MOTION:
Motion to approve Resolution 24-84.

ATTACHMENTS:
Resolution 24-84
SHIP Annual Report

CITY OF BRADENTON

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-84

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA APPROVING THE CITY OF BRADENTON'S 2024 SHIP ANNUAL REPORT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SHIP ANNUAL REPORT PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Bradenton wishes to approve the attached 2024 SHIP Annual Report (the "Report"); AND

WHEREAS, the Report describes housing activities the City undertook during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 program years; AND

WHEREAS, the Report will be submitted to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation by September 15, 2024 for final review and approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA:

1. The City of Bradenton hereby approves the 2024 SHIP Annual Report;
2. The Mayor is authorized to execute the 2024 SHIP Annual Report
3. The Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, WITH A QUORUM PRESENT AND VOTING ON THIS 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.

ATTEST:

_____ _____

Tamara Melton Gene Brown

CITY CLERK MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____

Scott Rudacille

CITY ATTORNEY

Title: SHIP Annual Report

Report Status: Unsubmitted

Bradenton FY 2021/2022 Closeout

Form 1

SHIP Distribution Summary

Homeownership

Code	Strategy	Expended Amount	Units	Encumbered Amount	Units	Unencumbered Amount	Units
3	3-Owner Occupied Rehab	$181,928.94	8	$127,864.04	3		
6	6-Emergency Repair	$18,762.00	2	$3,955.20	1		
7	7-Foreclosure Prevention	$16,292.27	3				
	Homeownership Totals:	**$216,983.21**	**13**	**$131,819.24**	**4**		

Rentals

Code	Strategy	Expended Amount	Units	Encumbered Amount	Units	Unencumbered Amount	Units
	Rental Totals:						
	Subtotals:	**$216,983.21**	**13**	**$131,819.24**	**4**		

Additional Use of Funds

Use	Expended
Administrative	$16,237.38
Homeownership Counseling	$.00
Admin From Program Income	$.00
Admin From Disaster Funds	$.00

Totals:	**$233,220.59**	**13**	**$131,819.24**	**4**	**$.00**	

Total Revenue (Actual and/or Anticipated) for Local SHIP Trust Fund

Source of Funds	Amount
State Annual Distribution	$402,402.00
Program Income (Interest)	$388.16
Program Income (Payments)	$89,031.48
Recaptured Funds	$.00
Disaster Funds	
Other Funds	
Carryover funds from previous year	$5,463.63
Total:	**$497,285.27**

*** Carry Forward to Next Year: $132,245.44**

NOTE: This carry forward amount will only be accurate when all revenue amounts and all expended, encumbered and unencumbered amounts have been added to Form 1

Form 2

Rental Unit Information

Description	Eff.	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed
ELI	453	486	583	752	929
VLI	756	810	971	1,122	1,252
LOW	1,208	1,295	1,553	1,795	2,002
MOD	1,815	1,944	2,331	2,694	3,006
Up to 140%	2,117	2,268	2,719	3,143	3,507

Recap of Funding Sources for Units Produced ("Leveraging")

Source of Funds Produced through June 30th for Units	Amount of Funds Expended to Date	% of Total Value
SHIP Funds Expended	$216,983.21	100.00%
Public Moneys Expended	$.00	.00%
Private Funds Expended	$.00	.00%
Owner Contribution	$.00	.00%
Total Value of All Units	$216,983.21	100.00%

SHIP Program Compliance Summary - Home Ownership/Construction/Rehab

Compliance Category	SHIP Funds	Trust Funds	% of Trust Fund	FL Statute Minimum %
Homeownership	$348,802.45	$407,865.63	85.52%	65%
Construction / Rehabilitation	$314,779.98	$407,865.63	77.18%	75%

Program Compliance - Income Set-Asides

Income Category	SHIP Funds	Total Available Funds % *
Extremely Low	$81,197.36	16.33%
Very Low	$165,606.80	33.30%
Low	$83,926.91	16.88%
Moderate	$12,955.20	2.61%
Over 120%-140%	$5,116.18	1.03%
Totals:	$348,802.45	70.14%

Project Funding for Expended Funds Only

Income Category	Total Funds Mortgages, Loans & DPL's	Mortgages, Loans & DPL Unit #s	Total Funds SHIP Grants	SHIP Grant Unit #s	Total SHIP Funds Expended	Total # Units
Extremely Low	$17,453.50	1	$14,015.36	2	$31,468.86	3
Very Low	$122,014.26	3	$9,755.00	2	$131,769.26	5
Low	$32,706.18	2	$6,922.73	1	$39,628.91	3
Moderate		0	$9,000.00	1	$9,000.00	1
Over 120%-140%		0	$5,116.18	1	$5,116.18	1
Totals:	$172,173.94	6	$44,809.27	7	$216,983.21	13

Form 3

Number of Households/Units Produced

Strategy	List Unincorporated and Each Municipality	ELI	VLI	Low	Mod	Over 140%	Total
3-Owner Occupied Rehab	Bradenton	1	5	2			8
7-Foreclosure Prevention	Bradenton	1		1			3
6-Emergency Repair	Bradenton	1			1		2
	Totals:	**3**	**5**	**3**	**1**		**13**

Characteristics/Age (Head of Household)

Description	List Unincorporated and Each Municipality	0 - 25	26 - 40	41 - 61	62+	Total
3-Owner Occupied Rehab	Bradenton			5	3	8
7-Foreclosure Prevention	Bradenton			2	1	3
6-Emergency Repair	Bradenton		1	1		2
	Totals:		**1**	**8**	**4**	**13**

Family Size

Description	List Unincorporated and Each Municipality	1 Person	2- 4 People	5 + People	Total
3-Owner Occupied Rehab	Bradenton	7	1		8
7-Foreclosure Prevention	Bradenton	1	1	1	3
6-Emergency Repair	Bradenton		2		2
	Totals:	**8**	**4**	**1**	**13**

Race (Head of Household)

Description	List Unincorporated and Each Municipality	White	Black	Hisp-anic	Asian	Amer-Indian	Other	Total
3-Owner Occupied Rehab	Bradenton	2	6					8
7-Foreclosure Prevention	Bradenton		2	1				3
6-Emergency Repair	Bradenton	1			1			2
	Totals:	**3**	**8**	**1**	**1**			**13**

Demographics (Any Member of Household)

Description	List Unincorporated and Each Municipality	Farm Worker	Home-less	Elderly	Total
3-Owner Occupied Rehab	Bradenton			3	3
7-Foreclosure Prevention	Bradenton			1	1
6-Emergency Repair	Bradenton				0
	Totals:			**4**	**4**

Special Target Groups for Funds Expended (i.e. teachers, nurses, law enforcement, fire fighters, etc.) Set Aside

Description	Special Target Group	Expended Funds	Total # of Expended Units

Form 4

Status of Incentive Strategies

Incentive	Description (If Other)	Category	Status	**Year Adopted (or N/A)**
Expedited permitting		Required	Implemented, in LHAP	2006
Ongoing review process		Required	Implemented, in LHAP	2009

Support Services

We are fortunate to have several nonprofits offering services to City residents. Those in need of housing can turn to the Salvation Army and their case managers will work with them to strengthen their financial skills to help with transition from temporary housing to permanent housing. Gulf Coast Legal works with those in rental properties battling landlord issues and possible eviction. Goodwill Industries works with individuals on developing job skills that can lead to better employment and higher incomes. Step Up Suncoast helps with rental and utility deposits as well as mortgage and rent payments.

Other Accomplishments

N/A

Availability for Public Inspection and Comments

The Report was advertised in the Bradenton Herald and La Gaceta newspapers.

Life-to-Date Homeownership Default and Foreclosure

Total SHIP Purchase Assistance Loans: **498**

Mortgage Foreclosures

A. Very low income households in foreclosure: **24**

B. Low income households in foreclosure: **46**

C. Moderate households in foreclosure: **5**

Foreclosed Loans Life-to-date: **75**

SHIP Program Foreclosure Percentage Rate Life to Date: **15.06**

Mortgage Defaults

A. Very low income households in default: **24**

B. Low income households in default: **60**

C. Moderate households in default: **7**

Defaulted Loans Life-to-date: **91**

SHIP Program Default Percentage Rate Life to Date: **18.27**

Strategies and Production Costs

Strategy	Average Cost
3-Owner Occupied Rehab	$22,741.12
6-Emergency Repair	$9,381.00
7-Foreclosure Prevention	$5,430.76

Expended Funds

Total Unit Count: **13** Total Expended Amount: **$216,983.21**

Strategy	Full Name	Address	City	Zip Code	Expended Funds	FY if Unit Already Counted
3-Owner Occupied Rehab	Marylee Mull	3733 39th Ave W	Bradenton	34205	$4,980.00	
7-Foreclosure Prevention	Deirdre Anderson	218 11th Ave W	Bradenton	34205	$6,922.73	
3-Owner Occupied Rehab	William Fletcher	2308 8th Ave E	Bradenton	34208	$4,775.00	
6-Emergency Repair	Lisa Henderson-Scanlon	2009 18th Ave W	Bradenton	34205	$9,762.00	
7-Foreclosure Prevention	Yesenia Hernandez	1106 17th Ave W	Bradenton	34205	$5,116.18	
3-Owner Occupied Rehab	Elizabeth Kent	1509 14th Ave E	Bradenton	34208	$300.00	

6-Emergency Repair	Kamilah Kutskill	2002 24th Ave W	Bradenton	34205	$9,000.00	
3-Owner Occupied Rehab	Lorene Mitchell	704 26th Ave W	Bradenton	34205	$32,406.18	
3-Owner Occupied Rehab	Marylee Mull	3733 39th Avenue W	Bradenton	34205	$59,636.80	
3-Owner Occupied Rehab	Priscilla Pender	830 17th St E	Bradenton	34208	$17,453.50	
3-Owner Occupied Rehab	Jacqueline Rumph	917 21st St Ct E	Bradenton	34208	$25,219.46	
3-Owner Occupied Rehab	Tedie Stovall	905 27th Street Ct E	Bradenton	34208	$37,158.00	
7-Foreclosure Prevention	Jacqueline Wilson	802 21st St E	Bradenton	34208	$4,253.36	

Administration by Entity

Name	Business Type	Strategy Covered	Responsibility	Amount
City of Bradenton	Local Government	Administration	grant administration	$16,237.38

Program Income

Program Income Funds	
Loan Repayment:	$89,031.48
Refinance:	$.00
Foreclosure:	$.00
Sale of Property:	$.00
Interest Earned:	$388.16
Total:	**$89,419.64**

Number of Affordable Housing Applications

Number of Affordable Housing Applications	
Submitted	50
Approved	24
Denied	5

Explanation of Recaptured funds

Description	Amount
Total:	**$.00**

Rental Developments

Development Name	Owner	Address	City	Zip Code	SHIP Amount	SHIP Units	Compliance Monitored By

Single Family Area Purchase Price

The average area purchase price of single family units:

Or

√ Not Applicable

Form 5

Special Needs Breakdown

SHIP Expended and Encumbered for Special Needs Applicants

Code(s)	Strategies	Expended Amount	Units	Encumbered Amount	Units
3	3-Owner Occupied Rehab	$134,180.98	4		

Special Needs Category Breakdown by Strategy

Strategies	Special Needs Category	Expended Amount	Units	Encumbered Amount	Units
(3) 3-Owner Occupied Rehab	Person with Disabling Condition (not DD)	$134,180.98	4		

Provide a description of efforts to reduce homelessness:

The City of Bradenton Police Department employs an officer who, with the assistance of a social worker working with the Community Redevelopment Agency, connect homeless individuals with shelter and case management services. The City supports the work of the Salvation Army through our CDBG program. We have beds specifically available for the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). We also support them with funds to help with rent for those facing eviction.

Interim Year Data

Interim Year Data

Interim Year 1		
State Annual Distribution	$541,284.00	
Program Income	$106,345.08	
Program Funds Expended	$9,087.00	
Program Funds Encumbered	$607,619.00	
Total Administration Funds Expended	$5,348.28	
Total Administration Funds Encumbered		
Homeownership Counseling	$0.00	
Disaster Funds	$95,942.00	
65% Homeownership Requirement	$616,706.00	96.78%
75% Construction / Rehabilitation	$616,706.00	96.78%
30% Very & Extremely Low Income Requirement	$408,597.00	54.95%
30% Low Income Requirement	$208,109.00	27.99%
20% Special Needs Requirement	$195,000.00	30.60%
Carry Forward to Next Year		

LG Submitted Comments:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.e

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Karen Swartz, Administrative Services

ITEM TYPE: Resolution

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Resolution Number 24-88 - Air & Heat Inc. Bid Approval for State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Housing Rehab Project

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve the $12,847.00 in SHIP funding for loan 1813 7th Street West.

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:

This loan will provide $12,847.00 in Housing Rehabilitation (SHIP) funding to rehabilitate a single-family home located at 1813 7th Street West. The City was awarded SHIP funding from Financial Housing Finance Corporation through a competitive application process to preserve its affordable housing stock by providing funds for housing rehabilitation. The funding is provided to the homeowner as a deferred, forgivable loan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City receives SHIP funding on a reimbursement basis (Fund 180).

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:

The resolution has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Motion to approve Resolution 24-88.

ATTACHMENTS:
Resolution 24-88

CITY OF BRADENTON

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-88

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, APPROVING SHIP REHABILITATION **LOAN #769D** FOR **1813 7th Street W** FOR $12,847.00; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Bradenton wishes to preserve its affordable housing stock by providing funds for housing rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Homeowner **Amber Johnson, 1813 7th Street W, Bradenton, Florida 34205** was determined eligible to receive assistance with rehabilitation of her home; and

WHEREAS, the City awards funding for housing rehabilitation projects through an open, competitive bidding process, and the bid submitted by Coastal FX Construction for $12,847.00 was determined to be the lowest, most responsive bid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA:

1. The City of Bradenton hereby approves the Housing Rehabilitation loan for **1813 7th Street W** for $12,847.00 for **Amber Johnson**;
2. The Mayor is authorized to execute this Resolution approving the funding;
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, WITH A QUORUM PRESENT AND VOTING ON THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ATTEST:

Tamara Melton
CITY CLERK

Gene Brown
MAYOR

Scott Rudacille
CITY ATTORNEY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.f

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Karen Swartz, Administrative Services

ITEM TYPE: Resolution

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Resolution Number 24-89 - Coastal FX Construction Bid Approval for State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Housing Project

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve the $4,560.00 in SHIP funding for grant 809 16th Street East.

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:

This loan will provide $4,560.00 in Housing Rehabilitation (SHIP) funding to rehabilitate a single-family home located at 809 16th Street East, in Ward 5. The City was awarded SHIP funding from Financial Housing Finance Corporation through a competitive application process to preserve its affordable housing stock by providing funds for housing rehabilitation. The funding is provided to the homeowner as a grant.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City receives SHIP funding on a reimbursement basis (Fund 180).

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:

The resolution has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Motion to approve Resolution 24-89.

ATTACHMENTS:
Resolution 24-89

CITY OF BRADENTON

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-89

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, APPROVING SHIP REHABILITATION **GRANT #770D** FOR **809 16th Street E** FOR $4,560.00; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Bradenton wishes to preserve its affordable housing stock by providing funds for housing rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Homeowner **Cynthia Knight, 809 16th Street E, Bradenton, Florida 34208** was determined eligible to receive assistance with rehabilitation of her home; and

WHEREAS, the City awards funding for housing rehabilitation projects through an open, competitive bidding process, and the bid submitted by Coastal FX Construction for $4,560.00 was determined to be the lowest, most responsive bid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA:

1. The City of Bradenton hereby approves the Housing Rehabilitation grant for **809 16th Street E** for $4,560.00 for **Cynthia Knight**;
2. The Mayor is authorized to execute this Resolution approving the funding;
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, WITH A QUORUM PRESENT AND VOTING ON THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ATTEST:

Tamara Melton
CITY CLERK

Gene Brown
MAYOR

Scott Rudacille
CITY ATTORNEY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.g

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Karen Lanke, Information Technology

ITEM TYPE: Contract

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Sarasota County Hosting and Technology Services Agreement Renewal

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:
The Sarasota County Technology Services agreement entered into between the City of Bradenton and Sarasota County is an extension of the original contract from June 13, 2017, which was amended on June 12, 2023. This contract provides for five renewal periods of one year each. The agreement will allow the City of Bradenton to continue to utilize rack space at a Sarasota County facility.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
$8,453.64 annually, subject to be adjusted per device count. Within approved existing contractual services budget for Information Technology.

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:
Attorney Rudacille reviewed the document.

SUGGESTED MOTION:
Motion to approve the Sarasota County Hosting and Technology Services Agreement renewal.

ATTACHMENTS:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.h

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Kelly Thomas, Legislative

ITEM TYPE: Resolution

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Resolution 24-92 - Tree and Land Preservation Board Appointment

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:
A resolution appointing Susan Griffith to the Tree and Land Preservation Board. Ms. Griffith will replace Alyssa Vinson and fulfill the remainder of her term.

SUGGESTED MOTION:
Motion to approve Resolution 24-92.

ATTACHMENTS:
Resolution 24-92
Resume

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-92

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING **SUSAN GRIFFITH** TO THE **TREE AND LAND PRESERVATION BOARD** FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA AND DEFINING HER TERM.

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of appointing outstanding members of the community to this board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, THAT:

The Mayor does hereby appoint, and the City Council approves and confirms the appointment from this date hereof:

SUSAN GRIFFITH for a term to expire April 2026.
(Ms. Griffith will replace Alyssa Vinson and fulfill the remainder of her term.)

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, with a quorum present and voting, this 11th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

_____
Tamara Melton
City Clerk

_____
Gene Brown
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____
Scott Rudacille
City Attorney

rcvd 9/5/24

City of Bradenton

Application for Volunteer Boards

Please √ appropriate box:

- ☐ Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- ☐ Architectural Review Board
- ☐ Bradenton Housing Authority
- ☐ Fire Pension Board*
- ☑ Tree and Land Preservation Board
- ☐ Merit Board
- ☐ Nuisance Abatement Board*
- ☐ Planning Commission*
- ☐ Police Pension Board*

*These positions require that an annual Financial Statement be filed with the Supervisor of Elections office.

Please provide the following information:

Name: Susan Griffith Address: 724 44th Ave E. Ellenton 34222

Email: sjgriffith@ufl.edu Phone: 941-722-4524 x1825 Cell: 941-462-9421

Do you reside within city limits? No Work in city limits? Sometimes

Current Employer (*If Applicable*): UF IFAS Manatee County Extension Servic

Please summarize your work experience: I had 27 yrs of profesional Green Industry experience as a manager and an owner of nursery/landscape operations, Prior to beginning my career at the Extension service 9 yrs ago. I am currently the Florida-Friendly landscaping™ Program Coordinator for Manatee County.

What special skills would you bring to the board?
I have strong communication skills and community education experience. My background is horticulture but I specialize in managing volunteers, training volunteers and managing projects.

Why would you like to serve on this board?
I have a passionate desire to protect healthy trees and to educate the public about the myriad benefits of trees and to preserve/promote/protect them and the lands they grace.

Have you served on a volunteer board with the City? If so, when and what board?
I have not.

Signature of Applicant: Susan Griffith Date: 8/20/24

*Please return **application** with your **RESUME** to*:
Mayor Gene Brown
City of Bradenton, 101 Old Main St., Bradenton, FL 34205
or mayor@cityofbradenton.com

Susan Griffith

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EXPERIENCE

Employer from 2015-Present

University of Florida IFAS Manatee County Extension

2017-Present: Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program Coordinator

Responsible for presenting educational workshops/lectures on varied FFL, general horticulture, arboriculture and natural resources topics, teaching Plant ID and FFL to Master Gardener trainees and interns, providing Landscape Assistance Program consultations for HOAs and individuals to improve FFL practices and to encourage preserving healthy trees in communities. My program also provides rain barrels, compost bins and worm bins to the public with educational courses and materials. Also work with a large body of close to 100 volunteers to assist with promoting FFL to community and to work with on educational projects such as native plant projects, yard recognition programs, butterfly gardens for HOAs and research/grants for companion plantings to improve the sustainability of traditional rose gardens.

2015-2017 in role of Community Gardens Program Assistant at UF IFAS Manatee County Extension

Worked with community stakeholders, citizens and volunteers to plan, design, facilitate and establish community gardens throughout the county and to provide ongoing education on related topics throughout the process.

2007-2015

Horticultural Services Manager/ Customer Service Manager Plantz Tampa, FL

Managed a staff of 16 technicians and over 1,000 accounts in 5 counties for a company handling both interiorscape and exterior landscape business. Was responsible for hiring, training and ongoing horticultural education of staff, logistics and procurement and quality assurance to customers with frequent QA checks of accounts through a bonus system tied to quality work.

1999-2007

Co-owner, VP and Manager of Made in the Shade Plants, Sarasota FL

Responsible for day-to day operations of 10-acre plant nursery, business office duties as well as plant brokerage operations encompassing the state of Florida from Homestead to Ocala and a special events plant rental business. We also operated a small organic vegetable farm and gave tours to the public and trade to educate about sustainable farming and nursery operations.

1992-1999

Horticultural Services Supervisor Tropex Plants Sarasota, FL

Supervised a staff of 7 technicians while providing ongoing horticultural education in 700 accounts in 5 counties. Was responsible for logistics, procurement, and quality assurance.

EDUCATION

1988 AS Landscape and Horticulture Technology- Miami-Dade College

1992 Horticultural Certification-ALCA

2007 Horticulture Certificate- Certified Technician -National Association of Landscape Professionals

2009 PSU Masters of Horticulture Program

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.i

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Jeremy Giddens, Police

ITEM TYPE: Miscellaneous

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Opioid Funds Expenditure

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:
Request approval for the purchase of one CSI vehicle.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
None

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:
None

SUGGESTED MOTION:
Motion to approve the purchase using opioid settlement funds.

ATTACHMENTS:
Opioid Funds Expenditure Memorandum

BRADENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: August 30, 2024

To: Melanie Bevan, Ed.D
Chief of Police

From: Jeremy S. Giddens, Grants / Speed Measurement Specialist
Administrative Services

Subject: Opioid Settlement Expenditure

Illegal narcotics continue to plague our community, specifically fentanyl-related cases. In 2023, the agency investigated 155 overdoses, with 17 resulting in the death. So far, in 2024, we have responded to and investigated 56 overdoses and four deaths suspected from opioid misuse. These overdoses and deaths significantly impact our community and leave a void that can never be filled. With this data, the agency seeks funding from the 2023 Opioid Settlement to purchase one Crime Scene Investigators vehicle, associated markings, and a storage system for equipment and gear. This vehicle will support officers and detectives as we conduct investigations into the illegal use and sale of opioids.

Cost Estimates

CSI Vehicle w/markings	$ 46,000
One storage system for equipment	$ 2,200
Total:	**$48,200**

For reference, the City received $81,086.21 in 2022, $182,284.08 in 2023, and will receive $95,600.24 in 2024 from the Opioid Settlement. The current fund balance is $ 71,443.00.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.j

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Erin Jones, Purchasing

ITEM TYPE: Miscellaneous

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Recommendation of Award for RFP 24-023EJ State Lobbying Services

SUGGESTED ACTION: Authorize award and purse a contract with Ballard Partners, Inc. and The Southern Group of Florida, Inc.

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:
On July 9, 2024, the City of Bradenton advertised Request for Proposal (RFP) #24-023EJ State Lobbying Services. Notice of this RFP was made through DemandStar and an outreach email (565 vendors notified). 10 vendors viewed the solicitation and 3 vendors submitted proposals. After the bid opened on August 7, 2024 Purchasing deemed that all submitted proposals were responsive and would move on to evaluation by the Committee. On August 16, 2024, a three-member evaluation committee reviewed and scored each of the proposals based on the qualifications, capabilities and demonstrated experience, project approach, and compensation. Prior to scoring the evaluation committee elected to award the solicitation to the two highest scoring proposer. After the committee members scored each proposer, Purchasing tallied all the committees scores and deemed Ballard Partners, Inc. and The Southern Group of Florida, Inc. as the highest scoring proposers. Ballard Partners, Inc. and The Southern Group of Florida, Inc. having the highest scores are recommended for award.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
N/A - Financial impact will be included in the proposed contract that will be brought before Council once negotiations are completed

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:
Attorney Rudacille will be sent the contract for review once negotiated.

SUGGESTED MOTION:
Motion to authorize the award for RFP 24-023EJ State Lobbying Services and to pursue a contract with Ballard Partners, Inc. and The Southern Group of Florida, Inc.

ATTACHMENTS:
Notice of Recommended Award for State Lobbying Services
Ballard Partners, Inc. Completed Bid Package
The Southern Group of Florida, Inc. Completed Bid Package

NOTICE OF RECOMMENDED AWARD

SOLICIATION #	24-023EJ		**TYPE:**	Request for Proposals (RFP)	
SOLICITATION TITLE	State Lobbying Services				
PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	Erin Jones, NIGP-CPP, CPPB				
ADVERTISED DATE	07/09/2024		**RESPONSE DATE**	08/07/2024	
NOTIFICATIONS	108	**VIEWS**	10	**RESPONSES**	3

RESPONDENTS		
VENDOR	**LOCATION**	**SCORE**
Ballard Partners, Inc.	**Tallahassee, FL**	**84**
The Southern Group of Florida, Inc.	**Tallahassee, FL**	**83**
Capital City Consulting	Tallahassee, FL	73

RECOMMENDED AWARD
It is City of Bradenton's intent to initiate contract negotiations with Ballard Partners, Inc. and The Southern Group of Florida, Inc. to provide state lobbying services. Upon completion of negotiations, contracts will be submitted to City Council for approval.

AUTHORIZATION

Erin Jones	Erin Jones Digitally signed by Erin Jones Date: 2024.08.30 09:21:53 -04'00'	08/30/2024
Purchasing Manager or Designee	Signature	Date

BALLARD | PARTNERS

Response to RFP 24-023EJ
STATE LOBBYING SERVICES
for the City of Bradenton

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The Friendly City

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CLIENT REPORT EXAMPLE

BALLARD | PARTNERS

August 7, 2024

The City of Bradenton
Attn: Purchasing
101 Old Main Street
Bradenton, FL 34205

Re: Response to RFP #24-023EJ State Lobbying Services

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of Ballard Partners, Inc. (Firm), I am pleased to submit this proposal to provide State Lobbying Services for the City of Bradenton (City). Our proposal represents a full-service annual agreement for representation of any and all issues before the legislative and executive branches of Florida government as outlined in the scope of services. The firm has extensive experience in advocacy before both the Florida Legislature and executive branch. We believe our strength as a firm is evidenced by the professional experience of our staff and the diversity of our client listings.

Legislative advocacy is the cornerstone of our practice. We are well versed in bill and amendment drafting, appropriations, and all other components of effective legislative and executive branch representation. More importantly, our team understands how to accomplish the tasks given to us by our clients, working to identify their priority issues and implementing the best course of action to address those issues within outlined timeframes.

Brian D. Ballard, President is authorized to make representations for, and to bind the Firm and may be reached through our headquarters, located at 201 East Park Avenue, 5th Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, by phone at (850) 577-0444, by fax at (850) 577-0022 or by email at ballard@ballardpartners.com.

Whether it is a complex problem involving multiple branches of government, strictly a legislative matter, or advocacy beyond the halls of the Capitol, we believe our combined team experience will give your cause a competitive edge.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Ballard
President

7.2.2 Resumes

Resumes to follow

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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

May 1998 - Present	**Ballard Partners, Inc.** President. The firm specializes in all aspects of governmental advocacy with particular emphasis on matters before Florida's executive and legislative branches of state government, as well as all aspects of governmental advocacy on matters before Congress, the Administration, and federal agencies and departments.
June 2003 - Present	**Panza, Maurer & Maynard, P.A.** Of Counsel. The law firm specializes in governmental and regulatory matters; health care; insurance; corporate law; commercial litigation and environmental law. Rated "AV" by Martindale-Hubble.
August 1995 - August 2006	**Florida State University** Adjunct Professor in the School of Political Science.
March 1991 - May 1998	**Bryant, Miller and Olive, P.A.** Managing Shareholder. The law firm specializes in state and municipal finance, environmental law, governmental affairs, and agency decision making.
November 1992 - April 1994	**U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service Advisory Council** Appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to provide advice on the operations and services of the US&FCS and its related worldwide export programs.
December 1990 - March 1991	**Executive Office of the President** Directed the transition and assisted in the U.S. Senate confirmation of the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.
January 1988 - December 1990	**Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor** Directed executive office staff, supervised eleven cabinet departments under the Governor. Coordinated and lobbied legislative and budget proposals. Developed policy initiatives for the Executive Office of the Governor and its agencies.
March 1989	**White House Delegation** U.S. Observation Delegation to the 1989 Presidential Election in El Salvador.
1987 August - December	**Deputy Chief of Staff/Executive Assistant**, **Office of the Governor** Directed the Scheduling and Appointments Office. Assisted in press and public relations and coordinated the administrative functions of the Governor's Office.
1983 May - July	**Executive Office of the President** Intern, Office of Management and Budget.

EDUCATION:

University of Florida College of Law
Juris Doctorate, 1988

University of Florida
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, 1983

PROFESSIONAL, POLITICAL AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS:

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Board Member, 2020
Republican National Convention, Jacksonville 2020 Host Committee Co-Chair, 2020
Governor Ron DeSantis Inaugural Committee, Chairman, 2018
Presidential Electoral College Member, 2016
Trump Victory, Florida Chairman, 2016
Presidential Inaugural Committee, Vice Chairman, 2016
Presidential Transition Finance Committee Member, 2016
Governor Rick Scott Inaugural Committee, Chairman, 2015
Mitt Romney Presidential Campaign, Florida Finance Committee, Chairman, 2012
Governor Rick Scott Inaugural Finance Committee, Chairman, 2011
John McCain Presidential Campaign, Florida Finance Committee, Chairman, 2008
Florida Governor's Mansion Foundation
Governor Charlie Crist Inaugural Committee, Chairman, 2007
American Bar Association
The Florida Bar
The Collins Center for Public Policy
Miami Herald Legislative Ranking Committee 2002, 2003
City of Tallahassee - Leon County Architectural Review Board August 20, 1999 - June 30, 2002
Georgetown University Medical and Law Centers, Editorial Associate, *Courts, Health, Science and the Law*
Florida Council of 100, 1987-1990
Governor's Transplant Lifeline for Children Task Force, Board of Directors, 1987-1990
University of Florida Department of Political Science, Graduate Program in Political Campaigning, Development Committee, September 1994
University of Florida Athletic Association Board of Directors, 1984
Delta Tau Delta National Fraternity

HONORS:

Inductee, Francis Eppes Society, Florida State University, 2016
The American Lawyer's Magazine Top Rated Lawyer in the field of Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources Law
2013 Rated "AV" by Martindale-Hubbell highest attorney rating for both legal ability and ethical standards
Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Award for Outstanding Historic Preservation 2000
Tallahassee/Leon County Historic Preservation Award 1999
University of Florida Hall of Fame
Florida Blue Key
Omicron Delta Kappa

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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

October 2007 - Present	**Ballard Partners, Inc.** Partner. The firm specializes in all aspects of governmental advocacy with particular emphasis on matters before Florida's Executive and Legislative branches of state government.
March 2003 - September 2006	**Office of Mayor Lois Frankel (D), City of West Palm Beach, FL** Senior Supervisor in the Community Events Division of the Mayor's Office. Responsible for the day to day staffing issues of the office, planning of special marketing programs and events, liaison to Community groups and businesses for partnerships with the City, emergency preparedness preparation and staffing, coordination of special projects such as Downtown Security Task Force, Emergency Public Information Officer, and general "good will" marketing of the Office and City.
March 1999 - March 2003	**Office of Mayor Joel Daves (R), City of West Palm Beach, FL** Coordinator in the Community Events Division of the Mayor's Office. Responsible for the implementation of special marketing programs and events, liaison to Community groups and businesses for partnerships with the City, coordinate press conferences and speaking engagements for the Mayor, and general "good will" marketing of the Office and City.
January 1997- March 1999	**Office of Mayor Nancy Graham (D), City of West Palm Beach, FL** Specialist in the Community Events Division of the Mayor's Office. Responsible for the implementation of special marketing programs and events, liaison to Community groups for partnerships with the City, coordinate press conferences and speaking engagements for the Mayor, general "good will" marketing of the Office and City.

EDUCATION:

August 1996	**Southern Illinois University** B.A., Communications with concentration in Public Relations

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & RECOGNITIONS:

Consultant to City of West Palm Beach, Community Events
Consultant to Northern Palm Beaches Chamber of Commerce Events
Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity International, Inc., Board of Directors
West Palm 100, local philanthropy member
Palm Beaches Marathon Festival Planning Committee
Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member, Boy Scouts of America

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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

January 2016 – Present	**Ballard Partners, Inc.** Managing Partner. The Firm specializes in all aspects of governmental and public affairs, including legislative advocacy and administrative issues affecting agency decisions.
November 2004 – December 2015	**Josko Public Affairs + Communications** Founder and president of highly successful public affairs firm located in Tampa, Florida. Core capabilities include government relations, coalition building , grassroots advocacy, crisis and issue management and public education campaigns.
November 2003 – November 2004	**Public Strategies** Director. Senior-level position with international strategic communications firm headquartered in Austin, TX. Focus on high-level strategy design and tactical execution. Provided public affairs counsel to C-level executives of Fortune 500 companies. Core specializations included crisis management and communications, third-party ally recruitment, message development, issue management, litigation support, media relations and media training.
January 1999 – November 2003	**Josko Public Affairs + Communications** Founder and president of highly successful public affairs firm located in Tampa, Florida. Core capabilities include government relations, coalition building, grassroots advocacy, crisis and issue management and public education campaigns.
February 1998 – January 1999	**Jeb Bush for Governor** Field Director, Florida West Coast. Coordinated all campaign activities along a 10-county region. Reversed defeats, and/or increased margins of victory from '94 statistics in every county in region, including a 54% margin of victory in Pinellas County. Successfully directed hundreds of volunteers of varying backgrounds and abilities to work collectively in electing Jeb Bush as Governor of Florida.
January 1997 – February 1998	**Florida Coalition for Competition** Field Director, Florida West Coast. Responsible for education/advocacy efforts of a statewide grassroots campaign to encourage greater competition in local telephone markets. Initiated and directed constituent contact with targeted state legislators along the West Coast of Florida. Organized special events and media contact to supplement legislative interaction.

July 1996 – November 1996

Charles Canady for Congress
Campaign Manager. Directed the successful reelection campaign for former United States Congressman Charles Canady (R-FL). Created a highly sophisticated congressional campaign organization, strategy and plan of execution.

August 1995 – March 1996

Bob Dole for President
Field Director, Florida West Coast. Successfully organized all campaign activities for 15 counties along the West Coast of Florida by securing the Republican presidential nomination for former United States Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-KS). Primary activities involved inter-county campaign organization development, strategic planning, media relations, and volunteer coordination. Recruited and directed hundreds of volunteers. Developed close working relationships with top-level government leaders throughout Florida and the nation.

November 1994 – August 1995

Florida House of Representatives, Manatee County
Legislative Assistant to State Rep. Mark Flanagan, District #68 in Manatee County. Highly responsible position involving the coordination of public policy in the State of Florida. Responsible for drafting, assimilating, and successfully implementing policy throughout the legislative process. Worked closely with local and state executives in both the public and private sector. Directed all contacts with media, constituents and other interest groups.

EDUCATION:

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
Master of Science in Political Science Concentration: Applied Politics and Policy, 1994

Graduate Certificate in Public Administration, 1994

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Major: Finance, 1986

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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

November 2021 - Present

Ballard Partners, Inc.
Partner. The firm specializes in all aspects of governmental advocacy with particular emphasis on matters before Florida's Executive and Legislative branches of state government. The firm also provides client representation before the U.S. Congress and federal agencies.

November 2021 - Present

Panza, Maurer & Maynard, P.A.
Of Counsel. The law firm specializes in governmental and regulatory matters; health care; insurance; corporate law; commercial litigation and environmental law.

March 2021 - October 2021

Executive Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
Chief of Staff. Managed the Executive Office of the Governor and all executive agencies under the leadership of Governor Ron DeSantis. Key Governor accomplishments during tenure as Chief of Staff included the following:

- Negotiated and ratified historic gaming Compact with the Seminole Tribe of Florida
- Lead the state during the tragic Surfside building collapse
- Implemented the first state-run monoclonal antibody treatment sites in the country
- Championed and signed the most comprehensive pro-civics legislation—for both K-12 and higher education—in state history
- Secured $1,000 bonuses for teachers and first responders
- Secured record funding for water quality and Everglades restoration (in three sessions secured over $2 billion on the way to achieving the Governor's goal of $2.5 billion over four years – a billion dollars over the previous four years)
- Championed and signed legislation to provide businesses immunity from lawsuits related to COVID-19
- Championed and signed the most comprehensive election integrity bill in Florida history

December 2018 - March 2021

Executive Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
Deputy Chief of Staff. Managed the following executive agencies: Agency for Health Care Administration; Department of Health; Department of Environmental Protection; Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission; Department of Business and Professional Development; Department of Economic Opportunity; Enterprise Florida; CareerSource Florida; Florida Housing Finance Corporation; Department of Management Services; and the Division of Emergency Management. Took lead from the Governor's office on the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Played lead role in the following Governor accomplishments:

- Securing record funding for everglades restoration and water quality
- Passing the most comprehensive water quality bill in state history
- Passing historic occupational licensing reform
- Passing the country's first bill to allow for the importation of prescription drugs from Canada

October 2018 – December 2018

Florida House of Representatives, Office of House Speaker
Senior Advisor. Developed and reviewed policy proposals for presentation to the Speaker; Worked with senior House staff to develop legislative strategies to implement the Speaker's priorities; Managed and oversaw the functioning of the House Majority Office; Participated in personnel decisions throughout the Florida House; Advised the Speaker on the design of the 2018-2020 Florida House of Representatives committee structure and each committee's and subcommittee's membership.

August 2017 - October 2018

Republican Party of Florida – House Campaigns
Deputy Director, Agenda Development. Lead the development of the Speaker-Designate's policy agenda; Advised Republican candidates on policy issues they encountered on the campaign trail.

October 2016 - August 2017

Florida House of Representatives, Office of Majority Leader
Deputy Staff Director. Assisted in managing the House Majority Office staff; Oversaw the development of messaging materials and talking points for Republican members on controversial, complex, or otherwise important legislation and current events; Supervised the majority office staff in their day-to-day efforts assisting Republican members with legal, accounting, policy, and other requests, questions, or concerns.

October 2012 - May 2013

Florida House of Representatives, Economic Affairs Committee
Attorney. Analyzed—from both a legal and public policy perspective—proposed legislation dealing with the Department of Economic Opportunity, Department of Transportation, Enterprise Florida, CareerSource, Division of Emergency Management, and large-scale development issues throughout the state; Advised legislators and House colleagues on the same.

October 2013 - December 2014

Ioppolo Law Group, PLLC
Associate. Practiced corporate law, which primarily concerned mergers and acquisitions, and advising clients on corporate structure.

October 2012 - May 2013

Florida House of Representatives, Local & Federal Affairs Committee
Legislative Intern/Policy Analyst. One of 15 graduate students selected from over 150 applicants throughout Florida to serve as a legislative intern in the Florida House of Representatives; Analyzed 16 bills that dealt with many state and local government issues, including local pension programs, special districts, local taxing issues, and land use regulations.

September 2011 - August 2011

Executive Office of the Governor, General Counsel's Office
Law Clerk. Researched and wrote memoranda concerning legal issues presented to the Governor's General Counsel's Office and examined records upon public records requests for potential statutory exemptions.

Summer 2011

Miami-Dade County Commission, Chairman's Office
Legal Intern. Analyzed the Mayor's 2011 budget proposal, compared the budget to previous years, and researched legislative items presented to the Commission.

EDUCATION:

Florida State University, College of Law
Juris Doctorate, May 2013

Florida State University
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science & International Affairs, cum laude, December 2009
FSU International Programs; Valencia, Spain
August 2007 - June 2008

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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

September 2020 - Present	**Ballard Partners, Inc.** Managing Partner. The firm specializes in all aspects of governmental advocacy with particular emphasis on matters before Florida's Executive and Legislative branches of state government. The firm also provides client representation before the U.S. Congress and federal agencies.
September 2020 - Present	**Panza, Maurer & Maynard, P.A.** Of Counsel. The law firm specializes in governmental and regulatory matters; health care; insurance; corporate law; commercial litigation and environmental law.
April 2019 - August 2020	**Florida Office of Financial Regulation** Chief of Staff. Managed all aspects of strategy, policy, communications, personnel, operations, and budget for state agency with 354 employees and a budget of over $40 million. Served as the main point of contact for Governor and Cabinet offices including presenting the agency's agenda before the Governor and Cabinet at public meetings. Led agency through ongoing complex crisis communications. Represented the office before external stakeholders and fellow regulator and national industry groups.
November 2018 - April 2019	**Florida State Board of Administration** Senior External Affairs Specialist. Developed strategy around legislative and Cabinet activities and worked closely with principals' offices (Governor, Attorney General & Chief Financial Officer) and the Legislature to execute on SBA priorities. Served on special projects for SBA leadership including development of enterprise-wide emergency communication procedures, drafting white papers, responding to press inquiries and coordinating public records requests.
November 2013 - June 2018	**UnitedHealth Group** Vice President of External Affairs. Served as lead government, regulatory, and external affairs professional in FL and SC for Fortune 5 diversified health care company. Collaborated with national and state business leaders to develop and execute growth, advocacy and visibility strategies within a highly-matrixed health care Enterprise that includes a top leader in health savings accounts. Oversaw state Executive and Legislative branch advocacy, employee grassroots engagement, policy development and strategy. Advised, organized and executed employee engagement and visibility events, including volunteer and social responsibility activities. Served as state lead on Emergency Management and Response team in Florida.
December 2010 - November 2013	**Florida Department of Financial Services** Senior Cabinet Aide. Advised the Florida Chief Financial Officer on agency agendas before the Cabinet including: Office of Insurance Regulation, Office of Financial Regulation, Division of Bond Finance, State Board of

Administration, and Department of Revenue. Represented the CFO and promoted policy positions on cabinet matters with other Florida statewide elected officials and external interested parties and developed talking points and messaging on his behalf.

January 2008 - December 2010

Blank & Meenan
Attorney/Lobbyist. Represented clients before the Legislative and Executive branches of government in the areas of insurance regulation, financial services and health care. Tracked and coordinated client fundraising activities and legislative activity. Worked on 50 state lobbying and regulatory projects on behalf of a large client including hiring lobbying teams, drafting legislation, and bill tracking of client priorities. Reviewed and drafted regulatory filings on behalf of clients.

