

**VENTANA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
JULY 7, 2016**

VENTANA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AGENDA
THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016
1:45 P.M.

The Offices of Meritus
Located at 2005 Pan Am Circle Suite 120, Tampa FL 33607

District Board of Supervisors	Chairman Vice Chairman Supervisor Supervisor Supervisor	Jeff Hills Ryan Motko Gary Jernigan Albert Viera Andrew Shaffi
District Manager	Meritus	Brian Lamb Brian Howell
District Attorney	Straley & Robin	John Vericker
District Engineer	Stantec (Interim)	Tonja Stewart

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The District Agenda is comprised of four different sections:

The meeting will begin at **1:45 p.m.** with the seventh section called **Business Matters**. The business matters section contains items for approval by the District Board of Supervisors that may require discussion, motion and votes on an item-by-item basis. If any member of the audience would like to speak on one of the business items, they will need to register with the District Administrator prior to the presentation of that agenda item. Agendas can be reviewed by contacting the Manager's office at (813) 397-5120 at least seven days in advance of the scheduled meeting. Requests to place items on the agenda must be submitted in writing with an explanation to the District Manager at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting. The ninth section is called **Administrative Matters**. The Administrative Matters section contains items that require the review and approval of the District Board of Supervisors as a normal course of business. The tenth section is called **Staff Reports**. This section allows the District Administrator, Engineer, and Attorney to update the Board of Supervisors on any pending issues that are being researched for Board action. The final sections are called **Board Members Comments and Public Comments**. This is the section in which the Supervisors may request Staff to prepare certain items in an effort to meet residential needs. The Audience Comment portion of the agenda is where individuals may comment on matters that concern the District. Each individual is limited to **three (3) minutes** for such comment. The Board of Supervisors or Staff is not obligated to provide a response until sufficient time for research or action is warranted. **IF THE COMMENT CONCERNS A MAINTENANCE RELATED ITEM, THE ITEM WILL NEED TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE DISTRICT ADMINSTRATOR OUTSIDE THE CONTEXT OF THIS MEETING.**

Public workshops sessions may be advertised and held in an effort to provide informational services. These sessions allow staff or consultants to discuss a policy or business matter in a more informal manner and allow for lengthy presentations prior to scheduling the item for approval. Typically no motions or votes are made during these sessions.

Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the District Office at (813) 397-5120, at least 48 hours before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770, who can aid you in contacting the District Office.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that this same person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

July 7, 2016
Board of Supervisors
Ventana Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

The Regular Meeting and Public Hearings of the Ventana Community Development District will be held on July 7, 2016 **at 1:45 p.m.** at the Offices of Meritus located at 2005 Pan Am Circle Suite 120 Tampa, FL 33607. Following is the Agenda for the Meeting:

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**
- 3. BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - A. General Matters of the District
- 4. PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTING UNIFORM RULES OF PROCEDURE**
 - A. Open Public Hearing on Adopting Uniform Rules of Procedure
 - B. Staff Presentations
 - C. Public Comment
 - D. Consideration of Resolution 2016-32; Adopting Uniform Rules of Procedure..... Tab 01
 - E. Close Public Hearing on Adopting Uniform Rules of Procedure
- 5. PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET**
 - A. Open Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2016 Proposed Budget
 - B. Staff Presentations
 - C. Public Comment
 - D. Consideration of Resolution 2016-33; Adopting Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Tab 02
 - E. Close the Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2016 Budget
- 6. PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET**
 - A. Open Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2017 Proposed Budget
 - B. Staff Presentations
 - C. Public Comment
 - D. Consideration of Resolution 2016-34; Adopting Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Tab 03
 - E. Close the Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2017 Budget
- 7. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Consideration of Landowner Election Meeting Minutes May 26, 2016..... Tab 04
 - B. Consideration of Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes May 26, 2016 Tab 05
- 8. STAFF REPORTS**
 - A. District Counsel
 - B. District Engineer
 - C. District Manager
- 9. SUPERVISOR REQUESTS AND AUDIENCE COMMENTS**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (813) 397-5120.