January 2006 - January 2008

Office of Insurance Regulation
Director of Government Affairs. Oversaw all legislative and cabinet activities on behalf of the agency. Worked with key business units within OIR to develop and draft legislative changes that aligned with agency priorities. Testified before legislative committees on behalf of the agency and represented the Office in town hall meetings around the State and on panel discussions relating to property insurance. Played a key role in the development and passage of House Bill 1A during the 2007 Special Session on Property Insurance.

EDUCATION:

Florida State University, College of Law
Juris Doctorate, 2006

Florida State University
Masters of Business Administration, 2006
Bachelor of Arts, Communications, 2002

PROFESSIONAL, POLITICAL AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS:

Market District Association, Board of Directors, 2021-Present
LeMoyne Cener for the Arts, Board of Directors, 2021
Gilchrist Elementary PTO, Board of Directors and Committee Chair, 2017-2024
Florida Association of Health Plans, Board of Directors, 2013-18
Associated Industries of Florida, Board of Directors, 2014-17

HONORS:

Above & Beyond Award, *City and State,* 2024
Top 25 Most Influential Lobbyist, *The Florida Standard,* 2022
Excellence in Collaboration Award – Hurricane Irma Response Efforts, 2017
Excellence in Collaboration Award – UHG Diverse Scholars Forum Committee, 2016

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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

January 2023 - Present
Ballard Partners, Inc.
Partner. The firm specializes in all aspects of governmental advocacy with particular emphasis on matters before Florida's Executive and Legislative branches of state government. The firm also provides client representation before the U.S. Congress and federal agencies.

September 2020 - January 2023
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
Secretary of Economic Opportunity. Appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to assist in advancing Florida's economy by championing the state's economic development vision and administering state and federal programs and initiatives to help citizens, communities, businesses, and visitors thrive.
- Manage $3.3 billion budget and over 2,200 employees while deploying billions of dollars in grants throughout the state.

November 2012 - September 2020
Florida House of Representatives
State Representative & Majority Leader**.** Elected at age 29 to represent the 77th District and reelected subsequently until term limited.
- As Majority Leader, responsible for leading the 72-member Majority Caucus and ushering legislation to the Governor.
- Also served as Majority Whip and Chairman of Energy & Utilities Subcommittee.

July 2017 - September 2020
CRE Consultants
Broker Associate. Provided strategic advice and execution for commercial property leasing and sales, along with investment strategy and consulting, with one of the leading independent commercial real estate brokerages in Southwest Florida. Negotiated and executed million-dollar transactions on behalf of clients.

May 2013 - April 2014
Lee Building Industry Association
Director of Development. Helped rebuild the trade association of the construction industry and affiliated industries in Lee, Glades, Hendry Counties.

May 2009 - November 2010
U.S. Senate Campaign
Finance Director. Raised over $17 million for a leading candidate.

January 2007 - May 2009
Executive Office of the Governor
Deputy Chief of Staff & Chief Special Assistant to the Governor.
Assisted the Governor and Chief of Staff in managing the Executive Branch of the State of Florida. As Special Assistant, accompanied the Governor throughout each workday and on travels, assisting in daily meetings and tasks, and acting as a conduit between the Governor and his Executive Office.

January 2006 - November 2006

Florida Gubernatorial Campaign
Travel Aide. Traveled the state with the leading candidate, assisting the campaign with daily tasks.

July 2002 - July 2017

Southwest Florida Real Estate Brokerages
Broker Associate & Sales Associate. Obtained real estate sales license at age 19, broker license subsequently, and built a real estate career while in college and parallel to political career. Worked with Eagle Realty of Southwest Florida, Priceless Realty, and Porter Davis Real Estate Brokerage.

EDUCATION:

University of Florida December 2005
Bachelor of Arts in Economics
Minor in Business Administration

BOARDS, RECOGNITIONS & AFFILIATIONS:

American Conservative Union, Defender of Liberty
Americans for Prosperity, Champion of Economic Freedom
CareerSource Florida, Board of Directors
City & State Magazine, Florida Power 100 - #9
Enterprise Florida, Inc., Board of Directors
Florida Apartment Association, Legislator of the Year
Florida Association of Counties, County Champion
Florida Blue Key, Inductee
Florida Chamber of Commerce, Honor Roll
Florida Family Action, Champion of the Family
Florida Homebuilders Association, Champion of Housing
Florida Housing Finance Corporation, Board of Directors
Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association, House Leadership Award
Florida Tax Collectors Association, Taxpayer Advocate of the Year
Florida Politics, 30 Under 30
Florida Sheriffs Association, Friend of the Sheriff
Leadership Cape Coral, Graduate
Liberty First Network, Champion of Liberty
Sault Sainte Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Tribal Member

Key Personnel

Our distinct advantage comes from our highly skilled, bipartisan team. Our Partners join our Firm after serving in senior positions at the highest levels of local, state, and federal government, business, politics, and media. Our team includes former elected officials, agency secretaries, chiefs of staff, county managers, policy directors, political leaders, and grassroots experts. We are passionate and persuasive advocates who have cultivated lifelong relationships with key leaders and decision makers throughout the state and country. We operate as a team, and each member noted below will work directly with City leadership and staff.

The key personnel assigned to the City will be Brian Ballard, Firm President; Mathew Forrest, Partner, Tallahassee and West Palm Beach; Todd Josko, Managing Partner, Sarasota, as well as Partners Adrian Lukis, Abby Vail and Dane Eagle. Beyond these primary contacts, all of the Firm's principals will be utilized as necessary. We believe it is our combined expertise, history working together as a team and relationships at all levels of government that will be uniquely beneficial to the City's interests. All representatives of the Firm may be contacted through our Tallahassee office.



Brian Ballard
President

Brian has earned a reputation as a tireless, persistent, and effective advocate for his clients' interests. He has been recognized in The Hill: Top Lobbyists / Hired Guns 2021, 2020, Florida Trend's 2021, 2020 Most Influential Business Leaders, named a member of Vanity Fair's "New Establishment for 2019", and listed among the 18 to watch in 2018 by Politico Playbook Power List. His accomplishments have spanned over 25 years and includes legislative successes on hundreds of policy and funding initiatives in Florida and Washington, DC.

Brian has taken his passion for politics and policy to the national scene, opening up Ballard Partners' Washington, DC office in February 2017. He is spearheading the firm's successful efforts with a first-class bi-partisan government relations team that represents clients across the federal landscape and impacting a myriad of domestic and foreign affairs issues.

As one of the top political insiders in Florida and Washington, Brian's political portfolio includes meaningful roles in several presidential and gubernatorial campaigns. He chaired the Florida Finance Committee of Republican presidential nominees John McCain in 2008, Mitt Romney in 2012 and Donald J. Trump in 2016. Additionally, Brian has served as vice chairman of the Presidential Inaugural Committee and was appointed as a member of the Presidential Transition Finance Committee. Recognizing his formidable fundraising and political skills, the Republican National Committee tapped Brian to serve as the Finance Vice Chairman to help build resources for key national races.

Brian and his wife Kathryn were honored to be selected by three Florida Governors to plan and execute their inaugural ceremony and events, serving as Co-Chairs of the inauguration for Governor Ron DeSantis, Governor Rick Scott and Governor Charlie Crist.

Among his important public service experience, Brian currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. He previously served on the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service Advisory Council, after appointment by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. He also directed the transition and assisted in the U.S. Senate confirmation of Governor Bob Martinez as the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (Drug Czar) in the Executive Office of the President.

As chief of staff in the Executive Office of the Governor, Brian developed a special interest in environmental issues. Among his accomplishments, he served as chief architect of Preservation 2000, the largest public acquisition program for environmentally sensitive lands in the nation. He also served as Florida's chief negotiator with the U.S. Department of the Interior to end offshore drilling along the state's southeast coastline and the Florida Keys. The American Lawyer magazine rated Brian as one of America's top-rated lawyers in the field of Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources law.

Committed to community service, Brian has been a member of the Council of 100, the Collins Center for Public Policy, Florida Governor's Mansion Foundation, and the City of Tallahassee Architectural Review Board. He has received Florida's highest award for historic preservation recognizing his efforts involving preservation of historic buildings. In 2016, Brian and Kathryn were inducted into Florida State University's Francis Eppes Society for their philanthropic support to the University.

Before establishing Ballard Partners, Brian served as managing shareholder for Bryant Miller Olive P.A. He currently serves as counsel to Panza, Maurer & Maynard, P.A. He received both his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Florida, where he was later inducted into the University's Hall of Fame.

Brian will oversee the Firm's advocacy efforts on behalf of the City of Bradenton. His primary focus will be to advance the identified agenda with key legislative members, respective committee chairs, and executive agencies.

Brian has devoted the entirety of his career to working with governmental entities. His early experience with both the Executive Office of the President and the Executive Office of the Governor of the State of Florida set the standard for his pursuit of excellence in private practice. Since beginning his private-sector career, he has lobbied extensively on a myriad of issues, and the list of his clientele runs the gamut from non-profit organizations to global corporations.



Mathew Forrest
Partner, Tallahassee and West Palm Beach

Mat began his career in governmental affairs in the West Palm Beach Mayor's Office serving in three different administrations. He joined Ballard Partners in 2007 and works with clients in a variety of fields including local governments, gaming, arts & culture, tourism, and transportation.

Mat is a passionate advocate for local governments and has represented a select handful for over a decade. Through these many Sessions he has been a positive force for protecting home rule and advocating for unique solutions that help his specific local governments

Mat works extensively in the legislative appropriations process. For years he has helped guide clients through the complicated process of creating projects and defining them for successful inclusion in the annual General Appropriations Act that is passed by the Legislature. Mat's clients have secured funding for such things as stormwater infrastructure, transportation improvements, cultural facilities, crime prevention, park improvements, beach renourishment and many more. He has also been a successful advocate for larger budget issues that do not qualify as member projects such as PECO funding for higher education clients and pay raises for various law enforcement officers.

He resides in West Palm Beach with his wife, Jillian, and three young children. Personally, Mat is an avid traveler, outdoor enthusiast, and endurance athlete. He is very involved in a variety of local and national philanthropies including Pi Kappa Alpha and the Boy Scouts of America.

Mat will serve as Team Lead for the City and as the liaison to the Ballard Partners Team. He will manage the overall responsibilities in advancing the City's identified legislative agenda. This includes coordinating and attending meetings with members and staff of state government, respective House and Senate committees and various agency officials.



Todd Josko
Managing Partner, Sarasota

Todd Josko brings to Ballard Partners over 20 years of experience in state and municipal government relations, public affairs, strategic communications, and political strategies.

As founder and president of a Tampa-based public affairs firm that he led for 15 years, Todd has helped Fortune 500 companies and trade associations successfully resolve governmental and regulatory challenges, particularly on issues affecting growth, transportation, economic development, and water quality.

Todd formally held a senior level position with an international strategic communications firm and has advised many national, state and local Republican candidates. He served as the Florida West Coast Field Director for Jeb Bush's successful 1998 gubernatorial campaign, Florida West Coast Field Director for Bob Dole's 1996 presidential run, and as a legislative assistant within the Florida House of Representatives.

Todd holds a Master of Science degree in Political Science from Florida State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from the University of Florida.

Todd will serve as your primary local point of contact. He will provide local and statewide support to the City, communicating with elected local officials, and other local political and civic leaders. He will coordinate those local and statewide efforts with the Tallahassee team, help better contextualize policy and appropriations requests and leverage local third-party support to support the City's advocacy goals as needed.



Adrian Lukis
Partner, Tallahassee

Adrian has spent his career working at the highest levels of government in Florida and advising candidates for local, state, and federal office.

Prior to joining Ballard Partners, Adrian served as Chief of Staff to Governor Ron DeSantis. In that role, under the Governor's leadership, Adrian managed the Executive Office of the Governor and oversaw all executive branch agencies. During his tenure as Chief of Staff, Adrian helped the Governor navigate the tragic Surfside building collapse in June of 2021 and the surge of the COVID-19 Delta variant. Adrian also successfully spearheaded key Governor priorities in gaming, the environment, education and health care.

Adrian entered the DeSantis Administration as Deputy Chief of Staff, where he oversaw the following state entities and executive agencies: the Agency for Health Care Administration; the Department of Health; the Division of Emergency Management; the Department of Environmental Protection; the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission; the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; the Department of Economic Opportunity; Enterprise Florida; VISIT Florida; the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; and Department of Management Services.

Adrian began his professional career as a business law attorney focusing on mergers and acquisitions before pursuing his passion for government policy and politics, which, before joining Governor DeSantis, included roles as an attorney and Deputy Staff Director for the Florida House of Representatives, Deputy Director of Agenda Development for the Republican Party of Florida and Senior Advisor to Speaker of the Florida House Jose Oliva.

Adrian received his Bachelor's in Arts from Florida State University and Juris Doctor from the Florida State University College of Law, where he remains involved in student recruitment and mentoring.

Adrian grew up in Miami, Florida, and now resides in Tallahassee, with his wife, Ashley, and his two children, Elle and Lane.



Abby Vail
Managing Partner, Tallahassee

With over 15 years of government affairs experience, Abby L. Vail is a seasoned advocate providing political, strategic and policy direction to clients before the Legislative and Executive branches of government. Her portfolio is focused on representing clients in all aspects of the financial services industry including insurance, banking, consumer finance, securities, and fintech. Abby most recently served as Chief of Staff of the Florida Office of Financial Regulation where she played a key role in the passage and development of the Financial Technology Regulatory Sandbox and served as the Office's representative in the American Consumer Financial Innovation Network (ACFIN).

Abby previously served as a Vice President of External Affairs for an international health care company leading government affairs, procurement, business development and political grassroots activities. She also served as Senior Cabinet Aide to Former Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater, advising the CFO on oversight of Cabinet agency policies and initiatives. Abby began her career at the Office of Insurance Regulation, leading the agency's policy agenda during a period of major property & casualty insurance reform following the 2004-2005 hurricane seasons.

Originally from Tampa, Abby graduated with a Bachelors in Communications, Master of Business Administration, and Juris Doctorate from Florida State University. She resides in Tallahassee with her husband, Jason, and two children.



Dane Eagle
Managing Partner, Fort Myers; Partner, Tallahassee

Dane Eagle established himself as a fixture in Florida politics at a relatively young age and boasts nearly two decades of extensive experience in the state's executive and legislative branches.

Prior to joining Ballard Partners, Dane was appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to serve as Florida's Secretary of Economic Opportunity – now considered Florida's Secretary of Commerce – where he assisted the Governor in advancing Florida's economy by championing the state's economic development vision and by administering state and federal

programs and initiatives to help citizens, businesses, communities, and visitors thrive. In this role, he managed a $3.3 billion budget and over 2,200 employees while deploying billions of dollars in grants throughout the state of Florida.

Previously, Dane represented parts of Southwest Florida in the Florida House of Representatives and rose to the rank of Majority Leader, where he was responsible for leading the Republican Caucus and ushering legislation to the Governor's desk. Dane focused on supporting Florida's families and small businesses by reducing taxes and regulations to further establish Florida's business-friendly environment and further diversify Florida's economy. During his tenure in the House, Dane also served as the Majority Whip and the Chairman of the Energy and Utilities Subcommittee.

Before being elected to the Florida House of Representatives, Dane served as a Deputy Chief of Staff in the Executive Office of the Governor and as the Chief Special Assistant to the Governor. He has also worked on several statewide campaigns.

Dane was born and raised in Southwest Florida and earned his bachelor's degree in Economics with a minor in Business Administration at the University of Florida.

Adrian, Abby and Dane will serve a secondary role in advancing the interests of the City before the executive and legislative branches of Florida government. They will work collaboratively with Brian, Mat and Todd to ensure that the interests of the City are represented at every level.

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7.2.3 Experience

Ballard Partners, founded in 1998, has been a force in Florida politics and government for over two decades. In Florida, Ballard Partners' statewide presence consists of nine offices located in Tallahassee, Sarasota, Tampa, Jacksonville, Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Orlando, West Palm Beach, and Fort Myers. Each office has a team of professionals with vast governmental affairs, strategic communications and coalition building experience who are deeply connected in their respective communities. The firm has grown into Florida's top government affairs practice, one of the top firms in Washington, D.C., and recently opened offices in Los Angeles, Boston, Tel Aviv, Istanbul, Abuja/Lagos and most recently, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Ballard Partners specializes in all aspects of governmental and public affairs, including legislative advocacy and administrative issues affecting executive agency decisions. Our philosophy is simple: We combine extensive government experience with unwavering advocacy to maximize clients' results. We bring a broad range of governmental and political expertise to meet the needs of our clients. Our lobbying and public affairs work is grounded in our collective years of experience, a keen understanding of local, statewide, and federal politics, and effective representation in a myriad of policy areas which impact government across a spectrum of areas.

The Firm is comprised of fifty-two (52) professional, full-time governmental consultants with substantial backgrounds in legislative and administrative issues across all levels of government from municipalities to the nation's Capital. The Firm's continued success is the result of our team members' emergence from the senior ranks of both the legislative and executive branches of Florida and the federal government. Our professional staff includes three former legislators, two former Governor's chiefs of staff, Lieutenant Governor's chief of staff, gubernatorial policy directors, legislative committee staff directors, two previous Florida Executive branch agency secretaries, congressional staff, and senior leaders from local government. Combined with our experienced administrative support staff, we offer a close-knit, effective team to address our clients' respective needs.

We represent an extensive client list and we have been privileged to represent a number of diverse clients for over two decades, working in partnership to achieve many successes. The focus of the Firm's services includes the advocacy for passage and defeat of legislation, policy, and appropriations relevant to the client. These accomplishments require our lobbying team to work closely with House and Senate leaders, budget chairs, key congressional members and their staff, and the White House.

We are passionate, persuasive advocates who maximize results for the clients we serve. The Firm is engaged at the highest levels of government and is able to meaningfully promote the City of Bradenton's legislative advocacy agenda.

Most importantly, we are the only major Florida lobbying firm that has a full-time, Sarasota/Bradenton office focusing on advocacy work specific to the Sarasota/Bradenton region. Our Sarasota/Bradenton office, located in downtown Sarasota, is led by Ballard Managing Partner Todd Josko, a Sarasota native and Riverview High School graduate. Todd has extensive

professional and personal contacts in Manatee County. He formerly served as a legislative assistant to a Manatee County member of the Florida House of Representatives and is an active member of the Manatee Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations.

Legislative Appropriations:

Our team is highly successful in identifying and obtaining state financial support for our clients. The appropriations process is one that is constantly changing. Our team members understand this evolving process and have developed relationships with the elected officials that oversee Florida's budget. The process of obtaining funding can be a vastly different process from year to year, and our involvement is a continual exercise. Obtaining positive results for our clients requires a constant presence among decision makers and staff members responsible for implementation.

Listed below are the various appropriations items Ballard Partners successfully obtained during the 2024 Legislative Session. These accomplishments required our lobbying team to work closely with House and Senate leaders, budget chairs, key legislative members and their staff, and the Governor's Office.

2024-25 Appropriations Successes

FAMU	Chemical and Biological Research Laboratory Center	$ 5,020,350
FAMU	Historically Black College and University Security Grants	$ 5,000,000
FAMU	FAMU-FSU College of Engineering	$ 5,000,000
DMF Employment	Bridging the Gap	$ 600,000
Boca Raton Habilitation Center	Mental Health and STEAM Program for Individuals with Unique Abilities	$ 175,000
Boca Raton Habilitation Center	Mental Health and STEAM Program for Individuals with Unique Abilities	$ 75,000
Simon Wiesenthal	Florida Mobile Museum of Tolerance	$ 1,000,000
Teach Florida	Security Funding in Jewish Day Schools	$ 17,000,000
Miami Lighthouse	Miami Lighthouse Academy	$ 197,979
Indelible	Guardians of Education: Precious Jewels Academy Learning Center	$ 100,000
YMCA of SW Florida	YMCA of Southwest Florida Early Learning Academy - Arcadia	$ 300,000
Teach Florida	Security Funding in Jewish Day Schools - Hardening	$ 3,000,000
Miami Dade College	Tomorrow's Teacher's Today - Expanding the Teacher Pipeline	$ 500,000
Miami Dade College	Victims of Communism Exhibit and Education	$ 2,500,000
FAMU	Crestview Education Center	$ 1,500,000
Max Planck	Florida Atlantic University—Max Planck Florida Scientific Fellows Program	$ 2,000,000
UF	UF Scripps / UF Health - Biomedical Innovation & Technology	$ 7,500,000

Nomi Health	PROVISO Medicaid Enrollee Data Procurement (AHCA)	$ 3,100,000
Citrus Health Network	Graduate Medical Education - Psychiatry	$ 1,344,447
Lee Health	Medicaid GME FTEs Proviso	$ 23,800,000
MorseLife	100 PACE Slots in Palm Beach County - FY 2024-25	$ 1,273,801
Hope Healthcare	100 PACE Slots in Charlotte County	$ 3,907,530
Hope Healthcare	100 PACE Slots in Citrus County	$ 4,628,198
Strategic Digital Services	AHCA Health Care Data Transparency-FloridaHealthFinder	$ 750,000
KPMG	APD Adult Pathways Waiver Actuarial Analysis	$ 300,000
Miami Learning Experience	MLE School Job Readiness Program	$ 395,318
Camillus House	Phoenix Human Trafficking Recovery Program	$ 350,000
Strategic Digital Services	Foster Parent and Guardian Ad Litem Volunteer Digital Recruiting Campaign	$ 250,000
Feeding Florida	Feeding Florida Produce Incentives to support rural retailers	$ 1,000,000
Citrus Health Network	Crisis Stabilization Unit / Assessment & Emergency Services	$ 2,000,000
City of Hallandale Beach	Austin Hepburn Senior Mini-Center	$ 111,006
Epilepsy Alliance Florida	Epilepsy Alliance Florida	$ 976,364
Nova Southeastern University	Veterans Access Clinic at Nova Southeastern	$ 5,000,000
Nova Southeastern University	Nova Southeastern University - Unmet Dental Needs	$ 1,300,000
UF Health	Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit Network	$ 10,000,000
UF Health Shands	Shands Hospital Maternal & Fetal Care	$ 700,000
UF Health Central Florida	Senior Care Patient Home Monitoring Post Hospitalization	$ 500,000
UF Health Central Florida	Central Florida Breast Cancer Care Center	$ 595,000
Miami Lighthouse	Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program	$ 1,250,000
ACOG The Promise Fund	Patient Navigator Program for breast and cervical cancer screenings	$ 225,000
Lee Health	Graduate Medical Education Center	$ 5,000,000
Mt. Sinai Memorial Hospital	Westchester Free-Standing Emergency Department	$ 1,500,000
Lions World Vision Institute	Pediatric Vision Health - Lions World Vision Institute Foundation	$ 375,000
SpidrTech/Versaterm	Crime Victim Notification Modernization Expansion (VINE)	$ 2,000,000
REAP	Re-Entry Alliance Pensacola Portal - Escambia County	$ 500,000
REAP	Re-Entry Alliance Pensacola Portal - Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton & Bay	$ 150,000
Florida Network	CINS / FINS Line Item Increase Recurring GR	$ 6,269,807
Florida Network	Florida Network Stop Now and Plan Program Expansion in DCF (Proviso)	$ 500,000

Martin County	Martin County Sheriff's Office Mental Health Housing Pod	$ 500,000
L3Harris (Monitoring)	Hendry County SLERS Radio Coverage Enhancements	$ 750,000
Broward County	Nancy J Cotterman Center	$ 501,500
Selah Freedom	Anti-Sex Trafficking Awareness, Prevention and Victim Restoration Program	$ 750,000
Feeding Florida	Feeding Florida Healthy Food Initiative	$ 6,500,000
Martin County	Martin County Bessey Creek Retrofit	$ 500,000
Martin County	Martin County Gomez Community Petteay Potable Water Service	$ 940,000
City of DeBary	Stormwater Infrastructure Collapse Repair for Gemini and Blue Springs	$ 500,000
City of Miami	Roberto Clemente Park Drainage and Baseball Field Improvements	$ 12,000,000
National Deer Association (SDS)	SE Deer Partnership Field to Fork Program & Education	$ 200,000
Babcock	Florida Wildlife Interactive Education Center	$ 6,000,000
JAXPORT	JAXPORT Crane Modernization Program	$ 23,000,000
City of Pensacola	Pensacola International Airport Passenger Terminal Building	$ 5,000,000
Keystone Properties	Wigmore Street Vehicle Overpass	$ 3,000,000
Friends of the Underline	Underline Multi-Use Mobility Corridor	$ 950,000
WIN Learning	Ready to Work Program	$ 2,000,000
YMCA of the Palm Beaches	YMCA of the Palm Beaches Community Center	$ 500,000
City of Pensacola / Live Local Pensacola	Live Local Pensacola - Legacy Baptist Campus	$ 7,000,000
Cox Science Center and Aquarium	Cox Science Center and Aquarium Expansion	$ 5,000,000
Pulte Family Foundation	IDDeal Place Affordable Residential Community - Lake Worth, FL	$ 1,000,000
Pulte Family Foundation	Nuestra Senora - Affordable, Rental Housing Community - Collier County, FL	$ 1,000,000
Tampa General Hospital	Tampa General Hospital Workforce Housing Multi-Family Development	$ 10,000,000
City of Delray Beach	Delray Beach Emergency Response Mobile Traffic Barrier & First Responder Protection	$ 306,000
Broward County Sheriff's Office	Secondary Set of Firefighter Turnout Gear (Cancer Prevention Initiative)	$ 228,092
Village of North Palm Beach	North Palm Beach Public Safety Resiliency	$ 255,000
WeatherSTEM	WeatherSTEM - Severe Weather Mesonet	$ 738,000
Life Science Logistics	DEM Warehouse Space and Stockpile Management	$ 5,000,000
City of Cape Coral	Cape Coral Emergency Operations Center	$ 9,000,000
L3Harris	Bradford County SLERS Radio Equipment Replacement and Upgrade	$ 1,250,000

L3Harris	Suwannee County Critical 911 Communications Equipment	$ 550,000
L3Harris	Taylor County 911 Communications Replacement	$ 525,000
L3Harris	SLERS Tower Maintenance	$ 6,000,000
L3Harris	SLERS Tower Relocation/Reconstruction	$ 2,000,000
L3Harris	SLERS Tower Mitigation/Replacement	$ 5,000,000
Florida Police Benevolent Association	3% across the board base salary increases	
FAMU	Operational Enhancements - Boldly Striking for Academic Excellence	$ 2,000,000
Pensacola State College	Operational support	$ 5,000,000
Life Science Logistics	DEM Warehouse Space and Stockpile Management	$ 116,000,000
		$ 372,963,392

Securing an allocation in the annual General Appropriations Act is always a difficult task. In 2024, House members submitted over 3,700 budget requests seeking almost $7.2 billion to help fund local projects. Senators filed a similar amount of requests totaling more than $7.46 billion, with many of the Senate proposals overlapping House requests. The final budget bill funded just under 1,600 member projects for a total of around $3.2 billion – not even half of the requests submitted for consideration. Just securing a line is an accomplishment but, of course, surviving the Governor's line-item veto is the final test. This year the Governor's vetoed projects amounted to just under $1 billion.

We are proud of our ability to work with all of our clients to help them submit strong applications that have the highest chance of not only landing in the budget, but also surviving the veto list.

In addition to our appropriations successes, we have provided substantial policy results to our local government clients in a wide range of areas, some or all of which are likely of similar importance to the City of Bradenton including, but not limited to:

- **Home rule authority**

We are proud to have represented several local governments for over a decade and understand the frequent challenges, and frustrations, experienced by local governments relating to legislative preemptions and challenges to home rule authority. Over the years, we have worked on opposing many bills impacting home rule. A recent 2023 example was **SB 1346 Local Regulation of Nonconforming or Unsafe Structures.** The bill would have created the Safe Structures and Resiliency Act which sought to make it easier to demolish a structure deemed to be "nonconforming" in coastal high hazard areas.

- **Charter changes**

We assisted the City of Delray Beach in passage of a local bill that amended their Charter and made changes to their Pension Review Committee.

• **Public safety**
We have helped several local governments secure allocations for various public safety measures such as fire training facilities and Real Time Crime technologies.

• **Land use / Zoning/Planning**
In 2017 we advocated on behalf of the City of Palm Beach Gardens to successfully increase the size of an enclave that could be annexed through interlocal agreement. In addition, our Firm does a great deal of zoning, land use and planning work before local governments for clients such as NAIOP Tampa Bay, the Tampa Bay region's commercial real estate trade association.

• **Water resources**
Over the 25 years our firm has represented local governments, we have helped many local governments secure allocations for various water projects including resiliency, septic to sewer conversions, storm water enhancements, lift stations and many more. On the policy side, we have worked with clients such as the City of Winter Haven on FDEP and rulemaking concerns.

• **Transportation initiatives**
We have helped several local governments secure allocations for various road projects. A recent example was a $270,000 allocation to assist the Village of North Palm Beach with the design and replacement of a small bridge in the Village. The Florida Transportation Builders Association, the state's road building trade association, is a longtime Ballard client and affords us direct working with the Florida Department of Transportation leadership in Tallahassee and various local districts.

• **Workforce / Economic development**
We have helped several clients secure allocations for various economic development projects. We have assisted the Cox Science Center in West Palm Beach secure $15 million over the past two Sessions through the Department of Economic Development as part of their massive expansion and new facility.

• **Affordable Housing**
Ballard Partners represents the Florida Housing Trust and many other developers and stakeholders in the affordable housing space. We also were very involved in the 2023 Legislative Session on work regarding the "Live Local Act" on behalf of various clients.

• **Homelessness and Mental Health**
Most state-level solutions and policies concerning homelessness center on mental health. For the last two Sessions we have assisted Hillsborough County in the funding for the operation of short-term residential treatment beds. These beds in residential treatment facilities and community-based services are for individuals in need of care in Hillsborough County and the central/southwest Florida region.

- **Environmental initiatives**

  Ballard Partners has a long track record of accomplishing significant environmental initiatives for local government clients. Firm president Brian Ballard served as chief architect of Preservation 2000, the largest public acquisition program for environmentally sensitive lands in the nation. He also served as Florida's chief negotiator with the U.S. Department of the Interior to end offshore drilling along the state's southeast coastline and the Florida Keys. Other signature environmental work of note includes advocacy for Everglades restoration, wetlands mitigation, and beach renourishment projects.

- **Vacation Rentals**

  We have been involved in vacation rental legislation for years, and will continue to be working on the forefront of this issue for the foreseeable future. On behalf of our numerous local government clients and the American Hotel Lodging Association, we continue to advocate for more local oversight and sensible regulation of vacation rentals.

We have reviewed the City's Scope of Work and are confident that Ballard Partners can provide the meaningful, comprehensive representation required to advance the City's projects, policies, and programs at the state level.

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7.2.4 Customer List

Ballard Partners represents over two hundred (200) diverse clients for Florida legislative advocacy services - from global innovators and disruptive technologies to major league sports dynasties and Fortune 500 companies. Our clients are our family, many of which we have represented for decades. We pride ourselves on client satisfaction and retention.

We have engaged in a multitude of successful legislative and executive branch lobbying efforts since our formation. We believe that our capabilities in successfully managing governmental affairs and lobbying services are clearly demonstrated in the strength of our team's background, experience, and qualifications. Our combined experience and relationships at all levels of government are essential components of our strategic plans, so access to all of the Firm's professionals will be provided to the City. No new work is undertaken without a thorough review of the schedules of the team to ensure the utmost attention, resources and energy will be devoted to each client.

The Firm has long advocated for the needs of local governments in Florida. Our experience in the municipal arena began in 1998 with Martin County, which we still represent in Florida and now federally as well. We have been privileged to represent a number of diverse clients for over two decades, working in partnership to achieve many successes. Other municipal governments Ballard Partners has been proud to represent at the state level over the past seven years include:

BROWARD COUNTY
- Contract Dates: 2015 - Current
- Dollar Value of Contract: $54,000 Annually
- Contact Name: Marty Cassini, Director, Intergovernmental Affairs
- Email: mcassini@broward.org
- Telephone: 954.357.7575

BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
- Contract Dates: 2017 - Current
- Dollar Value of Contract: $60,000
- Contact Name: Megan Turetsky, Director, Legislative Affairs
- Email: Megan.turetsky@browardschools.com
- Telephone: 754.321.2608

BROWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
- Contract Dates: 2013 - Current
- Dollar Value of Contract: $84,000
- Contact Name: Gregory Tony, Sheriff
- Email: Sheriff_Tony@sheriff.org
- Telephone:954.831.4118

CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH

Contract Dates: 1998 - Current
Dollar Value of Contract: $60,000
Contact Name: Dan Dugger, City Manager
Email: dugger@bbfl.us
Telephone: 561.742.6010

CITY OF CAPE CORAL

Contract Dates: 2023 - Current
Dollar Value of Contract: $60,000
Contact Name: Michael Ilczyszyn, City Manager
Email: milczysz@capecoral.gov
Telephone: 239.574.0450

CITY OF DEBARY

Contract Dates: 2023 - Current
Dollar Value of Contract: $78,000
Contact Name: Shari Simmans, Director, Economic Development, Communications, & Government Affairs
Email: SSimmans@debary.org
Telephone: 386.601.0200

CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

Contract Dates: 2012 - Current
Dollar Value of Contract: $60,000
Contact Name: Jeff Oris, Assistant City Manager
Email: OrisJ@mydelraybeach.com
Telephone: 561.243.7144

CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH

Contract Dates: 2017 - Current
Dollar Value of Contract: $54,000
Contact Name: Noemy Sandoval, Assistant City Manager
Email: nsandoval@hallandalebeachfl.gov
Telephone: 954.457.1489

CITY OF LARGO

Contract Dates: 2022 - Current
Dollar Value of Contract: $60,000
Contact Name: Christoper Hawks, Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator
Email:chawks@largo.com
Telephone: 727.586.7452

CITY OF MARATHON

Contract Dates: 2013-2023
Dollar Value of Contract: $60,000
Contact Name: George Garrett, City Manager
Email: garrettg@ci.marathon.fl.us
Telephone: 305.289.4130

CITY OF MIAMI

Contract Dates: 2022 - Current
Dollar Value of Contract: $60,000
Contact Name: Francisca Petriena, Sr. Advisor to the City Manager
Email: FPetriena@miamigov.com
Telephone: 305.250.5400

CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS

Contract Dates: 2011 - Current
Dollar Value of Contract: $60,000
Contact Name: Ronald M. Ferris, City Manager
Email: rferris@pbgfl.com
Telephone: 561.799.4143

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES

Contract Dates: 2011 - Current
Dollar Value of Contract: $60,000
Contact Name: Charlie Dodge, City Manager
Email: cdodge@ppines.com
Telephone: 954.450.1040

CITY OF PENSACOLA

Contract Dates: 2018 - Current
Dollar Value of Contract: $72,000
Contact Name: D.C. Reeves, Mayor
Email:dcreeves@cityofpensacola.com
Telephone: 850.435.1625

CITY OF SARASOTA

Contract Dates: 2024 - Current
Dollar Value of Contract: $75,000
Contact Name: Jennifer Jorgensen, Director, Governmental Affairs
Email: Jennifer.jorgensen@sarasotafl.gov
Telephone: 941.263.6286

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Contract Dates: 2021 - Current
Dollar Value of Contract: $70,000
Contact Name: Brandon Wagner, Chief Administrator for Government Relations and Strategic Services
Email: wagnerb@hcfl.gov
Telephone: 813.276.2640

JACKSONVILLE PORT AUTHORITY (JAXPORT)

Contract Dates: 2014 - Current
Dollar Value of Contract: $84,000
Contact Name: Eric Green, Chief Executive Officer
Email: eric.green@jasport.com
Telephone: 904.449.3073

MARTIN COUNTY

Contract Dates: 1998 - Current
Dollar Value of Contract: $52,000
Contact Name: John Maehl, Martin County Public Works
Email: jmaehl@martin.fl.us
Telephone: 772.288.5566

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Contract Dates: 2003 - Current
Dollar Value of Contract:
Contact Name: Kirk Blovin, Town Manager
Email: kblovin@townofpalmbeach.com
Telephone: 561.227.6350

TOWN OF LANTANA

Contract Dates: 2013 - Current
Dollar Value of Contract: $60,000
Contact Name: Brian Raducci, Town Manager
Email: braducci@lantana.org
Telephone: 561.540.5004

VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH

Contract Dates: 2021 - Current
Dollar Value of Contract: $72,000
Contact Name: Chuck Huff, Interim Village Manager
Email: chuff@village-npb.org
Telephone: 561.904.2122

Additionally, at the local and federal levels we have a number of municipal clients, including Gadsden County, Manatee County, the Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority, Okaloosa County, Miami-Dade Public Schools, as well as crossover with many of our state clients such as JAXPORT, Martin County and the Cities of Pensacola, Winter Haven and Largo.

Major local government issues worked on by the Firm have included implementation of the Article V Constitutional Amendment; Everglades restoration; property tax reform initiatives; wetlands mitigation; public construction regulations; and beach renourishment projects. We offer the following as a sample of the accomplishments we have achieved on behalf of our clients in Florida.

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

As a key part of the team for the City of Jacksonville, we have assisted in the passage of state legislation and multiple appropriations to benefit the City. We successfully advocated for legislation that allowed the City to repurpose an existing ½ penny surtax to fund their pension liability. We have also successfully advocated for multiple projects in the annual State appropriations act including $500,000 for a bridge replacement. More recently, we have assisted the City in the support of organizations within the City such as a $900,000 allocation that we pushed for the JACKSONVILLE RE-ENTRY CENTER (JREC). JREC provides comprehensive pre and post re-entry services to convicted felony offenders returning to Duval County following incarceration.

CITY OF LARGO

During the 2023 Legislative Session, the Firm helped secure state general revenue funding for the City of Largo for the first time in the City's history. The City was in need of expanding the restrooms in Largo Central Park. Now attracting more than 1 million visitors annually to numerous events, festivals, and community activities, Largo Central Park has become an even more popular destination for residents and tourists alike. With such growth in attendance, the current restroom facilities had become inadequate, and adding an additional restroom facility ensures that the park will remain an enjoyable experience for its many visitors while accommodating future growth.

CITY OF MARATHON

The Firm has represented the interests of the City of Marathon in Florida since 2013. We have assisted the City in successfully securing state funding for their wastewater treatment facility infrastructure needs. This effort involved working with all of the local governments in the Florida Keys, state officials and legislative leadership. Approximately $21 million has been appropriated by the Florida Legislature to help Marathon address its wastewater and stormwater infrastructure needs as well as other nearshore water quality issues.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Firm has represented the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners since 2020. We have assisted the County in successfully securing state funding for numerous priorities spanning multiple policy areas including transportation, pedestrian safety, health care,

education, and emergency management. During the 2023 Legislative Session the Firm helped secure $5 million in state funding for the new African American Arts and Cultural Center which will include a range of public experience spaces, meeting spaces, galleries, labs, studios, educational classrooms, black-box theater, retail café, administrative support offices, exterior special event spaces, and parking. Additionally, the Firm helped secure $1,584,000 in state funding for the operation of 12 short-term residential treatment beds and community-based services for post-discharge to provide essential mental health treatment in Hillsborough County. And lastly, the Firm helped secure $2,500,000 in state funding for needed capacity expansion of the Hillsborough County Emergency Operations Center to enhance critical operational response to declared states of emergency and natural disasters.

CITY OF WINTER HAVEN

During the 2022 Legislative Session, the Firm helped secure the City of Winter Haven just over $3.7 million in state funding for various water and environmental projects that will protect the City's water resources, modernize their water infrastructure, expand recreational trails and public spaces. The state investment in these water and environmental projects will assist the City of Winter Haven's One Water Policy initiative. Below is a list of City of Winter Haven projects that were funded during the 2022 Legislative Session.

- Lake Howard Watershed Treatment Enhancement - $450,000
- Sapphire Necklace Creation - $250,000
- Septic to Sewer Program, Remediation Area 6A - $1,500,000
- Reclaimed-Winter Haven Preserve at Lake Ashton Reclaimed Water - $910,000
- Water Resource Center - $198,013
- Lake Conine Recreation Elements - $200,000
- South Lake Howard Trail Nature Park Expansion - $200,000

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7.2.5 Project Approach

Your Ballard team will work with City personnel to outline specific project goals and priorities. Once priorities and goals are established, we will develop and communicate an approach for accomplishing those legislative, budgetary, and policy needs. We will immediately begin to implement the strategy by identifying and working with key legislators and legislative committee staff. We will also maintain an active and ongoing engagement with appropriate local leadership, as well as key committee chairs, key policymakers, and staff of the legislative and executive branches.

Our team has a proven track record in cultivating strong working relationships with legislative leadership, committee staff and the executive and cabinet agencies. One of our many strengths is maintaining ongoing visibility and communication on your priorities, as issues will evolve and change quickly during the legislative process. We will facilitate meetings with key members of relevant committees as well as with legislative leadership, agency officials and other public office holders to communicate the interests and priorities of the City and strengthen your relationships with local and statewide leadership. But first, we'll work with City leadership to help refine policy and appropriations requests, to ensure going in we have the best opportunity for success.

Because 2024 is an election year, substantive bills for the 2025 Florida Legislative Session will not start being filed until after the November 19, 2024, Organizational Session. Organizational Session is held to have newly elected members sworn into office, new leadership elected, and members assigned to serve on committees. Committee weeks are expected to begin in January and February 2025, however exact dates have not yet been released. The 2025 Legislative Session will take place from Tuesday, March 4 until Friday, May 2, 2025.

Creating opportunity for success includes helping the City develop and submit convincing, accurate and timely state legislative request documents and related communications, and ensuring items are introduced and presented to City's representatives and key State leadership early in the legislative process and at critical timelines throughout the legislative session.

Once committee meetings and Session begins, your Ballard team will facilitate and prepare the City for meetings and communications with relevant State legislators, their staff, committee members and leadership to effectively guide City legislative requests throughout the State legislative session. The legislative process is dynamic and fluid. To best guard against the unexpected, we'll continually monitor and provide regular updates on the progress of the State legislation, regulatory and appropriations actions that may affect the City's priorities and interests, and inform and assist the City in making necessary tactical or technical moves and changes to influence desired outcomes for the City.

Client communication is critical in the legislative process as issues may evolve and change quickly. As well as frequent informal communications, the Firm will provide written progress reports, as agreed upon, on issues of interest or concern to the City. We will provide reports during the legislative session, as required in the RFP Scope of Work, to include bill numbers, authors, subject, status, amendments, and evaluations of potential impacts of pending bills that are pertinent to

the interests of the City. We will communicate regularly to the City on successes, challenges and needs for further engagement.

For our local government clients, our Firm provides a written pre-Session report, a mid-Session report and a complete post-Session report that summarizes the outcomes of the City's legislative priorities and legislation affecting the City. A copy of a 2024 post-Session report for our client the City of Delray Beach is included in the appendix.

In addition to those services rendered under this agreement, reports may also include, but not necessarily be limited to, action taken at committee meetings, rulemaking hearings, status of studies that have commenced, task force meeting updates, and advance notice of legislation being proposed. The team will work closely with staff through written and verbal correspondence and in-person meetings to make sure we are exceeding expectations. And because we have an office located in nearby Sarasota and do a great deal of advocacy work in the local market, we will be easily available for in-person meetings with City staff and Council as necessary.

At the Executive levels of Florida Government, our team will help facilitate programmatic, grant, and technical support coordination with relevant State agencies, and seek and coordinate grant funding opportunities applicable to the City, including identifying relevant State grant programs and advocating for the City's eligibility and alignment with grant criteria.

Our Firm successfully leverages both talent and technology to best serve our clients. We utilize legislative tracking tools such as LobbyTools, Florida Senate and House website and app tracking, and subscribe to many subscription news services such as the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) reports – the research arm of the Florida Legislature. We pride ourselves on being available to our clients around the clock via phone, text or email and will communicate with you in the manner that best suits your needs and preferences.

That said, the best technologies and communication equipment can only offer so much benefit. The primary value our Firm offers to the City of Bradenton and our existing clients is the relentless work of Tallahassee's top-rated lobbying firm throughout the Legislative Session process, committee weeks, and meetings and events around the state. While we have listed the resumes and biographies of the key personnel from our Ballard team devoted to servicing the City of Bradenton, please know that beyond these primary contacts, all of the Firm's fifty-two partners can and will be utilized on behalf of the City when necessary.

What sets us apart from our competitors is our ability to offer to the City of Bradenton the unparalleled service of the top lobbying firm in Florida, combined with firsthand knowledge of the City of Bradenton afforded through our full-time office in the Sarasota/Bradenton area. Our local office is managed by a Firm partner who was raised in and worked in legislative affairs in the region. Our Firm also serves as the federal advocacy lobbying firm for Manatee County, and this work provides us with additional knowledge and experience with issues and matters specific to Manatee County and the City of Bradenton.

Ballard Partners offers many unique opportunities to the City of Bradenton if chosen as your state lobbying firm. We bring personal, deep-routed, expertise on issues of local importance and can best contextualize how they impact the City; we are able to meet with City staff and Council members on short notice and without the need and cost of securing overnight travel; and we are able to leverage local third-party voices to help advocate for the City, as our firm is an active member of many local organizations, such as the Manatee Chamber of Commerce.

We know Bradenton, are active in the community, and interact with members of your legislative delegation throughout the entire calendar year. We would be honored to represent the City of Bradenton for state lobbying services, and we appreciate the opportunity to submit this proposal for your consideration.

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7.2.6 Compensation

Ballard Partners proposes an annual fee of $75,000 for this agreement, to be paid in 12 equal installments of $6,250 a month. The Firm will bill costs monthly and payment terms are net thirty (30) days.

Please refer to the completed Fee Schedule.

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STATE LOBBYING SERVICES

ATTACHMENT A - FEE SCHEDULE

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY FEE			TOTAL ANNUAL FEE
1	State Lobbying Services*	$6,250.00	X	12	$75,000.00

* The Proposer agrees to furnish all materials, equiment and labor to perform all services in accordance with the solicitation. Fee is all inclusive of travel expenses and any administrative costs.

APPENDIX A

Form #1 – Response Form

City of Bradenton
Response Form

Company Name: BALLARD PARTNERS, INC.

Date Submitted: AUGUST 7, 2024
Project Identification #: RFP 24-023EJ

Project Name: STATE LOBBYING SERVICES
Company Name: BALLARD PARTNERS, INC.
Name & Title: BRIAN D. BALLARD, PRESIDENT
Business Address (Physical): 201 EAST PARK AVENUE, 5TH FLOOR, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

Corporate or Mailing Address ☒ Same as Physical:

ADDRESS MUST MATCH SUNBIZ

E-MAIL ADDRESS: ballard@ballardpartners.com
PHONE NUMBER: 850-577-0444 FAX NUMBER: 850-577-0022

In submitting this proposal, Proposer makes all representations required by the Instructions to Proposers and further warrants and represents that: Proposal has examined copies of all the solicitation documents and the following addenda:

No. _____	Date: _____	No. _____	Date: _____
No. _____	Date: _____	No. _____	Date: _____
No. _____	Date: _____	No. _____	Date: _____

City of Bradenton, Bradenton, Florida

The undersigned, as Proposer, hereby declares that no person or other persons other than the undersigned are interested in this solicitation as Principal, and that this solicitation is submitted without collusion with others; and that the Proposer have carefully read and examined the specifications or scope of work, and with full knowledge of all conditions under which the services herein is contemplated must be finished, here by propose and agree to furnish this service in according to the requirement set out in the specifications or scope of work for said services for the pries as listed on the City provided price sheet or agree to negotiate prices in good faith if a contract is awarded.

Tax Payer Identification Number: 59-3499504

(1) Employer Identification Number **-or-** (2) Social Security Number:
** *The City of Bradenton collects your social security number for tax reporting purposes only*

ALL BIDS MUST BE SIGNED AND EXECUTED BY A CORPORATE AUTHORITY.

Where Proposer is a Corporation, add:

BALLARD PARTNERS, INC.
Company Name: (Name printed or typed)

Attest: Shanna Kaye Crawley

Authorized Proposer:

BRIAN D. BALLARD
Proposer: (Name printed or typed)

PRESIDENT
Authorized Signature and Proposer Title

SHANNA KAYE CRAWLEY
Secretary

Please submit a copy of your registration certificate establishing your firm as authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida, as provided by the *Florida Department of State, Divisions of Corporations*. Please refer to website: *www.sunbiz.org*

Form #2 – Interest in Competitive Bidding

FORM 2 INTEREST IN COMPETITIVE BID FOR PUBLIC BUSINESS

LAST NAME. FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME	OFFICE POSITION HELD
MAILING ADDRESS	AGENCY
CITY ZIP COUNTY	ADDRESS OF AGENCY

WHO MUST FILE THIS STATEMENT

Sections 112.313(3) and 112.313(7), Florida Statutes, prohibit certain business relationships on the part of public officers and employees, their spouses, and their children. See Part III, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes and/or the brochure entitled "A Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers, Candidates and Employees" for more details on these prohibitions. However, Section 112.313(12), Florida Statutes (1983), provides certain limited exemptions to the above-referenced prohibitions, including one where the business is awarded under a system of sealed, competitive bidding; the public official has exerted no influence on bid negotiations or specifications; and where disclosure is made, prior to or at the time of the submission of the bid, of the official's or his spouse's or child's interest and the nature of the intended business. The Commission on Ethics has promulgated this form for such disclosure, if and when applicable to a public officer or employee.

INTEREST IN COMPETITIVE BID FOR PUBLIC BUSINESS (Required by 112.313(12)(b), Florida Statute (1983))

1. The competitive bid to which this statement applies has been/will be (strike one) submitted to the following government agency:

2. The person submitting the bid is Name Position

3. The business entity with which the person submitting the bid is associated is

4. My relationship to the person or business entity submitting the bid is as follows:

N/A

5. The nature of the business intended to the transacted in the event that this bid is awarded is as follows:
   a. The realty, goods and/or services to be supplied specifically include: _____
   b. The realty, goods and or services will be supplied for the following period of time _____
   c. Will the contract be subject to renewal without further competitive bidding? ___ Yes ___ No if so, how often? _____

6. Additional comments

7. Signature Date Signed Date Filed

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

If you are a state officer or employee required disclosing the information above, please filing this form with the Secretary of State at the Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. If you are an officer or employee of a political subdivision of this state and are subject to this disclosure, please file the statement with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which the agency in which you are serving has its principal office.

NOTICE: UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES #112.317 (1983), A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED $5,000.00.

Form #3 - Non-Collusive Affidavit

NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT
(Prime Contractor/Vendor)

State of FLORIDA

County of LEON

BRIAN D. BALLARD being first duly sworn, deposes and says that they are

PRESIDENT OF THE FIRM, the party making the fore-going solicitation
(Partner or officer of the firm, etc.)

is genuine and not collusive or sham; that said contractor/vendor has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any contractor/vendor or person, to put in a sham solicitation or to refrain from bidding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference, with any person, to fix the solicitation price of affiant or of any other contractor/vendor, or to fix overhead, profit or cost element of said solicitation price, or of that of any other contractor/vendor, or to secure any advantage against the City of Bradenton of any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in said solicitation are true.

(Contractor/ Vendor, *if the Contractor/vendor is an individual;*
Partner, if the Contractor/vendor is a partnership;
Officer, if the Contractor/vendor is a corporation)

BALLARD PARTNERS, INC.
(Company Name)

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by mean of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online, this 8/7/2024 by BRIAN D. BALLARD of BALLARD PARTNERS, INC., a C corporation on behalf of the Corporation. He/She is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

(Signature line for notary public)

CYNTHIA H. DAVIS
(Name of notary typed, printed or stamped)

(Title or rank)

CYNTHIA H. DAVIS
MY COMMISSION # HH 148455
EXPIRES: July 9, 2025
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

(Serial number, if any)

Form #4 - Public Entity Crimes

SWORN STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 287.133(3)(a), FLORIDA STATUTES, ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

This form must be signed and sworn to in the presence of a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths.

1. This sworn statement is submitted to City of Bradenton
(Print name of the public entity)

by BRIAN D. BALLARD
(Print individual's name and title)

for BALLARD PARTNERS, INC.
(Print name of entity submitting sworn statement)

whose business address is 201 EAST PARK AVENUE, 5TH FLOOR, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

(If applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is 59-3499504

(If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: On the attached sheet.) Required as per IRS Form W-9.

2. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(l)(g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including but not limited to, and bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or agency or political subdivision or any other state or of the Unites States, and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.

3. I understate that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July **1**, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict , nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

4. I understand that "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(l)(a), Florida Statutes, means:

    1. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime: or:

    2. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those offices, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members and agents who are active in the management of the affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.

5. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(l)(c), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of the entity.

Form #4 - Public Entity Crimes

6. **Based on information and belief, the statement, which I have marked below, is true in relation to the entity submitting those sworn statements.** (***Please indicate which statement applies.***)

X Neither the entity submitted this sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity nor affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

___ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, member, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

___ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, member, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. However, there has been subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearing and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer determined that it was not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list. (Attach a copy of the final order)

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (ONE) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT TIDS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WIDCH IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO OR ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM.

_____
(Signature)

AUGUST 7, 2024
(Date)

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by mean of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 7TH day of, AUGUST 2024 by BRIAN D. BALLARD.

CYNTHIA H. DAVIS
MY COMMISSION # HH 148455
EXPIRES: July 9, 2025
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

_____
(Signature of Notary Public – State of Florida)

CYNTHIA H. DAVIS
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

X personally known or _____ Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced _____

Form #5 - Negligence or Breach of Contract Disclosure Form

ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OR BREACH OF CONTRACT DISCLOSURE FORM

Please fill in the form below. Provide a sheet for each incident that has occurred over the past 10 years. Please compete in chronological order with the most recent incident on starting on page 1. Please do not modify this form or submit your own variation.

1.	Your Company Name					
2.	Type of Incident	**Place an X in the appropriate block.**	Alleged Negligence		Breach of Contract	
3.	Date of Incident					
4.	Who Took Action Against Your Company? (Include name, state, and City.)	N/A				
5.	What was the initial circumstance for this action?					
6.	What was the final outcome of this action?					

Make as many copies of this sheet as necessary in order to provide a 10-year history of the requested information. Provide this sheet to your primary partners that are listed in your proposal. If there is no action pending or action taken in the last 10 years, write 'NONE" on the page and return it with the company name completed.

Page Number: [ ] of [ ]

Update the page number to reflect the current page and the total number of pages. If you must use a separate sheet to continue an explanation please reference the page and item number on the separate sheet. Example: Page 3, Item 5.

Alternate Reporting: If you have too many lawsuits report the most recent 10 lawsuits. This may be done on a spreadsheet. Please include the name of the plaintiff (Do not include litigation with your company as the plaintiff), Date of filing, initial reason for circumstances, final outcome. Final outcome should include whether a monetary settlement was made. The amount may remain anonymous. In the blocks above enter, "See Enclosed Spreadsheet" of you use this alternate method

Form #6 -Drug-Free Workplace

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION

Preference shall be given to businesses with drug-free workplace programs. Pursuant to Section 287.087, Florida Statutes, whenever two or more competitive solicitations that are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received by the State or by any political subdivision for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a response received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. Established procedures for processing tie responses will be followed if none of the tied providers has a drug free workplace program. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.

2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.

3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under proposal a copy of the statement specified in Subsection (1).

4. In the statement specified in Subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under proposal, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 894, Florida Statutes, or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.

5. Impose a sanction on any employee who is so convicted or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program as such is available in the employee's community.

6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of applicable laws, rules and regulations.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

BRIAN D. BALLARD
CONTRACTOR VENDOR NAME

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Form #7 – Scrutinized Companies Form

CERTIFICATION REGARDING SCRUTINZED COMPANIES LISTS

Respondent Name: BALLARD PARTNERS, INC.

Respondent's Authorized Representative Name and Title: BRIAN D. BALLARD, PRESIDENT

Address: 201 EAST PARK AVENUE, 5TH FLOOR

City: TALLAHASSEE State: FL Zip: 32301

Phone Number: 850-577-0444 Respondent FEIN: 59-3499504

Email Address: ballard@ballardpartners.com

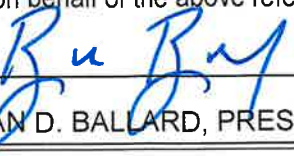
Section 287.135, Florida Statutes prohibits a company from bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing a contract for goods or services of any amount if, at the time of contracting or renewal, the company is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel. Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, also prohibits a company from bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing a contract for goods or services of $1,000,000 or more, that are on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector Lists which were created pursuant to s. 215.473, Florida Statutes.

Certification:

As the person authorized to sign on behalf of Respondent, I hereby certify that the company identified above in the section entitled "Respondent Vendor Name" is not listed on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List. I further certify that the company is not engaged in a boycott of Israel. I understand that pursuant to section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the submission of a false certification may subject company to civil penalties, attorney's fees, and/or costs.

Certified By: BRIAN D. BALLARD,

who is authorized to sign on behalf of the above referenced company.

Authorized Signature: 

Print Name and Title: BRIAN D. BALLARD, PRESIDENT

BALLARD | PARTNERS

City of Delray Beach
End of Session Report

March 22, 2024

2024 End of Session Report

The Legislature has now completed its nine-week Session and passed a budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. During the 2024 Legislative Session, several of the proposed bills were similar to legislation in previous years, and many of those bills that would have impacted the operations of local government failed to pass. Bills that did make it through the legislative process include legislation pertaining to affordable housing, vacation rentals, building permits, and public works projects among other issues.

Below are some of the most relevant bills to the City. In the interest of space this is only a brief summary so please let us know if you have any legislation that you would like more information regarding.

Appropriations

The House and Senate agreed on a $117.46 billion budget for the July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, fiscal year. This is roughly a $2 billion decrease from the current fiscal year budget of over $119 billion.

The Budget process began earlier than ever before. House & Senate members submitted 2,772 budget requests seeking more than $7.46 billion to help fund local projects and programs in the fiscal year that will start July 1, 2024.

The House included roughly 1,012 of them in their initial budget, usually at 50% of the amount requested. The Senate included 1,255 of them in their initial budget proposal at various ranges.

In the end, the final budget includes roughly 1,547 member projects, roughly 55% of the projects submitted, at various levels of funding. These are all now subject to review by the Governor and "line-item vetoes."

Below is a summary of your appropriations requests and their status in the Budget.

On an unspecified date between now and June 30th (the day before the beginning of the new Fiscal Year) the Legislature will send the budget to the Governor for his review and line-item vetoes. The list of line-item vetoes has traditionally been large with years totaling as high as over $3.1 billion while vetoing roughly several hundred individual line-items.

Below are your filed appropriations projects for the 2024 Legislative Session.

1) Delray Beach City Wide Crime Prevention Enhancements

HSE 2734 by Rep. Gossett-Seidman	Senate Form 2010 by Sen. Berman
Requesting: $1,000,000	Local Match: $0

The goal is to bring advanced technology to the City of Delray Beach in the form of License Plate Recognition cameras, CCTV cameras, and other technologies that can be feed into the Real-Time Crime Center to be monitored by sworn and civilian personnel to better safeguard residents and guests.

2) SW 8th Ave Roadway Restoration

HSE 2648 by Rep. Casello
Requesting: $1,000,000

Senate Form 2063 by Sen. Berman
Local Match: $ 1,000,000

The roadway of Southwest 8th Ave in Delray Beach has significant degradation issues causing sinking of the roadway in multiple areas due to lack of drainage and other right of way issues. This project will restore the roadway and improve the area to ensure roadway stays in service for residents and in good condition for years to come.

3) North Swinton Roadway & Underground Utility Improvements - Phase 2

HSE 2732 by Rep. Gossett-Seidman
Requesting: $1,500,000

Senate Form 3221 by Sen. Berman
Local Match: $ 1,000,000

Rehabilitation of existing roadway surfaces and underground infrastructure; Enhancements to public safety through improved roadway design, drainage, pedestrian & bicycle facilities and pedestrian-scale lighting; Preserving the character of the historic neighborhood; Maintaining the existing tree canopy.

4) Delray Beach Emergency Response Mobile Traffic Barrier & First Responder Protection

HSE 2647 by Rep. Casello
Requesting: $612,000

Senate Form 3192 by Sen. Berman
Local Match: $ 68,000

Emergency response mobile barrier functions as a blocker on highway incident responses designed to protect emergency first responders and the public from speeding vehicles. Tractor trailer design with a 45-foot trailer, Matrix signage board, 3,000 gallon water tank, Scorpion II truck mounted attenuator (TMA).

5) Orchard View Park Improvements

HSE 2733 by Rep. Gossett-Seidman
Requesting: $100,000

Senate Form 1436 by Sen. Berman
Local Match: $0

The funds requested will be for the purchase and installation of a new shade structure over the playground. This will encourage more visitors to the park during the afternoons and in the summer by providing relief from the hot sun.

In Approved FY 2024-2025 Budget

- **Delray Beach Emergency Response Mobile Traffic Barrier & First Responder Protection –** $306,000. Budget Line 2489A
- **Delray Beach N Swinton Roadway & Underground Utility Improvements - Phase 2** - $750,000. Budget Line 1732A
- **SW 8th Ave. Roadway Restoration** - $500,000. Budget Line 2069A

Congratulations! Now that the budget has been passed by the Legislature our attention turns towards the Governor's Office as the budget will be sent to him for his signature. In Florida, the Governor has line-item veto authority, meaning that he can veto any and all parts of the budget - including line items.

We will work with City staff to provide information to the Governor's Office about your projects, and why they should keep your projects in this year's budget. The Legislature can send the budget

to the Governor at any time between now and the next several months, and we will begin immediately to protect your projects from a line-item veto.

Policy Decisions within the FY 2024-2025 Budget

HB 5003 – Preemption of Leaf Blower Ordinances (Passed)

From time to time, policy decisions are embedded in the state budget and/or within related implementing bills that enact budgetary decisions. This year, in HB 5003, the implementing bill for the FY 2024-2025 Budget, a provision was added that preempts a county or municipal government from amending or adopting an ordinance that restricts or prohibits the operation of a leaf blower that uses an internal combustion engine or motor.

HB 5003, Section 74 –

In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1864 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, a county or municipal government may not amend or adopt an ordinance that restricts or prohibits the operation of a leaf blower that is powered by an internal combustion engine or motor. This section expires July 1, 2025.

HB 5003 passed the House by a 105-3 vote and passed the Senate by a unanimous 39-0 vote. The bill will be sent to the Governor for his review and approval.

HB 5001 – Cybersecurity Grants Program (Cut)

The legislature has decided to end the current iteration of the Cybersecurity Grants Program that awarded cybersecurity grants to many local governments throughout the state. All unspent funds at the end of the 2023-2024 fiscal year (which ends June 30, 2024), will revert to the Department of Management Services (DMS). The funding will be placed in a reserve and DMS will be authorized to submit budget amendments requesting release of these funds contingent upon a submission of a detailed spend plan which would include vendors, services provided, and local government recipients. No funds will be distributed to contracts that are not competitively procured.

HB 5001, Section 200 –

SECTION 200. The unexpended balance of funds provided to the Department of Management Services in Specific Appropriation 3013A of chapter 2023-239, Laws of Florida, shall revert and is appropriated to the department in Fiscal Year 2024-2025, in the Grants and Aids Cybersecurity Grants appropriation category, to provide nonrecurring assistance to local governments for the development and enhancement of cybersecurity risk management programs. The department shall include language in the local government agreements that releases the state from all liability related to cybersecurity incidents impacting the local government recipient. The funding shall be placed in reserve and the department is authorized to submit budget amendments requesting the release of these funds pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes. Release of these funds is contingent upon submission of a detailed spend plan, which shall include the vendors, services provided, and local

government recipients. No funds shall be distributed to contracts not competitively procured.

Legislation of Note

CS/HB 267 Residential Building Permits by Rep. Esposito (R-Lee) / SB 684 by Sen. DiCeglie (R-Pinellas) (Passed)

For a second consecutive year, there was an effort to reduce the timeframes for building permits. HB 267 and its Senate companion SB 684 shorten notification timeframes for a local government to contact an applicant for residential building permits, but the bills underwent significant revisions since its introduction. In our review, the final version of HB 267 does the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest.

HB 267 sets out the following timeframes for a local government to review, approve, approve with conditions, or deny a complete and sufficient permit application:

- Local governments have 5 business days (previously 10 calendar days) to provide written notice to an applicant after receipt of an application advising the applicant what information, if any, is needed to deem the application property completed and in compliance with the filing requirements published by the local government.
- Local governments have 30 business days (previously 120 days) to review a complete and sufficient application for the following building permits if the structure is less than 7,500 square feet: residential units, including a single-family residential unit or a single-family residential dwelling, accessory structure, alarm, electrical, irrigation, landscaping, mechanical, plumbing, or roofing.
- Local governments have 60 business days (previously 120 days) to review a complete and sufficient application for the following building permits if the structure is more than 7,500 square feet: residential units, including a single-family residential unit or a single-family residential dwelling, accessory structure, alarm, electrical, irrigation, landscaping, mechanical, plumbing, or roofing.
- Local governments have 60 business days after receiving a complete and sufficient application for an applicant using local government plans reviewer to obtain building permits for signs or nonresidential buildings that are less than 25,000 square feet.
- Local governments have 60 business days after receiving a complete and sufficient application for an applicant using local government plans reviewer to obtain building permits for multifamily residential not exceeding 50 units, site-plan approvals and subdivision plats not requiring public hearing or public notice, and lot grading and site alteration.
- Local governments have 12 business days after receiving a complete and sufficient application for an applicant using a master building permit to obtain a site-specific building permit.
- Local governments have 10 business days after receiving a complete and sufficient application for an applicant for single-family dwellings utilizing the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program.

HB 267 provides that a local enforcement agency does not have to reduce the building permit fee if it provides written notice to the applicant by email or U.S. Postal Service within the respective timeframes which specifically states the reasons the permit application fails to satisfy the Florida Building Code or the enforcing agency's laws or ordinances. The written notice must also state that the applicant has 10 business days after receiving the written notice to submit revisions to

correct the permit application and that failure to correct the application within 10 business days will result in a denial of the application.

If the applicant submits revisions within the 10 business days after receiving the written notice, the local enforcement agency has 10 business days to approve or deny the building permit, and if the local enforcement agency fails to issue or deny the building permit within the 10 business days after receiving the revisions, it must reduce the building permit fee by 20% (current law already allows for 10% fee reduction each business day after failing to meet deadline if no revisions are requested) for each business day that it fails to meet the deadline.

The bill reduces the timeframe that a local government must issue a building permit to a private provider who seals the plans to 10 days after receipt instead of 20 days. Additionally, the bill prohibits local governments from requiring a waiver of permit approval timeframes as a condition to review an application for a building permit.

HB 267 prohibits a local building code enforcement agency from auditing the performance of building code inspection services by private providers operating within the local jurisdiction until the local building code enforcement agency has created a manual for standard operating audit procedures for the local building code enforcement agency's internal inspection and review staff. At a minimum, the standard operating procedures must include the purpose and scope of the audit, audit criteria, an explanation of audit processes and objectives, and detailed findings of areas of noncompliance. The manual must be publicly available online or the printed manual must be readily accessible in building department offices.

The bill reduces the number of times a local government may audit a private provider from 4 times per month to 4 times per year and prohibits a local government from requiring a waiver of permit approval timeframes as a condition to review an application for a building permit. Additionally, the amendment provides an exemption from permit fee reductions required of local governments for not adhering to the new timeframes if the delay was attributable to a force majeure or other extraordinary circumstances.

HB 267 provides completing an internship program for residential building inspectors as a pathway for licensure as a residential building inspector.

HB 267 directs the Florida Building Commission to modify the Florida Building Code to state that sealed drawings by a design professional are not required for the replacement of windows, doors, or garage doors in an existing one-family or two-family dwelling or townhouse if several conditions are met.

CS/CS/CS/HB 267, Section 2 –

(g) The commission shall modify the Florida Building Code to state that sealed drawings by a design professional are not required for the replacement of windows, doors, or garage doors in an existing one-family or two-family dwelling or townhouse if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The replacement windows, doors, or garage doors are installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions for the appropriate wind zone.
2. The replacement windows, doors, or garage doors meet the design pressure requirements in the most recent version of the Florida Building Code, Residential.
3. A copy of the manufacturer's instructions is submitted with the permit application in a printed or digital format.

4. The replacement windows, doors, or garage doors are the same size and are installed in the same opening as the existing windows, doors, or garage doors.

HB 267 creates thermal efficiency standards for unvented attics and unvented enclosed rafter assemblies.

CS/CS/CS/HB 267, Section 7 –

553.9065 Thermal efficiency standards for unvented attic and unvented enclosed rafter assemblies.—
(1) Unvented attic and unvented enclosed rafter assemblies that are insulated and air sealed with a minimum of R-20 air-impermeable insulation meet the requirements of sections R402 of the Florida Building Code, 8th Edition (2023), Energy Conservation, if all of the following apply:
(a) The building has a blower door test result of less than 3 ACH50.
(b) The building has a positive input ventilation system or a balanced or hybrid whole-house mechanical ventilation system.
(c) If the insulation is installed below the roof deck and the exposed portion of roof rafters is not already covered by the R-20 air-impermeable insulation, the exposed portion of the roof rafters is insulated by a minimum of R-3 air-impermeable insulation unless directly covered by a finished ceiling. Roof rafters are not required to be covered by a minimum of R-3 air-impermeable insulation if continuous insulation is installed above the roof deck.
(d) All indoor heating, cooling, and ventilation equipment and ductwork is inside the building thermal envelope.
(2) The commission shall review and consider this section and any technical changes thereto and report such findings to the Legislature by December 31, 2024.

HB 267 passed each of its House committees of reference with substantial revisions at each committee stop. Two notable changes from the original bill are the use of business days in the final version of the bill as opposed to calendar days in the original bill. Using business days instead of calendar days gives local governments additional time to process building permit applications. Another substantial change is the removal of language in the original bill pertaining to plats which is the subject of HB 665/SB 812 (summarized further below in this report).

HB 267 passed the House by an 83-29 vote and passed the Senate by a 36-0 vote. The bill now heads to the Governor for his signature.

SB 280 Vacation Rentals by Sen. DiCeglie (R-Pinellas) / HB 1537 Vacation Rentals by Rep. Griffitts (R-Bay) (Passed)

Another bill that has been filed for many years pertains to vacation rentals. Sen. DiCeglie also sponsored a vacation rentals bill during the 2023 Session which passed the Senate before dying in the House on the last day of Session. Both bills underwent significant revisions since their introduction. In our review, the final version of SB 280 does the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest.

SB 280 regulates the vacation rental industry across the state. The bill defines an advertising platform and requires advertising platforms that receive payments from guests for the rental of a vacation rental located in Florida must collect and remit taxes.

SB 280, Section 1 –

1. An advertising platform that owns, operates, or manages a vacation rental or that is related within the meaning of s. 267(b), s. 707(b), or s. 1504 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to a person who owns, operates, or manages the vacation rental shall collect and remit all taxes due under this section and ss. 125.0104, 125.0108, 205.044, 212.0305, and 212.055 which are related to the rental.
2. An advertising platform to which subparagraph 1. does not apply shall collect and remit all taxes due from the owner, operator, or manager under this section and ss. 125.0104, 125.0108, 205.044, 212.0305, and 212.055 which are related to the rental. Of the total amount paid by the lessee or rentee, the amount retained by the advertising platform for reservation or payment services is not taxable under this section or ss. 125.0104, 125.0108, 205.044, 212.0305, and 212.055.

The bill allows a local government to require the registration of a vacation rental with a local vacation rental registration program, to impose a fine for failure to register under the vacation rental program, and to charge a "reasonable fee" per unit for processing an individual registration application and "reasonable fee" per unit for processing a renewal. A local government may charge a reasonable fee to inspect a vacation rental after registration to verify compliance with the Florid Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Previous versions of both SB 280 and HB 1537 listed a maximum fee (between $150-$300) for registration and a maximum fee for renewal ($50). By allowing a local government to charge a "reasonable fee," local governments will have the ability to set the fee at a price of their choosing as long as the fee can be justified based on measurable expenses such as staff costs, time, equipment among others.

SB 280, Section 3 –

(a) A local government may charge a reasonable fee per unit for processing a registration application. A local law, ordinance, or regulation may require annual renewal of a registration and may charge a reasonable renewal fee per unit for processing of a registration renewal. However, if there is a change of ownership, the new owner may be required to submit a new application for registration. Subsequent to the registration of a vacation rental, a local government may charge a reasonable fee to inspect a vacation rental after registration for compliance with the Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code, described in ss. 553.80 and 633.206, 491 respectively.

As a condition of registration, a local law ordinance or regulation may only require the owner or operator of a vacation rental to:

- Submit identifying information about the owner or owner's agent.

- Provide proof of license with a unique identifier issued by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants.
- Obtain all required tax registrations, receipts, or certificates issued by a county, or a municipal government.
- Update required information as necessary to ensure it is current.
- Designate and maintain at all times a responsible party who is capable of responding to complaints including being available by telephone at a provided contact telephone number 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- State the maximum occupancy of the vacation rental which does not exceed either two persons per bedroom, plus an additional two persons in one common area; or more than two persons per bedroom if there is at least 50 square feet per person, plus an additional two persons in one common area, whichever is greater.
- Pay in full all recorded municipal or county code liens against the property.

The bill requires a local government within 15 business days to review an application for registration of a vacation rental for completeness and accept the registration of the vacation rental or issue a written notice of denial. If a local government fails to accept or deny a registration within this timeframe, the application is deemed accepted, and a local government cannot prohibit an applicant from reapplying if the applicant cures the identified deficiencies.

A local government is required to assign a unique registration number to the vacation rental unit and provide the registration number or other indicia of registration to the vacation rental operator in writing or electronically.

A local government may fine a vacation rental up to $500 (previously $300 in earlier versions) for failing to meet registration requirements and for operating a vacation rental without registering with the local government. Before a local government can issue a fine for a violation, the local government must provide a vacation rental operator with 15 days to cure the violation.

The bill also outlines how a local government may enforce local law, ordinances, and regulations when a vacation rental owner is found to have committed violations.

SB 280, Section 3 –

2. If a code violation related to the vacation rental is found to be a material violation of a local law, ordinance, or regulation as described in subparagraph 1., the code enforcement board or special magistrate must make a recommendation to the local government as to whether a vacation rental registration should be suspended.
3. The code enforcement board or special magistrate must recommend the suspension of the vacation rental registration if there are:
    a. One or more violations on 5 separate days during a 60-day period;
    b. One or more violations on 5 separate days during a 30-day period; or
    c. One or more violations after two prior suspensions of the vacation rental registration.
    4. If the code enforcement board or special magistrate recommends suspension of a vacation rental registration, a local government may suspend such registration for a period of:
        a. Up to 30 days for one or more violations on 5 separate days during a 60-day period;

b. Up to 60 days for one or more violations on 5 separate days during a 30-day period; or

c. Up to 90 days for one or more violations after two prior suspensions of a vacation rental registration.

5. A local government may not suspend a vacation rental registration for violations of a local law, ordinance, or regulation which are not directly related to the vacation rental premises.

Additionally, a local government may revoke or refuse to renew a vacation rental registration if an owner's vacation rental registration has been suspended three times, if after a 60-day grace period – a county or municipal lien remains unsatisfied, or if a court order directs the termination of the premises as a vacation rental.

By July 1, 2025, the Division of Hotels and Restaurants (DHR) shall create and maintain a vacation rental information system that is readily accessible and facilitate prompt compliance, allow local government users to notify DHR of a termination, suspension, or a failure to renew a vacation rental and to verify the status of a vacation rental license.

DHR has the authority to revoke, refuse to issue or renew, or suspend for a period of not more than 30 days a license of a vacation rental for operating a vacation rental that violates a court order or property restriction; or for having a local registration suspended.

The bill grandfathers all local laws, ordinances, or regulations adopted on or before June 1, 2011, and also exempts any county law, ordinance or regulation initially adopted on or before January 1, 2016, that established county registration requirements for rental of vacation rentals and any amendment thereto adopted before January 1, 2024. Such county law, ordinance or regulation may not be amended or altered unless to be less restrictive or adopts this bill's registration requirements.

SB 280 passed each of its Senate committees of reference and passed the Senate by a 27-13 vote. SB 280 then passed the House with amendments by a 61-50 vote and passed the Senate one last time by a 23-16 vote.

The bill now goes to the Governor for his signature.

SB 328 Development by Sen. Catalayud (R-Miami-Dade) / HB 1239 by Rep. Lopez (R-Miami-Dade) (Passed)

Following last year's effort to boost affordable housing with the Live Local Act, SB 328 and its House Companion HB 1239 update several provisions of the Live Local Act. The provisions below are only for development projects that meet the requirements for affordable housing under the Live Local Act.

Both bills underwent significant revisions since their introduction. In our review, the final version of SB 328 does the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest.

The bill prohibits a county or municipality from restricting "floor area ratio" lower than 150% of what is currently allowed under the jurisdiction's current land development regulations. The bill also revises provisions pertaining to height restrictions to prohibit a local government from restricting the height of a proposed development below the highest currently allowed height for a commercial or residential building within 1 mile of the proposed development, and the bill also

allows for local government to restrict the building height of a proposed development to 150% of the tallest building adjacent to the property or 3 stories whichever is higher.

CS/CS/SB 328, Section 1 –

2. If the proposed development is adjacent to, on two or more sides, a parcel zoned for single-family residential use which is within a single-family residential development with at least 25 contiguous single-family homes, the county may restrict the height of the proposed development to 150 percent of the tallest building on any property adjacent to the proposed development, the highest currently allowed height for the property provided in the county's land development regulations, or 3 stories, whichever is higher. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "adjacent to" means those properties sharing more than one point of a property line, but does not include properties separated by a public road.

The bill gives local governments the authority to not approve a proposed development if that development is located within a quarter mile of a military installation and clarifies that airport-impacted areas are exempt from this legislation.

The bill requires a local government to reduce parking requirements by 20% if the development is located within one-half mile of a major transportation hub that is accessible from the proposed development by "safe, pedestrian-friendly" means such as crosswalks, sidewalks, and bike paths or if there is available parking within 600 feet of the development.

SB 328 requires local governments to eliminate parking requirements for a proposed mixed-use residential development authorized under the Live Local Act within an area recognized as a TOD (this language is from SB 386 by Sen. Osgood).

Local governments must authorize an affordable housing multifamily development in a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) only if the development is mixed-use residential and complies with other local requirements applicable to a TOD except for heigh, density, parking, and floor area ratio.

SB 328 requires that any development authorized under this Act must be treated as a conforming use even after the development's affordability period notwithstanding the county's comprehensive plan, future land use designation or zoning. And if at any point during the development's affordability period, the development violates the affordability requirement, the development must be allowed a "reasonable time" to cure such violation, but if the violation is not cured within a "reasonable time," the development must be treated as a nonconforming use.

The bill adds a new condition for affordable housing developments to meet in order to be eligible for tax exemption status. The new condition is that the development is a newly constructed multifamily project in an area of critical state concern that contains more than 10 units dedicated to housing natural persons or families that meet the income limitations provided in Florida Statutes.

SB 328 requires property appraisers to exempt 75% of the assessed value of the units in a multifamily project that meet the requirements of this Act and are used to house natural persons or families whose household income is greater than 80% but not more than 120% of the median gross income for households within a metropolitan statistical area.

The bill provides that property appraisers shall review Live Local development applications and determine whether applicants meet all the requirements and are entitled to an exemption. A

property appraiser may request and review additional information necessary to make such a determination. Additionally, SB 328 requires property appraisers to include proportionate share of the residential common areas, including the land, and fairly attributable to such a unit when determining the value of unit for the purpose of an exemption.

CS/CS/SB 328, Section 5 –

(7) When determining the value of a unit for purposes of applying an exemption pursuant to this section, the property appraiser must include in such valuation the proportionate share of the residential common areas, including the land, fairly attributable to such unit.

Lastly, the bill allocates $100 million in non-recurring funds to the State Housing Trust Fund for use by the Florida Housing Corporation to implement the Florida Hometown Hero Program.

SB 328 passed unanimously through each of its Senate committees of reference and on the Senate Floor by a 40-0 vote. SB 328 then passed the House by a 112-1 vote. The bill now goes to the Governor for his signature.

HB 609 Local Business Taxes by Rep. Botana (R-Lee) / SB 1144 Local Business Taxes by Sen. DiCeglie (R-Pinellas) (Failed)

HB 609 aimed to eliminate local business taxes. In our review, the bill did the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest. The bill in its original form repealed the ability for local governments to levy a local business tax. The effective date for this act if it became law, was July 1, 2024.

The bill was revised and no longer eliminated local business taxes, but instead capped the revenue a local government could receive from a local business tax program to total revenue received for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. In addition, HB 609 provided that an ordinance enacted prior to July 1, 2024, could not increase, or otherwise modify the tax rate structure other than repealing the tax rate structure. The amended bill also exempted fiscally constrained counties and municipalities from fiscally constrained counties.

HB 609 passed all of its House committees of reference along party lines but was not heard on the House Floor. SB 1144 was never heard in the Senate, and both bills died at the end of session.

HB 47 Municipal Water & Sewer Utility Rates by Rep. Robinson (D-Miami-Dade) / SB 104 Sen. Jones (D-Miami-Dade) (Failed)

HB 47 and a similar bill SB 104 required a municipality that operates a water or sewer utility outside its municipal boundaries to charge consumers outside its boundaries the same rate, fees, and charges if the consumers are located in the municipality where the facility is located. In our review, the bill did the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest.

HB 47, Section 1 –

(2) Any municipality within this state that operates a water or sewer utility providing service to customers in another recipient municipality using a facility or water or sewer plant located in the recipient municipality shall charge consumers in the recipient

municipality the same rates, fees, and charges as it charges the consumers within its own municipal boundaries.

HB 47 passed all of its House committees of reference overwhelmingly. The bill was ready for the House Floor but was not heard again.

SB 104 passed its first two Senate committees of reference unanimously but was not heard in the Senate again. As a result, both bills died at the end of Session.

HB 1277 Municipal Water or Sewer Utility Rates, Fees, and Charges by Rep. Busatta Cabrera (R-Miami-Dade) (Failed)

HB 1277 is a bill that had been filed during previous legislative sessions. In our review, the bill did the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest. HB 1277 capped the surcharge municipalities that operates an electric, natural gas or wastewater utility may apply to consumers outside of their jurisdiction to 25% and limited the portion of municipal utility revenues that may be used to fund or finance a municipality's non-utility related government functions.

HB 1277, Section 1 –

(2)(a) A municipality that owns and operates an electric, natural gas, water, or wastewater utility may fund or finance general government functions using a portion of the revenues generated from rates, fees, and charges for the provision of such utility service. The portion of utility revenues that may be used during a fiscal year to fund or finance general government functions, after payment of all utility expenses, may not exceed:

1. For revenues generated from electric utility operations, a transfer rate equal to the amount derived by applying the average of the midpoints of the rates of return on equity approved by the Public Service Commission for each investor-owned electric utility in the state to the municipal electric utility's revenues.

2. For revenues generated from natural gas utility operations, a transfer rate equal to the amount derived by applying the average of the midpoints of the rates of return on equity approved by the Public Service Commission for each investor-owned natural gas utility in the state to the municipal natural gas utility's revenues.

3. For revenues generated from water or wastewater operations, a transfer rate equal to the amount derived by applying the rate of return on equity established by the Public Service Commission under s. 367.081(4)(f) to the revenues of the municipal water or wastewater utility.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), the transfer rate applied to municipal utility revenues under subparagraphs (a)1.

3. shall be reduced as follows:

1. If more than 15 percent of a municipal utility's retail customers, as measured by total meters served, are located outside the municipal boundaries, the

transfer rate applied to utility revenues shall be reduced by 150 basis points.

2. If more than 30 percent of a municipal utility's retail customers, as measured by total meters served, are located outside the municipal boundaries, the transfer rate applied to utility revenues shall be reduced by 300 basis points.

3. If more than 45 percent of a municipal utility's retail customers, as measured by total meters served, are located outside the municipal boundaries, the transfer rate applied to utility revenues shall be reduced by 450 basis points.

(c) The reductions specified in paragraph (b) do not apply to a municipal utility service if the utility service is governed by a utility authority board that, through the election of voting members from outside the municipal boundaries, provides for representation of retail customers located outside the municipal boundaries approximately proportionate to the percentage of such customers, as measured by total meters served, that receive service from the utility.

The bill also included a provision that requires a municipality operating a water or sewer utility that provides that service to consumers within the boundaries of a separate municipality through the use of a water treatment plan or sewer treatment plant located within the boundaries of a separate municipality may charge consumers in the separate municipality no more than the rates, fees, and charges imposed on consumers inside its own municipal boundaries.

In committee, the bill was amended to require a public meeting to solicit public input before a new, extended, renewed, or materially amended agreement for the provision of municipal utility services to customers located in another municipality or unincorporated area.

The amendment also required annual customer meetings to be held in service areas located in another jurisdiction and required that those meetings be held in conjunction with public meetings for the governing bodies where the service is provided. In addition, the amendment limited municipalities from using more than 10% of gross revenues generated from utility services rendered to customers in another jurisdiction towards general government functions and requires the annual reporting of data relating to the provision of municipal utility service to customers located in another jurisdiction.