RESOLUTION 2016-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENTANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Ventana Community Development District (“District”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in Hillsborough County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt rules to govern the administration of the District and to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution the Rules of Procedure attached hereto as **Exhibit A** for immediate use and application, and to replace those Rules of Procedure previously adopted by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has complied with applicable Florida law concerning rule development and adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENTANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The attached Rules of Procedure are hereby adopted. These Rules of Procedure shall stay in full force and effect until such time as the Board of Supervisors may amend these rules in accordance with Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and shall replace and supersede any previously adopted Rules of Procedure.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of July, 2016.

ATTEST:

**VENTANA COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Print Name: _____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson

Exhibit A: Rules of Procedure

RULES OF PROCEDURE
VENTANA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**RULES OF PROCEDURE
VENTANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

1.0 Organization

- (1) The Ventana Community Development District (the “District”) was created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes and was established to provide for ownership, operation, maintenance, and provision of various capital facilities and services within its jurisdiction. The purpose of these rules (the “Rules”) is to describe the general operations of the District.
- (2) Definitions located within any section of the Rules shall be applicable within all other sections, unless specifically stated to the contrary.

Specific Authority: s.s. 190.011(5), 120.53(1)(a), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s.s. 190.011(5), 120.53(1)(a), Fla. Stat.

1.1 Board of Supervisors: Officers and Voting.

- (1) Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) shall consist of five (5) members. Members of the Board must be residents of the State of Florida and citizens of the United States of America. The Board shall exercise the powers granted to the District.
 - (a) Board members shall hold office for the term specified by Section 190.006, Florida Statutes. If, during the term of office, any Board Member(s) vacates their office, the remaining member(s) of the Board shall fill the vacancies by appointment for the remainder of the term(s).
 - (b) Three (3) members of the Board physically present at the meeting location shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting business and exercising its powers and for all other purposes. However, if three (3) or more vacancies occur at the same time, a quorum is not necessary to fill the vacancies. Action taken by the Board shall be upon a majority vote of the members present, unless otherwise provided in the Rules or required by law.
- (2) Officers. At the first Board meeting held after each election or appointment where the newly elected members take office, the Board shall select a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - (a) The Chairman must be a member of the Board. If the Chairman resigns from that office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Chairman, after filling the vacancy. The Chairman serves at the

pleasure of the Board. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall be authorized to sign checks and warrants for the District, countersigned by the Treasurer. The Chairman shall convene and conduct all meetings of the Board. In the event the Chairman is unable to attend a meeting, the Vice-Chairman shall convene and conduct the meeting. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman may request the District Manager or other district staff to convene and conduct any meeting of the Board.

- (b) The Vice-Chairman shall be a member of the Board and shall have such duties and responsibilities as specifically designated by the Board from time to time. If the Vice-Chairman resigns from office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Vice-Chairman, after filling the Board vacancy. The Vice-Chairman serves at the pleasure of the Board.
 - (c) The Secretary of the Board serves at the pleasure of the Board and need not be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the minutes of Board meetings and may have other duties assigned by the Board from time to time. The District Manager may serve as Secretary.
 - (d) The Treasurer need not be a member of the Board but must be a resident of Florida. The Treasurer shall perform duties described in Section 190.007(2) and (3), Florida statutes, as well as those assigned by the Board from time to time. The Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.
- (3) Committees. The Board may establish committees of the Board, either on a permanent or temporary basis, to perform specifically designated functions. Committees may include individuals who are not members of the Board. Such functions may include, but are not limited to, contract negotiations, personnel matters, and budget preparation.
 - (4) Record Book. The Board shall keep a permanent record book entitled "Record of Proceedings", in which shall be recorded minutes of all meetings, resolutions, proceedings, certificates and corporate acts. The Records of Proceedings shall be located at the District Office and shall be available for inspection by the public.
 - (5) Meetings. The Board shall establish each fiscal year, an annual schedule of regular meetings, which shall be submitted to the county and the state of Florida. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public in accord with the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes.
 - (6) Voting Conflict of Interest. The Board shall comply with Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes, so as to ensure the proper disclosure of conflicts of interest on matters coming before the Board for a vote. For the purposes of this section,