The bill required that a municipality that offers utility services must be represented by an executive-level leadership employee at the annual customer meeting. The bill also required that excess utility revenues over the 10% cap must be reinvested back into the municipal utility or returned to customers living outside their jurisdiction.

The bill passed all of its House committees of reference overwhelmingly, and while it was ready to be heard on the House Floor, HB 1277 was not heard again. As a result, the bill died at the end of Session.

SB 472 Sovereign Immunity by Sen. Brodeur (R-Seminole) / HB 569 by Rep. McFarland (R-Sarasota) (Failed)

For another session, Sovereign Immunity continued to be an issue of discussion. SB 472 and its comparable House Bill HB 569 amended statutory limits on liability for tort claims against the state, its agencies & subdivisions.

In our review, the bills did the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it was of interest. The bills raised the tort limits set in 2010 from a $200,000 individual limit and a $300,000 limit per occurrence to a $400,000 personal limit and a $600,000 per occurrence.

SB 472, Section 1 -

Neither the state nor its agencies or subdivisions are ~~shall be~~ liable to pay a claim or a judgment by any one person which exceeds the sum of $400,000 ~~$200,000~~ or any claim or judgment, or portions thereof, which, when totaled with all other claims or judgments paid by the state or its agencies or subdivisions arising out of the same incident or occurrence, exceeds the sum of $600,000 ~~$300,000~~. However, a judgment or judgments may be claimed and rendered in excess of these amounts ~~and may be settled~~ and paid pursuant to this act up to $400,000 or $600,000 ~~$200,000 or $300,000~~, as the case may be; and that portion of the judgment that exceeds these amounts may be reported to the Legislature, and ~~but~~ may be paid in part or in whole only by further act of the Legislature.

The bills also allow for the Department of Financial Services to adjust the limitation of liability to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for the Southeast as calculated by the United States Department of Labor.

SB 472, Section 1 -

(f) Beginning July 1, 2025, and every July 1 thereafter, the Department of Financial Services shall adjust the limitations of liability in this subsection to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for the Southeast or a successor index as calculated by the United States Department of Labor.

The bills are a continuation of the effort in previous years to raise or eliminate a local government's cap on the amount that can be awarded to an individual by a court in a civil action. Even though these bills eventually failed they were moving in both Chambers with almost unanimous votes for most of the Session and died because the Chambers did not agree on how to raise the cap.

This is likely not the last time we will see this issue filed so here is a "play by play" on how the bills changed.

The Senate bill passed its first committee of reference by a 5-1 vote, and the bill was amended to enact the Consumer Price Index rate adjustment as of July 1, 2029, and every 5 years thereafter. The bill also allowed for a pollical subdivision (but not the state or an agency) to agree to settle a claim in excess of the sovereign immunity cap without further action from the state.

In the Senate's second Committee, SB 472 was once again amended to limit a CPI-based rate adjustment to a maximum increase of 3% every five years, and the amendment provided that the determination of liability limits is based on the limitations that are in effect at the time of the

incident rather than the date of final judgement. SB 472 passed the Appropriations Committee unanimously by a 15-0 vote.

In its final committee, the Senate Rules Committee unanimously passed it by a 19-0 vote. In this committee the bill was amended to reduce the tort limits to $300,000 per individual and $500,000 per incident (previously the bill had limits of $400,000 per individual and $600,000 per incident).

The House passed its first committee of reference (House Civil Justice Subcommittee) by a 17-1 vote, and its second committee of reference (House Appropriations Committee) unanimously with a 27-0 vote. The bill was amended to keep the current 25% cap on attorney fees, and the bill eliminated the provision requiring a CPI-based rate calculation to determine liability caps.

If passed and approved by the Governor, the bill would have been effective October 1, 2024.

HB 157 Governing Body Meetings by Rep. Caruso (R-Broward) / SB 894 by Sen. Bradley (R-Duval) (Failed)

HB 157 authorized governing bodies of municipalities to convene meetings and conducting official business via teleconferencing or other technological means as long as such meeting meet all of the requirements for public notice, public access and public participation. In our review, the bill did the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest.

The bill limited the use of teleconferencing to twice per calendar year, and the meetings could not include formal action on ordinances or are quasi-judicial hearings.

HB 157, Section 1 –

(3)(a) The governing body of a municipality may convene meetings and conduct official business via teleconferencing or other technological means as long as such meetings meet all of the requirements for public notice, public access, and public participation. A governing body may not convene meetings via teleconferencing or other technological means more than two times per calendar year. Meetings that include formal action on ordinances or are quasi-judicial hearings may not be conducted via teleconferencing or other technological means.

SB 894 passed its first and second Senate committees of reference unanimously, but the bill was not heard again.

HB 157 had three committees of reference in the House and was never heard. Both bills died at the end of session.

SB 184 Impeding, Threatening, or Harassing First Responders by Sen. Avila (R-Miami-Dade) / HB 75 by Rep. Rizo (R-Miami-Dade) (Passed)

SB 184 and its House Companion HB 75 establish a buffer zone (originally 14 feet) between first responders and the public when first responders are performing their duties. In our review, the bill does the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest.

The bills establish criminal penalties (first-degree misdemeanor) for an individual that "interrupt, disrupt, hinder, impede, or interfere" with a first responder's ability to perform their duty after being warned.

SB 184, Section 1 –

843.31 Approaching a first responder after a warning with intent to impede, threaten, or harass.—
(1) As used in this section, the term:
(a) "First responder" includes a law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), a correctional probation officer as defined in s. 943.10(3), a firefighter as defined in s. 784.07, and an emergency medical care provider as defined in s. 784.07.
(b) "Harass" means to engage in a course of conduct directed at a first responder which causes substantial emotional distress in that first responder.
(2)(a) It is unlawful for a person, after receiving a warning not to approach from a first responder who is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty, to violate such warning and approach or remain within 14 feet of the first responder with the intent to:
1. Interrupt, disrupt, hinder, impede, or interfere with the first responder's ability to perform such duty;
2. Threaten the first responder with physical harm; or
3. Harass the first responder by interfering with the first responder performing such duty.
(b) A person who violates this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

SB 184 passed all of its Senate committees overwhelmingly and passed the Senate by a unanimous 39-0 vote.

HB 75 passed its first committee of reference (House Criminal Justice) by a 17-1 vote and its second committee of reference (House Judiciary) by a 17-4 vote.

In the committee the bill was amended to add a provision that peaceful photographing does not constitute harassment and peaceful audio or video recording, photographing or observing a first responder does not constitute harassment. Additionally, the amendment removed the prohibition against physically preventing a first responder from performing their lawful duties and clarified that a threat to a first responder as defined in the bill means a threat of physical harm.

On the House Floor, SB 184 was substituted for HB 75, and SB 184 was amended and passed by the House by an 85-27 vote. SB 184 was amended to reflect the language of HB 75 with an additional change to the length of the buffer zone between first responders and members of the public from 14 feet to 25 feet, and the amendment changed the level of criminal offense from a first-degree misdemeanor to a second-degree misdemeanor.

SB 184 was sent back to the Senate for a final vote, and the bill passed by a 39-1 vote. The bill now goes to the Governor for his signature.

HB 465 Postsecondary Education Students by Rep. Temple (R-Sumter) / SB 470 by Sen. Ingoglia (R-Hernando) (Failed)

HB 465 and its Senate Companion SB 470 required post-secondary educational institutions to report students promoting foreign terrorist organizations to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In our review, the bill did the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest.

SB 184, Section 1 –

(3) A public postsecondary educational institution must report through the Student and Exchange Visitor Program of the United States Department of Homeland Security, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. s. 214.3(g)(2)(ii), information relating to the current status of a student who is attending the institution on an F-1 student visa if that student promotes any foreign terrorist organization. For the purposes of this section, the term "foreign terrorist organization" has the same meaning as in s. 1009.01(4).

The bills defined the term "Foreign terrorist organization" to mean organizations designed by the U.S. Department of State as a foreign organization that engages in or has the capability and intent to engage in terrorist activity.

The bills would have assessed students who promoted a foreign terrorist organization during any term of their enrollment the out-of-state fees during that term and any subsequent terms of enrollment.

The bills also would have prohibited students who promoted a foreign terrorist organization from receiving scholarships, grants, and other student aid.

SB 184, Section 6 –

1009.8963 Prohibition on awarding of scholarships, grants, and other aid.—A student who promotes a foreign terrorist organization during any term of his or her enrollment may not be awarded any institutional or state grants, financial aid, scholarships, or tuition assistance under this chapter during that term and any subsequent term of enrollment.

HB 465 passed its first committee of reference (House Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee) by an 11-4 vote, but the bill was not heard again in the House. SB 470 was never heard in the Senate, and both bills died at the end of session.

HB 479 Alternative Mobility Systems by Rep. Robinson, W. (R- Manatee) / SB 688 by Sen. Martin (R-Lee) (Passed)

Bills that underwent multiple revisions this year, HB 479 and its Senate Companion SB 688 seek to keep mobility fees in the jurisdiction impacted by a development or redevelopment. In our review, the bill does the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest.

The bills allow for local governments to create an alternative mobility transportation plan that promotes compact, mixed-use, and interconnected development served by a multimodal transportation system in an area that is deemed urban in character.

Rep. Robinson filed similar legislation the last two years, and the bill was heard twice during the 2022 Legislative Session before dying the House Commerce Committee.

This year, the original bills state, only a local government issuing the building permit may charge for transportation impacts within its jurisdiction. Additionally, the bills prohibit local government from charging a new development or redevelopment for the same transportation impacts.

HB 479, Section 2 –

(j) Only the local government issuing the building permit may charge for transportation impacts within its jurisdiction. Such local government must collect and account for any extrajurisdictional impacts pursuant to s. 163.3177(6)(h), regardless of whether it implements a transportation concurrency system or an alternative system. A local government may not charge new development or redevelopment for the same transportation impacts.

HB 479 passed unanimously through its first two committees in the House and passed its third committee of reference (House Commerce Committee) by an 18-3 vote.

SB 688 passed its first committee of reference (Senate Community Affairs) unanimously by an 8-0 vote and passed its second committee (Senate Transportation) by a 4-1 vote.

SB 688 passed its final committee of reference (Senate Rules) by a unanimous 19-0 vote. In this committee the bill was amended substantially to require a county and municipality charging overlapping transportation-related impact fees to execute an interlocal agreement that at a minimum, ensures that any new development or redevelopment is not charged twice for the same transportation capacity impacts, establishes a plan based methodology for determining a permissible fee charged to a new development or redevelopment, requires the local government issuing the building permit to collect the fees unless otherwise agreed to, and provides a method for proportionate distribution of revenue collected by the transportation capacity impact fees.

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(j)1. If a county and municipality charge the developer of a new development or redevelopment a fee for transportation capacity impacts, the county and municipality must create and execute an interlocal agreement to coordinate the mitigation of their respective transportation capacity impacts.
2. The interlocal agreement must, at a minimum:
a. Ensure that any new development or redevelopment is not charged twice for the same transportation capacity impacts.
b. Establish a plan-based methodology for determining the legally permissible fee to be charged to a new development or redevelopment.
c. Require the county or municipality issuing the building permit to collect the fee, unless agreed to otherwise.
d. Provide a method for the proportionate distribution of the revenue collected by the county or municipality to address the transportation capacity impacts of a new development or redevelopment, or provide a method of assigning

responsibility for the mitigation of the transportation capacity impacts belonging to the county and the municipality.

If by October 1, 2025, an interlocal agreement between a county and municipality is not in place, the fee charged to a new development or redevelopment will be based on the transportation capacity impacts apportioned to the county and municipality as identified in the developer's traffic impact study or the mobility plan adopted by the county or municipality. Additionally, if there is no interlocal agreement, the developer will receive a 10% reduction in the total fee calculated, the county or municipality issuing the building permit must collected the fee charged and distribute the proceeds of such fee to the county and municipality withing 6 days after the developer's payment.

The amendment adds that home rule charter counties and a county and municipality that has entered into or updated an existing interlocal agreement as of October 1, 2024, are exempted from the above changes. But if the existing interlocal agreement is terminated, the affected county and municipality would be subject to the new provisions.

Further, the amendment specifies that the impact fee study is based on data generated within 4 years after adoption of a revised impact fee. The new impact fee study must be adopted by the local government within 12 months after the initiation of the new impact fee study if the local government increases the impact fee.

HB 479 was amended on the House Floor to reflect the changes made to SB 688 in the Senate Rules Committee. HB 479 passed unanimously by a 115-0 vote and was sent over to the Senate for a final vote. HB 479 passed the Senate by a 39-1 vote, and the bill now heads to the Governor for his signature.

HB 503 Limitation on Local Fees for Virtual Offices by Rep. Fabricio (R-Miami-Dade) / SB 578 by Sen. Ingoglia (R-Hernando) (Failed)

HB 503 and SB 578 was another effort by the Legislature to reduce fees for local businesses. In our review, the bill did the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest. The bill prohibited a county, municipality, or local government from imposing levying or collecting fees relating to the use of a virtual office.

A virtual office was defined in the bill as an office that provides communications services, such as telephone or facsimile services, and address services without providing dedicated office space.

HB 503 passed its first committee of reference (House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee) unanimously by a 14-0 vote and passed its second committee of reference (House Ways & Means) unanimously by a 21-0 vote. HB 503 again passed unanimously through its final committee of reference (House State Affairs) by a 20-0 vote. The bill was ready for the House Floor, but it was never heard again.

SB 578 had three committees of reference in the Senate and was never heard in the Senate. Both bills died at the end of Session.

HB 665 Expedited Approval of Residential Building Permits by Rep. McClain (R-Marion) / SB 812 by Sen. Ingoglia (R-Hernando) (Passed)

HB 665 aims to expedite the building permitting process across the state. In our review, the bill does the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest.

In its original form, HB 665 requires a county with 75,000 residents or more and a municipality with 30,000 residents by August 15, 2024, to create a program to expedite the process for issuing building permits for residential subdivisions or planned communities in accordance with Florida Building Code before a final plat is recorded with the clerk of circuit court. The expedited process must include an application for an applicant to identify the percentage of planned homes that the governing body must issue for the residential subdivision or planned community, not to exceed 50% of the residential subdivision or planned community. The bill does not restrict a local government from issuing building permits that exceed 50% of the residential subdivision or planned community.

If a local government already had a program in place before July 1, 2023, to expedite the building permit process, the local government need only update their program to approve an applicants' written application to issue up to 50% of the building permits for the residential subdivision or planned community.

By December 31, 2028, the local government's expedited processed must contain an application for an applicant to identity the percentage, up to 75% of planned homes that the local government must issue for the residential subdivision or planned community.

In addition, the bill requires a local government to set up a two-step application process that includes the adoption of a preliminary plat and a final plat to expedite the issuance of building permit, and it requires a local government to maximize its administrative processes to expedite the review and approval of applications, plats, and plans. The master building permit is valid for 3 consecutive years after its issuance or until the adoption of a new Florida Building Code, whichever is later. After a new building code is adopted, the applicant may apply for a new master building permit, which upon approval, is valid for 3 consecutive years.

The bill allows for an applicant to use a private provider to review a preliminary plat and building permit for each residential building or structure and allows local governments to work with its agencies to issue an address and a temporary parcel identification number for local lines and lot sizes based on the metes and bounds of the plat contained in the application.

HB 665 requires a local government to issue a certain number or percentage of building permits in their application in accordance with the Florida Building Code provided that the residential buildings or structures are unoccupied, and all of the following conditions are met:

HB 665, Section 1 –

(a) The governing body has approved a preliminary plat for each residential building or structure.
(b) The applicant provides proof to the governing body that the applicant has provided a copy of the approved preliminary plat, along with the approved plans, to the relevant electric, water, and wastewater utilities.
(c) The applicant holds a valid performance bond for up to 130 percent of the necessary utilities, roads, and stormwater improvements that have not been completed upon submission of the application under this section. For purposes of master planned communities, as defined in s. 163.3202(5)(b), a valid performance bond is required on a phase-by-phase basis.

The bill requires an applicant to indemnify and hold harmless the local government and its agents and employees from damages accruing and directly related to the issuance of a building permit for a residential building or structure located in the residential subdivision or planned community before the approval and recording of the final plat by the governing body. This includes damage resulting from fire, flood, construction defects, and bodily injury.

HB 665 passed its first committee of reference (House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee) by a 11-2 vote, and the bill was amended in the committee to make a series of changes. The amendment clarifies that the applicant must commence construction and continue to develop the property in good faith in order to obtain vested rights. The amendment also requires a local government to obtain written consent of the applicant before making substantial changes to the preliminary plat.

The amendment changes the dates by which a local government must allow us to obtain a certain number of permits. The deadline for local governments to allow an applicant to obtain 50% of permits is moved from August 1, 2024, to October 1, 2024, and the deadline for local governments to allow an applicant to obtain 75% of permits is moved one year earlier from December 1, 2028, to December 1, 2027.

The amendment exempts Monroe County from the requirement for local government to issue certain percentages of permits for a preliminary plat, and states that the master building permit is valid for 3 consecutive years after its issuance or until the adoption of a new Florida Building Code, whichever is earlier – not later as was initially written.

HB 665 passed its second committee of reference (House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee) by a 10-5 vote and passed its third committee of reference (House Commerce Committee) by a 12-5 vote.

In the Commerce Committee the bill was further amended to define the term "qualified contractor" and requires local governments to establish a registry of at least 3 qualified contractors that the local government may use to supplement staff resources to expedite the review of applications.

SB 812 passed its first committee of reference (Senate Community Affairs) unanimously by an 8-0 vote, and was amended to mirror HB 665. In its second committee (Senate Regulated Industries) the bill once again passed unanimously by a 6-0 vote. The bill was amended to provide that an application or the local government's final approval may not alter or restrict the applicant from receiving the number of building permits requested so long as the request does not exceed 50% of the planned homes in the residential subdivision or planned community or the number of building permits.

SB 812 passed its last committee of reference (Senate Rules) by a unanimous 17-0 vote. In the committee, the bill was amended to require local governments to establish a registry of at least 3 qualified contractors that the local government may use to supplement staff resources to expedite the review of applications.

SB 812 was amended on the Senate Floor to update the eligibility criteria once again for local municipalities to be a municipality with a population over 10,000 residents or municipalities with 25 or more acres of contiguous land that the local government has designated in a local government comprehensive plan and future land use map as agricultural or to be dedicated for residential purposes.

With the amendment, SB 812 passed unanimously off the Senate floor by a 40-0 vote and was sent to the House.

SB 812 was substituted for HB 665, and SB 812 passed the House by an 89-25 vote. SB 812 now goes to the Governor for his signature.

HB 1221 Land Use and Development Regulations by Rep. McClain (R- Marion) / SB 1184 by Sen. Ingoglia (R-Hernando) (Failed)

In our review, the bill did the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest. HB 1221 required local government to grant a rezoning to the owner of a parcel of land defined as an agricultural enclave regardless of the future land use map designation of the parcel and any conflicting comprehensive plan goals, objectives or policies if the owner's rezoning request includes land uses, densities and intensities of use that are consistent with the approved uses, densities and intensities of use of the industrial, commercial, or residential areas that surround the parcel.

In the bill, a local government was prohibited from requiring a comprehensive plan amendment related to the application and could not enact or enforce land development regulations for agricultural enclaves that were more burdensome than for other types of applications for uses with comparable site conditions. A local government was prohibited from denying an application if it proposes only single family residential use at a density that did not exceed the average density allowed by future land use designations on those adjacent parcels that allow a density of at least one dwelling unit per acre, and a local government was required to schedule the application for hearing at the next regularly schooled hearing after the application was filed and following proper public notice.

The bill prohibited optional elements of a comprehensive plan from restricting the density or intensity established in the future land use element and provided that a future land use element must discourage the proliferation of urban sprawl by planning for future development as provided in this bill.

The bill required an adopted comprehensive plan to establish minimum lot sizes within single-family, two-family, and single-family townhouse zoning districts to accommodate the maximum density authorized in the comprehensive plan and to provide standards for infill residential development. A local government was required to administratively approve an application for infill development without needing to amend the comprehensive plan, rezone, provide a variance when the infill development has the same or less gross density as the existing development and is generally consistent with the development standards including lot size and setbacks of the existing development. A development order issued for development pursuant to this bill would have been deemed consistent with all applicable local government comprehensive plans and land development regulations.

HB 1221 passed its first committee of reference (House Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee) by a 12-5 vote, and in this committee, the bill was amended to remove the provisions related to agricultural enclaves. The amendment also required local governments to not deem the expansion of a self-storage facility that is adjacent to and abutting an existing self-storage facility that is owned in managed by the same person or entity as a new self-storage facility for minimum distance requirements imposed by local ordinances. The amendment also added a severability clause allowing all other parts of this bill to be enacted in the event a portion of the bill was ruled invalid by a court.

HB 1221 passed its second and final committee of reference (House Commerce Committee) by an 11-4 vote. In this committee the bill was amended to add a provision allowing a final order or decision made regarding a historically significant property by a historic preservation board or commission established by a municipal charter or ordinance to be appealed to the board of county

commissioners of the county in which the municipality is located. The board of county commissioners would have been required to hold a public hearing on the appeal within 30 days after receipt of notice of the appeal, and the board of county commissioners after the public hearing could approve or reject the final order or decision. The board of county commissioners' decision would have been final.

Another amendment prohibited a local government from mandating a particular professionally accepted methodology or reject a professionally accepted methodology utilized in support of a comprehensive plan amendment.

HB 1221 was not heard again after passing its two committees of reference, and its Senate Companion SB 1184 was not heard in any committee in the Senate. Both bills died at the end of session.

SB 742 Public Works Projects by Sen. Grall (R-St. Lucie) / HB 705 by Rep. Shoaf (R-Gulf) (Passed)

SB 742 and its House Companion HB 705 revise the definition of the term "public works project". In our review, the bills do the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bills if they are of interest.

Presently, the definition of "public works project" means an activity paid for with state-appropriated funds. This legislation adds local funding to the definition.

Currently, the bidding process for projects that receive solely state funding cannot prevent certified, license, or registered contractors, subcontractors, or material suppliers or carries from participating due to geographic location of the company headquarters or offices of the contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier submitting a bid.

By changing the definition, public works projects that include both state and local funding would be prohibited from barring certified, license, or registered contractors, subcontractors, or material suppliers or carries from participating due to geographic location. The definition change would also prohibit a local government from requiring a contractor to provide specified pay and benefits.

The bill does not apply to a political subdivision that contracts for a public works project for which the sole source of funding is from that political subdivision.

SB 742 passed its first committee of reference (Senate Community Affairs) by a 6-2 vote. At the committee meeting, the bill was amended to include an exception for the provision of goods, services, or work incidental to the public works project such as security services, janitorial services, landscaping services, maintenance services, and transportation services.

SB 742 passed its second committee of reference (Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability), by a 4-2 vote, and passed its last committee of reference (Senate Rules) by a 11-5 vote.

HB 705 passed its first committee of reference (House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee) by a 10-5 vote. In its first committee stop, the bill was amended to remove the exception from the bill if a local government was the sole source of funding.

HB 705 passed its second committee of reference (House State Affairs) by a 14-6 vote. HB 705 was amended on the House Floor to match SB 742 by including an exception for the provision of goods, services, or work incidental to the public works project such as security services, janitorial

services, landscaping services, maintenance services, and transportation services. HB 705 passed the House by an 80-32 vote and was sent to the Senate.

The Senate substituted HB 705 for SB 742, and HB 705 passed the Senate by a 28-12 vote. The bill will now go to the Governor to await his signature.

SB 734 Government Accountability by Sen. Ingoglia (R-Hernando) / HB 735 by Rep. Andrade (R-Escambia) (Failed)

SB 734 and its identical House companion HB 735 was an all-encompassing bill that updated ethics policies statewide. In our review, the bill did the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest.

The bill prohibited the contract renewal of a county administrator, county attorney, city chief executive officer, city attorney, school district superintendent, and school board attorney within 8 months of a general election unless the governing body's vote for renewal is unanimous.

The legislation prohibited a public officer, an employee of an agency, a local government attorney, or a candidate for nomination or election from soliciting or accepting anything of value from a foreign country of concern.

The bill also required lobbyists to register before any local government or agency in the state and requires local governments to institute an electronic and publicly searchable lobbyist registration system whereby lobbyists and their principals are listed. Local governments would have been allowed to use the legislative branch or executive branch lobbying forms in lieu of creating their own.

Lobbyists would have been required to update their registration upon termination of representation of a principal and must file their registration by 11:59 p.m. the day that representation began. Local governments would have also been required to investigate sworn complaints or alleged violations of the lobbyist registration system, and if unable to do so, the Florida Commission on Ethics would assume responsibility for such investigations.

The bill did not preempt a local government's lobbyist registration ordinance established before July 1, 2024, but would have superseded if there are conflicts between the local ordinance and this act.

The bill also allowed local governments to use teleconferencing technology for a public meeting if there were two members of the governing body physically present.

SB 734 passed its first committee of reference (Senate Community affairs) by a unanimous 7-0 vote. In the committee, the bill was amended to remove requirements for local governments to use the executive branch electronic system for lobbyist registrations and allow for local governments to use a system already in place. In addition, the amendment removed a provision that allowed a member of a local governing board to be deemed "present" at official meetings by virtual means.

In its second committee of reference (Senate Ethics and Elections Committee), SB 734 was once again passed unanimously (8-0 vote) and was amended to create a public searchable local lobbyist registration system administered by the Florida Commission on Ethics. The amendment also removed provisions allowing local governments to charge a fee related to the administration of a local lobbyist registration system and would have preempted all already established local ordinances and charter provisions pertaining to a local lobbyist registration system.

SB 734 had one committee of reference remaining and was not heard again in the Senate.

HB 735 passed its first committee of reference (House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee) by a 14-0 vote and passed the House State Affairs Committee by a 14-3 vote.

The bill was amended in this committee to exempt mayors and elected members of a municipality governing body from filing a Form 6 disclosure if the municipality had a population of less than 500 persons. The amended bill also required the Commission on Ethics to administer a system of registration of lobbyists for local governments and required the Commission to investigate violations of lobbyist registration requirements. The amended bill required governing bodies of municipalities to place proposed charter amendments on the ballot of the next general election held in the county, the next municipal election or a special election called for that purpose, whichever is earliest.

HB 735 was amended on the House Floor to remove the Form 6 exemption for mayors and elected members of a municipality governing body whose population was less than 500 people. Following the amendment, both bills were not heard again and died at the end of session.

HB 791 Development Permit and Orders by Rep. Esposito (R-Lee) / SB 1150 by Sen. Perry (R-Alachua) (Failed)

HB 791 was another effort to reduce wait times for building permit applicants. In our review, the bill did the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest.

The bill required counties and municipalities to specify in writing the minimum information that must be submitted in an application for a zoning approval, rezoning approval, subdivision approval, certification, special exemption or variance. The bill also required counites or municipalities to confirm receipt of an application within 5 business days of submission.

For applications that did not require quasi-judicial hearings, counties and municipalities were required to approve, approve with conditions, or deny an application within 120 days after an application was deemed complete. For applications that required a quasi-judicial hearing, approval, approval with conditions or a denial would have been required within 180 days after an application is deemed complete.

The bill provided penalties for counties and municipalities for not meeting the deadlines for notification and decision. A county or municipality was required to issue a refund of 10% of an application fee if the local government failed to issue written notification of completeness or deficiency within 30 days after receiving an application.

A refund of 20% of the application fee was required for failure to issue written notification of completion or application deficiency within 10 days after receiving the requested additional information from an applicant.

A refund of 50% of an application fee if a local government failed to approve, approve with conditions or deny an application within 30 days following the 120- or 180-day timeframe for a decision on an application.

A 100% refund was required if a local government failed to approve, approve with conditions, or deny an application 31 days or more after the conclusion of the 120- or 180-day timeframe.

HB 791 passed unanimously by a 14-0 vote through its first committee of reference (House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee), and passed its second

committee of reference unanimously 15-0. The bill passed House State Affairs unanimously by an 18-0 vote. Though the bill was ready for the House Floor, the bill was not heard again.

SB 1150 passed its first committee of reference by a 7-1 vote and was not heard again in the Senate.

Both bills died at the end of session.

SB 1628 Local Government Actions by Sen. Collins (R-Hillsborough) / HB 1547 Local Government Actions by Rep. McClure (R-Hillsborough) (Passed)

In an expansion of the previous year's Local Ordinances bill, SB 1628 and its House companion HB 1547 narrow the exemption from the requirement for local government to produce a business impact estimate prior to passing an ordinance. In our review, the bills did the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bills if they are of interest.

Current state law provides exemptions for ordinances relating to growth policy, and the bill narrows the exemption to specifically development orders and development permits.

SB 1628, Section 1 -

(3)

(c) This subsection does not apply to:

1. Ordinances required for compliance with federal or state law or regulation;
2. Ordinances relating to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
3. Ordinances relating to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
4. Ordinances required to implement a contract or an agreement, including, but not limited to, any federal, state, local, or private grant, or other financial assistance accepted by a county government;
5. Emergency ordinances;
6. Ordinances relating to procurement; or
7. Ordinances enacted to implement the following:

a. ~~Part II of chapter 163, relating to growth policy, county and municipal planning, and land development regulation, including zoning,~~ Development orders and development permits, as those terms are defined in s. 163.3164, and, development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under ss. 163.3220-163.3243 ~~and development permits;~~

The bill also creates a structure for an "affected entity" defined as a private, for-profit business in several identified sectors (farming, energy and fuel production and transmission, and supply chain points of connection) to submit an impact review to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Florida Department of Transportation, or the Florida Public Service Commission, for the agency to review local government actions that are alleged to negatively impact those defined sectors.

The affected entity must submit a request within 15 days of the local government action and is required to share a copy of the request to the local government in question within one business day of submission to the state agency for review. The state agency has 45 days to conduct the review of the local government during which the local government may not enforce the action in question. If the state agency determines that a local government failed to minimize or eliminate impacts of the local government action, the department may recommend changes and the local government must discuss a response to the state agency review at their next its next regularly scheduled meeting. The recommendation from the state agency is not an order to a local government to make changes to the local government action in question.

Local government actions exempted from review include responses to an emergency, procurement, building code, fire prevention code, establishing or terminating Community Development Districts, compliance with federal or state law, financial obligations or issuance and refinancing of debt, budgetary actions.

In its first committee stop (Senate Community Affairs) the bill was amended to eliminate the local government action review process in its entirety and passed its first committee of reference by a 5-3 vote.

During its last committee stop in the Senate (Senate Fiscal Policy) the bill passed unanimously by a 16-0 vote. The bill was amended to add comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application by a private party other than the local government as exemptions from the requirement that local governments provide local business impact statements.

SB 1628 was heard on the Senate Floor where it was amended to include a provision requiring bond referendum must take place at a general election if the bond issue amount is greater than $500 million. Following the amendment the bill passed the Senate by a 30-1 vote and was sent to the House.

HB 1547 passed its first committee of reference (House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee) by a 11-5 vote and passed its second committee of reference (House State Affairs Committee) by a 16-5 vote.

On the House Floor SB 1628 was substituted for HB 1547, and SB 1628 passed the House by an 84-30 vote. The bill now awaits the Governor's signature.

HB 1195 Millage Rates by Rep. Garrison (R-Duval) / SB 1322 by Sen. Ingoglia (R-Hernando) (Failed)

In our review, the bill did the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest. HB 1195 required a 2/3 vote of the membership of a governing body (municipality, county, or independent district) in order to pass any millage rate increase unless the jurisdiction has a higher threshold already in place.

The bill passed its first committee of reference (House Ways & Means Committee) by a 15-7 vote, and passed its second committee (House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee) by a 10-4 vote. The bill passed its third committee of reference (House State Affairs Committee) by a 13-4 vote.

On the House Floor, an amendment to HB 1195 provided the Department of Revenue emergency rulemaking authority to implement this act. Additionally, the enacting date was pushed from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2026. The bill passed the House by an 85-21 vote.

SB 1322 passed its first committee of reference (Senate Community Affairs) by a 5-3 vote and passed its second committee of reference (Senate Finance and Tax) by a 4-2 vote.

SB 1322 was not heard again in the Senate, and at the end of session, both SB 1322 and HB 1195 died.

SB 1526 Local Regulation of Nonconforming and Unsafe Structures by Sen. Avila (R-Miami-Dade) / HB 1647 by Rep. Roach (R-Lee) (Passed)

In our review, the bill does the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest. SB 1526 creates the definition of nonconforming structure to mean a structure that does not conform to the requirements for new construction issued by the National Flood Insurance Program, and the bill prohibits a local government from prohibiting, restricting or preventing the demolition of any nonconforming structure located within one-half mile of the coastline which are also within zones V, VE, AO, or AE as identified on the Flood Insurance Rate Map issued by FEMA.

The bill also prohibits local governments from prohibiting, restricting, or preventing the demolition of any structure determined to be unsafe by a local building official or any structure ordered to be demolished by a local government that has proper jurisdiction. There is an exemption for structures individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places or is a single-family home.

SB 1526 requires a local government to review an application for demolition permit pursuant to this bill only administratively for compliance with Florida Building Code, Florida Fire Prevention Code, the Life Safety Code, and any other local regulation applicable to similarly situated parcels.

A local government must authorize replacement structures to be developed to the maximum height and overall building size authorized by local development regulations, and local governments may not require the replication of the demolished structure or require preservation of any element of the demolished structure.

SB 1526 passed its first committee of reference in the Senate (Community Affairs) by a 6-2 vote, and in its second committee (Senate Environment and Natural Resources) the bill passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

The bill was amended in the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee to remove the provision requiring that the nonconforming structure must be located within one-half mile of the coastline and be within flood zones V, VE, AO or AE. Instead, the bill applies to any qualifying structure and building on a property in which all or a portion of a property is seaward of the coastal construction control line, which is defined in 161.053, F.S.

The bill added two key exemptions for a contributing structure or building within a historic district which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places before January 1, 2000, and for a structure or building located on a barrier island in a municipality with a population of less than 10,000 where at least 6 city blocks are not located in flood zones V. VE, AO or AE.

The amendment also prohibits a local government from holding additional public hearings or administrative processes that would otherwise not be applicable for a similarly situated parcel.

SB 1526 passed its last committee of reference (Senate Rules) unanimously by a 17-0 vote and passed off the Senate Floor by a 36-2 vote.

HB 1647 passed its first committee of reference (House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee) by a unanimous 14-0 vote and, in its second committee of reference (House State Affairs) HB 1647 passed by a 15-5 vote. In its last House committee stop (Commerce Committee) the bill passed by a 17-1 vote.

On the House Floor, SB 1526 was substituted for HB 1647, and SB 1526 passed by an 86-29 vote. The bill now goes to the Governor for his signature.

HB 1365 Unauthorized Public Camping and Public Sleeping by Rep. Garrison (R-Duval) SB 1530 by Sen. Martin (R-Lee) / (Passed)

In our review, the bill does the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest. HB 1365 prohibits local government from authorizing or permitting public sleeping or public camping on public property, at public buildings, or on public rights-of-way within a local government's jurisdiction with a lawfully issued temporary permit. The bill does allow local governments the discretion to designate certain government property for public sleeping or public camping subject to conditions measured by the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

Conditions listed in the bill include minimum sanitation levels which includes access to clean and operable restrooms and running water, security present on site at all times, access to behavioral health services including substance abuse and mental health treatment resources, and a prohibition of drugs and alcohol within the designated area.

The designated area may not be in a location where it adversely and materially affects the value or security of existing residential and commercial properties, and a person or business may bring a civil action against any local government to enjoin a violation of the this bill and may recover reasonable expenses incurred in any successful civil action brough pursuant to this bill, including court costs, reasonable attorney fees, investigative costs, witness fees and deposition costs.

SB 1530 passed its first committee of reference (Senate Community Affairs) by a 4-3 vote on, and the bill passed its second committee of reference (Senate Judiciary) by an 8-1 vote.

In Senate Judiciary the bill was amended to restrict to 1 continuous year the duration of the camp in one location, and the amendment requires local government within 30 days of designating an area to provide notice to DCF, post minimum standards and procedures to the local government website and be publicly accessible as long as the property remains designated for this purpose. The amendment requires DCF to inspect the property within 90 days and 180 days of its designation and to issue a report to the local government which includes recommendations to assist the local government to maintain the minimum standards and procedures. The local government is required to post any inspection report to its publicly accessible website within 5 building days of receiving the report.

The amendment exempts local governments within the fiscally restrained counties from the establishment of minimum requirements if the governing body of that jurisdiction finds that compliance with such requirements would result in financial hardship. Other changes include requiring an affected resident or business order to submit an affidavit concerning their petition when applying for an injunction, and the amendment allows for local officers to declare a state of emergency as an exemption to adherence to the bill.

SB 1530 passed its last committee of reference (Senate Fiscal Policy by a 12-5 vote) and was amended to clarify that public camping and sleeping does not include recreational camping or sleeping in a motor vehicle that is registered, insured, and located in a place where it may lawfully be. The amendment permits a county to designate a property owned by the county that is located

within the boundaries of a municipality only if the county's governing body approves the designation and the municipality's governing body concurs (previously the bill allowed the county to unilaterally approve a location without municipal approval).

The bill as amended provides that a county's designation is not in effect until the Department of Children and Families (DCF) certifies the designation, and the county must submit a request to the Secretary of DCF that includes documentation that there are not sufficient open beds in homeless shelters in the county for the homeless population of the county, documentation that the designated property is not contiguous to property designated for residential use by the county or municipality in the local government comprehensive plan and future land use map, documentation that the designated property would not adversely and materially affect the property value or safety and security of other existing residential or commercial property in the local government and would not negatively affect the safety of children, and that the county has developed a plan to satisfy the requirements of a designated area. DCF has 45 days to certify a complete submission and the designation is certified on the 45th day if DCF does not act.

The amendment allows DCF to inspect a designated property at any time, and the Department can recommend closure if the requirements are no longer satisfied. The amendment adds that the Attorney General may bring a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction related to a property designated for public sleeping. The bill as amended provides that the Governor has the authority to suspend the provisions relating to designated areas for public sleeping during a state of emergency (in an earlier version of the bill, the provisions were suspended automatically during a state of emergency).

HB 1365 passed all of its three House committees of reference overwhelmingly, and HB 1365 was amended on the House Floor to push the enacting date for the civil litigation provision from October 1, 2024, to January 1, 2025, and the rest of the bill is enacted on October 1, 2024. With the amendment, HB 1365 passed the House by an 82-26 vote and was sent to the Senate.

The Senate substituted HB 1365 for SB 1530 and passed HB 1365 by a 27-12 vote. The bill was sent to the Governor, and he has until March 27, 2024, to act on the bill.

HB 7017 Annual Adjustment to Homestead Exemption Value by Rep. Buchanan (R-Sarasota) and the House Ways & Means Committee (Passed)

In our review, the bill does the following, but we recommend having your appropriate staff review the bill if it is of interest. HB 7017 is a proposed constitutional amendment by the House Ways & Means Committee and its Vice-Chair Rep. Buchanan which requires the $25,000 of assessed value which is exempt from all ad valorem taxes, except school district taxes, to be adjusted annually for positive inflation growth.

The bill passed the Ways & Means Committee by a 16-8 vote, and in its second committee (House State Affairs) the bill passed by a 13-6 vote. In its second committee of reference the bill was amended to clarify that inflation-related changes to the tax exemption must only be adjusted when the inflation growth is positive.

The bill passed off of the House Floor by an 86-29 vote and was referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee for review.

HB 7017 passed (by a 9-5 vote) in the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the bill passed the Senate by a 25-15 vote.

The constitutional amendment now needs at least 60% of the vote in the November 2024 General Election to be ratified, and the changes would go into effect on January 1, 2025.

What's Next?

The 2025 Regular Session dates are "late" so it is actually 14 months before the next Regular Session will conclude. It will convene on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, and conclude on May 2, 2025.

The next Session will be the start of new leadership teams in both the House and Senate, new committee chairs, and several new members after the November 2024 elections. Pre-Session Committee weeks have not been announced, and probably won't be until after the November election. However, they will likely take place in December 2024, and January to March 2025.

Even though these Leadership teams will change, we anticipate there will be more legislation related to local governments filed next Session.

We will need to begin discussing legislative priorities for 2025 this spring so that we can include them in conversations with legislators we meet with this summer and fall. Further, if any of our goals require a bill to be filed, we'll need to draft that language this spring and identify potential sponsors this summer so bills can be filed in December.

In short, the 2024 Session is over. Advocacy for the 2025 Session starts today.

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7.1 ELECTRONIC FORMS

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The City of Bradenton, A Political Subdivision of the State of Florida
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Bradenton FL 34205

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SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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APPENDIX A

Form #1 – Response Form

City of Bradenton
Response Form

Company Name: The Southern Group of Florida, Inc.

Date Submitted:
Project Identification #: RFP 24-023EJ

Project Name: State Lobbying services

Company Name: The Southern Group of Florida, Inc.

Name & Title: Laura Boehmer, partner

Business Address (Physical): 123 S. Adams Street, Tallahassee, FL 323

Corporate or Mailing Address ☑ Same as Physical:

ADDRESS MUST MATCH SUNBIZ

E-MAIL ADDRESS: core@thesoutherngroup.com

PHONE NUMBER: 850-671-4401 FAX NUMBER:

In submitting this proposal, Proposer makes all representations required by the Instructions to Proposers and further warrants and represents that: Proposal has examined copies of all the solicitation documents and the following addenda:

No. _____	Date: _____	No. _____	Date: _____
No. _____	Date: _____	No. _____	Date: _____
No. _____	Date: _____	No. _____	Date: _____

City of Bradenton, Bradenton, Florida

The undersigned, as Proposer, hereby declares that no person or other persons other than the undersigned are interested in this solicitation as Principal, and that this solicitation is submitted without collusion with others; and that the Proposer have carefully read and examined the specifications or scope of work, and with full knowledge of all conditions under which the services herein is contemplated must be finished, here by propose and agree to furnish this service in according to the requirement set out in the specifications or scope of work for said services for the pries as listed on the City provided price sheet or agree to negotiate prices in good faith if a contract is awarded.

Tax Payer Identification Number: 59-3584976

(1) Employer Identification Number -OR- (2) Social Security Number:

** *The City of Bradenton collects your social security number for tax reporting purposes only*

ALL BIDS MUST BE SIGNED AND EXECUTED BY A CORPORATE AUTHORITY.

Where Proposer is a Corporation, add:

The Southern Group of Florida, Inc.
Company Name: (Name printed or typed)

Authorized Proposer:

Laura Boehmer
Proposer: (Name printed or typed)

, partner
Authorized Signature and Proposer Title

Rachel Cone
Attest:

Rachel Cone
Secretary

Please submit a copy of your registration certificate establishing your firm as authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida, as provided by the *Florida Department of State, Divisions of Corporations*. Please refer to website: *www.sunbiz.org*

APPENDIX A

Form #2 – Interest in Competitive Bidding

FORM 2 INTEREST IN COMPETITIVE BID FOR PUBLIC BUSINESS

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME	OFFICE POSITION HELD
Buchner Laura	partner
MAILING ADDRESS	**AGENCY**
123 S Adams Street	The Southern Group of Florida, INC
CITY / ZIP / COUNTY	**ADDRESS OF AGENCY**
Tallahassee 32301 Leon	123. S Adams Street

WHO MUST FILE THIS STATEMENT

Sections 112.313(3) and 112.313(7), Florida Statutes, prohibit certain business relationships on the part of public officers and employees, their spouses, and their children. See Part III, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes and/or the brochure entitled "A Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers, Candidates and Employees" for more details on these prohibitions. However, Section 112.313(12), Florida Statutes (1983), provides certain limited exemptions to the above-referenced prohibitions. including one where the business is awarded under a system of sealed, competitive bidding; the public official has exerted no influence on bid negotiations or specifications; and where disclosure is made, prior to or at the time of the submission of the bid, of the official's or his spouse's or child's interest and the nature of the intended business. The Commission on Ethics has promulgated this form for such disclosure, if and when applicable to a public officer or employee.

INTEREST IN COMPETITIVE BID FOR PUBLIC BUSINESS (Required by 112.313(12)(b), Florida Statute (1983))

1. The competitive bid to which this statement applies has been will be (strike one) submitted to the following government agency:

2. The person submitting the bid is Name Laura Buchner Position partner

3. The business entity with which the person submitting the bid is associated is The Southern Group Of Florida, INC

4. My relationship to the person or business entity submitting the bid is as follows: Partner

5. The nature of the business intended to the transacted in the event that this bid is awarded is as follows:
   a. The realty, goods and or services to be supplied specifically include: lobbying services
   b. The realty, goods and or services will be supplied for the following period of time _____
   c. Will the contract be subject to renewal without further competitive bidding? ___ Yes ___ No if so, how often? _____

6. Additional comments: N.A

7. Signature: Rachel D. Cone Date Signed: 07-28-24 Date Filed: 06/21/1999

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

If you are a state officer or employee required disclosing the information above, please filing this form with the Secretary of State at the Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. If you are an officer or employee of a political subdivision of this state and are subject to this disclosure, please file the statement with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which the agency in which you are serving has its principal office.

NOTICE: UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES #112.317 (1983), A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED $5,000.00.

APPENDIX A

Form #3-Non-Collusive Affidavit

NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT
(Prime Contractor/Vendor)

State of Florida

County of Leon

Laura Baehmer being first duly sworn, deposes and says that they are

Partner, the party making the fore-going solicitation
(Partner or officer of the firm, etc.)

is genuine and not collusive or sham; that said contractor/vendor has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any contractor/vendor or person, to put in a sham solicitation or to refrain from bidding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference, with any person, to fix the solicitation price of affiant or of any other contractor/vendor, or to fix overhead, profit or cost element of said solicitation price, or of that of any other contractor/vendor, or to secure any advantage against the City of Bradenton of any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in said solicitation are true.

(Contractor/ Vendor, *if the Contractor/vendor is an individual;*
Partner, if the Contractor/vendor is a partnership;
Officer, if the Contractor/vendor is a corporation)

The Southern Group of Florida, Inc
(Company Name)

STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF Leon

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by mean of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online, this 23rd by Laura Baehmer of July 2024, a S corporation on behalf of the Corporation. He/She is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

Diane Adams
(Signature line for notary public)

DIANE ADAMS
(Name of notary typed, printed or stamped)

Notary Public
(Title or rank)

DIANE ADAMS
Notary Public - State of Florida
Commission # HH 230697
My Comm. Expires Oct 19, 2025
Bonded through National Notary Assn.

(Serial number, if any)

Form #4 - Public Entity Crimes

SWORN STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 287.133(3)(a), FLORIDA STATUTES, ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

This form must be signed and sworn to in the presence of a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths.

1. This sworn statement is submitted to **City of Bradenton**
(Print name of the public entity)

by Laura Boehmer, Partner
(Print individual's name and title)

for The Southern Group of Florida, Inc.
(Print name of entity submitting sworn statement)

whose business address is 123 S Adams Street, Tallahassee, FL 3239

(If applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is 59-3584976

(If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: On the attached sheet.) Required as per IRS Form W-9.

2. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including but not limited to, and bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or agency or political subdivision or any other state or of the Unites States, and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.

3. I understate that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July **1,** 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolocontendere.

4. I understand that "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(a), Florida Statutes, means:

    1. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime: or:

    2. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those offices, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members and agents who are active in the management of the affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.

5. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(c), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of the entity.

Form #4 - Public Entity Crimes

6. **Based on information and belief, the statement, which I have marked below, is true in relation to the entity submitting those sworn statements. (*Please indicate which statement applies.*)**

X Neither the entity submitted this sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity nor affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

___ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, member, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

___ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, member, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. However, there has been subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearing and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer determined that it was not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list. (Attach a copy of the final order)

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (ONE) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT TIDS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WIDCH IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO OR ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM.

(Signature)

7/23/24
(Date)

STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF Leon

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by mean of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 23rd day of, July 2024 by Laura Beshears

Diane Adams
(Signature of Notary Public – State of Florida)

DIANE ADAMS
Notary Public - State of Florida
Commission # HH 230697
My Comm. Expires Oct 19, 2025
Bonded through National Notary Assn.

DIANE ADAMS
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

X personally known or _____ Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced _____

APPENDIX A

Form #5 - Negligence or Breach of Contract Disclosure Form

ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OR BREACH OF CONTRACT DISCLOSURE FORM

Please fill in the form below. Provide a sheet for each incident that has occurred over the past 10 years. Please compete in chronological order with the most recent incident on starting on page 1. Please do not modify this form or submit your own variation.

1.	Your Company Name					
2.	Type of Incident	Place an X in the appropriate block.	Alleged Negligence		Breach of Contract	
3.	Date of Incident					
4.	Who Took Action Against Your Company? (Include name, state, and City.)					
5.	What was the initial circumstance for this action?	**N/A**				
6.	What was the final outcome of this action?					

Make as many copies of this sheet as necessary in order to provide a 10-year history of the requested information. Provide this sheet to your primary partners that are listed in your proposal. If there is no action pending or action taken in the last 10 years, write 'NONE" on the page and return it with the company name completed.

Page Number: [ ] of [ ]

Update the page number to reflect the current page and the total number of pages. If you must use a separate sheet to continue an explanation please reference the page and item number on the separate sheet. Example: Page 3, Item 5.

Alternate Reporting: If you have too many lawsuits report the most recent 10 lawsuits. This may be done on a spreadsheet. Please include the name of the plaintiff (Do not include litigation with your company as the plaintiff). Date of filing, initial reason for circumstances, final outcome. Final outcome should include whether a monetary settlement was made. The amount may remain anonymous. In the blocks above enter, "See Enclosed Spreadsheet" of you use this alternate method

Form #6 -Drug-Free Workplace

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION

Preference shall be given to businesses with drug-free workplace programs. Pursuant to Section 287.087, Florida Statutes, whenever two or more competitive solicitations that are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received by the State or by any political subdivision for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a response received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. Established procedures for processing tie responses will be followed if none of the tied providers has a drug free workplace program. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.

2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.

3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under proposal a copy of the statement specified in Subsection (1).

4. In the statement specified in Subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under proposal, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 894, Florida Statutes, or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.

5. Impose a sanction on any employee who is so convicted or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program as such is available in the employee's community.

6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of applicable laws, rules and regulations.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

The Southern Group Of Florida, Inc.
CONTRACTOR VENDOR NAME

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

APPENDIX A

Form #7 – Scrutinized Companies Form

CERTIFICATION REGARDING SCRUTINZED COMPANIES LISTS

Respondent Name: The Southern Group of Florida, Inc

Respondent's Authorized Representative Name and Title: Laura Boehmer, Partner

Address: 123 S Adams Street

City: Tallahassee State: FL Zip: 32301

Phone Number: 850-671-4401 Respondent FEIN: 59-3589976

Email Address: lboehmer@thesoutherngroup.com

Section 287.135, Florida Statutes prohibits a company from bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing a contract for goods or services of any amount if, at the time of contracting or renewal, the company is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel. Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, also prohibits a company from bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing a contract for goods or services of $1,000,000 or more, that are on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector Lists which were created pursuant to s. 215.473, Florida Statutes.

Certification:

As the person authorized to sign on behalf of Respondent, I hereby certify that the company identified above in the section entitled "Respondent Vendor Name" is not listed on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List. I further certify that the company is not engaged in a boycott of Israel. I understand that pursuant to section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the submission of a false certification may subject company to civil penalties, attorney's fees, and/or costs.

Certified By: Rachel Cone,

who is authorized to sign on behalf of the above referenced company.

Authorized Signature: Rachel D. Cone

Print Name and Title: Rachel Cone, Managing Partner

Diana L. Cuerton
Private Wealth Manager
PH 850.325.3159
Cell 850.545.6952
diana.cureton@hancockwhitney.com

July 12, 2024

The City of Bradenton, A political subdivision of the State of Florida
101 Old Main street
Bradenton, FL 34205-7865

Reference: RFP 24-023EJ

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to provide you with a banking reference letter for The Southern Group of Florida Inc. The relationship between Hancock Whitney and The Southern Group of Florida Inc. is held in high regard by the bank and hopes to continue long into the future.

Hancock Whitney has provided banking services to The Southern Group of Florida Inc. since 2016. Services included have included deposit accounts, personal and business loans to the group, affiliates and some of the partners as well as banking services of a wide variety.

The Southern Group of Florida currently has a valued relationship to include a working line of credit as well as deposit accounts. All current and former agreements with The Southern Group of Florida Inc have been honored as agreed and we value the group and its partners as a top Client with Hancock Whitney.

Please contact me if further information is requested.

Sincerely,

Jill Adkins

Jill Adkins
Private Banking Admin
On Behalf of:
Diana L. Cureton, SVP
Private Wealth Advisor

State of Florida
Department of State

I certify from the records of this office that THE SOUTHERN GROUP OF FLORIDA, INC is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, filed on June 21, 1999.

The document number of this corporation is P99000055999.

I further certify that said corporation has paid all fees due this office through December 31, 2024, that its most recent annual report/uniform business report was filed on March 29, 2024, and that its status is active.

I further certify that said corporation has not filed Articles of Dissolution.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the Twenty-ninth day of March, 2024

Secretary of State

Tracking Number: 4715263132CC

To authenticate this certificate,visit the following site,enter this number, and then follow the instructions displayed.

https://services.sunbiz.org/Filings/CertificateOfStatus/CertificateAuthentication

7.2 DOCUMENTS

7.2.1 LETTER OF INTEREST

Erin Jones - Purchasing Manager:

Please accept this letter of interest from The Southern Group of Florida, Inc. ("The Southern Group") for state lobbying services on behalf of the City of Bradenton ("City"). This proposal outlines our history, qualifications and references, but also how we will continue to deliver results for the City.

For more than 25 years, our team has successfully championed our clients' interests and established a well-recognized legacy as the premier lobbying firm in the Southeast. Recognized as *"the most powerful lobbying firm in Florida*" by political reporters across the sunshine state, The Southern Group was built on the simple but powerful concept that clients are best served by hiring the most accomplished professionals from government and politics, arming them with advocacy skills, and deploying them as a highly motivated and coordinated team.

With its headquarters in Tallahassee and strategic offices spanning the Southeast, including Columbia, SC, Atlanta, GA, Montgomery, AL, Raleigh, NC, and multiple locations throughout Florida—such as Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa Bay, Miami, Broward, and the Florida Keys —The Southern Group stands as a cornerstone in the region's network.

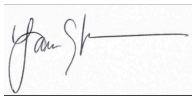
This network is a huge differentiator for our clients; there is virtually no person in local or state government who cannot be quickly reached by a Southern lobbyist. And, more importantly, once reached, our team has the skill and expertise to effectively advocate on behalf of our clients.

If you are looking for powerful advocacy, The Southern Group is the partner you want on your team. The Southern Group's lobbyists have unmatched qualifications to assist the City in navigating the complexities of securing specific budget priorities, crafting strategies to achieve success in the passage or defeat of critical legislation, engaging with the executive and regulatory agencies who are vital in the implementation of grant programs, appropriations and rule-making.

Thank you again for the opportunity to demonstrate our firm's capabilities and to continue advocating for the City. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can further respond to any questions.

Sincerely,

Laura Boehmer - boehmer@thesoutherngroup.com





Laura Boehmer

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Influence creates opportunity. Let us show you how.

A trusted partner in the Tampa office since 2009, Laura Boehmer brings a unique skill set to her private and public sector clients. Laura has almost 20 years of experience working with local, state, and federal governments. Having worked as high-level staff inside local government, Laura focuses much of her practice on assisting city and county governments to achieve their goals. Additionally, private sector clients utilize Laura to help them navigate and succeed with the procurement processes of public sector entities. Laura focuses these efforts with her relationships in a nine-county region which include Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, DeSoto and Polk.

Throughout her 20 years of working in and around government, Laura has developed expertise in numerous areas, including appropriations, local government procurements, economic and business development, education, public and private partnerships, strategic planning, telecommunications, transportation, tourism, and environment.

Laura is unique at The Southern Group as being one of the only partners who has served as high-level staff in local government, namely chief lobbyist for the City of St. Petersburg. In that role, Laura directed the federal appropriations process for the city and succeeded in securing millions of dollars in federal grants and earmarks. In addition to her federal work for the city, Laura was also responsible for developing, strategizing, and advocating for the city's state legislative program, and was instrumental in the creation and implementation of the city's sustainability program. Laura also worked for former Mayor Rick Baker in his roles as chairman of the Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida, vice-chair of the Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change, and group leader of Governor Crist's Transition Team. This experience gave Laura exposure to numerous policy issues affecting municipal governments, including economic development, housing, and procurement, as well as the opportunity to build statewide relationships with politicians and business leaders.

Prior to working for the City, Laura spent five years as legislative staff in the Florida House of Representatives. Laura has worked and volunteered on multiple political campaigns and spent time working with a large corporate PAC. Having analyzed patterns of Congress and maintained communications between a corporate government relations department and PAC members, Laura is well versed in the political efforts of both private and public sectors.

A native of Wisconsin, Laura earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida. Laura resides in Pinellas County with her husband and their two children. When not at work, you can find Laura spending time with her family either playing golf, snow skiing, or loyally cheering on the Green Bay Packers.



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Seth McKeel

Seth is a Managing Partner in our Tampa Bay office.

Seth McKeel joined The Southern Group's Tampa office as Managing Partner in 2014 after a long and distinguished career in public service. Seth has developed expertise in numerous areas, including economic and business development, energy, health care, land use and development, marine science, policy, public and private partnerships, telecommunications, transportation, and water.

Seth's political career began in 1999 with his election to the Lakeland City Commission at age 24, its youngest member. This experience in municipal government allowed Seth to hone his expertise in achieving local consensus. Seth was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2006 and re-elected until the conclusion of his eight-year term limit in November of 2014. As a legislator, Seth tackled tough issues, including agriculture, energy, higher education reform, and natural resources policy. He chaired the Polk County and Hillsborough County Legislative Delegations for two consecutive years, as well as the larger nine-county Bay Area Legislative Delegation.

A strong commitment to fiscal responsibility earned Seth the trust of House Speaker Will Weatherford, who in 2012 tapped Seth to chair the Appropriations Committee, where he led the Florida House's efforts to balance the $77 billion budget of the third largest state in the Union. Under Seth's leadership, Florida maintained AAA bond rating and set aside more than $3 billion in healthy reserves.

Seth proudly serves on the Board of Directors of the Fish and Wildlife Foundation of Florida. Seth is also the founding director of The Schools of McKeel Academy Charter School. Seth was recognized with the YMCA's Servant Leadership Award and is a graduate of Leadership Florida, Leadership Lakeland, and a member of Florida Blue Key.

A graduate of the University of Florida, Seth was awarded the Presidential Medallion, one of the university's highest awards, for his service to UF and higher education. Seth is among the fifth generation in his family to call Florida home. Seth and his wife, Kim, live in Lakeland with their two children.



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Mike Moore

Mike Moore joined The Southern Group's Tampa office in 2022 after serving the residents of Pasco County and the larger Tampa Bay Region for nearly a decade. As a past member and Chair of the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners, Mike was instrumental in helping his local government establish critical infrastructure to better serve the growing area. At Southern, Mike provides expertise to clients on issues related to local government administration, growth and economic development, transportation, tourism and healthcare.

Mike began his elected service in Pasco County in 2014 and was subsequently re-elected in 2018. He served as Chair of the Commission in 2017 and 2020, and as Vice Chairman in 2016 and 2019. Throughout his tenure, Mike was involved in several high-profile projects in the Tampa Bay area including the development of Wesley Chapel, named one of the fastest growing areas in the nation. Additionally, Mike helped oversee the completion and opening of the 98,000 sq. ft. Wiregrass Ranch Sports Campus of Pasco County, which now hosts several major regional and national tournaments. Pasco County also saw the addition of a 17,800 sq. ft. recreation center at Wesley Chapel District Park, which includes a 7,000-square-foot playground adapted for children with disabilities under Mike's leadership. Mike played a major role in transforming Pasco County's tourism bureau to emphasize the activity and sporting resources developed throughout the county.

A staunch advocate for transportation projects, Mike worked closely with state legislators and leadership on appropriations for several road infrastructure projects to improve the daily commute of over 600,000 Pasco County residents during his tenure.

Prior to his government service, Mike founded a successful healthcare company which he built from the ground up. He grew the company to be the largest of its kind in the Tampa Bay Region and later sold the company to a private equity group in 2012. In 2014, Mike was appointed to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, where he helped tackle regional issues related to transportation, economic development, housing, and emergency preparedness. In 2017, Mike was awarded the community hero award by the now the North Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce for his herculean efforts to help residents following the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma.

Mike graduated with his bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida and lives in Wesley Chapel with his wife and three children. Mike sits on several boards in the Tampa Bay area including BayCare Hospital Wesley Chapel. He previously hosted the radio program Reel Politics on AM 860 The Answer and FM 93.7 in the Tampa Bay market.



David Shepp

David Shepp joined The Southern Group's Tampa Bay office in 2015. David provides services to businesses, economic development entities, educational institutions, local governments, national companies, and statewide trade associations. Activities include legislative and agency monitoring and advocacy, research and analysis, resource development, and strategic communications.

David began his Florida political career in 1996 as a legislative assistant, learning the intricacies of the Florida legislature and building relationships in Polk County and Tallahassee. In 2000, he managed former Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam's victorious congressional campaign. Between then and now, he led Florida Strategic Group, a full-service government affairs consulting firm, for 14 years, securing tens of millions of dollars in the Florida budget for his clients.

David continues to work closely with the central and southwest Florida legislative delegations and enjoys strong relationships with leaders at every level of the legislative committee structure, as well as the staff behind the scenes of public policymaking.

In 2018, David received a commendation from Sheriff Grady Judd for the successful passage of the guardian program element of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. David has also been recognized as Best State Lobbyist by the National Independent Electrical Contractors Association. Currently, David serves on the Central Florida Development Council Advisory Board, the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce Business Voice, and the Peace River Center Advisory Board.

A Florida native, David has a BA in political science from Florida State University and resides in Lakeland with his wife, Shannon, and their son.

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7.2.3 EXPERIENCE

With an unparalleled team of experts, a culture of excellence and a legacy of winning, we continue to redefine what it means to be an influence firm.

Tenacious. Disciplined. Strategic.

For 25 years, our team has successfully championed our clients' interests and built a well-recognized legacy as the premier lobbying firm in the Southeast. To continue this success, we must push beyond the lobbying tactics of the past. Modern advocacy requires a team of experts that will unite experience and connections with innovation, agility, and undeniable strength. Every industry. Every interest. Winning results begins here.

60+
LOBBYISTS

410+
UNIQUE CLIENTS

11
MARKETS



AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- AGRICULTURE
- BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS
- BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
- CANNABIS
- CAMPAIGNS
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INCENTIVES
- EDUCATION
- ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, & SUSTAINABILITY
- FINANCE & INSURANCE
- GAMING & LOTTERY
- HEALTH CARE
- HOUSING
- LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- MANUFACTURING
- PUBLIC SAFETY
- RED TIDE
- REGULATORY ISSUES
- TAX POLICY
- TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS
- TOURISM
- TRANSPORTATION
- UTILITIES
- WATER
- WORKFORCE TRAINING



THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

We know how to navigate the halls of government because most of our team has already served in them. With hundreds of combined years experience in local and state government, our team of experts are prepared to build winning strategies.

- Agency Assistant and Deputy Secretaries (FDOT,DMS,DOE,DBPR)
- Agency Chiefs of Staff (AHCA,DMS,DFS,DOE,DOT,Commerce,DBPR)
- Agency Communications Directors (DEP,DOE,DCF,DOEA)
- Agency Legislative Affairs (AHCA,OIR,DEO,PSC,APD,FDC,DJJ)
- Attorney General
- Chief Lobbyist
- Chiefs of Staff to Cities and Counties
- City Commissioner
- Commissioner FDLE
- County Commissioner
- Deputy Chief of Staff (HUD)
- Executive Director of DHSMV
- Florida Insurance Commissioner
- Florida Republican Party Chair
- FSU President (2)
- Governor's Cabinet Affairs Director
- Governor's Chief of Staff
- Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff
- Hospital District Commissioner
- House and Senate Staff Members
- House Appropriations Chairman
- Miami-Dade Republican Party Chairman
- Secretary of AHCA
- Secretary of DMS
- Secretary of FDOT
- Secretary of State
- Senate Minority Leader
- Speaker of the House (2)
- State College President
- Top Fundraisers to Statewide & Local Officials
- Water Management District Board Member

APPROPRIATIONS SUCCESSES



Our diverse team across the state of Florida makes us a leader in the lobbying industry.

1,957

Total number of pieces of legislation filed for consideration during the 2024 Legislative Session (bills, resolutions, PCBs, memorials, etc.)



325 passed **1,632** other pieces of legislation

The Southern Group directly facilitated over **$700 million** in funding for our clients in the FY 2024-2025 budget.

$700M

NEW OR SUSTAINED APPROPRIATIONS PROJECT FUNDING

During the 2024 Legislative Session...

2,772

Appropriations project funding requests were submitted by members of the House.

2,721

Local Funding Initiative Requests were filed by members of the Senate.

WHO WE ARE

The Southern Group, founded in 1999, embodies a potent vision: leveraging the expertise of seasoned professionals from government and politics to provide unparalleled advocacy services. With its headquarters in Tallahassee and strategic offices spanning the Southeast, including Columbia, SC, Atlanta, GA, Montgomery, AL, Raleigh, NC, and multiple locations throughout Florida—such as Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa Bay, Miami, Broward, and the Florida Keys.

We are not only advocates, but connectors and strategic thought partners who understand how political and policy decisions affect a local government's day-to-day operations.

The Southern Group has a statewide presence that is unmatched. The result of a statewide network of offices is a huge differentiator for our clients. There is virtually no person in local or state government who cannot be quickly reached by a Southern lobbyist. And more importantly, once reached, our team has the skill and expertise to effectively advocate on behalf of the City.

WHAT WE DO

The Southern Group is a full-service, bi-partisan lobbying firm. Our roster of clients not only includes some of the largest businesses in the state, but some of the most well-known companies in the world. The Southern Group also lobbies on behalf of dozens of local governments, pro sports teams, K-12 and higher educational institutions, and non-profit organizations – putting our lobbyists in the center of nearly every major policy discussion. Our work for associations includes securing appropriations, drafting and writing legislative policy, identifying sponsors for legislation and amendments, and monitoring and reporting efforts.

We regularly analyze our relationships with public officials and are continually building and improving those relationships with the ever-changing cast of state leaders and officials who create and implement public policy. Unlike a law firm with a subordinate lobbying component, we dedicate our entire focus to doing one thing exceedingly well, ***lobbying***.

HOW WE DO IT

We are successful because of the broad themes that characterize how we approach projects: ***communication, teamwork, and an objective measure for success.***

- We evaluate our relationships with key policymakers and staff, maintaining an internal **relationship matrix** of an ever-changing cast of state leaders and staff.
- We hold weekly (and sometimes daily) **internal strategy discussions** during and outside of Legislative Session with our entire team of lobbyists to review client issues.
- We utilize our **project management dashboard** to keep track of tasks and goals across the team.
- We proactively communicate with clients, **providing verbal and written reports**.
- We consistently talk about our clients and their needs. We have developed a process for our team to rapidly communicate and **move information across the state quickly** for the benefit of our clients.

WHY IT MATTERS

If you are looking for powerful advocacy, The Southern Group is the partner you want on your team. We have one of the longest and best track records of any lobbying firm in the state of Florida; and are well-positioned to deliver results for the CIty. Our team of lobbyists provide superior service grounded in several key factors:

- Our team of top-notch, highly professional lobbyists possess exceptional relationships with decision-makers across the state of Florida and subject matter expertise;
- Our reputation as a team of experts, uniting experience and relationships with innovation, agility, and strength to generate undeniable results;
- Our long history of constant and prompt communication with our clients;
- Our experience and track record of success on behalf of our clients, which will be used to develop and implement a strategy to position the CIty for further success in Florida;
- Our strong relationships with key leaders in both the executive and legislative branches of government across both political parties; and
- Our dedication to the highest level of customer service and quality.

KEY PERSONNEL

We recognize our role as an influence firm and to maximize our impact, we have cultivated a strong team of experts that can make the connection between the merits of your arguments and the interest and policy directions of decision-makers. We can help formulate dynamic strategies to apply calculated influence to meet an organization's short-term needs, while also positioning them for long-term success.

The biographies of The Southern Group's Florida lobbyists read like a Who's Who from government and politics.

7.2.4 CUSTOMER LIST

The Southern Group represents over 35 local governments and municipalities. We help all of our local government clients with projects and initiatives such as permitting, zoning, appropriation requests, and much more. Below is a sampling of three references of long-standing local government clients and examples of the successes we have had for them on legislative and regulatory initiatives, grants and direct state appropriations.

CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER

The Southern Group was hired by the City of Crystal River to secure legislative appropriations and funding through the DEP. Additionally, The Southern Group has assisted with many regulatory issues with both FDOT, DEP, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission. Since our engagement, we have secured over $34.3M in the state budget for the cleanup of Kings Bay and other city projects. During the 2023 Legislative Session, The Southern Group secured $3.35M worth of projects to continue the restoration of Kings Bay and design and permit a new and resilient Crystal River Government Center.

Contact name: Ken Frink, Past City Manager

Contract start/end date: 2018 - Present

Contact email/cell: kenfrink@gmail.com / 352.697.0888

SARASOTA COUNTY

We provide regular strategic advice to county officials; we have a deep understanding of the county's challenges and priorities and that ability to collaborate effectively and marry strategic government relations advice with county priorities has proven extremely effective. We bring to bear a deep understanding of legislative delegation members interests and priorities and we have be able to successfully match up that unique knowledge with county priorities to secure significant dollars for the county. Being a coastal county, water quality initiatives are anenormous priority for both the county and the legislative delegation. We have capitalized on those shared priorities and secured millions of dollars for their water quality and beach re-nourishment initiative. In 2024, The Southern Group secured millions for the County's water quality and Interstate Connector Multimodal Capacity projects in the FY 2024-25 budget.

Contact name: Rob Lewis - Government Affairs Manager

Contract start/end date: 2018 - Present

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CITY OF PLANT CITY

The Southern Group has represented the City since 2017. Working with their local delegation and city leaders, we are able to put forward appropriations projects and achieve policy goals. Over the past four years, The Southern Group has secured nearly millions for various City priority projects, including road expansion, a park, and an aquifer augmentation project. In addition to appropriations, The Southern Group continues to defeat legislation that threatens home rule. In 2018, we defeated a bill that would have impacted the City's ability to conduct elections in the years it preferred.

Contact name: Bill McDaniel, City Manager

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CITY OF PALM COAST

The Southern Group was hired by the City of Palm Coast in 2018 to work with State Agencies on grant and regulatory issues and to work with the legislature on policy and appropriation initiatives. Since that time, The Southern Group has assisted with many regulatory issues with both FDOT, DEP, and the Florida Department of Emergency Management. Additionally, since our engagement, we have secured over $ 157 million dollars in direct appropriations for infrastructure projects for the City, which is a firm record.

Contact name: Jason Delorenzo, Chief of Staff

Contract start/end date: 2018 - Present

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CITY OF BRADENTON EXPERIENCE

The Southern Group was honored to be selected to represent the City of Bradenton prior to the 2022 Legislative Session. Since our engagement, we have worked with the Legislature to secure close to $12 million in the State Budget for City infrastructure projects. Our firm's close relationship with your state delegation, including future Senate President Jim Boyd, assures that these successes will continue. Senator Boyd's presidency will come under a new executive administration, and The Southern Group will be well-positioned to work with whoever is elected our next Governor.

In addition to direct appropriations from the Legislature, The Southern Group has been successful working with City staff in securing grant funding. Post Session the Governor's office put an even bigger emphasis on directing local governments to apply for project funding through State Agencies versus the Legislature. Below are the state agency funding opportunities that were included in the 2024 buget that The Southern Group is well poised to work with the City on:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

- State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program: $174M
- State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) program: $234M
- Florida Hometown Hero Housing Program: $100M
    - This program provides down payment and closing cost assistance to first-time, income-qualified homebuyers so they can purchase a primary residence in the community in which they work and serve. The Florida Hometown Heroes Loan Program also offers a competitive first mortgage interest rate and additional special benefits to those who have served and continue to serve their country. Eligible frontline community workers are law enforcement officers, firefighters, educators, healthcare professionals, childcare employees, and active military or veterans.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING:

- Transportation Work Program: $13.98B

CYBERSECURITY:

$40M in funding from the previous fiscal year budget is appropriated for the same purpose for nonrecurring assistance to local governments for the development and enhancement of cybersecurity risk management programs.

ENVIRONMENT:

- Resilient Florida Grant Program- $250M
- Drinking Water and Wastewater Revolving Loan programs -$1.3B
- Water Quality Improvement Program - $ 214M
- Florida Forever- $100M, including $15M for Florida Communities Trust, which funds urban parks

TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- VISIT FLORIDA- $80M
    - Specifically, $5M from the Tourism Promotional Trust Fund is provided for VISIT FLORIDA to develop marketing for nature-based tourism and trail towns.

- Job Growth Grant Fund - $130.4M

7.2.5 PROJECT APPROACH

INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE

The Southern Group was founded 25 years ago, and has assembled a large team of seasoned professionals—most of them drawn from the highest ranks of state and local government and politics—who are steeped in a tradition of client service and effective advocacy. The Southern Group was built on the simple, but powerful, concept that clients could be best served by hiring the most accomplished professionals out of government and politics, arming them with advocacy skills, and deploying them as a highly motivated and coordinated team.

Given our previous work with the City, The Southern Group is well suited to understand and execute onon the City's priorities and projects.

The Southern Group has the longest and best track record of any lobbing firm in Florida and was founded on the core principles of insider knowledge powerful advocacy and client service. Laura Boehmer will serve as the City's main point of contact at the firm. Seth McKeel, Mike Moore and David Shepp will also serve on the City team. All team members will be able to meet and respond to City requests whenever necessary on an as need basis.

OUR SIZE AND EXPERIENCE–AND THE FACT THAT WE TRULY OPERATE AS ATEAM–ACHIEVES RESULTS FOR OUR CLIENTS.

The Southern Group has the most knowledgeable state budget and policy team in the Florida lobby corps which includes a former Chiefs of Staff from state agencies and the Governor's office, former Attorney General, former House Appropriations Chairman, former Secretary of Department of Transportation, and former Secretary of Management Services. Additionally, we have lobbyists who have served inside local government who have first hand experience working on issues that matter most to the City. Their advice and counsel on appropriations and policy matters will be critical for the City in accomplishing its priorities.

The Southern Group, on a daily basis, interacts with leadership and senior staff of many of the legislativecommittees as well as top officials at the state's executive branch agencies. We have strong relationshipsthat provide us with the opportunity to provide input while legislative initiatives and other priorities are intheir earliest evolutionary stages on the City's behalf.

THE SOUTHERN GROUP EXCELS AT SECURING FUNDING WITHIN STATE AGENCIES.

There is significant money available within executive agencies that the City should be exploring. The Southern Group will make it a priority to work directly with the State Legislature, its committees, and agencies that are beneficial to the City. We will proactively seek incentives and funding opportunities from these agencies on behalf of the City.

The scope of work would begin with a consultation with the City to develop the 2025 legislative priorities. Because of our extensive experience working with the City and knowledge of leadership priorities, we can advise the City on which projects have the most chance of success. Once the priority issues have been identified, The Southern Group will work to get City leadership in front of the appropriate legislative member, committee staff, or agency official to advocate the City's position. Our relationships with budget committee and subcommittee chairman allow for access to discuss your priorities in advance of the Session.

We don't offer cookie cutter approaches to government relations. Rather, we collaborate with our clients to build customized strategies based on their unique needs, concerns, strengths and weaknesses. One thing that sets our firm apart from our competition in our approach is that we are extremely proactive. Because of our statewide relationships, our large network of lobbyists across Florida, and our extensive experience, we are constantly at the forefront of issues affecting associations.

2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The upcoming 2025 Legislative Session will begin in March, with Interim-Committee weeks most-likely expected to take place after the November Organization Session. To prepare for the upcoming Session, we suggest the following timeline:

September - December 2024: State agencies present their Long-Range Program Plan that outlines five years of priority programs, budget needs and agency implementation goals by September 30th. By October 15th, the Program Plans help shape agency Legislative Budget Requests (LBRs), which provide breakdowns of how much money agencies require for personnel and other needs.

- Meet with officials within relevant state agencies and legislative committee staff
- Make introductions and/or strengthen relationships between the City and the Governor's office leadership team
- Recruit legislative policy and/or budget champions
- After the General Election (November 5th) an Organization Session will take place in Tallahassee.

January - March: Interim-Committee Weeks to take place, dates to be announced.

March 4th: First Day of the 60-day 2025 Legislative Session.

May - July: The Governor will be sent the 2025-2026 budget in the early Summer. Your Southern Group team will continue to work with the Governor's office and legislative champions to ensure funding projects and/or legislation is not vetoed.

RELATIONSHIPS ARE KEY

Systematically and methodically, The Southern Group evaluates its relationships with all 160 legislators and dozens of key executive branch personnel. Every day, we tap into our vast network of political contacts to gather valuable and useful information about important developments in the public policy realm. With the ever-changing body of state and local leaders and staff who create and implement public policy, we are constantly working to improve relationships where needed. This is an ongoing process that allows the team to reach key decision makers anywhere in government and at almost any time. The result is an unprecedented level of access and influence for our clients.

We will take a holistic approach to effectively assess current relationships and identify gaps to then develop a strategic plan to address these areas and foster new relationships. Our team intentionally maintains a relationship matrix with leaders in both the legislative and executive branches, ensuring streamlined efforts in addressing each issue.

Relationship building and advocacy are The Southern Group's core competencies. Strong relationships with key decision-makers from all over the state are paramount to an effective lobbying operation. We regularly analyze our relationships with public officials and are continually building and improving those relationships with the ever-changing cast of state leaders and officials who appropriate funding, create and implement public policy. Some of those key leaders may include:

- President Designate Ben Albritton, (2025/2026)
- Senator Jim Boyd, future Senate President (2027/2028)
- Senator Jay Trumbull, future Senate President (2029/2030)
- Speaker Designate Danny Perez, (2025/2026)
- Representative Sam Garrison, future House Speaker (2027/2028)
- Representative Jennifer Canady, future House Speaker (2029/2030)

Many of our team members graduated out of Florida's executive branch agencies and still maintain great relationships with the leadership teams. Some of those individuals include:

- Leda Kelly, Chief of Staff, FDOT
- Secretary Shawn Hamilton, DEP
- Alex J. Kelly, Secretary of Commerce
- Anna DeCerchio, Chief of Staff, DEP
- Luke Strickland, Chief of Staff of the Division of Emergency Management
- Cody Farrill, Cabinet Affairs Director, Executive Office of the Governor

MONITORING SERVICES

The Southern Group strives to keep our clients engaged and informed throughout the year. Our daily newsletter, What's Trending Florida, offers a high-level, insider's point-of-view of what is happening at all levels of government. Throughout the interim committee weeks and Legislative Session our team will provide bill and committee reports relative to the City's areas of interests. Upon the conclusion of Legislative Session, our team takes a deep dive into the budget and provides budget summaries by silos for our clients to better understand the funding resources available in the upcoming year(s). Additionally, when the legislature is not in session, our team hosts webinars for our clients to stay engaged in policy discussions and further build their relationships with decision makers.

Our clients have participated in webinars focused on transportation, infrastructure and resiliency issues, technology, a pre-session discussion with leaders in the legislative process, and a legislative wrap up on the recent school safety bill. An example of our FY 2024-25 Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources budget summary can be found in the appendix of this response on pages 32 - 34 of this response. Additionally, an example of a 2024-25 Local Government Session report can be found in the appendix of this response on pages 35 - 40.

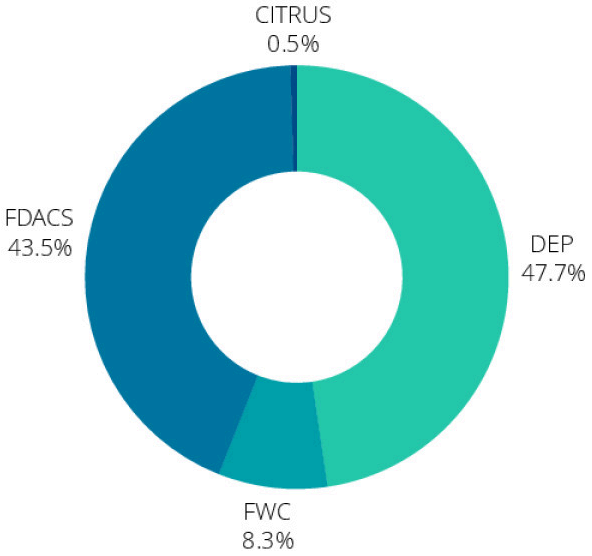
LOGISTICS

The City will have year-round access to our buildings for meetings and appointments. The Southern Group's 11,000 square foot Tallahassee office is conveniently located a block from the capitol grounds and other major state government buildings. We routinely host large meetings for our clients and their guests, coordinating receptions in our office for clients to engage with legislators and other decision makers.

Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Overview

This document is current as of March 8, 2024, and prior to the Governor's final signature of the budget.



Budget negotiations between the House and Senate yielded a historic $117.46 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25. The Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources portion of the budget encompasses $7 billion of the overall budget. The FY 2024-25 budget will go into effect July 1, 2024.

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS)

Budget Total: $3 billion

Rural and Family Lands Protection Program - $100 million

The Rural and Family Lands Protection Program (RFLPP) is an agricultural land preservation program designed to protect important agricultural lands through the acquisition of permanent agricultural land conservation easements. $100 million has been allocated to the program.

Citrus Protection and Research - $33.5 million

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1560, $3,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund shall be transferred to the Citrus Research and Development Foundation Inc., in consultation with the Department of Citrus, to conduct or cause to be conducted, research projects on citrus disease, pursuant to section 581.031(32), Florida Statutes.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1560, $10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund and $5,000,000 from the Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund shall be transferred to the Citrus Research and Development Foundation Inc., in consultation with the Department of Citrus, to issue a request for proposal to conduct large-scale, science-based, field trials that demonstrate the impact of utilizing a combination of management and therapeutic tools for plantings and the rehabilitation of existing trees, including, but not limited to, grove design, planting preparation, pest management, disease management, tree therapeutics, and, post planting production practices which promote increased production of citrus.

During the initial solicitation period, at least 60 percent of the appropriated funds shall be made available to growers who, for property tax purposes, have citrus groves greater than or equal to five acres, but less than 2,500 acres. After the initial solicitation distribution, remaining funds are available to all growers. A maximum of two percent of funds provided under the request for proposal for large-scale, science-based, grower driven field trials may be used by the entity administering the program for direct operational and staffing costs. From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1560, the Citrus Research and Development Foundation Inc., shall hold quarterly public meetings at locations that best represent all geographic regions of the state with an emphasis on citrus production.

The public meetings shall include in-depth reporting on the results of non-confidential completed research projects, current research and planned research projects on citrus disease, including but not limited to, citrus canker and citrus greening. Scientists, growers, industry representatives, and Citrus Research and Development Foundation administrators must be represented at the public meetings. Public meetings shall provide the opportunity for public input, questions, and comments. Funds in Specific Appropriation 1560, outside of direct operational and staffing costs within the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, shall not be used for any administrative assessment fees from external entities.

Feeding Florida - $6,500,000
Funds in Specific Appropriation 1624 are provided to Feeding Florida. Thirty percent of all food commodities distributed by Feeding Florida must be fresh Florida products (HF 2628) (SF 2695). From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1624, Feeding Florida shall submit quarterly reports that include the amount and type of fresh produce distributed to needy families, local food entities, and community partners.

The reports shall include a detailed breakout of the types of fresh commodities distributed. The quarterly reports shall be submitted to the chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the chair of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee by January 1, 2025. From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 1624, Feeding Florida may not allow any candidate for elective office to host a food distribution event during the period of time between the last day of the election qualifying period and the date of the election, if the candidate is opposed for election or re-election at the time of the event. This provision does not apply when the event is in response to a direct emergency.

Wildfire Suppression Equipment - $12.4 million
From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1508, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall replace the most critical wildfire suppression equipment first. Any operator-controlled equipment replaced must be equipped with operator protection systems, including enclosed cabs.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Budget Total: $3.3 billion

Everglades Restoration and South Florida Water Management District Operations - $702 million
From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1715, $64,000,000 in recurring funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund are provided to transfer to the Everglades Trust Fund within the South Florida Water Management District pursuant to section 375.041(3)(b)4., Florida Statutes.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1715, $450,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund and $100,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund shall be distributed to the South Florida Water Management District for the planning, design, engineering, and construction of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

Wastewater Grant Program - $135 million
Funds in Specific Appropriation 1741 are provided for the water quality improvement grant program as established in section 403.0673, Florida Statutes.

Water Projects - $410.4 million
Funds in Specific Appropriation 1732A are provided to 281 water projects in local communities throughout the state.