“voting conflict of interest” shall be governed by Chapters 112 and 190, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

- (a) When a Board member knows the member has a conflict of interest on a matter coming before the Board, the member should notify the Board’s Secretary prior to participating in any discussion with the Board on the matter. The member shall publicly announce the conflict of interest at the meeting. This announcement shall appear in the minutes. The Board’s Secretary shall prepare a memorandum of voting conflict (Form 8B) which shall then be signed by the Board member, filed with the Board’s Secretary, and attached to the minutes of the meeting within fifteen (15) days of the meeting.
- (b) If a Board member inadvertently votes on a matter and later learns they have a conflict on the matter, the member shall immediately notify the Board’s Secretary. Within fifteen (15) days of the notification, the member shall file the appropriate memorandum of voting conflict, which will be attached to the minutes of the Board meeting during which the vote on the matter occurred. The memorandum shall immediately be provided to other Board members and shall read publicly at the next meeting held subsequent to the filing of the written memorandum.

Specific Authority: s.s. 190.001, 190.011(5), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s.s. 190.006, 190.007, 112.3143, Fla. Stat.

1.2 Public Information and Inspection of Records.

- (1) Public Records. All District public records within the meaning of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and not otherwise restricted by law, including the “Records of Proceedings”, may be copied or inspected at the District Office during regular business hours.
- (2) Copies. Copies of public records shall be made available to the requesting person at the current rate authorized under Section 119.07(4), Florida Statutes. The requesting person may be required to pay for any charges in advance.

Specific Authority: s.s. 190.011(5), 120.53, Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s.s. 190.006, 119.07, 120.53, Fla. Stat.

1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by Statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing, or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and shall state:
 - (a) The date, time and place of the meeting or workshop;
 - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects and purposes of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
 - (c) The District Office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda;
 - (d) Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, who can aid you in contacting the District Office.
 - (e) A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
- (2) Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of the Chairman or those members of the Board calling for the meeting/hearing/workshop, shall prepare a notice and an agenda of the meeting/hearing/workshop. The notice and agenda shall be available to the public at least seven (7) days before the meeting/hearing/workshop except in an emergency. The agenda may be changed before or at the meeting/hearing/workshop by a vote of the Board.
 - (a) The District may, but is not required, to use the following format in preparing its agenda for its regular meetings:
 - Call to order
 - Roll call
 - Audience Questions and Comments on Agenda Items
 - Review of minutes
 - Specific items of old business
 - Specific items of new business

Staff reports

- (a) District Counsel
- (b) District Engineer
- (c) District Manager

Supervisor's requests and comments

Audience Questions and Comments

Adjournment

- (3) Minutes. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of each meeting of the Board. Minutes shall be corrected and approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting.
- (4) Receipt of Notice. Persons wishing to receive, by mail, notices or agendas of meetings, may so advise the District Manager or Secretary at the District Office. Such persons shall furnish a mailing address in writing and shall be required to pre-pay the cost of the copying and postage.
- (5) Emergency Meetings. The Chairman, or Vice-Chairman if the Chairman is unavailable, may convene an emergency meeting of the Board without first having complied with subsections (1), (2), (4), and (6) to act on emergency matters that may affect the public health, safety or welfare. Whenever possible, the Chairman shall make reasonable efforts to notify all Board members of an emergency meeting twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Reasonable efforts may include telephone notification. After an emergency meeting, the Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, the time, date, and place of the emergency meeting, the reasons why an emergency meeting was necessary, and a description of the action taken. Whenever an emergency meeting is called, the District Manager shall be responsible for notifying at least one major newspaper of general circulation in the District. Actions taken at an emergency meeting may be ratified by the Board at a regularly noticed meeting subsequently held.
- (6) Public Comment. The public shall be provided the opportunity to be heard on any proposition that will come before the Board at a meeting. The Board shall set aside a reasonable amount of time for public comment on agenda items, and the time for public comment shall be identified in the agenda. Persons wishing to address the Board should notify the Secretary of the Board prior to the "Audience Comment" section of the agenda. Each person wishing to address the Board will be given a reasonable amount of time for their comments, in the interest of time and fairness to other speakers.
- (7) Budget Hearing. Notice of hearing on the annual budget(s) shall be in accord with Section 190.008, Florida statutes. Once adopted in accord with Section 190.008, Florida Statutes, the annual budget(s) may be amended from time to time by action of the Board. Approval of invoices by the Board in excess of the

funds allocated to a particular budgeted line item shall serve to amend the budgeted line item.