Flood and Sea-Level Rise Program - $125 million
Funds in Specific Appropriation 1853 are provided to the Department of Environmental Protection for the Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan, years one and two, as submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on December 1, 2023, pursuant to section 380.093(5), Florida Statutes.

In the event that projects included in the plan are unable to continue or if excess funds are identified by completed projects, the department may reallocate funds to projects on its Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan to the next project on the ranked list or to projects already funded in year one that have identified funding needs in subsequent years.

Division of State Lands - $100 million

Petroleum Tanks Cleanup Program - $220 million
Line 1804

Petroleum Tanks Cleanup Program monitors the clean-up of petroleum that has leaked into soil and groundwater, which could potentially contaminate drinking water. This program was allocated $220 million.

Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern - $20 million

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1736 are provided to the Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of entering into financial assistance agreements with local governments located in the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern or the City of Key West Area of Critical State Concern, to be distributed in accordance with the existing interlocal agreement among the Village of Islamorada, the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District, the City of Marathon, the Monroe County/Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, the City of Key West, and Key Colony Beach, to finance or refinance the cost of constructing sewage collection, treatment, and disposal facilities, building projects that protect, restore, or enhance nearshore water quality and fisheries, such as stormwater or canal restoration projects and projects to protect water resources available to the Florida Keys, or for the purpose of land acquisition within the Florida Keys Area of Critical Concern as authorized pursuant to section 259.045, Florida Statutes, with increased priority given these acquisitions that achieve a combination of conservation goals, including protecting Florida's water resources and natural groundwater recharge.

Water Infrastructure Improvements - $178.3 million

From the funds in Specific Appropriations 1765, $178.3 million has been appropriated to Water Infrastructure Improvements.

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

Budget Total: $585.3 million

Artificial Reef Program - $5.6 million

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1991, $5,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the purpose of implementing a framework for the placement, monitoring, and maintenance of artificial habitat in Monroe County.

Wetlands Restoration and Protection - $10 million

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1730A shall be provided for the creation of a wetlands restoration and protection grant program. To be eligible, at least 50 percent cost-share shall be provided with non-state funds. Projects shall be reviewed by the Department of Environmental Protection with priority given to projects that benefit fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, water storage, water conservation, or flood attenuation. Priority shall be given to projects where at least $200,000 in non-state funds will be provided.

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Unauthorized Public Camping and Public Sleeping (SB 1530/HB 1365)

What It Is: SB 1530 by Senator Martin and HB 1365 by Representative Garrison require counties and municipalities to prohibit individuals from regularly sleeping or camping on public property, at public buildings, or on public rights-of-way within their jurisdictions. Both bills authorize counties and municipalities to allow public sleeping or camping on designated public property by issuing temporary permits to be used only at designated areas. A designated property may not be used continuously for longer than 1 year and must meet certain minimum standards and procedures. The prohibitions against camping or sleeping on public property do not apply when the Governor has declared a state of emergency or when local officers have declared a state of emergency. The legislation also enables residents, business owners, or the Attorney General to bring civil actions against counties or municipalities for violations, with provisions for recovering expenses if successful.

Latest Action: SB 1530 was replaced by HB 1365 which passed the Senate on March 5 with a vote of 27-12.

What's Next: HB 1365 will now be sent to the Governor for final approval.

Government Accountability (SB 734/HB 735)

What It Is: SB 734 by Senator Ingoglia and HB 735 by Representative Andrade prohibit local government officials from accepting gifts from foreign countries of concern and direct local governments to establish requirements for lobbyist registrations for individuals lobbying local governments. The legislation also states that certain local government employee contracts shall not be renewed, extended, or renegotiated within 8 months of a general election for members of the applicable governing body. These employee contracts include County administrators, County attorneys, Municipal chief executive officers, Municipal attorneys, School superintendents, and School board district attorneys.

Latest Action: HB 735 was temporarily postponed on the House Special Order Calendar and not heard again.

What's Next: HB 735 and SB 734 died at the end of Session.

Suits Against the Government (SB 472/HB 569)

What It Is: SB 472 by Senator Brodeur and HB 569 by Representative McFarland increases statutory limits on liability for tort claims against the state, its agencies, and subdivisions. Specifically, the bill limits liability for individual claims to $300,000 and total claims from the same incident to $500,000 and mandates the Department of Financial Services to adjust liability limits every 5 years based on the Consumer Price Index, not to exceed a 3% increase. Both bills abolish the common law doctrine of home venue privilege with respect to suits against the state. Finally, provisions in both bills seek to reduce the time allotted for pre-suit notice to the state, its agency, or a subdivision thereof, from 3 years to 18 months and also reduces the duration that an entity has to review the notice from 6 months to 4 months.

Latest Action: SB 472 was temporarily postponed on the Senate Special Order Calendar and not heard again.

What's Next: SB 472 and HB 569 died at the end of Session.

Traffic Enforcement (SB 1464/HB 1363)

What It Is: SB 1464 by Senator Calatayud and HB 1363 by Representative Busatta-Cabrera create additional requirements governing the installation and use of red-light cameras. The bill states that a county or municipality must enact an ordinance to authorize the placement or installation of or to authorize contracting with a vendor for the placement or installation of, one or more traffic infraction detectors, and a county or municipality operating traffic infraction detectors must annually report the results of all traffic infraction detectors within the county's or municipality's jurisdiction.

Latest Action: SB 1464 was replaced by HB 1363 which unanimously passed the Senate on March 6 by a vote of 40-0.

What's Next: HB 1363 will now be sent to the Governor for final approval.

Local Government Actions (SB 1628/HB 1547)

What It Is: SB 1628 by Senator Collins and HB 1547 by Representative McClure revise the categories of local ordinances exempt from statutes related to the production of business impact estimates and subject local governments to certain conditions on lawsuits brought by any party to challenge the legal validity of local ordinances as preempted by state law, arbitrary, or unreasonable. The bills also modify conditions under which counties, districts, or municipalities may hold bond referenda, mandating that if the bond issue exceeds $500 million, it must be conducted during a general election.

Latest Action: HB 1547 was replaced by SB 1628 which passed in the House with a vote of 84-30 on March 6.

What's Next: SB 1628 will now be sent to the Governor for final approval.

Tax Collections and Sales (SB 216/HB 113)

What It Is : SB 216 by Senator Hooper and HB 113 by Representative Maney, makes various changes to local governments' tax collection administration. The legislation removes a $10 processing fee associated with partial payment of current year taxes and requires tax collectors to include properties subject to federal bankruptcies, properties in which the taxes are below the minimum tax bill, and properties assigned to the list of lands available for taxes in their report on tax collections submitted annually to the board of county commissioners. The bills also clarify the status of a tax certificate following cancellation of a tax deed application.

Action This Week: HB 113 passed unanimously on the House floor on February 28, and was sent to the Senate in Messages. SB 216 was substituted for HB 113 on March 1. HB 113 passed unanimously on the Senate Floor on March 1 with a vote of 31-0.

What's Next: HB 113 will be sent to the Governor.



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7.2.6 COMPENSATION

RFP 24-023EJ

STATE LOBBYING SERVICES

ATTACHMENT A - FEE SCHEDULE

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY FEE			TOTAL ANNUAL FEE
1	State Lobbying Services*	$6,250.00	X	12	$75,000

* The Proposer agrees to furnish all materials, equiment and labor to perform all services in accordance with the solicitation. Fee is all inclusive of travel expenses and any administrative costs.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.k

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Marcus Kerber, Purchasing

ITEM TYPE: Agreement

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Second Extension of the Agreement for R Grade Anhydrous Ammonia with Airgas Specialty Products, Inc.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve the Agreement for Mayor's signature.

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:

The City and Contractor entered into an Agreement for R Grade Anhydrous Ammonia, whereby Contractor is to provide the City with all necessary labor, materials, equipment, tools, consumables, transportation and incidentals to supply the City with R Grade Anhydrous Ammonia.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
To be utilized and funded through the operating budget.

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:
Reviewed and edited by Attorney Rudacille.

SUGGESTED MOTION:
Motion to approve extension agreement with Airgas Specialty Products, Inc.

ATTACHMENTS:

Second Extension of the Agreement with Airgas Specialty Products, Inc.

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Second Extension of the Agreement for R Grade Anhydrous Ammonia

This SECOND EXTENSION of the Agreement for R Grade Anhydrous Ammonia (the "Extension"), is made this 11th day of September 2024, between the CITY OF BRADENTON (hereafter referred to as "City"), a municipal corporation of the State of Florida located at 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida 34205 and AIRGAS SPECIALTY PRODUCTS, INC., a foreign for profit corporation (hereafter referred to as "Contractor), with a principal office located at 2530 Sever Road, Suite 300, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City and Contractor entered into an Agreement for R Grade Anhydrous Ammonia (the "Agreement") on September 16, 2022, whereby Contractor was to provide the City with all necessary labor, materials, equipment, tools, consumables, transportation and incidentals to supply the City with R Grade Anhydrous Ammonia;

WHEREAS, the Agreement with the City provided for a one-year term, through September 16, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Agreement allows the option to renew for four (4) additional one-year periods;

WHEREAS, the parties exercised one of the four options to extend the term of the Agreement to September 16, 2024;

WHEREAS, the parties desire to exercise the second of four options to extend the term of the Agreement to September 16, 2025;

WHEREAS, the City and the Contractor desire to make certain amendments to the Agreement as indicated herein;

WHEREAS, the City and the Contractor desire that except as amended by the terms of this Extension, all other terms, covenants and conditions of the Agreement, and the rights and obligations of the City and the Contractor, shall remain in full force and effect and are hereby ratified and affirmed.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City and the Contractor, for and in consideration of the provisions, mutual promises, covenants and conditions hereinafter set forth or recited, agree as follows:

1. **Recitals**. The recitals in the WHEREAS clauses are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Extension.
2. **Amendment to the Agreement**. The following provisions are hereby added to the Agreement as follows, and such additional terms shall prevail over conflicting provisions of the Agreement:

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a. Article 3: Term. The Agreement is hereby extended an additional one-year term, and the Agreement shall now expire on September 15, 2025.

3. **Affirmation**. Except as amended by the terms of this Extension, all other terms, covenants and conditions of the Agreement, and the rights and obligations of the City and the Contractor thereunder, shall remain in full force and effect and are hereby ratified and affirmed.
4. **Counterparts**. This Extension may be executed in separate counterparts by the parties as may be deemed necessary and convenient, each of which, when so executed, shall be deemed an original, but all such counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument. A party's original signature on the Extension hereto may be provided by facsimile or scanned and e-mailed and shall be effective upon transmission to the other party hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto accepted, made, and executed this Extension, upon the terms and conditions above stated, this 11th day of September, 2024.

David Richardson

David Richardson, as VP of Sales
Airgas Specialty Products, Inc.

9/3/2024
Date

Gene Brown
Mayor, City of Bradenton

Date

Erin Jones

Erin Jones, NIGP-CPP, CPPB
Purchasing Manager, City of Bradenton

09/03/2024
Date

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.a

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Jamie Schindewolf, Planning & Community Development

ITEM TYPE: Ordinance

AGENDA SECTION: BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS & COMMUNICATIONS

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE 4039 - FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF BRADENTON LAND USE ATLAS; CHANGING ZONING FROM UV (URBAN VILLAGE) TO R-4 (MOBILE HOME) FOR APPROXIMATELY 10.93 ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF 16TH STREET WEST, SOUTH OF 21ST AVENUE WEST, NORTH OF 26TH AVENUE WEST, WEST OF 14TH STREET WEST, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SUGGESTED ACTION: No action is needed at first reading. The second reading and public hearing are scheduled for September 25, 2024.

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:

Vanguard Management Group, agent for Bradenton Tropical Palms, has submitted an application for a Zoning Atlas Amendment to rezone parcels from UV (Urban Village) to R-4 (Mobile Home). The parcels have an underlying Future Land Use

designation of UV (Urban Village). This zoning atlas amendment will bring all of Bradenton Tropical Palms into the same zoning designation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
N/A

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:
Reviewed by City Attorney Rudacille.

SUGGESTED MOTION:
No action is needed at first reading. The second reading and public hearing are scheduled for September 25, 2024.

ATTACHMENTS:
Ordinance 4039
LU.24.0877 - Staff Report
LU.24.0877 - Survey
LU.24.0877 - Permit Application

ORDINANCE NO. 4039

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF BRADENTON LAND USE ATLAS; CHANGING ZONING FROM UV (URBAN VILLAGE) TO R-4 (MOBILE HOME) FOR APPROXIMATELY 10.93 ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF 16TH STREET WEST, SOUTH OF 21ST AVENUE WEST, NORTH OF 26TH AVENUE WEST, WEST OF 14TH STREET WEST, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 2, Constitution of the State of Florida, as revised in 1968, provides for and establishes municipalities and grants to those municipalities governmental, corporate, and proprietary powers to enable them to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, render municipal services, and authorizes said municipalities to exercise any power for municipal purposes, except as otherwise provided by law; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, The Municipal Home Rule Powers Act, implements by general law the authority and jurisdiction granted to municipalities by the Florida Constitution and establishes home rule for said municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, Part II, Local Government Comprehensive Planning/Land Development Regulations, requires, authorizes and empowers municipalities to prepare, adopt, amend and enforce Comprehensive Plans for the development of the City and empowering the City Council of the City of Bradenton to plan for the City's future development and growth in order to responsibly guide the future growth and development of the City, to implement adopted or amended Comprehensive Plans by the adoption of appropriate land development regulations and to establish, support and maintain procedures to carry out the provisions and purposes of said Statute; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 163.3174, Florida Statutes, the City Council of the City of Bradenton duly designated its Planning Commission as the Local Planning Agency (LPA) for the City of Bradenton; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted land use regulations and a land use atlas in order to implement the goals, objectives, and policies of the

comprehensive plan, and

WHEREAS, the City amends such regulations and atlas from time to time, and has adopted procedures by which to amend these documents, requiring a public hearing before the Planning Commission and City Council; and

WHEREAS, Bradenton Tropical Palms Inc., (the "Property Owner" or "Applicant") owns the properties described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto (collectively, the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, Vanguard Management Group, agent for the Applicant, submitted a Zoning Atlas Amendment application to rezone the Property, consisting of approximately 10.93 acres, from UV (Urban Village) to R-4 (Mobile Home) (the "Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, the LPA and the City Council have in preparation of the Amendment to the City's Zoning Atlas performed or caused to be performed, the necessary studies and surveys, the collection of appropriate data, the holding of such public hearings, workshops and meetings, as necessary, and have effectively provided for public participation, notice, and opportunity for oral and written comments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bradenton's LPA held a public hearing on April 17, 2024 to consider the proposed Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the LPA having reviewed and considered all comments received during said hearing, found that the Amendment furthers the goals, objectives and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan and recommended said Amendment to the City Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, based on the matters of record received by the City Council at the required public hearing pursuant to Section 166.041 Florida Statutes, held on May 22, 2024, after proper notice, and finding the proposed Amendment to be consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan, as well as the requirements of Section 3.1.5 of the City's Land Use Regulations, the City Council, in the exercise of its home rule and statutory authority, has determined it necessary and desirable, in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare, to adopt said Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA:

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact by the City Council for the adoption of this Ordinance. Based on such findings the City Council determines that the City of Bradenton Land Use Atlas should be amended as described in Section 2 below.

2. The Zoning Atlas of the City of Bradenton is hereby amended, changing the classification of the Property from UV, Urban Village, to R-4, Mobile Home.

3. In the event any provision or portion of this Ordinance is declared by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, then, and in that event, all remaining provisions and portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

4. This Ordinance shall become effective as provided by Florida law.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, WITH A QUORUM PRESENT AND VOTING ON THIS 22nd DAY OF MAY, 2024.

THE CITY OF BRADENTON, BY AND THROUGH THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON

ATTEST:

_____ _____

Tamara Melton
CITY CLERK

Gene Brown
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____

Scott Rudacille
CITY ATTORNEY

DRAFT

Planning Commission	April 17, 2024
City Council 1st Reading	May 8, 2024
City Council 2nd Reading and Public Hearing	May 22, 2024
Local Planning Agency ad published	April 5, 2024
City Council hearing ad published	TBD

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EXHIBIT A

Legal Description

THE EASTERLY 400 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. LESS ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS.

LESS THAT CERTAIN PARCEL DEEDED TO THE CITY OF BRADENTON AS DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 239, PAGE 396, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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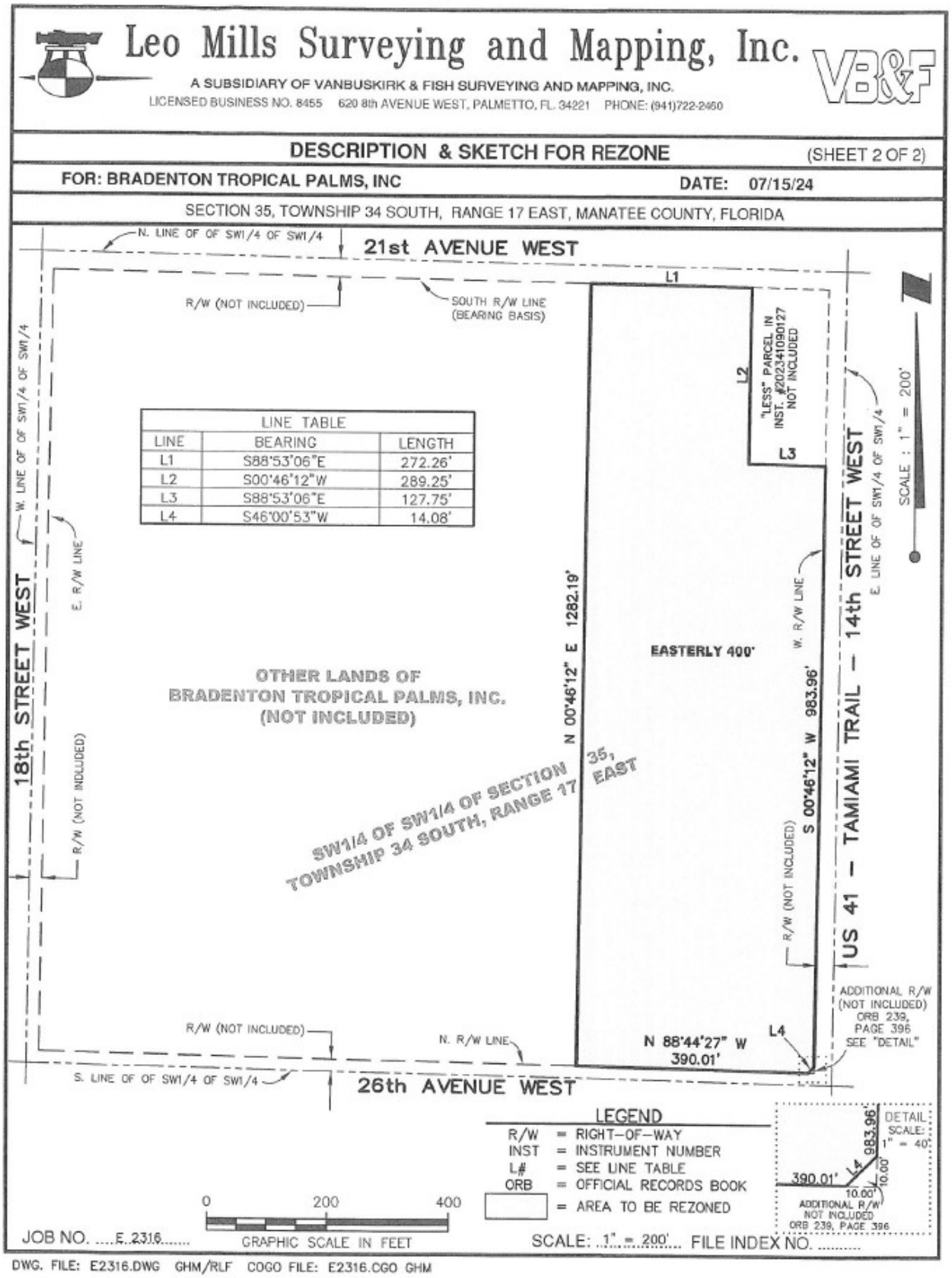
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DESCRIPTION & SKETCH FOR REZONE (SHEET 2 OF 2)
FOR: BRADENTON TROPICAL PALMS, INC DATE: 07/15/24
SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
N. LINE OF OF SW1/4 OF SW1/4
21st AVENUE WEST
R/W (NOT INCLUDED)
SOUTH R/W LINE (BEARING BASIS)
W. LINE OF OF SW1/4 OF SW1/4
18th STREET WEST
E. R/W LINE
R/W (NOT INCLUDED)
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LINE | BEARING | LENGTH
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SCALE : 1" = 200'
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R/W (NOT INCLUDED)
OTHER LANDS OF
BRADENTON TROPICAL PALMS, INC.
(NOT INCLUDED)
SW1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST
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R/W (NOT INCLUDED)
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26th AVENUE WEST
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ORB = OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK
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City of Bradenton
Planning and Community Development Department
City Council
September 11, 2024 (First Reading); September 25, 2024 (Second Reading)

Staff Report

Case Number:	LU.24.0877
Applicant:	Vanguard Management Group, agent for Bradenton Tropical Palms
Address:	2310 14th Street West
Parcel ID:	4456400219
Current Zoning:	UV (Urban Village)
Requested Zoning:	R-4 (Mobile Home)
Future Land Use:	UV (Urban Village)
Flood Zone:	AE

Surrounding Property Zoning:

Current Zoning:	North: T4-O South: Manatee County East: T4-O West: R-4
Future Land Use:	North/East: UV West: RESHIGH South: Manatee County

Vanguard Management Group, agent for Bradenton Tropical Palms, has submitted an application for a Zoning Atlas Amendment to rezone parcels from UV (Urban Village) to R-4 (Mobile Home). The parcels have an underlying Future Land Use designation of UV (Urban Village).

The subject properties are currently mobile homes and community spaces such as a pool and a parking lot. The following map shows the area that is subject to the request. The applicant is making this request because the setbacks and other dimensional requirements are generally not possible to follow as owners replace units. Some have gone through the variance process and been approved, but this is a costly and time-consuming process.

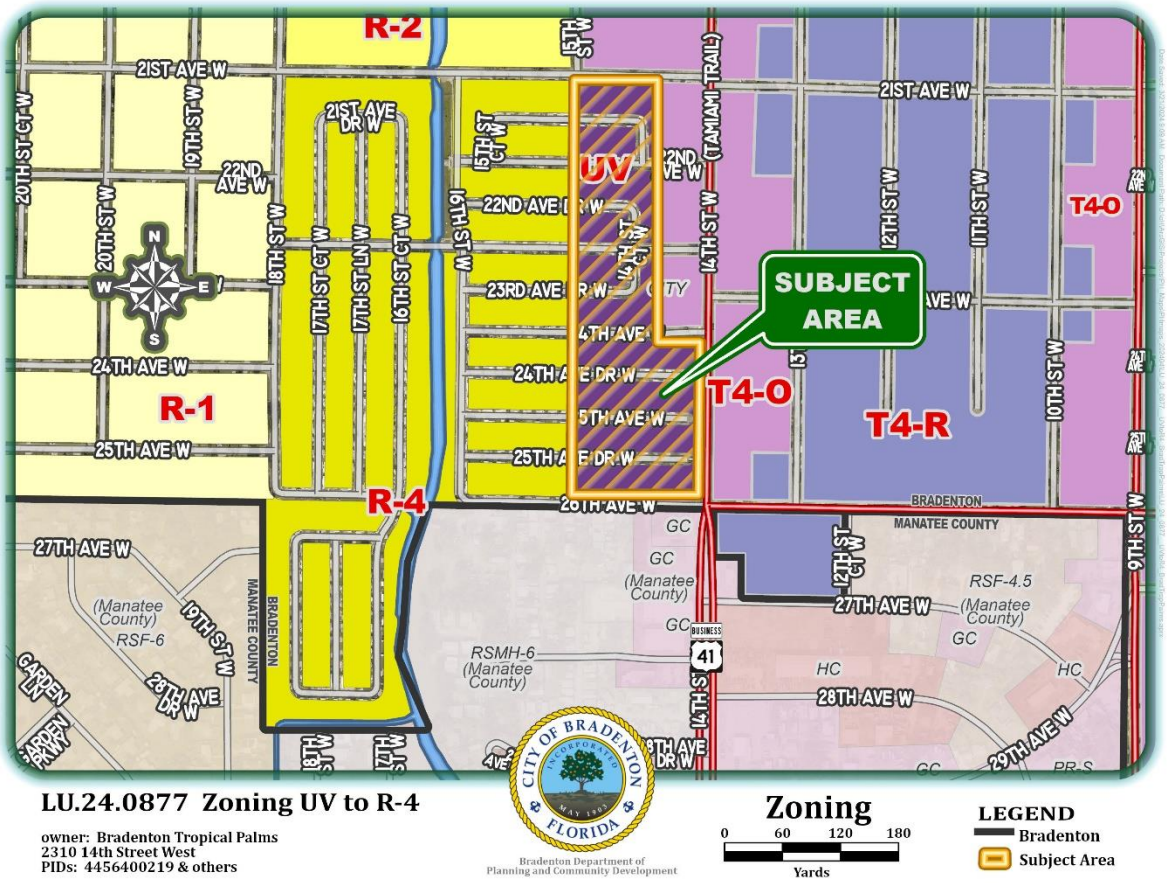


Figure 1. Rezone Request from UV to R-4

The above map shows the area that is subject to the request for a rezoning from UV to R-4. The following describes the characteristics of each district from the Land Use Regulations:

> R-4 Mobile Home. This district is designed to provide for new mobile home developments and the redevelopment of existing mobile home parks.
>
> UV/Urban Village. This district is designed to facilitate continued use of already developed high density residential development and to provide for a compact, mixed-use, center of activity with neighborhood and community serving uses at a pedestrian scale and character.

UV – Urban Village *(Future Land Use Classification):*

The Comprehensive Plan states:

The Urban Village includes areas near the fringe of the Urban Core and is anticipated to develop with the character, lifestyle, and friendliness of a village based on the concepts of new urbanism.

Permitted uses within the Urban Village encourage the development of a district with a distinct sense of place, walkable environment that supports and enhances abutting neighborhood areas. Desired uses in the Urban Village include: small lot single-family dwellings, multiple-family rowhouses and midrise housing types, flex houses, providing live-work opportunities, professional and medical offices, retail stores, artisanal uses, restaurants, personal services and professional services, civic and recreation uses, greenspace. Climate controlled storage facilities that are vertically mixed with other permitted uses can be considered with a special use permit if located on an arterial roadway; they are prohibited as a stand-alone use. Auto-oriented uses such as gas stations, car washes, vehicles sales, auto repair, vehicle storage, outdoor storage, and drive thru's are prohibited. Outdoor storage is also prohibited.

Land Use Regulations:

The following sections of the Land Use Regulations describe necessary conditions for assigning or amending land use districts in the City. Staff response is in bold below each criterion.:

3.1.5 *Criteria for land use atlas district designations*. Land within the city shall be assigned a land use atlas district designation from the list of standard land use atlas districts in section A. [sections 3.1.1 through 3.1.3] above. The following criteria shall be used to make such assignments and to make changes in assignments, whether initiated by the city or by a property owner pursuant to section 2.2.5 land use atlas amendment.

3.1.5.1 *Consistency with the comprehensive plan.* All land use atlas district assignments shall be consistent with the comprehensive plan, including the future land use map and future land use element goals, objectives and policies. The land use atlas district assigned shall be consistent with the land use category of the future land use map.

While other property zoned R-4 has RESHIGH future land use, R-4 is compatible with Urban Village future land use. Urban Village is a diverse future land use category that lists "small

lot single-family dwellings" as a desired use. Mobile Homes inherently fit this description.

3.1.5.2 *Land use compatibility.* The assigning of land use atlas districts shall promote the compatibility of adjacent land uses.

The rezoning request will bring this section of Bradenton Tropical Palms into the same zoning category as the rest of the complex. There are no compatibility concerns with extending the R-4 district.

3.1.5.3 *Adequate public facilities*. The assigning of land use atlas districts shall be consistent with the public facilities available to set the types of uses allowed in the proposed zoning district. The level of service standards set forth in section 4.1.1.5 shall be considered in assigning land use atlas districts and there shall be reasonable assurance that the demand for services allowed in the proposed land use atlas district can be met.

The rezoning request does not increase the allowed density or intensity. These are governed by the underlying future land use.

3.1.5.4 *Public interest*. Land use atlas district designations shall not be in conflict with the public interest and will promote the public health, safety and welfare.

The rezoning request represents an expansion of an existing district and restricts the uses that are allowable from a range of residential and commercial to single family homes and supporting uses (e.g. cultural facilities).

3.1.5.5 *Consistency with LURs.* Land use atlas district designations shall be consistent with the purpose and intent of these LURs.

The rezoning request meets the intent of the Land Use Regulations which, in zone R-4, is to provide for new mobile home developments and the redevelopment of existing mobile home parks.

Surrounding Environment/Properties:

The neighborhood consists of the Bradenton Tropical Palms community, single family homes to the west, other mobile homes to the south, and commercial uses across Tamiami Trail.

Summary and Recommendation:

It appears that the proposed rezoning request meets the intent of the Land Use Regulations and the Comprehensive Plan and will bring the area into conformance with the other parts of the Bradenton Tropical Palms Community.

Staff recommends **approval** of the rezoning request from UV to R-4.

On April 17, 2024, Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend **approval** of the request.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Schindewolf
Senior Planner

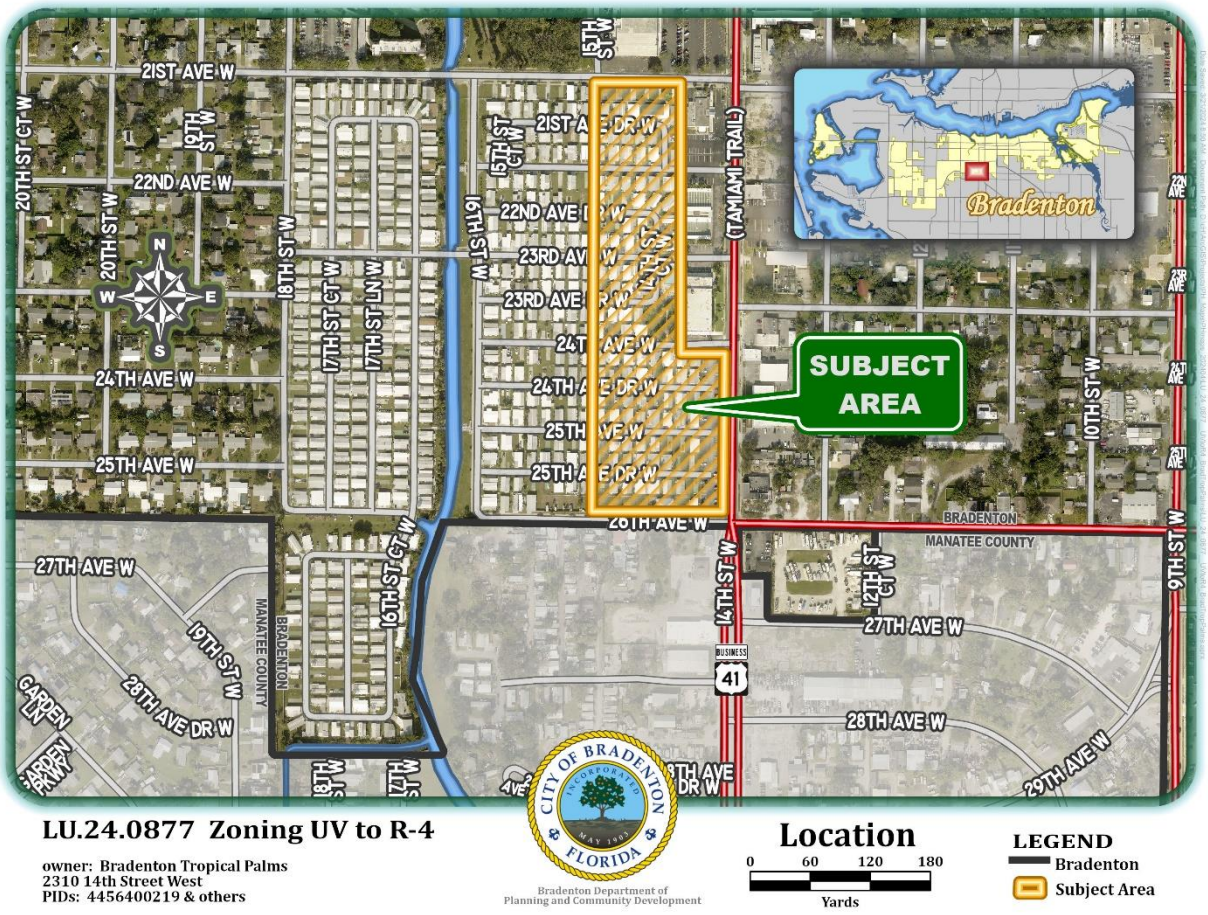
Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Location Map

Exhibit B: Future Land Use Map

Exhibit C: Zoning Map

Exhibit A
Location Map



LU.24.0877 Zoning UV to R-4

owner: Bradenton Tropical Palms
2310 14th Street West
PIDs: 4456400219 & others

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Location

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Bradenton
Subject Area

Exhibit B
Future Land Use Map

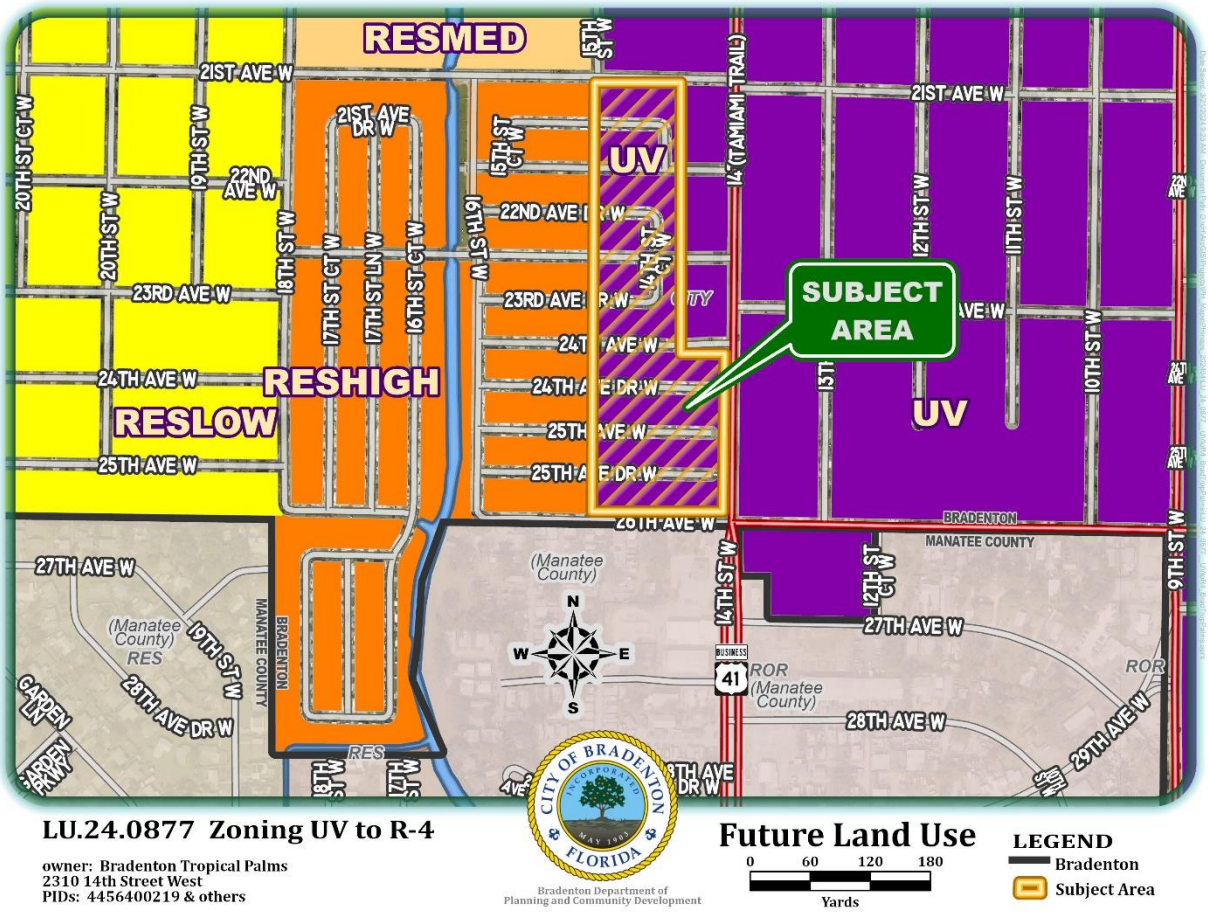
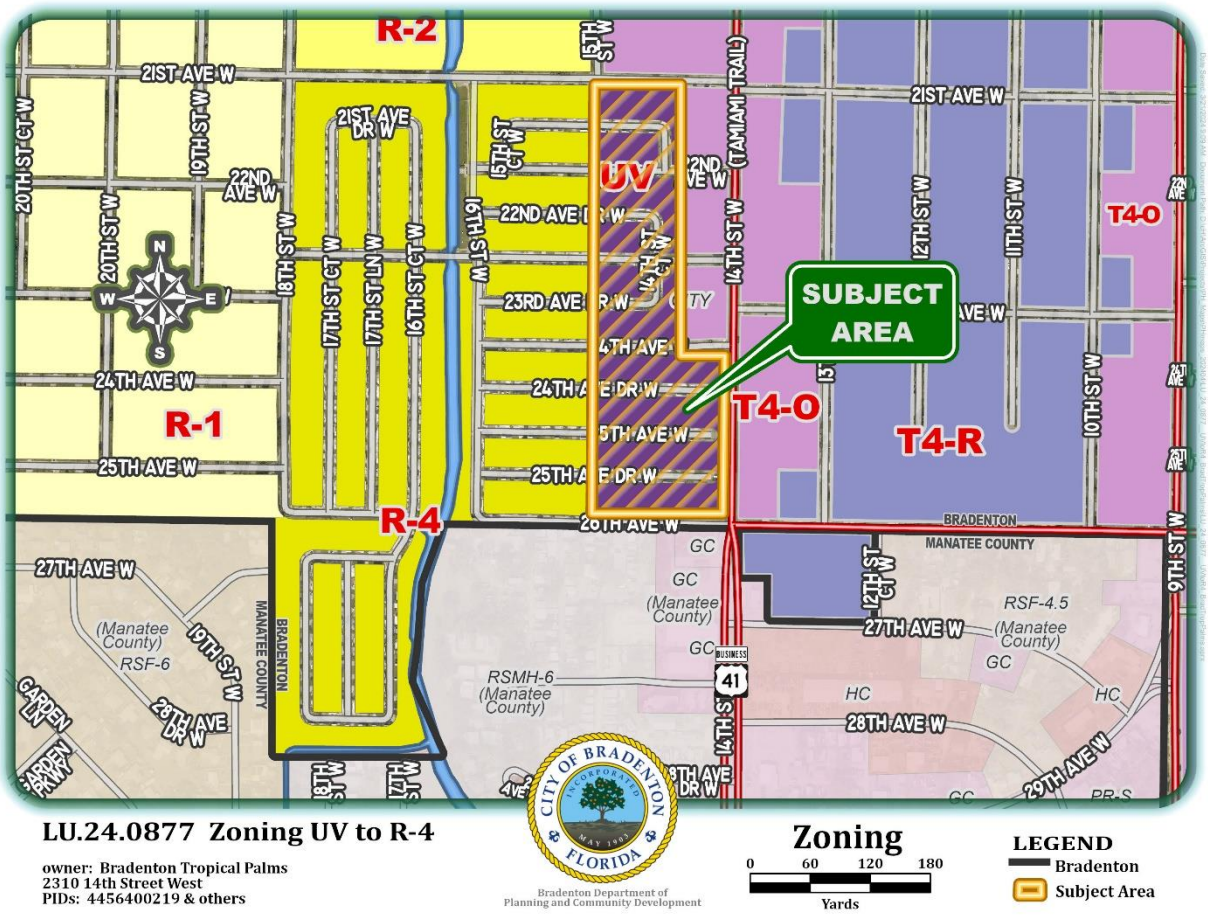


Exhibit C
Zoning Map



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DESCRIPTION & SKETCH FOR REZONE

FOR: BRADENTON TROPICAL PALMS, INC **DATE: 07/15/24**

SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CERTIFIED TO:
BRADENTON TROPICAL PALMS, INC.
CITY OF BRADENTON

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE:

LEO MILLS JR. CERTIFICATE NO. 6513 STATE OF FLORIDA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR

LEO MILLS, JR.
REGISTERED STATE OF FLORIDA
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR &
MAPPER NO. 3513

NOT VALID WITHOUT THE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OR THE DIGITAL EQUIVALENT, OF A FLORIDA LICENSED SURVEYOR AND MAPPER.

DESCRIPTION:

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NOTES:

1. THIS PLAT IS A "DESCRIPTION & SKETCH" ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED AS A BOUNDARY SURVEY.
2. THIS "DESCRIPTION & SKETCH" CONSISTS OF 2 SHEETS. EACH SHEET IS INTENDED TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OTHER SHEET. THIS "SKETCH OF DESCRIPTION" IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT BOTH SHEETS.
3. BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON REFER TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 21st AVENUE WEST BEING S88°53'06"E AS SHOWN ON A PREVIOUS BOUNDARY SURVEY OF LANDS OF BRADENTON TROPICAL PALMS, INC. PREPARED BY THIS FIRM; JOB NO. C1780; DATED 01-07-1997.
4. THIS "DESCRIPTION & SKETCH" HAS BEEN PREPARED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A CURRENT TITLE REPORT AND THEREFORE MAY NOT NECESSARILY INDICATE ALL ENCUMBRANCES ON THE PROPERTY.
5. THE DESCRIPTION SHOWN HEREON WAS CREATED BY THIS FIRM FOR THE PURPOSE OF A REZONE APPLICATION.
6. THIS "DESCRIPTION & SKETCH" IS INTENDED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THOSE CERTIFIED PARTIES APPEARING HEREON AND IS WARRANTED FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR BEYOND THE DATE SHOWN.
7. SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, DEDICATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.
8. THE SUBJECT LAND AS DESCRIBED CONTAINS 476,078 SQUARE FEET OR 10.93 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.
9. THIS PROPERTY IS A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY, NOW OR FORMERLY, KNOWN AS MANATEE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER'S PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 4456400219.