- (8) Continuances. Any meeting of the Board or any item or matter included on the agenda for a meeting may be continued without re-notice or re-advertising provided that the continuance is to a specified date, time and location publicly announced at the meeting where the item or matter was included on the agenda.
- (9) Resident Committee Meetings. The Board may establish resident committees as needed. Such committee meetings shall be noticed to the public at least seven (7) days in advance. Notice shall be posted at the clubhouse and if available the District website.

Specific Authority: s.s. 190.005, 190.011(5), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s.s. 190.007, 190.008, 120.53, 286.0105, 286.0114, 120.54, Fla. Stat.

2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.

- (1) Commencement of Proceedings. Proceedings held for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a District rule shall be conducted according to the applicable provisions of Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and these Rules. Rulemaking proceedings shall be deemed to have been initiated upon publication of notice by the District.
- (2) Notice of Rule Development.
 - (a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a rule, the District shall provide notice of the development of proposed rules by publication of a notice of rule development in a newspaper of general circulation in the District before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by paragraph (3). The notice of rule development shall indicate the subject area to be addressed by rule development, provide short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule, cite specific legal authority for the proposed rule, and a statement of how a person may promptly obtain a copy of any preliminary draft, if available.
 - (b) All rules shall be drafted in accord with Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.
- (3) Notice of Proceedings and Proposed Rules.
 - (a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, the District shall give notice of its intended action, setting forth a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action; a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted; and a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes or the Laws of Florida being implemented, interpreted, or

made specific. The notice shall include a summary of the District's statement of the estimated regulatory costs, if one has been prepared, based on the factors set forth in Section 120.541(2), Florida Statutes, and a statement that any person who wishes to provide the District with a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of the notice; and a statement as to whether, based on the statement of the estimated regulatory costs or other information expressly relied upon and described by the District if no statement of regulatory costs is required, the proposed rule is expected to require legislative ratification pursuant to Section 120.541(3). The notice must state the procedure for requesting a public hearing on the proposed rule unless one is otherwise scheduled or required under Florida Statutes. Except when the intended action is the repeal of a rule, the notice must include a reference both to the date on which and to the place where the notice of rule development that is required by subsection (2) appeared.

- (b) The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located not less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the intended action. The proposed rule shall be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of the publication of notice.
 - (c) The notice shall be mailed to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least fourteen (14) days prior to such mailing, have made requests of the District for advance notice of its proceedings. Any person may file a written request with the District Manager to receive notice by mail of District proceedings to adopt, amend or repeal a rule. Such persons must furnish a mailing address and may be required to pay the cost of copying and mailing. Notice will then be mailed to all persons whom, at least fourteen (14) days prior to such mailing, have made requests of the District for advance notice of its proceedings.
- (4) Rule Development Workshops. Whenever requested in writing by any affected person, the District must either conduct a rule development workshop prior to proposing rules for adoption or the District Chairman must explain in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The District may initiate a rule development workshop but is not required to do so.
- (5) Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking. All petitions for the initiation of rulemaking proceedings pursuant to Section 120.54(7), Florida Statutes, must contain the name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner, specific action requested, specific reason for adoption, amendment, or repeal, the date submitted, and shall specify the text of the proposed rule and the facts showing that the Petitioner is regulated by the District, or has substantial interest in the rulemaking, shall be filed with the District. The Board shall then act on the petition in accordance with

Section 120.54(7), Florida Statutes, except that copies of the petition shall not be sent to the Administrative Procedure Committee, and notice may be given in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located.