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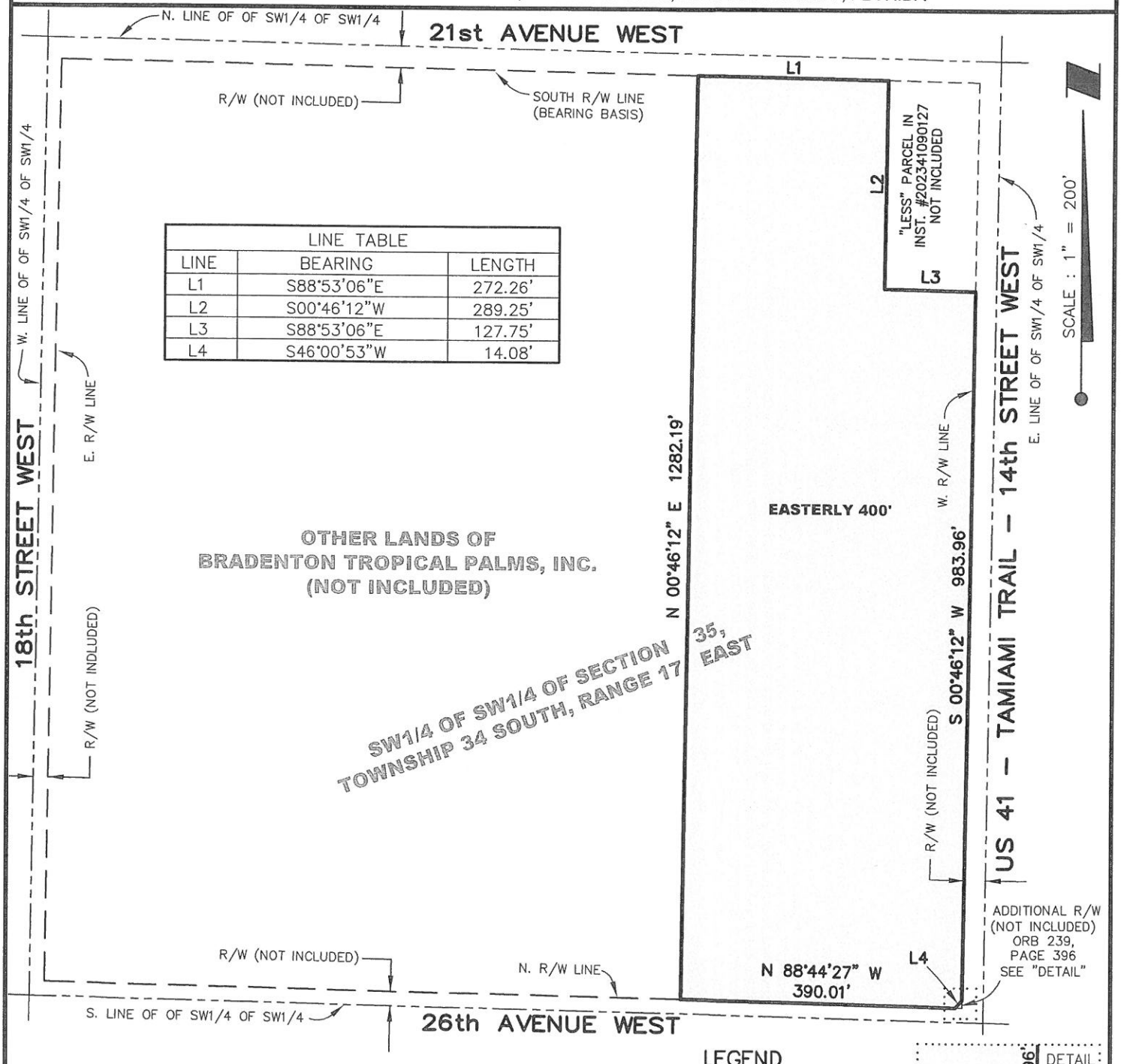
DESCRIPTION & SKETCH FOR REZONE

FOR: BRADENTON TROPICAL PALMS, INC **DATE: 07/15/24**

SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA



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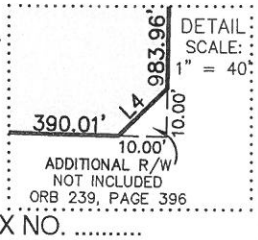

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Zoning Atlas Amendment Application

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CONTACT INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

Name of Property Owner: Bradenton Tropical Palms

Owner Address: 2310 14 St. W Telephone: 941-748-7423

Name of Agent: Vanguard Management Prop

Agent Address: 10500 University Center Dr. suite 190 Telephone: 813-930-8036

Owner/Agent Email: btpmanager@vanguardmanagementgroup.com

PROPERTY INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

Property Address: same as above

Parcel ID: 4456400219 Acreage: 35.2070 or 44 acres total

Current Use of Property: 900006704895311900 lessors of other Real Estate Property

Proposed Use of Property: SAME AS Above

Current Zoning: UV Proposed Zoning: R-4

*click to view Zoning map *click to view Zoning map

MATERIALS FOR REVIEW (REQUIRED)

Before submitting an application to the City of Bradenton, please check with the Planning & Community Development Department to verify all essential information for review is present. Incomplete applications will delay the review process. Include one (1) electronic copy (pdf) of Application and all support materials.

- ▶ Zoning Atlas Amendment Application
- ▶ Application Fee: $5,520 ($4,000 if advertised concurrently with a FLUM Amendment)
- ▶ Notarized Property Disclosure of Interest Affidavit (see page 2 for Property Disclosure of Interest Affidavit)
- ▶ Letter of Request
- ▶ Notarized Agent Authorization Form, if applicable
- ▶ Findings of Fact/Review Criteria (see page 3 for Zoning Atlas Amendment Review Criteria)
- ▶ Ten(10) copies of Conceptual Plans of Proposed Development, if applicable
- ▶ Legal Description of Property

SIGNATURE (REQUIRED)

The owner of this property and/or the undersigned agree to conform to all applicable laws of the City of Bradenton and to all applicable Federal, State, and County laws.

Signature of Owner/Applicant 10-30-2023 Date

RECEIVED
MAR 7 2024
CITY OF BRADENTON
PLANNING DEPT.

CITY STAFF ONLY

Application Fees:
Fee Required: **$5,520**
$4,000 (if submitted with FLUM Amendment)

FEE COLLECTED: $_____

RECEIPT #: _____

Application Sufficiency:
Sufficient: ☐
Incomplete: ☐ _____

APPLICATION #: 240877

REVIEW DATES – TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY STAFF

2ND CC READ: _____
1ST CC READ: _____
PC: _____
DRC: _____

Zoning Atlas Amendment Application

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DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT — **REQUIRED**

The City of Bradenton Land Use Regulations adopted as Ordinance No. 2627, and amended under Ordinance No. 2926 requires that all applications for Land Use Atlas Amendments shall include public disclosure of applicants and their percentage of interest.

If the subject property is owned by:

A CORPORATION, list the principal officers, principal stockholders, and the percentage of stock owned by each; or

A TRUSTEE, list the beneficiaries of the trust with percentage of interest; or

A PARTNERSHIP or LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, list the name of the principals including general and limited partners; and

If there is a CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE, whether contingent on this application or not, and whether a Corporation, Trustee, or Partnership, list the names of the contract purchasers below, including the principal officers, stockholders, beneficiaries, or partners. If any contingency clause or contract terms involve additional parties, list all individuals or officers if a corporation, trust, or partnership. This is in addition to the list of owners.

NOTE: 1) *Changes of ownership or changes in contracts for purchase subsequent to the date of the application, but prior to the date of final public hearing, a supplemental Disclosure of Interest shall be filed. 2) Disclosure shall not be required of any entity whose interests is solely equity interest which are traded on an established securities market in the United States or another country.*

NAME, ADDRESS, TITLE	PERCENTAGE INTEREST, STOCK, OR OWNERSHIP
George Long, President BTP (owner ___ contract purchaser ___)	
Arlis MacCallum, Vice President BTP (owner ___ contract purchaser ___)	
Diane Geoffroy, Treasurer BTP (owner ___ contract purchaser ___)	

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing affidavit and that the facts stated in it are true.

Signature: Diane L Geoffroy Treasurer BTP (Applicant): Diane L. Geoffroy

NOTARY — **REQUIRED**

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Manatee

The foregoing instrument was sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 7th day of March, 20 24, by Diane Geoffroy, who is personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification.

_____
Signature

Maria A. Otero, Notary Public
Print Name

MARIA A. OTERO
Notary Public
State of Florida
Comm# HH289616
Expires 7/19/2026

State of Florida – My Commission Expires: 07/19/2026

Zoning Atlas Amendment Application

Department of Planning & Community Development
101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, FL 34205
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AMENDMENT REVIEW CRITERIA

An amendment to the Land Use Regulations Zoning Map may be requested by a property owner or owners.

LAND USE REGULATION ZONING MAP AMENDMENT REVIEW CRITERIA

Prepare detailed written responses, using factual statements to explain how the requested Land Use Regulation Zoning Map Amendment complies with the following criteria

REQUIRED

A. *Consistency with Comprehensive Plan*

All Land Use Regulation Zoning District assignments shall be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, including the Future Land Use Map and Future Land Use Element goals, objectives and policies. The Land Use Regulation Zoning District assigned shall be consistent with the land use category of the Future Land Use Map.

Policy 1.3.2

B. *Consistency with Land Use Regulations*
Land Use Atlas District designations shall be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Land Use Regulations.

C. *Land Use Compatibility*
The assigning of Land Use Regulation Zoning Districts shall promote the compatibility of adjacent land uses.

D. *Provision of Adequate Public Facilities*
The assigning of Land Use Regulation Zoning Districts shall be consistent with the public facilities available to set the types of uses allowed in the proposed zoning district. The level of service standards set forth in Land Use Regulations Section 4.1.1.5 shall be considered in assigning Land Use Regulation Zoning Districts and there shall be reasonable assurance that the demand for services allowed in the proposed Land Use Regulation Zoning District can be met.

E. *Public Interest*
Land Use Regulation Zoning District designations shall not be in conflict with the public interest and will promote the public health, safety and welfare.

AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

LAND USE REGULATIONS ZONING MAP AMENDMENT REVIEW PROCEDURE

1. The Planning Commission shall review the proposed Land Use Regulation Zoning Map Amendment using the criteria listed above, shall hold a public hearing after due public notice, and shall make a written recommendation to the City Council. The recommendation shall be approval or denial of the requested Land Use Regulations Zoning Map Amendment. The reccomendation shall be based on competent substantial evidence.

2. The City Council shall hold two public hearings on the proposed ordinance for a Land Use Regulations Zoning Map Amendment, and the Planning Commission recommendation shall be read into the record. At the seconding hearing, City Council action shall be to approve the amendment to the Land Use Zoning Map as proposed by the applicant, or approve an amendment to another Land Use Zoning Map designation deemed more appropriate than the one applied for, or deny the request.

Agent Authorization Form

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PLANNING & ZONING AGENT AUTHORIZATION FORM

Property Address: 2310 14th St. W

I, Managing Agent Vanguard Management Group, the registered property owner(s) of the above noted property, do hereby authorize

Meshell R LaVergne — Print Name of Agent
Vanguard Management Group — Company Name

to act on my behalf and take all actions necessary for the processing, issuance and acceptance of this permit or certification and any and all standards and conditions applicable.

AGENT AUTHORIZATION — REQUIRED

X _____
Signature of Owner(s)

Owner(s) Address (if different than property above)

Meshell LaVergne — Signature of Agent

5500 University Center Dr. Suite 90 — Agent Address and Phone

STATE OF FLORIDA, MANATEE COUNTY

The Foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ✓ physical presence or ___ online notarization, this 7th day of March, ~~produced~~ _____ who is personally known to me respectively, as identification and who did (did not) take an oath:

NOTARY — REQUIRED

_____
Signature

Maria A. Otero, Notary Public
Print Name

State of Florida
My Commission Expires: 07/19/2026

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BRADENTON TROPICAL PALMS

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Bradenton Tropical Palms (BTP) is a 55+ gated mobile home, non-profit cooperative community. In 2008, a portion of land within the gated community was re-zoned from R-4 to UV. Bradenton Tropical Palms is requesting that the portion of the gated community that was zoned UV be reversed and re-zoned back to its original zoning of R-4. The UV zoning is not consistent with the land use and setback requirements of the rest of the gated community. The entire Bradenton Tropical Palms community is a community of mobile homes. The property lines for each lot withing the community are geared to accommodate, for the majority of the park, maximum 40 ft long mobile homes. The setback requirements in the UV zone are twice the amount compare to those in the R-4 zone creating a discrepancy and inconsistency with the other mobile home parks in the vicinity and with the remainder of the mobile homes within the BTP gated community.

Buyers of vacant lots within the UV zoned area cannot install a new mobile home on the lot unless they apply for a variance due to the longer setback requirements in the UV zone. This impacts the ability of the BTP Cooperative to attract new residents to the park, which in turn impacts the profitability of businesses in the surrounding areas and downtown core, given the close proximity of the BTP mobile home community to the downtown area. There would also be a detrimental impact on the infrastructure of the park. Water and sewer, road maintenance, road lighting and lighting to common areas within the gated community are supplied to each lot by the Cooperative and included as part of monthly assessment (HOA) fees. Additionally, the BTP Cooperative is responsible for the service and maintenance of underground water and electrical lines and for all common areas throughout the entire gated community, including those in the UV zone.

The Bradenton Tropical Palms mobile home park also has linkages as a historical site. In 2023, the Kiwanis Club of Bradenton erected a historical marker on 14th Street West, in front of the Bradenton Tropical Palms community building (see below), to commemorate their 100th anniversary and the founding of the Kiwanis Trailer Park in 1936 on the site now known as Bradenton Tropical Palms. In 1997, the residents formed a cooperative and purchased the park from the Kiwanis club and changed the name to Bradenton Tropical Palms.

Kiwanis Club Historical Marker

To commemorate their 100th anniversary last year and the founding of our park in 1936, the Kiwanis Club of Bradenton commissioned an historical marker to be placed in front of our park.

Bradenton Kiwanis Club



The Bradenton Kiwanis Club was originally chartered on August 22, 1922 as the Manatee River Kiwanis Club. Later the name of the club was changed to Kiwanis Club of Bradenton. Founding members, Robert M. Beall, Whitney Curry, John T. Campbell, Dewey A. Dye, Everett Patrick Green, Sr., John Pope Harllee, William Thomas Harrison, James A. Howze, W. L. Kimball, W. P. Kirby, W. V. Lathrop, William A. Manning, Elon Rood, G. P. Smythe and M. O. Thomas first met in June 1922 to organize the club. On Tuesday, September 5, 1922, at noon, the first Manatee River Kiwanis Club luncheon meeting was held in the dining room of the Juplinor Hotel located at 435 12th Street West, Bradentown. Over time, the club met in a variety of locations until 1953 when it moved into the Kiwanis Hall on the corner of 14th Street 21st Avenue west until 2013, when it moved to Manatee Performing Arts Center.

Kiwanis Trailer Park



In 1936, under the leadership of Dan Blalock, Sr., the Bradenton Kiwanis Club constructed this trailer park to attract winter visitors Bradenton Welcoming winter visitors to Bradenton and providing a place for those with travel trailers to stay for $1.50 a week. This created a source of revenue to the club for community projects and promoted local business. By 1950, 1190 lots filled the grounds and became the largest trailer park in the world. By 1966, the club decided to reduce the number of spaces making individual lots larger and creating sites for mobile homes. The Club continued to use profits to fund community service and capital improvement projects throughout the Bradenton and Manatee County, investing millions of dollars into local activities and organizations. The Club sold the park to residents in 1996 and established the Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation to continue its work in the community.

B. Consistency with Land Use Regulations

Land Use Atlas District designations shall be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Land Use Regulations.

The current UV zone is presently inconsistent with the zoning and land use of the surrounding properties within the rest of the gated community and also with the neighboring mobile home community. The ability of the Cooperative to provide and maintain infrastructure (i.e. water, sewer, electricity, road maintenance...etc.) in the UV zone would be inadequate and could not support a larger density of population.

C. Land Use Compatibility

The assigning of Land Use Regulation Zoning Districts shall promote the compatibility of adjacent land uses.

The current UV zone sits within a gated community that is zoned R-4. The UV section within the community is not consistent with the nature and use of the adjacent properties. Bradenton Tropical Palms is requesting that the UV zone be reverted back to its R-4 zoning code to ensure consistency with the other properties within the gated community.

D. Provision of Adequate Public Facilities

The assigning of Land Use Regulation Zoning Districts shall be consistent with the public facilities available to set the types of uses allowed in the proposed zoning district. The level of service standards set forth in Land Use Regulations Section 4.1.1.5 shall be considered in assigning Land Use Regulation Zoning Districts and there shall be reasonable assurance that the demand for services allowed in the proposed Land Use Regulation Zoning District can be met.

The request to have the current UV zone reversed and re-zoned to its original zoning of R-4 will have little to no impact on current existing public facilities. All main services such as water, sewer, road maintenance and electricity to common areas withing the zone are supplies by the Cooperative. Shareholders/Renters of the Cooperative pay for these services via monthly assessments (HOA) fees.

E. Public Interest

Land Use Regulation Zoning District designations shall not be in conflict with the public interest and will promote the public health, safety and welfare.

The request to have the current UV zone reversed and re-zoned to its original zoning of R-4 will not conflict with public interest. The UV zoned area sits within the BTP gated community therefore it promotes public health, safety and welfare of the residents within that area.

BRADENTON BTP TROPICAL PALMS
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March 7, 2024

City of Bradenton
Department of Planning & Community Development
101 Old Main Street
Bradenton, Florida, 34205

RE: Land Use Regulation Zoning Map Amendment Review - Bradenton Tropical Palms

Dear Sir/Madam;

Bradenton Tropical Palms (BTP) is a 55+ gated mobile home community located at 2310 14th Street West, in Bradenton. Our community consists of just under 500 mobile homes and had always been zoned as R-4. For some reason, back in 2008, a small portion of our gated community facing 14th Street West was re-zoned to UV (please see attached map).

The Management and Board of Directors were only recently aware that a zoning change had taken place when they had submitted an application to have a mobile home installed on a vacant lot that had been re-zoned UV.

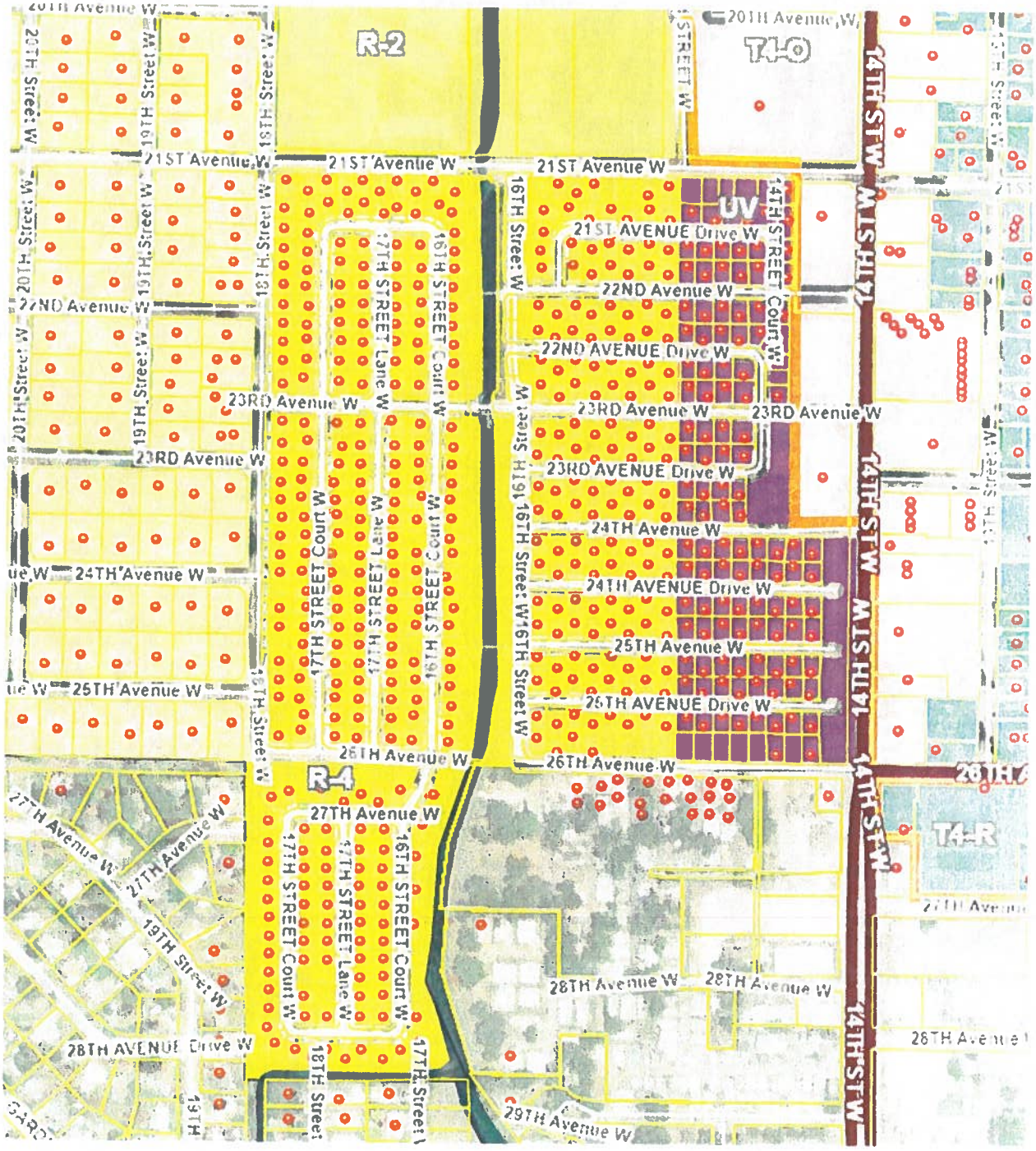
The portion of our gated community that is zoned UV is inconsistent with the R-4 zoning of the rest of our community. Additionally, the UV zoned area has a greater setback requirement than the rest of the properties in the R-4 zoned area of our community. This zoning change has resulted in detrimental impacts on the current owners of the properties located in the UV zone (i.e., in their ability to sell, make changes and/or install new mobile homes on their properties), and it also impacts new buyers looking to purchase vacant lots and install new mobile homes in the UV zone of the community.

Given the fact that this community is surrounded by gates and the size of the properties and homes within these gates is consistent in its nature, look and use, BTP is respectfully requesting that the UV zoned section of the park be re-zoned back to its original R-4 zoning code.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

JBrunette-Guay

Julie Brunette-Guay
Secretary, Board of Directors, Bradenton Tropical Palms



Ledger

Purple UV = (Requesting to make R-4)

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Do you wish the area of BTP where you live to be rezoned from UV to R4? Check yes or no and sign your name.

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	YES OR NO	
Marcy A Keeler	2207 14TH ST CT W		YES___	NO___
Margaret MacDonald	2201 14TH ST CT W	In Nursing Home - Canada	YES___	NO___
Robert Noel Joann Bomgren	2203 14TH ST CT W		YES✓	NO___
Daniel/Karen LeBlanc	2304 14TH ST CT W		YES✓	NO___
Joseph/Andrea Peterffy	1406 21ST AVE DR W		YES✓	NO___
Elizabeth Peterffy	1408 21ST AVE DR W		YES✓	NO___
Elizabeth Peterffy	1410 21ST AVE DR W		YES✓	NO___
Peter/Dianna Dion	1412 21ST AVE DR W		YES✓	NO___
Lanny/Lucilla Dobson	1414 21ST AVE DR W		YES✓	NO___
Keith Brindley	1416 21ST AVE DR W		YES✓	NO___
Stephen Miller Stella	1411 21ST AVE DR W		YES___	NO___
Riccio/Clement&Kathleen	1413 21ST AVE DR W		YES✓	NO___
Patrick and Marjie Bublitz	1415 21ST AVE DR W		YES___	NO___
Lisa Cunningham Barbara Lintott/ Robert	1417 21ST AVE DR W		YES✓	NO___
Austen	1408 22nd AVE WEST		YES✓	NO___
Richard/Kathleen Rudinsky	1410 22nd AVE WEST		YES✓	NO___
Andre/Louise Turbide	1412 22nd AVE WEST		YES✓	NO___
Mark/Wendie Marro Connie J Ashford Trust James	1414 22nd AVE WEST		YES✓	NO___
Spiess Ernest E Miller	1416 22nd AVE WEST		YES✓	NO___
Trust/Constance Casselton	1407 22nd AVE WEST		YES✓	NO___

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Marcy A Keeler	2207 14TH ST CT W	4456415159
Margaret MacDonald	2201 14TH ST CT W	4456415001
Robert Noel Joann Bomgren	2203 14TH ST CT W	4456415050
Daniel/Karen LeBlanc	2304 14TH ST CT W	4456415209
Joseph/Andrea Peterffy	1406 21ST AVE DR W	4456401407
Elizabeth Peterffy	1408 21ST AVE DR W	4456401459
Elizabeth Peterffy	1410 21ST AVE DR W	4456401459
Peter/Dianna Dion	1412 21ST AVE DR W	4456401654
Lanny/Lucilla Dobson	1414 21ST AVE DR W	4456401753
Keith Brindley	1416 21ST AVE DR W	4456401852
Stephen Miller	1411 21ST AVE DR W	4456401605
Stella Riccio/Clement&Kathleen Smith	1413 21ST AVE DR W	4456401704
Patrick and Marjie Bublitz	1415 21ST AVE DR W	4456401803
Lisa Cunningham	1417 21ST AVE DR W	4456401902
Barbara Lintott/ Robert Austen	1408 22nd AVE WEST	4456403007
Richard/Kathleen Rudinsky	1410 22nd AVE WEST	4456403106
Andre/Louise Turbide	1412 22nd AVE WEST	4456403205
Mark/Wendie Marro	1414 22nd AVE WEST	4456403304
Connie J Ashford Trust James Spiess	1416 22nd AVE WEST	4456403403
Ernest E Miller Trust/Constance Casselton	1407 22nd AVE WEST	4456402959

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	YES OR NO	
Michael/Kerry Alumbaugh The Estate of Elinore	1409 22nd AVE WEST		YES ✓	NO ___
Seymour Stephen Bass, Julie Hopp,	1411 22nd AVE WEST	deceased	YES ___	NO ___
Mary Ann Hopp	1413 22nd AVE WEST	Mary Ann Hopp	YES ✓	NO ___
Phillip Griggs	1415 22nd AVE WEST		YES ✓	NO ___
Jim/Sharon Westlake	1417 22nd AVE WEST		YES ✓	NO ___
Linda Lee Bergquist	1408 22nd AVE DR W		YES ✓	NO ___
Robert/Lesley Robson Michael Maisonneuve	1410 22nd AVE DR W		YES ✓	NO ___
Margaret Eller	1416 22nd AVE DR W		YES ✓	NO ___
Walter/Mary Jasniewski Donald Schoonmaker/ Eva	1411 22nd AVE DR W		YES ✓	NO ___
Stewart	1413 22nd AVE DR W		YES ✓	NO ___
Emma Krause/David Krause	1410 23rd AVE WEST		YES ✓	NO ___
Joe/Mary Sciortino Micheline	1412 23rd AVE WEST		YES ✓	NO ___
Brisebois/AndreFontaine Maryann Estock/Bernard	1414 23rd AVE WEST		YES ✓	NO ___
Strosser	1416 23rd AVE WEST		YES ___	NO ___
Julia Krause/Lynnette Krause	1411 23rd AVE WEST		YES ✓	NO ___
David Krause Julia Krause	1413 23rd AVE WEST		YES ✓	NO ___
Jacqueline Terry Louise St. Onge/Pierre	1415 23rd AVE WEST	Jacqueline Terry	YES ✓	NO ___
Lacoursiere Stacey Dalton,Keith	1417 23rd AVE WEST		YES ✓	NO ___
McCaughna,Robert Lewis Micheline	1412 23rd AVE DR W		YES ✓	NO ___
Brisebois/AndreFontaine	1414 23rd AVE DR W		YES ✓	NO ___
PRC new build	1416 23rd AVE DR W		YES ___	NO ___
Elaine Bobbit/William Scott Teresa Richards/Robert	1411 23rd AVE DR W		YES ___	NO ___
Richards Kenneth Martin/Marilyn	1413 23rd AVE DR W		YES ✓	NO ___
Martin Kenneth Matice/Margarita	1415 23rd AVE DR W		YES ✓	NO ___
Matice	1417 23rd AVE DR W		YES ✓	NO ___
Rose Marie/Diane Robichaud	1410 24th AVE WEST		YES ✓	NO ___

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Michael/Kerry Alumbaugh	1409 22nd AVE WEST	4456403056
The Estate of Elinore Seymour Stephen Bass, Julie Hopp, Mary Ann Hopp	1411 22nd AVE WEST	4456403155
Phillip Griggs	1413 22nd AVE WEST	4456403254
Jim/Sharon Westlake	1415 22nd AVE WEST	4456403353
Linda Lee Bergquist	1417 22nd AVE WEST	4456403452
Robert/Lesley Robson Michael Maisonneuve	1408 22nd AVE DR W	4456404203
Margaret Eller	1410 22nd AVE DR W	4456404252
Walter/Mary Jasniewski Donald Schoonmaker	1416 22nd AVE DR W	4456404559
Eva Stewart	1411 22nd AVE DR W	4456404302
Emma Krause/David Krause	1413 22nd AVE DR W	4456404401
Joe/Mary Sciortino Micheline Brisebois	1410 23rd AVE WEST	4456405457
Andre Fontaine Maryann Estock	1412 23rd AVE WEST	4456405556
Bernard Strosser	1414 23rd AVE WEST	*
Julia Krause/Lynnette Krause	1416 23rd AVE WEST	4456405754
David Krause Julia Krause	1411 23rd AVE WEST	4456405507
Jacqueline Terry	1413 23rd AVE WEST	4456405606
Louise St. Onge/Pierre Lacoursiere Stacey Dalton,Keith	1415 23rd AVE WEST	4456405705
McCaughna,Robert Lewis Micheline	1417 23rd AVE WEST	4456405804
Brisebois/AndreFontaine	1412 23rd AVE DR W	4456406653
PRC new build	1414 23rd AVE DR W	4456406752
Elaine Bobbit/William Scott	1416 23rd AVE DR W	4456406851
Teresa Richards/Robert Richards	1411 23rd AVE DR W	4456406604
Kenneth Martin/Marilyn Martin	1413 23rd AVE DR W	4456406703
Kenneth Matice/Margarita Matice	1415 23rd AVE DR W	4456406802
Rose Marie/Diane Robichaud	1417 23rd AVE DR W	4456406901
	1410 24th AVE WEST	4456407859

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NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	YES OR NO	
Donald/Diane Kirk	1414 24th AVE DRIVE WEST		YES___	NO___
Lloyd/Jane Galbraith	1416 24th AVE WEST	Jane Galbraith	YES X	NO___
JoAnn Erby	1403 24th AVE WEST		YES___	NO___
Genie Polower	1405 24th AVE WEST		YES___	NO___
MichaelWells	1407 24th AVE WEST	Michael Wells	YES X	NO___
Rodney/Shaun Thornsberry	1409 24th AVE WEST		YES___	NO___
John and Karen Simon	1411 24th AVE WEST	Karen Simon	YES ✓	NO___
Richard/Connie Fansler	1413 24th AVE WEST	Richard D. Fansler	YES X	NO___
Daniel /Tamalya Burns	1415 24th AVE WEST	JBBurns	YES X	NO___
Raymond/Monique Richard	1417 24th AVE WEST	Raymond Richard	YES ✓	NO___
Robert Lyons	1402 24th AVE DR W	Robert P. Lyons	YES ✓	NO___
Loretta Machir Ludean Blue	1404 24th AVE DR W	deceased	YES___	NO___
Gardner/Timothy James Blue	1406 24th AVE DR W		YES___	NO___
Robert/Claudia Russell	1410 24th AVE DR W	Claudia Russell	YES___	NO___
Peter/Camille Moss	1412 24th AVE DR W	Peter Moss	YES ✓	NO___
PRC new build	1414 24th AVE [redacted] W		YES___	NO___
Sharon Miller	1416 24th AVE DR W	deceased	YES___	NO___
Karla Meyers	1405 24th AVE DR W		YES___	NO___
Rene Kean	1411 24th AVE DR W	Rene' Kean	YES ✓	NO___
Fred Keyes Sylvia Keyes	1413 24th AVE DR W	Fred Keyes	YES ✓	NO___
Paul/Katrina Pierce	1402 25th AVE WEST	Katrina Pierce	YES ✓	NO___
Edward & Ruth Mowinski	1404 25th AVE WEST	Ruth Mowinski	YES ✓	NO___
Tod/Melanie Karner	1406 25th AVE WEST	Melanie Karner	YES ✓	NO___
Ian/Ruth Proudfoot	1408 25th AVE WEST	Ian Proudfoot	YES ✓	NO___
Mary/Tom Cullen	1410 25th AVE WEST	Tom Cullen	YES ✓	NO___
John Lucado	1412 25th AVE WEST		YES___	NO___

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Donald/Diane Kirk	1414 24th AVE DRIVE WEST	4456409558
Lloyd/Jane Galbraith	1416 24th AVE WEST	4456408154
JoAnn Erby	1403 24th AVE WEST	4456407651
Genie Polower	1405 24th AVE WEST	4456407701
MichaelWells	1407 24th AVE WEST	4456407750
Rodney/Shaun Thornsberry	1409 24th AVE WEST	4456407800
John and Karen Simon	1411 24th AVE WEST	4456407909
Richard/Connie Fansler	1413 24th AVE WEST	4456408006
Daniel /Tamalya Burns	1415 24th AVE WEST	4456408105
Raymond/Monique Richard	1417 24th AVE WEST	4456408204
Robert Lyons	1402 24th AVE DR W	4456408956
Loretta Machir	1404 24th AVE DR W	4456409053
Ludean Blue Gardner/Timothy James Blue	1406 24th AVE DR W	4456409152
Robert/Claudia Russell	1410 24th AVE DR W	4456409350
Peter/Camille Moss	1412 24th AVE DR W	4456409459
PRC new build	1414 24th AVE W	4456408055
Sharon Miller	1416 24th AVE DR W	4456409657
Karla Meyers	1405 24th AVE DR W	4456409103
Rene Kean	1411 24th AVE DR W	4456409400
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Tod/Melanie Karner	1406 25th AVE WEST	4456410655
Ian/Ruth Proudfoot	1408 25th AVE WEST	4456410754
Mary/Tom Cullen	1410 25th AVE WEST	4456410853
John Lucado	1412 25th AVE WEST	4456410952

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Duncan/Jacqueline Boucher	1414 25th AVE WEST	Duncan Boucher	YES ✓	NO ___
Beth Bechler	1416 25th AVE WEST	Beth Bechler	YES ✓	NO ___
Bruce Kitchen/Nancy Kitchen	1403 25th AVE WEST		YES ___	NO ___
Paul/Patricia Killen	1409 25th AVE WEST	Paul Killen	YES ✓	NO ___
Robin Venedam	1411 25th AVE WEST	Robin Venedam	YES ✓	NO ___
Mary Crannell	1413 25th AVE WEST	Mary L. Crannell	YES ✓	NO ___
Daniel/Laurie Dwyer	1415 25th AVE WEST	Laurie Dwyer	YES ✓	NO ___
Jeffrey/Debra Smail	1417 25th AVE WEST	Debra Smail	YES ✓	NO ___
Karen Holm	1402 25th AVE DR W	No mobile on this lot	YES ___	NO ___
Beverley/Harold Carmichael	1408 25th AVE DR W	Harold Carmichael	YES ✓	NO ___
Keith/Marguerite Moore	1410 25th AVE DR W	Keith Moore	YES ✓	NO ___
Scott, Mary Anderson	1416 25th AVE DR W	Mary Anderson	YES ✓	NO ___
Edward/Betty Penny	1405 25th AVE DR W	Betty	YES ✓	NO ___
JoAnn Erby	1407 25th AVE DR W		YES ___	NO ___
Elizabeth Dillon	1409 25th AVE DR W	Beth Dillon	YES ✓	NO ___
Phillip /Linda Geimer	1411 25th AVE DR W	Phillip Geimer	YES ✓	NO ___
David A. Packer Trust	1413 25th AVE DR W		YES ___	NO ___
Thomas Gault/Connie Schute	1415 25th AVE DR W	Connie Schute	YES ✓	NO ___
Frankie Gillis	1402 26th AVE West		YES ___	NO ___
Scott/Karen Stewart	1414 23rd AVE W	Scott Stewart	YES ✓	NO ___

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Beth Bechler	1416 25th AVE WEST	4456411158
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Paul/Patricia Killen	1409 25th AVE WEST	4456410804
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Mary Crannell	1413 25th AVE WEST	4456411000
Daniel/Laurie Dwyer	1415 25th AVE WEST	4456411109
Jeffrey/Debra Smail	1417 25th AVE WEST	4456411208
Karen Holm	1402 25th AVE DR W	4456411950
Beverley/Harold Carmichael	1408 25th AVE DR W	4456412255
Keith/Marguerite Moore	1410 25th AVE DR W	4456412354
Scott, Mary Anderson	1416 25th AVE DR W	4456412651
Edward/Betty Penny	1405 25th AVE DR W	4456412107
JoAnn Erby	1407 25th AVE DR W	4456412206
Elizabeth Dillon	1409 25th AVE DR W	4456412305
Phillip /Linda Geimer	1411 25th AVE DR W	4456412404
David A. Packer Trust	1413 25th AVE DR W	4456412503
Thomas Gault/Connie Schute	1415 25th AVE DR W	4456412602
Frankie Gillis	1402 26th AVE West	4456413451
Scott & Karen Stewart	1414 23rd AVE WEST	4456405655

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TROPICAL PALMS

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NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	YES OR NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	2107 14TH ST CT W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	2205 14TH ST CT W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1407 21st AVE WEST		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1409 21st AVE WEST		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1411 21st AVE WEST		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1413 21st AVE WEST		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1415 21st AVE WEST		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1417 21st AVE WEST		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1409 21ST AVE DR W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1406 22nd AVE WEST		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1412 22nd AVE DR W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1414 22nd AVE DR W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1415 22nd AVE DR W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1417 22nd AVE DR W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1412 24th AVE WEST		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1408 24th AVE DR W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1403 24th AVE DR W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1407 24th AVE DR W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1409 24th AVE DR W		YES ✓ NO

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Bradenton Tropical Palms	2107 14TH ST CT W	4456414954
Bradenton Tropical Palms	2205 14TH ST CT W	4456415100
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1407 21st AVE WEST	4456400250
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1409 21st AVE WEST	4456400300
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1411 21st AVE WEST	4456400359
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1413 21st AVE WEST	4456400409
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1415 21st AVE WEST	4456400458
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1417 21st AVE WEST	4456400508
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1409 21ST AVE DR W	4456401506
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1406 22nd AVE WEST	4456402900
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1412 22nd AVE DR W	4456404351
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1414 22nd AVE DR W	4456404450
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1415 22nd AVE DR W	4456404500
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1417 22nd AVE DR W	4456404609
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1412 24th AVE WEST	4456407958
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1408 24th AVE DR W	4456409251
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1403 24th AVE DR W	4456409004
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1407 24th AVE DR W	4456409202
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1409 24th AVE DR W	4456409301

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Bradenton Tropical Palms	1415 24th AVE DR W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1417 24th AVE DR W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1405 25th AVE WEST		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1407 25th AVE WEST		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1404 25th AVE DR W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1406 25th AVE DR W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1412 25th AVE DR W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1414 25th AVE DR W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1403 25th AVE DR W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1417 25th AVE DR W		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1404 26th AVE West		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1406 26th AVE West		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1408 26th AVE West		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1410 26th AVE West		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1412 26th AVE West		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1414 26th AVE West		YES ✓ NO
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1416 26th AVE West		YES ✓ NO

GEORGE A LONG
PRESIDENT
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Bradenton Tropical Palms	1415 24th AVE DR W	4456409608
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1417 24th AVE DR W	4456409707
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1405 25th AVE WEST	4456410606
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1407 25th AVE WEST	4456410705
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1404 25th AVE DR W	4456412057
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1406 25th AVE DR W	4456412156
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1412 25th AVE DR W	4456412453
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1414 25th AVE DR W	4456412552
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1403 25th AVE DR W	4456412008
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1417 25th AVE DR W	4456412701
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1404 26th AVE West	4456413501
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1406 26th AVE West	4456413550
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1408 26th AVE West	4456413600
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1410 26th AVE West	4456413659
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1412 26th AVE West	4456413709
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1414 26th AVE West	4456413758
Bradenton Tropical Palms	1416 26th AVE West	4456413808

2023 NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAXES AND PROPOSED OR ADOPTED NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA TAXING AUTHORITIES

DO NOT PAY
THIS IS NOT A BILL

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TAX COLLECTOR WILL MAIL TAX BILLS IN NOVEMBER

DUPLICATE

4456400219 5129
BRADENTON TROPICAL PALMS INC
2310 14TH ST W
BRADENTON FL 34205-6406

Parcel ID: **4456400219**
Location Address: 2310 14TH ST W
Legal Description: THE SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SEC 35 LESS ROAD R/W ALSO LESS LEGAL DESC IN DEED RECORDED IN O.R. 239 PG 396 DESC AS FOLLOWS: BEG AT A PT 10 FT W OF THE SE COR OF LOT #4 BLK 13

PROPERTY APPRAISER VALUE INFORMATION

Market Value	Last Year	This Year
	0	0

If you feel the market value of your property is inaccurate or does not reflect fair market value, or if you are entitled to an exemption or classification that is not reflected below, contact the County Property Appraiser **915 4th Ave W, Bradenton, FL 34205 or call** (941) 748-8208

Assessment Reduction	Applies To	Value	Exemption	Applies To	Value

Taxing Authority	Assessed Value		Exemptions	
	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	This Year
County Operating	0	0	0	0
Public Schools	0	0	0	0
Municipality Operating	0	0	0	0
Independent Special Dists	0	0	0	0

If the Property Appraiser's office is unable to resolve the matter as to market value, classification, or an exemption, you may file a petition for adjustment with the Value Adjustment Board. Petition forms are available from the Property Appraiser's office or www.manateepao.gov. Petitions must be filed with the Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board by 4:30PM on:

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

For more information about your TRIM notice, please visit www.manateepao.gov

TAXING AUTHORITY INFORMATION

TAXING AUTHORITY *Debt Service	Your Property Taxes Last Year - 2022			Your Property Taxes This Year - 2023				
	Prior year tax rates and taxes			Tax rates and taxes this year if proposed budget is adopted		Tax rates and taxes this year if NO budget change is adopted	
	Column 1 Taxable Value	Column 2 Tax Rate	Column 3 Tax Amount	Column 4 Taxable Value	Column 5 Tax Rate	Column 6 Tax Amount	Column 7 Tax Rate	Column 8 Tax Amount
COUNTY								
Manatee County	0	6.2326	.00	0	6.2326	.00	5.8931	.00
PUBLIC SCHOOLS								
By State Law	0	3.2740	.00	0	3.1730	.00	2.8162	.00
By Local Board	0	1.7480	.00	0	1.7480	.00	1.5036	.00
Capital Outlay	0	1.5000	.00	0	1.5000	.00	1.2903	.00
MUNICIPALITY								
City of Bradenton	0	5.8351	.00	0	5.8351	.00	5.1888	.00
INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS								
Southwest Florida Water Mgmt	0	.2260	.00	0	.2043	.00	.2043	.00
Manatee County Mosquito Control	0	.1997	.00	0	.1997	.00	.1764	.00
West Coast Inland Navigation	0	.0394	.00	0	.0394	.00	.0350	.00
TOTAL MILLAGE RATE & TAX AMOUNT		19.0548	.00		18.9321	.00	17.1077	.00
Total Ad Valorem and Non-Ad Valorem (from reverse side)			.00			.00		.00

The Taxing Authorities which levy property taxes against your property will soon hold **PUBLIC HEARINGS** to adopt budgets and tax rates for the next year. The purpose of the **PUBLIC HEARINGS** is to receive opinions from the general public and to answer questions on the proposed tax change and budget **PRIOR TO TAKING FINAL ACTION**. Each taxing authority may **AMEND OR ALTER** its proposals at the hearing.