- (6) Rulemaking Materials. After the publication of the notice to initiate rulemaking, the Board shall make available for public inspection and shall provide, upon request and payment of the cost of copies, the following materials:
 - (a) The text of the proposed rule, or any amendment or repeal of any existing rules;
 - (b) A detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule;
 - (c) A copy of the statement of estimated regulatory costs if required by Section 120.541, Florida Statutes; and
 - (d) The published notice.
- (7) Rulemaking Proceedings – No Hearing. When no hearing is requested or required under Florida Statutes and the Board chooses not to initiate a hearing on its own, or if the rule relates exclusively to organization, practice or procedure, the Board may direct the proposed rule be filed with the District Office no less than twenty-eight (28) days following notice. Such direction may be given by the Board either before initiating the rule adoption process or after the expiration of the twenty-one (21) days during which affected persons may request a hearing.
- (8) Rulemaking Proceedings – Hearing. If the proposed rule does not relate exclusively to organization, practice or procedure, the District shall provide, upon request, a public hearing for the presentation of evidence, argument and oral statements, within the reasonable conditions and limitations imposed by the District to avoid duplication, irrelevant comments, unnecessary delay or disruption of the proceedings. Any affected person may request a hearing within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice of intent to adopt, amend or repeal a rule. When a public hearing is held, the District must ensure that the Board members are available to explain the District’s proposal and to respond to questions or comments regarding the rule. If one or more requested public hearings is scheduled, the Board shall conduct at least one of the public hearings itself and may not delegate this responsibility without the consent of those persons requesting the public hearing.
- (9) Request for Public Hearing.
 - (a) A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall specify how the person requesting the public hearing would be affected by the proposed rule. The request shall be submitted to the District within twenty-one (21)

days after notice of intent to adopt, amend, or repeal the rule is published as required by law, in accordance with the procedure for submitting requests for public hearing stated in the notice of intent to adopt, amend or repeal the rule.

- (b) If the notice of intent to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule did not notice a public hearing and the District determines to hold a public hearing, the District shall publish notice of a public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the District at least seven (7) days before the scheduled public hearing. The notice shall specify the date, time, and location of the public hearing, and the name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing.
 - (c) Written statements may be submitted by any person within a specified period of time prior to or following the public hearing. All timely submitted written statements shall be considered by the District and made part of the rulemaking record.
- (10) Emergency Rule Adoption. The Board may adopt an emergency rule if it finds that immediate danger to the public health, safety or welfare exists which requires immediate action. Prior to the adoption of an emergency rule, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to notify a newspaper of general circulation in the District. Notice of emergency rules shall be published as soon as possible in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The District may use any procedure which is fair under the circumstances in the adoption of an emergency rule as long as it protects the public interest as determined by the District and otherwise complies with these provisions.
- (11) Negotiated Rulemaking. The District may use negotiated rulemaking in developing and adopting rules pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes.
- (12) Variations and Waivers. Variations and waivers from District rules may be granted to the provisions and limitations contained in Section 120.542, Florida Statutes.

Specific Authority: s.s. 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 120.54, 190.035, Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s.s. 120.54, 190.035(2), Fla. Stat.

3.0 Decisions Determining Substantial Interests.

- (1) Conduct of Proceedings. Proceedings may be held by the District in response to a written request submitted by a substantially affected person within fourteen (14) days after written notice or published notice of District action or notice of District intent to render a decision. Notice of both action taken by the District and the

District's intent to render a decision shall state the time limit for requesting a hearing and shall reference the District's procedural rules. If a hearing is held, the Chairman shall designate any member of the Board (including the Chairman), District Manager, District General Counsel, or other person to conduct the hearing.

The person conducting the hearing may:

1. Administer oaths and affirmations;
 2. Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
 3. Regulate the course of the hearing, including any prehearing matters;
 4. Enter orders;
 5. Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.
- (a) The person conducting the hearing shall, within thirty (30) days after the hearing or receipt of the hearing transcript, whichever is later, file a recommended order which shall include a caption, time and place of hearing, appearances entered at the hearing, statement of the issues, findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated, and a recommendation for final District action.
- (b) The District shall issue a final order within forty-five (45) days:
1. After the hearing is concluded, if conducted by the Board;
 2. After a recommended order is submitted to the Board and mailed to all parties, if the hearing is conducted by persons other than the Board; or
 3. After the Board has received the written and oral material it has authorized to be submitted, if there has been no hearing.
- (2) Eminent Domain. After determining the need to exercise the power of eminent domain pursuant to Subsection 190.11(11), Florida Statutes, the District shall follow those procedures prescribed in Chapters 73 and 74, Florida statutes. Prior to exercising the power of eminent domain, the District shall:
- (a) Adopt a resolution identifying the property to be taken;
 - (b) If the property is beyond the boundaries of the District, obtain approval by resolution of the governing body of the county if the taking will occur in

an unincorporated area, or of the municipality if the taking will occur within the municipality.

Specific Authority: s.s. 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s.s. 190.011(11), Fla. Stat.

4.0 Purchasing, Contracts, Construction and Maintenance.

- (1) Purpose and Scope. In order to comply with Sections 190.033(1) through (3), 287.055 and 287.017, Florida Statutes, the following procedures, definitions and rules are outlined for the purchase of professional, construction, maintenance, and contract services, and goods, supplies, materials, and insurance.
- (2) Definitions.
 - (a) “Continuing contract” is a contract for professional services (of a type described above), entered into in accordance with this Rule, between the District and a firm whereby the firm provides professional services for the District for work of a specified nature with no time limitation, except that the contract shall provide a termination clause.
 - (b) “Contractual services” means rendering time and effort rather than furnishing specific goods or commodities. Contractual services do not include legal (including attorneys, paralegals, court reporters and expert witnesses, including appraisers), artistic, auditing, health, or academic program services, or professional services (as defined in Section 287.055(2)(a), Florida Statutes and these Rules) and shall generally be considered the services referenced by Section 287.012(8), Florida Statutes. Contractual services do not include the extension of an existing contract for services if such extension is provided for in the contract terms.
 - (c) “Emergency purchases” means a purchase necessitated by a sudden unexpected turn of events (e.g. acts of God, riot, fires, floods, hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds that the delay incident to competitive solicitation would be detrimental to the interests of the District.
 - (d) “Goods, supplies and materials” do not include printing, insurance, advertising, or legal notices.
 - (e) “Invitation to Bid” is a written solicitation for sealed bids with the title, date and hour of the public bid opening designated specifically and defining the commodity involved. It includes printed instructions

prescribing conditions for bidding, evaluation criteria, and provides for a manual signature of an authorized representative.

- (f) “Lowest Responsible bid/proposal” means, in the sole discretion of the Board, the bid or proposal (i) is submitted by a person or firm capable and qualified in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and with the integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance, (ii) is responsive to the invitation to bid or request for proposal as determined by the Board, and (iii) is the lowest cost to the District. Minor variations in the bid may be waived by the Board. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids may not be modified after opening.
- (g) “Most Advantageous bid/proposal” means, in the sole discretion of the Board, the bid or proposal (i) is submitted by a person or firm capable and qualified in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and with the integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance, (ii) is responsive to the invitation to bid or request for proposal as determined by the Board, and (iii) is the most advantageous bid or proposal to the District. Minor variations in the bid may be waived by the Board. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids may not be modified after opening.
- (h) “Professional services” means those services within the scope of the practice of architecture, professional engineering, landscape architecture or registered surveying and mapping, as defined by the laws of Florida, or those performed by an architect, professional engineer, landscape architect or registered surveyor and mapper, in connection with the firm’s or individual’s professional employment or practice.
- (i) “Project” means that fixed capital outlay study or planning activity when basic construction cost is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, or for a planning study activity when the fee for professional services is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO, as such categories may be amended from time to time by the State of Florida Department of Management Services to reflect inflation or other measures.
- (j) “Purchase” means acquisition by sale, rent lease, lease/purchase or installment sale. It does not include transfer, sale or exchange of goods, supplies or materials between the District and any federal, state, regional or local government entity or political subdivision of the state.
- (k) “Request for Proposal” is a written solicitation for sealed proposals with the title, date and hour of the public opening designated and requiring the

manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis and evaluation criteria as necessary.