TAXING AUTHORITY HEARING INFORMATION

TAXING AUTHORITY	PUBLIC HEARING LOCATION	PHONE	HEARING DATE/TIME
Manatee County; www.mymanatee.org	1112 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton, FL 34205	941-745-3730	09/12/2023 @ 6:00PM
Manatee County School Board; www.manateeschools.net	215 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton, FL 34205	941-708-8770	09/05/2023 @ 5:05PM
City of Bradenton; www.cityofbradenton.com	101 12th St W, Bradenton, FL 34205	941-932-9400	09/07/2023 @ 5:01PM
Southwest Florida Water Mgmt District; WaterMatters.org	7601 US Highway 301, Tampa, FL 33637	800-423-1476	09/12/2023 @ 5:01PM
Mosquito Control District; www.manateemosquito.com	2317 2nd Ave W, Palmetto, FL 34221	941-981-3895	09/08/2023 @ 5:01PM
West Coast Inland Navigation District; www.wcind.net	1575 E Venice Ave, Venice, FL 34285	941-485-9402	09/08/2023 @ 5:01PM

Your final tax bill may contain non-ad valorem assessments which may not be reflected on this notice such as assessments for roads, fire, garbage, lighting, drainage, water, sewer or other governmental services and facilities which may be levied by your county, city or any special district.

NOTE: Non-ad valorem assessments are placed on this notice at the request of the respective local governing boards. The Tax Collector will be including them on the November tax bill. For details on particular non-ad valorem assessments, contact the levying local governing board.

NOTE: Amounts shown on this form do NOT reflect early payment discounts you may receive or may be eligible to receive. (Discounts are a maximum of 4 percent of the amounts shown on this form.)

NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

LEVYING AUTHORITY	PURPOSE OF ASSESSMENT	LAST YEAR	THIS YEAR	CONTACT INFORMATION
	TOTAL NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS:	.00	.00	

EXPLANATION OF "TAXING AUTHORITY INFORMATION" SECTION

COLUMN 1 – TAXABLE VALUE – LAST YEAR
This column shows the prior assessed value less all applicable exemptions used in the calculation of taxes for that specific taxing authority.

COLUMN 2 & 3 – YOUR FINAL TAX RATE AND TAXES LAST YEAR
These columns show the tax rate and taxes that were applied last year to your property. These amounts were based on budgets adopted last year and your property's previous taxable value.

COLUMN 4 – TAXABLE VALUE – THIS YEAR
This column shows the current assessed value less all applicable exemptions used in the calculation of taxes for that specific taxing authority. Various taxable values in this column may indicate the impact of Limited Income Senior or the Additional Homestead exemption. Current year taxable values are as of January 1, 2023

COLUMN 5 & 6 – YOUR TAX RATE AND TAXES THIS YEAR IF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGE IS MADE
These columns show what your tax rate and taxes will be this year under the BUDGET ACTUALLY PROPOSED by each taxing authority. The proposal is NOT final and may be amended at the public hearings shown at the top of this page. The difference between columns 6 and 8 is the tax change proposed by each local taxing authority and is NOT the result of higher assessments.

COLUMN 7 & 8 – YOUR TAX RATE AND TAXES THIS YEAR IF NO BUDGET CHANGE IS MADE
These columns show what your tax rate and taxes will be IF EACH TAXING AUTHORITY DOES NOT CHANGE ITS PROPERTY TAX LEVY. These amounts are based on last year's budget and your current assessment.

EXPLANATION OF "PROPERTY APPRAISER VALUE INFORMATION" SECTION

Market (Just) Value is the most probable sales price for your property in a competitive, open market. It is based on a willing buyer and a willing seller.

Assessment Reductions:
Properties can receive an assessment reduction for a number of reasons. Some of the common reasons are below.
There are limits on how much the assessment of your property can increase each year. The Save Our Homes program and the limitation for non-homestead property are examples. Certain types of property, such as agricultural land and land used for conservation, are valued on their current use rather than their market value. Some reductions lower the assessed value only for levies of certain taxing authorities.
If your assessed value is lower than your market value because limits on increases apply to your property or because your property's value is based on its current use, the amount of the difference and reason for the difference are listed in the Assessment Reduction box on the front page.

Assessed Value is the market value of your property minus any assessment reductions. The assessed value may be different for levies made by different taxing authorities.

Exemptions are specific dollar or percentage reductions in value based on certain qualifications of the property owner, such as the homestead exemption.

Taxable Value is the value used to calculate the tax due on your property. Taxable value is the assessed value minus the value of your exemptions.

MANATEE COUNTY
PROPERTY APPRAISER
CHARLES E. HACKNEY

Property Record Card

Created at: https://www.manateepao.gov on February 16, 2024

Parcel ID: 4456400219
Ownership: BRADENTON TROPICAL PALMS INC
Owner Type: CORPORATION
Mailing Address: BRADENTON TROPICAL PALMS INC, 2310 14TH ST W, BRADENTON FL 34205-6406

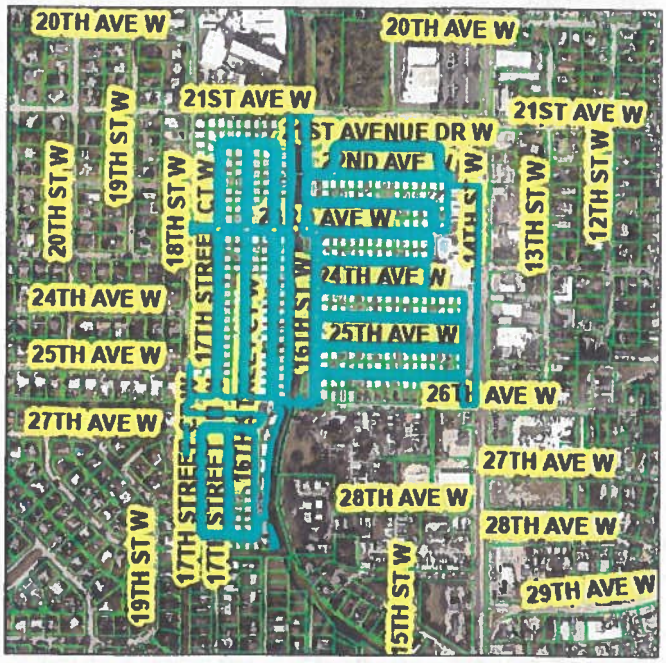
Situs Address: 2310 14TH ST W, BRADENTON, FL 34205-6406
Jurisdiction: CITY OF BRADENTON
Tax District: 0021; CITY OF BRADENTON
CRA/TIF District: 14CRA; TAMIAMI TRAIL CRA
Market Area: 10; WEST BRADENTON

Sec/Twp/Rge: 35-34S-17E
Neighborhood: 5129; BRADENTON TROPICAL PALMS

Parcel Type: REAL PROPERTY
Parcel Created: 03/03/1998
Map Number: 4B35

Land Use: 0901; IMPROVED RESIDENTIAL COMMON AREA
Land Size: 35.2070 Acres or 1,533,616 Square Feet
Building Area: 18,937 SqFt Under Roof / 17,114 SqFt Living or Business Area

Businesses: 1
Commercial Bldgs: 1



DESCRIPTION

THE SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SEC 35 LESS ROAD R/W ALSO LESS LEGAL DESC IN DEED RECORDED IN O.R. 239 PG 396 DESC AS FOLLOWS: BEG AT A PT 10 FT W OF THE SE COR OF LOT #4 BLK 13 SOUTH TAMIAMI PARK SUB (PB5 PG3); TH N 89 DEG 29 MIN 20 SEC W 10 FT; TH N 45 DEG 16 MIN E 14.08 FT TO THE W LN OF 14TH ST W; TH S ALG THE W LN OF 14TH ST W 10 FT TO THE POB. ALSO LESS: BEG AT THE INT OF THE W R/W/L OF 14TH ST W (U.S. 41-TAMIAMI TRAIL) AND THE S R/W/L OF 21ST AVE W; TH S 00 DEG 46 MIN 12 SEC W ALG SD W R/W/L A DIST OF 289.25 FT; TH N 88 DEG 53 MIN 06 SEC W PARALLEL TO SD S R/W/L OF 21ST AVE W A DIST OF 127.75 FT; TH N 00 DEG 46 MIN 12 SEC E 289.25 FT TO A PT ON THE AFOREMENTIONED S R/W/L OF 21ST AVE W; TH S 88 DEG 53 MIN 06 SEC E ALG SD S R/W/L A DIST OF 127.75 FT TO THE POB. TOGETHER WITH: BEG AT THE NW COR OF THE NW1/4 OF NW1/4 OF SEC 2, TH S ALG THE W LN OF SD SEC 2, 691.8 FT M/L, TO THE SW COR OF THE NW1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SEC 2; TH S 88 DEG 58 MIN 30 SEC E ALG THE S LN OF SD NW1/4 OF NW1/4 OF NW1/4 OF SD SEC 2 TO THE INT OF SD LN & THE CNTR OF CEDAR HAMMOCK DRAIN (WARES CREEK DITCH) AS SAME NOW EXISTS ON THE DATE HEREOF; TH N 23 DEG 39 MIN 15 SEC W 214.73 FT; TH N 08 DEG 03 MIN 45 SEC E 100.40 FT; TH N 04 DEG 06 MIN 45 SEC E 199.15 FT; TH N 19 DEG 34 MIN 45 SEC E 206.84 FT TO THE INT OF SD C/L & THE N LN OF SD SEC 2 TH N 88 DEG 43 MIN 21 SEC W 464.40 FT TO THE POB LESS LOTS AS SHOWN IN MASTER LEASE FOR BRADENTON TROPICAL PALMS COOP REC IN O.R. 1539 PG. 729; ALSO LESS OR 2429/0817 FOR R/W DESC AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL 101.1 RIGHT OF WAY TAKING: THAT PART OF SEC 35, TWN 34, RNG 17 AND SEC 2, TWN 35, RNG 17, BEING DESC AS FOLLOWS: COM AT THE SW COR OF SD SEC 35; TH ALG THE S LN OF SD SEC 35; TH S 88 DEG 58 MIN 09 SEC E, 464.40 FT TO THE POB; S 19 DEG 19 MIN 57 SEC W, 206.84 FT; TH S 03 DEG 51 MIN 57 SEC W, 199.15 FT; THS 07 DEG 48 MIN 57 SEC W, 100.40 FT; TH S 23 DEG 54 MIN 03 SEC E, 214.73 FT TO A PT IN THE S LN OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SEC 2, TWN 35, RNG 17; TH ALG SD S LN, N 89 DEG 12 MIN 50 SEC W, 69.17 FT; TH N 29 DEG 40 MIN 41 SEC W, 28.54 FT; TH N 75 DEG 28 MIN 29 SEC E, 21.86 FT; TH N 68 DEG 41 MIN 54 SEC E, 14.35 FT; TH N 20 DEG 25 MIN 55 SEC W, 68.11 FT; TH N 25 DEG 09 MIN 50 SEC W, 30.58 FT; TH N 20 DEG 31 MIN 04 SEC W, 25.64 FT; TH N 02 DEG 36 MIN 43 SEC W, 10.38 FT; TH S 87 DEG 23 MIN 17 SEC W, 3.35 FT; TH N 20 DEG 31 MIN 04 SEC W, 10.54 FT; TH N 08 DEG 42 MIN 29 SEC W, 34.60 FT; TH N 01 DEG 24 MIN 30 SEC E, 26.88 FT; TH N 07 DEG 56 MIN 46 SEC E, 33.62 FT; TH N 12 DEG 12 MIN 13 SEC E, 30.97 FT; TH N 01 DEG 33 MIN 08 SEC E, 67.66 FT; TH N 04 DEG 49 MIN 42 SEC E, 60.57 FT; TH N 04 DEG 32 MIN 35 SEC E, 23.06 FT; TH N 11 DEG 08 MIN 41 SEC E, 71.66 FT; TH N 17 DEG 46 MIN 54 SEC E, 135.27 FT; TH N 13 DEG 07 MIN 45 SEC E, 3.97 FT TO A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTH [DELETE "WHOSE RAD PT LIESS 43 DEG 50 MIN 21 SEC W"], 23.87 FT; TH ALG THE ARC OF SD CURVE THROUGH A C/A OF 46 DEG 08 MIN 12 SEC, A DIST OF DIST OF 19.22 FT, [INSERT "CB N 69 DEG 13 MIN 34 SEC W"]; TH N 48 DEG 39 MIN 45 SEC W, 11.76 FT; TH N 0-0 DEG 09 MIN 46 SEC W, 11.50 FT; TH N 58 DEG 49 MIN 12 SEC E, 12.06 FT; TH N 78 DEG 23 MIN 23 SEC E, 29.70 FT; TH N 58 DEG 02 MIN 42 SEC E, 3.37 FT; TH N 12 DEG 04 MIN 55 SEC E, 15.73 FT; TH N 04 DEG 14 MIN 24 SEC E, 12.64 FT; TH N 10 DEG 57 MIN 02 E, 18.70 FT; TH N 10 DEG 02 MIN 28 SEC E, 22.29 FT; TH N 10 DEG 49 MIN 33 SEC W, 8.02 FT; TH N 11 DEG 51 MIN 57 SEC E, 14.51 FT; TH N 21 DEG 43 MIN 34 SEC E, 17.07 FT; TH N 12 DEG 05 MIN 26 SEC E, 17.08 FT; TH N 05 DEG 55 MIN 37 SEC E, 50.57 FT; TH N 02 DEG 31 MIN 32 SEC W, 45.21 FT; TH N 00 DEG 32 MIN 05 SEC W, 41.99 FT; TH N 01 DEG 05 MIN 56 SEC W, 21.23 FT; TH N 01 DEG 34 MIN 25 SEC W, 87.20 FT; TH N 00 DEG 21 MIN 15 SEC W, 33.64 FT; TH N 02 DEG 40 MIN 11 SEC E, 48.69 FT; TH N 02 DEG 36 MIN 19 SEC E, 52.77 FT; TH N 02 DEG 22 MIN 14 SEC W, 60.27 FT; TH N 01 DEG 10 MIN 12 SEC W, 93.53 FT; TH N 00 DEG 22 MIN 33 SEC E, 116.81 FT; TH N 89 DEG 12 MIN 28 SEC W, 6.24 FT; TH N 06 DEG 35 MIN 59 SEC W, 26.26 FT; TH S 89 DEG 07 MIN 33 SEC E, 7.12 FT; TH N 00 DEG 52 DEG 27 MIN E, 17.32 FT; TH N 62 DEG 01 MIN 40 SEC E, 5.23 FT; TH N 02 DEG 01 MIN 23 SEC W, 83.97 FT; TH N 00 DEG 39 MIN 03 SEC E, 42.69 FT; TH N 03 DEG 38 MIN 13 SEC E, 38.78 FT; TH N 05 DEG 09 MIN 04 SEC E, 52.95 FT; TH N 06 DEG 40 MIN 34 SEC W, 36.62 FT; TH N 01 DEG 45 MIN 49 SEC W, 39.11 FT; TH N 02 DEG 24 MIN 01 SEC W, 41.05 FT; TH N 00 DEG 05 MIN 44 SEC E, 44.60 FT; TH N 00 DEG 03 MIN 40 SEC W, 40.07 FT; THE N 00 DEG 56 MIN 22 SEC W, 60.40 FT TO THE S R/W OF 21ST AVE W; THE ALG SD S R/W, S 89 DEG 03 MIN 56 SEC E, 39.64 FT; TH S 32 DEG 45 MIN 24 SEC E, 33.22 FT; TH S 01 DEG 08 MIN 27 SEC E, 54.75 FT; TH S 00 DEG 11 MIN 05 SEC E, 396.75 FT; TH S 44 DEG 12 MIN 01 SEC W, 18.75 FT; TH S 01 DEG 12 MIN 02 SEC E, 31.50 FT; TH S 34 DEG 00 MIN 45 SEC E, 17.25 FT; TH S 00 DEG 36 MIN 48 SEC E, 380.25 FT; TH S 01 DEG 37 MIN 58 SEC E, 203.91 FT; TH S 10 DEG 09 MIN 09 SEC W, 155.84 FT; TH S 18 DEG 18 MIN 38 SEC W, 25.77 FT TO THE S LN OF SD SEC 35; TH ALG SD S LN N 88 DEG 58 MIN 09 SEC W, 31.54 FT TO THE POB; SUBJ TO EASMT REC IN OR 2429/0817, PI#44564.0021/9

2023 FINAL CERTIFIED VALUES

	County	School	IndSpcDist	Municipality
Land Value:	0	0	0	0
Improvement Value:	0	0	0	0
Total Market Value:	0	0	0	0
Land Classified Agricultural:	0	0	0	0
Classified Use Value:	0	0	0	0
Classified Use Savings:	0	0	0	0
Ineligible for 10% Cap:	0	0	0	0
Eligible for 10% Cap Next Year:	0	0	0	0
Eligible for 10% Cap This Year:	0	0	0	0
10% Cap Savings:	0	0	0	0
Ineligible for SOH Cap:	0	0	0	0
Eligible for SOH Cap Next Year:	0	0	0	0
Eligible for SOH Cap This Year:	0	0	0	0
SOH Cap Savings:	0	0	0	0
Assessed Value:	0	0	0	0
Exempt Value:	0	0	0	0
Taxable Value:	0	0	0	0

BUSINESS OPERATING ON THE PROPERTY

90000670489 531190 Lessors of Other Real Estate Property

ADDRESSES ASSIGNED TO THE PROPERTY

2310 14TH ST W, BRADENTON, FL 34205-6406

PROPERTY APPRAISER INSPECTIONS

07/19/2021	SAB	INSPECTION BY IMAGE TECHNOLOGY	5 YEAR STATUTORY REVIEW
09/20/2016	JAH	ON SITE INSPECTION	5 YEAR STATUTORY REVIEW

LAND INFORMATION

#	Type	Code	Ag	Ex	Sqft	Acres	Frontage Rate	Frontage Value	Depth Actual	Depth Effect	Depth	Table	Factor	Override	Influences	Zoning
1	U	400	No	0%	1,533,616	35		0					1.0			BR_R-4,BR_T4-O,BR_UV

SALES INFORMATION

Salekey	Sale Date	Book/Page/Inst #	Instrument Type	V / I	Qual Code	Sale Price	Grantee	Grantor
1535328	1/1/1931	UNRECORDED	UNKNOWN	V	37		BRADENTON TROPICAL PALMS INC	

BUILDING PERMITS

Permit	Issued	Purpose	Description	Contractor	Amount	Agency Status	Final Date	Cert Occ Date
BR234201	11/16/2023	FIRE HOOD SUPPRESSION SYSTEM	INSTALL FIRE SUPRESSION SYSTEM ON NEW HOOD INSTALL	PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY INC	$4,000	ISSUED		
BR234066	10/03/2023	MECHANICAL RESIDENTIAL	TYPE 1 HOOD INSTALLTION WITH EXISTING GAS AND ELECTRIC	ARENA MECHANICAL ENGINEERING L	$28,000	ISSUED		
BR224542	11/03/2022	ROOF COMMERICIAL	MAINTENANCE BLDG.RE-ROOF.23 SQ,SHINGLES & 5V CRIMP M...	HARVATH ROOFING INC	$17,350	CLOSED	11/30/2022	
BR215536	01/19/2022	SOLAR COMMERCIAL	INSTALL ROOFTOP SOLAR POOL HEATER	ROARK SOLAR LLC	$35,500	ISSUED		
BR202718	07/21/2020	WINDOW/DOOR UNDER 3 STORY	REPLACE 8 WINDOWS AND 1 DOOR SZ FOR SZ FL 243.9, 14...	ALL GLASS & WINDOWS INC	$50,403	CLOSED	10/26/2020	
BR191470	06/20/2019	COMMERCIAL ALT ADD	DEMO EXISTING INTERIOR RESTROOMS IN THE ACTIVITES CE...	HOWELL CONSTRUCTION SERVICE GR	$150,000	ISSUED		
BR181598	04/09/2018	DRIVEWAY OR PATIO	CONCRETE PATIO APPROX 25'X35' WITH 3500# CONCRETE WI...	DON ADAMS CONCRETE INC	$3,650	CLOSED	09/04/2019	
BR180341	01/25/2018	PLUMBING RESIDENTIAL	REPLACE MAIN SEWER	ACKERMAN PLUMBING INC	$4,300	CLOSED	02/26/2018	
BR170424	04/06/2017	FENCE COMMERCIAL	INSTALL 344' OF 6' WHITE VINYL	USA FENCE COMPANY	$7,335	CLOSED	04/17/2017	
BR170241	01/19/2017	ELECTRICAL SERVICE CHANGE	REPLACE A BANK OF (4) 100 AMO NETERS W/ 100 AMP DISC...	MISTER SPARKY	$2,442	CLOSED	02/17/2017	
BR161983	06/09/2016	ALUMINUM STRUCTURE	INSTALL 4 ROWS OF ALUMINUM COVERS ON SHUFFLEBOARD CO...	TOTAL ALUMINUM INC	$35,500	CLOSED	11/02/2016	
BR150390	01/28/2015	PLUMBING COMMERCIAL	REPLACEMENT BOILER FOR A/C SYSTEM RBI DOMINATOR LCD ...	HORNE CONSTRUCTION INC	$16,000	CLOSED	03/09/2015	
PL.14.02795	03/12/2014	PLUMBING RESIDENTIAL	INSTALL NEW 1 RPZ BACKFLOW ASSEMBLY AT WATER METER	RICHARD'S PLUMBING REPAIR INC	$1,100	CLOSED		03/17/2014
ME.13.06162	05/02/2013	MECHANICAL	CHANGEOUT - 50 TON EER 11.1 CARRIER	CORTEZ HEATING & A/C	$82,395	CLOSED		06/05/2013
BM.12.1483	06/12/2012	MECHANICAL	DISCONNECT & RECONNECT HVAC FOR NEW CURBS	ANTHONY'S CLG/HTG/REFRG	$	CLOSED		06/12/2012
AM.12.1268	06/12/2012	AMENDMENT	AMEND - TO INCLUDE ROOF CURB	MANSON ROOFING INC	$	CLOSED		06/12/2012
RF.12.5386	06/07/2012	REROOF	ACTUAL ADDRESS 2516 17TH LN WESTALUMINUM ROOF OVER ...	AMS INC	$5,200	CLOSED		06/27/2012
RF.12.5346	05/07/2012	REROOF	RE-ROOF: NEW SINGLE PLY ROOFING SYSTEM W/ TAPER & A...	MANSON ROOFING INC	$83,482	CLOSED		07/25/2012
ME.11.4742	08/10/2011	MECHANICAL A/C CHANGE OUT	CHANGEOUT - 2 TON 5 KW 13 SEER COMFORTMAKER (ROOF TO...	MANATEE AIR HEATING & COOLING	$3,670	CLOSED		10/12/2011
FN.09.1411	10/08/2009	FENCE	**A**INSTALL TONGUE & GROOVE FENCE	USA STEEL FENCE CO	$5,177	CLOSED		10/19/2009
FN.09.1317	05/07/2009	FENCE	INSTALL 209' OF 5' WHITE ALUMINUM FENCE., 5 GATES 68...	USA STEEL FENCE CO	$20,485	CLOSED		08/20/2009
PL.09.1472	04/14/2009	PLUMBING	FLOOD ZONE AINSTALL 2 BACKFLOW	WATERWORKS	$1,685	CLOSED		05/04/2009
FN.09.1265	02/10/2009	FENCE	INSTALL 824 OF 6' HIGH WHILE COMM.# 203 ALUMINU., 19...	USA STEEL FENCE CO	$35,000	CLOSED		03/25/2009
ME.09.2964	01/07/2009	MECHANICAL	A/C CHANGE OUT- SAME LOCATION WITH COMFORTMAKER 2 TO.	A/C WAREHOUSE	$2,572	CLOSED		01/28/2009
FN.08.1209	09/10/2008	FENCE	INSTALL 314' OF 6' HIGH WHITE COMMERCIAL MAINE ALUMI...	USA STEEL FENCE CO	$15,007	CLOSED		12/11/2008
ME.08.2781	08/18/2008	MECHANICAL	A/C CHANGE OUT 4 TON GIBSON A/C S/V 5 KW 13 SEERMAIN.	A/C WAREHOUSE	$3,784	CLOSED		09/16/2008
FN.08.1193	07/23/2008	FENCE	FLOOD ZONE A8INSTALL 453' OF 6' WHITE COMMERCIAL MAI...	USA STEEL FENCE CO	$13,177	CLOSED		08/21/2008
FN.08.1153	05/09/2008	FENCE	FLOOD ZONE A882' OF 6' HIGH COMMERCIAL WHITE MAINE S..	USA STEEL FENCE CO	$9,243	CLOSED		06/18/2008
SN.08.0761	05/05/2008	SIGN	FLOOD ZONE A8INSTALL ILLUMINATED SIGN MONUMENT SIGN ...	MAGEE SIGN SERVICE	$6,321	CLOSED		06/12/2008
FN.08.1082	01/11/2008	FENCE	INSTALL 630' OF 6' COMMERCIAL # 203 MAINE WHITE ALUM..	USA STEEL FENCE CO	$25,728	CLOSED		03/04/2008
PL.07.0848	01/18/2007	PLUMBING	COUNTY ADDRESS IS 2600 14TH ST W OWNER DENNIS GODFRE...		$	CLOSED		01/18/2007
ST.05.1125	03/01/2005	SCREEN RM/PORCH/PATIO/GARAGE	FLOOD ZONE A - INSTALL VINYL SIDING ON MOBILE HOME	COOKS MOBILE HOME REPAIR	$2,000	CLOSED		03/10/2005
0300570	02/11/2003	RESIDENTIAL	ROOFING/	LOZON, BERNARD J	$19,660	CLOSED		
0300184	01/13/2003	BUILDING	NEW CONSTRUCTION/GAZEBO	ROCKWELL, THOMAS J	$2,100	CLOSED		05/07/2003
0100945	03/15/2001	RESIDENTIAL	JP STEVENS HI-TUF SGL PLY MEMBRANE OVER EXISTING MAI...	STOVER, BRIAN ALLAN	$3,622	CLOSED		
9903824	12/29/1999	MISCELLANEOUS	ERECT TEMPORARY SIGN	PROPERTY OWNER	$	CLOSED		
9802565	08/04/1998	MISCELLANEOUS	FENCE W/ELECTRIC GATE OPENER	GLASGOW, LOYD H	$4,400	CLOSED		

Property Card | Trim Notice | Tax Bill

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BRADENTON TROPICAL PALMS INC
CORPORATION
BRADENTON TROPICAL PALMS INC, 2310 14TH ST W, BRADENTON FL 34205-6406

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5129; BRADENTON TROPICAL PALMS
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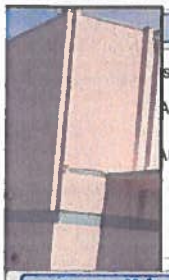

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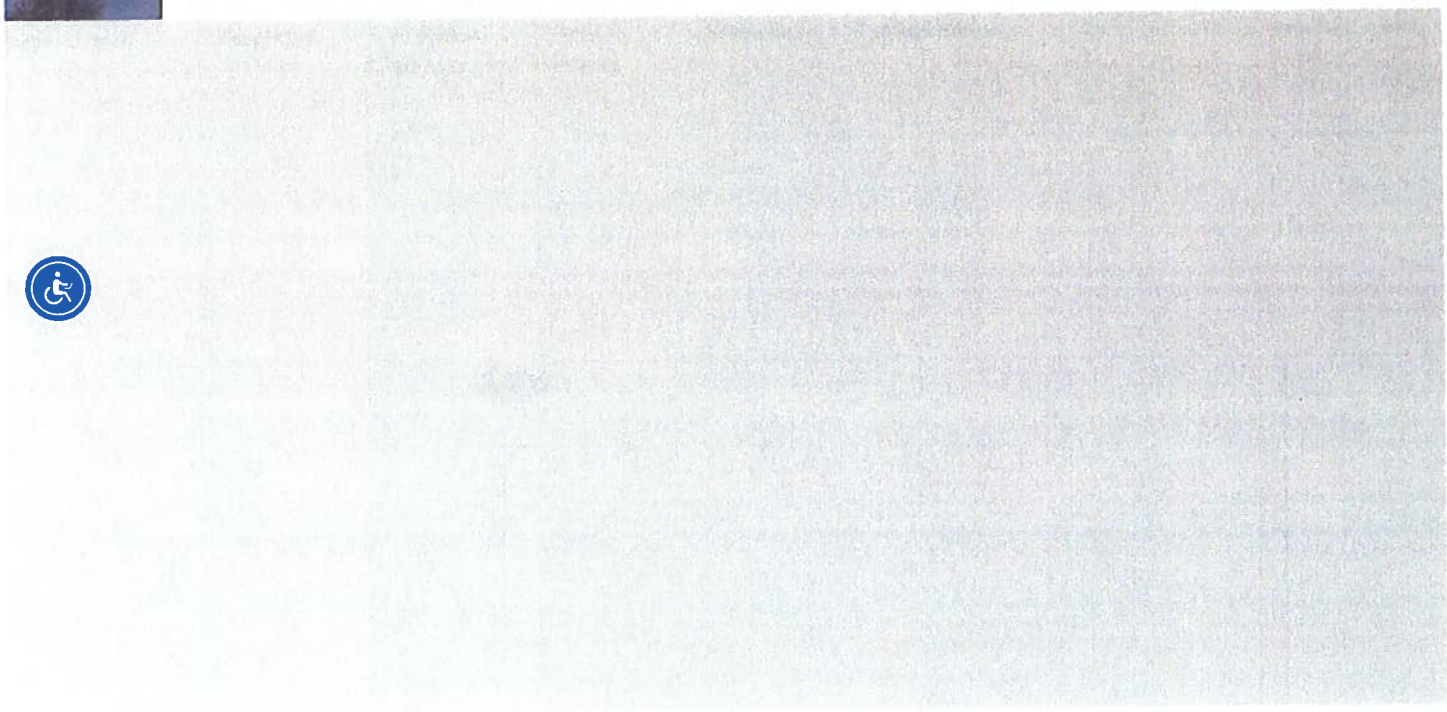

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.b

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Tamara Melton, Police

ITEM TYPE: Ordinance

AGENDA SECTION: BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS & COMMUNICATIONS

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE 4052 - FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TO MODIFY THE HOURS OF SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL TO REFLECT THAT NO ALCOHOL MAY BE SOLD OR CONSUMED ON PREMISES AFTER 2:00 A.M.; AMENDING SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE 4047 TO REFLECT THAT NO ALCOHOL MAY BE SOLD OR CONSUMED ON PREMISES AFTER 2:00 A.M.; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SUGGESTED ACTION: No action required at first reading. The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for September 25, 2024.

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:
At the August 14, 2024 City Council meeting, Council approved Ordinance 4047 that set forth instructions on how establishments may apply for an After Midnight Permit, public safety measures, and the violation process with the City of Bradenton.

At that meeting, Council expressed interest in amending the City's Code of Ordinances to state that, for establishments holding a license to sell alcohol, no alcohol may be sold or consumed on the property after 2:00 a.m.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
N/A

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:
Approved

SUGGESTED MOTION:
No action required at first reading. The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for September 25, 2024.

ATTACHMENTS:
Ordinance 4052

ORDINANCE NO. 4052

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TO MODIFY THE HOURS OF SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL TO REFLECT THAT NO ALCOHOL MAY BE SOLD OR CONSUMED ON PREMISES AFTER 2:00 A.M.; AMENDING SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE 4047 TO REFLECT THAT NO ALCOHOL MAY BE SOLD OR CONSUMED ON PREMISES AFTER 2:00 A.M.; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 562.14, Florida Statutes, no alcoholic beverages may be sold, consumed, served, or permitted to be served or consumed in any place holding a license under the division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco between the hours of midnight and 7:00 a.m., unless otherwise provided by municipal ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bradenton previously enacted Section 6-2 of the City Code, which, inter alia, extended the hours that alcoholic beverages were permitted to be sold, consumed, served, and permitted to be served or consumed in places holding such license, from midnight to 2:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, after there has recently been an increase in criminal and violent activity occurring after midnight at establishments within the City of Bradenton as well as an increase in other issues related to public safety and crowd control; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bradenton has found a disproportionate amount of resources are being allocated to establishments within the City of Bradenton to combat the increase in violent and criminal activity that has occurred after midnight; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 562.14, Florida Statutes, and to preserve public safety and between balance resources city-wide, while still allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages, the City enacted Ordinance 4047 on August 14, 2024, requiring establishments licensed under the state beverage laws and whose principal business is the sale, service, or consumption of alcoholic beverages to apply for and be granted an after midnight permit to remain open for the purpose of sale, service, or consumption of alcoholic beverages between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 2:30 a.m.;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 562.14, Florida Statutes, the City of Bradenton has further determined to preserve public safety and better balance resources city-wide, that the sale, service or consumption of alcoholic beverages on site should cease at 2:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bradenton City Council has determined that the proposed amendments are necessary or helpful to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Findings of Fact. The foregoing whereas clauses are hereby adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. Amended Code Language.

A. The definition of "After Midnight Permit" in Section 6-1 of the City Code shall be amended as follows:

After Midnight Permit shall mean a permit applied for by and granted to an Establishment which allows it to remain open for the purpose of sale, service, or consumption of alcoholic beverages between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.

B. Section 6-2 of the City Code shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 6-2 - Hours of sale and consumption.
Except as otherwise provided in this section, no alcoholic beverages shall be sold, consumed, or served, or permitted to be served or consumed in an Establishment in any manner between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

Notwithstanding the above, alcoholic beverages may be sold, consumed, or served, or permitted to be served or consumed in an Establishment between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. if permitted in accordance with this section or exempted from such requirements by this section.

(a) *Exemptions*. The following exemptions shall apply to this section:

(1) Alcoholic beverages may be sold for consumption off premises in any place holding a license from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, Bureau of Licensing, which license permits package sale of alcoholic beverages by the licensee for consumption off the premises of the license, but only between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.

(b) *After Midnight Permit Required*. An Establishment that desires to remain open for the purpose of sale, service, or consumption of alcoholic beverages between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m., may make application with the City for an After Midnight Permit. No After Midnight Permit may be issued to an Establishment that has any outstanding obligations to the City, including but not limited to any code violations or liens.

(j) *No Right to After Midnight Permit*. The ability to sell, offer for sale, provide for service, or permit to be served or consumed upon the premises of any establishment, any alcoholic beverage between the hours of 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and 2:00 a.m. is a privilege subject to suspension or revocation by the City, and no person may reasonably rely on a continuation of that privilege.

Section 3. Section 3 of Ordinance 4047 shall be amended as follows:

Grace Period and Fee Waiver. Existing establishments shall have sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Ordinance to make application to the City for an After Midnight Permit, and such establishments may continue to sell alcohol between the hours of midnight and 2:00 a.m. during this 60-day timeframe. Should the City not take final action on a timely permit application within the 60-day timeframe, the subject establishment may continue to sell alcohol between the hours of midnight and 2:00 a.m. until such time as the City takes final action on the permit application. The City will waive the application fee for existing establishments making application for an After Midnight Permit during this 60-day timeframe.

Section 4. Codification. The City Clerk shall ensure that this Ordinance shall be submitted for codification of the language in Section 2 herein upon taking effect.

Section 5. Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict. This Ordinance hereby repeals all ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

FIRST READING	September 11, 2024
PUBLICATION DATE	September 15, 2024
SECOND READING	September 25, 2024

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, with a quorum present and voting, this 25th day of September, 2024.

CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA

_____
Gene Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Tamara Melton, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Scott Rudacille, City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.c

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Tamara Melton, Legal

ITEM TYPE: Ordinance

AGENDA SECTION: BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS & COMMUNICATIONS

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE 4053 - FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF BRADENTON CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 26-38 TO MODIFY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE POWERS, DUTIES AND PROCEDURES OF CITY OFFICIALS IN A DISASTER EMERGENCY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SUGGESTED ACTION: No action is needed at first reading. The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for September 25, 2024.

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:
At the August 28, 2024 City Council meeting, Attorney Rudacille was directed to draft an ordinance revising the process for extending a state of disaster emergency.

Ordinance 4053 will only allow for the Mayor or City Administrator to extend the state of disaster emergency; the state of emergency must still be declared at first by City Council.

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:
Attorney Rudacille drafted the ordinance.

SUGGESTED MOTION:
No action is needed at first reading. The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for September 25, 2024.

ATTACHMENTS:
Ordinance 4053

ORDINANCE NO. 4053

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF BRADENTON CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 26-38 TO MODIFY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE POWERS, DUTIES AND PROCEDURES OF CITY OFFICIALS IN A DISASTER EMERGENCY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City wishes to amend the Code of Ordinances to modify provisions related to the powers, duties and procedures of City officials in a disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it is in the City's best interest to make these revisions to its Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Findings of Fact. The foregoing whereas clauses are hereby adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. Chapter 26, Article II, Section 26-38 of the City of Bradenton Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows (underline indicates addition, ~~strikethrough~~ indicates deletion):

Sec. 26-38. - Disaster emergencies; council responsibility.

(a) The city council is responsible for meeting the dangers presented to the city and its people by a disaster emergency. The city council may issue proclamations or resolutions and regulations, and amend or rescind them, in the fulfillment of this responsibility, and these proclamations or resolutions and regulations shall have the force and effect of law during the period for which they are effective. During the continuance of a state of disaster emergency, the director shall have direct responsibility for

the coordination of all disaster emergency relief activities and efforts, subject only to the direction and control of the council.

(b) A disaster emergency shall be declared by proclamation or resolution of the city council if it finds that a disaster emergency has occurred or that the occurrence or the threat thereof is imminent. The proclamation or declaration may authorize the Mayor or City Administrator to renew the state of disaster emergency by proclamation. The state of disaster emergency shall continue until the city council finds that the threat or danger has been dealt with to the extent that the disaster emergency conditions no longer exist and the city terminates the state of disaster emergency by proclamation or resolution, but no state of disaster emergency may continue for longer than seven days unless renewed ~~by the proclamation or resolution by the council~~. In such an event, the renewal may run for periods of 48 hours, as long as the state of disaster emergency continues to exist. At the same time that the state of disaster emergency is declared, the mayor shall convene the council in special meeting at which the director shall report to the council all facts and circumstances concerning the disaster emergency and the director's recommendations in connection therewith.

A proclamation or resolution issued under this subsection shall indicate the nature of the disaster emergency, the area or areas of the city threatened by it, and the conditions which have brought it about, or which make possible the termination of the state of disaster emergency. A proclamation or resolution issued under this subsection shall be

promptly disseminated by means calculated to bring it to the attention of the general public and, unless the circumstances attendant upon the disaster prevent or impede, it shall be promptly filed with the clerk of the circuit court.

(c) In the event the director determines that there exists a disaster emergency and finds that a quorum of the city council cannot be attained in person within a reasonable time to take needed action, the city council delegates authority to declare a state of local emergency and to issue emergency orders necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare during the disaster emergency:

(1) To the mayor; or

(2) If the mayor is unavailable, to the vice-mayor; or

(3) If the mayor and vice-mayor are unavailable, to the city administrator.

(d) Whenever a mock or practice disaster alert is to be called for by the director, for the purpose of training and exercising a segment of the people located within the city, then the director shall notify the mayor. In that case, no state of disaster emergency will exist, and no proclamation or resolution shall be issued.

Section 3. Codification. The City Clerk shall ensure that this Ordinance shall be submitted for codification of the language in Section 2 herein upon taking effect.

Section 4. Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances. This Ordinance hereby repeals all Ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

FIRST READING	September 11, 2024
PUBLICATION DATE	September 15, 2024
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PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, with a quorum present and voting, this 25th day of September, 2024.

CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA

_____

Gene Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____

Tamara Melton, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____

Scott Rudacille, City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9.a

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Tamara Melton, Police

ITEM TYPE: Resolution

AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Resolution 24-90 - After Midnight Permit Fees

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:
Ordinance 4047 was passed on August 14, 2024 to provide for the application for an After Midnight Permit for the sale, service, or consumption of alcohol after midnight within the City, which was codified in Section 6-2 of the Code of Ordinances.

The ordinance states that the fees are established via resolution.

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:
Attorney Rudacille reviewed the resolution.

SUGGESTED MOTION:
Motion to approve Resolution 24-90.

ATTACHMENTS:
Resolution 24-90

CITY OF BRADENTON
RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-90

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR AN AFTER MIDNIGHT PERMIT, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 6-2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bradenton, Florida enacted Ordinance No. 4047 on August 14, 2024 to provide for the application for an After Midnight Permit for the sale, service, or consumption of alcohol after midnight within the City, which Ordinance was codified in Section 6-2 of the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-2 of the Code of Ordinances states that the Application Fee and the Renewal Fee shall be established by Resolution of the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby establishes the following fees for the After Midnight Permit Application and Renewal.

1. Initial Application	$100.00
2. Annual Renewal Application	$0.00

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON FLORIDA WITH A QUORUM PRESENT AND VOTING ON THIS 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ATTEST:

Tamara Melton
CITY CLERK

Gene Brown
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Scott Rudacille
CITY ATTORNEY