- (1) “Responsive bid/proposal” means a bid or proposal which conforms in all material respects to the specifications and conditions in the invitation to bid or request for proposal and these Rules, and the cost components of which are appropriately balanced. A bid/proposal is not responsive if the person or firm submitting the bid fails to meet any requirement relating to the qualifications, financial stability, or licensing of the bidder.

Specific Authority: s.s. 190.011(5), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s.s. 190.033, Fla. Stat.

4.1 Purchase of Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

- (1) Purpose and Scope. All purchases of goods, supplies, or materials exceeding the amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, as such category may be amended from time to time, shall be purchased under the terms of these Rules. Contracts for purchases of “goods, supplies, and materials” do not include printing, insurance, advertising or legal notices.
- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of goods, supplies or materials is within the scope of this Rule, the following is appropriate:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to prepare an Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal, as appropriate.
 - (b) The Notice of Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate.
 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of invitations to bid or requests for proposals. Persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list shall receive notices by mail.
 - (d) Bids or proposals shall be opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal. Bids and proposals shall be evaluated in accordance with the invitation or request and these Rules.
 - (e) The Most Advantageous Bid or Proposal shall be accepted; however, the Board shall have the right to reject all bids, either because they are too

high or because the Board determines that it is in the best interests of the District. In the event the bids exceed the amount of funds available to be allocated by the District for this purchase, the bids may be rejected. The board may require bidders to furnish performance and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.

- (f) Notice of award or intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, shall be provided in writing to all bidders by United States Mail, by hand delivery, or by overnight delivery service, and by posting same in the District Office for seven (7) days.
- (g) If only one response to an Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies or materials. If no response to an Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal is received, the District may take whatever steps reasonably necessary in order to proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies, and materials.
- (h) If the District does not receive a response to its competitive solicitation, the District may proceed to purchase such goods, supplies, materials, or construction services in the manner it deems in the best interests of the District.
- (i) The District may make an emergency purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an emergency purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.

Specific Authority: s.s. 190.011(5), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s.s. 190.033, Fla. Stat.

4.2 Contracts for Construction of Authorized Project.

- (1) Scope. All contracts for the construction or improvement of any building, structure or other public construction works authorized by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, the costs of which are estimated by the District in accordance with generally accepted cost accounting principles to be in excess of the threshold amount for applicability of Section 255.20, Florida Statutes, as that amount may be indexed or amended from time to time, shall be let under the terms of these Rules and comply with the bidding procedures of Section 255.20, Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time. In the event of conflict between these Rules and Section 255.20, Florida statutes, the latter shall control. A project shall not be divided solely to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.

(2) Procedure.

- (a) Notice of Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed bids, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than \$500,000 must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of submittal for bids.
- (b) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitation to Bid or Requests for Proposals. Persons who provide their name and address to the District Office for inclusion on the list shall receive notices by mail.
- (c) To be eligible to submit a bid or proposal, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of its bid proposal:
 - 1. Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing.
 - 2. Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if applicable.
 - 3. If the bidder is a corporation, hold a current and active Florida Corporate Charter or be authorized to do business in Florida in accordance with Chapter 607, Florida Statutes.
 - 4. Meet any special pre-qualification requirement set forth in the bid/proposal specifications.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules may be submitted with the bid or proposal, if required by the District.

- (d) Bids or proposals shall be opened at the time, date and place noted on the Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposals. Bids or proposals shall be evaluated in accordance with the Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal and these Rules.
- (e) To assist in the determination of the most advantageous bidder, the District Representative may invite public presentation by firms regarding their qualifications, approach to the project, and ability to perform the contract in all respects.
- (f) In determining the most advantageous bidder, the District Representative may consider, in addition to the factors described in the invitation or request, the following:

1. The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by each bidder or proposer.
 2. The past performance of each bidder or proposer for the District and in other professional employment settings.
 3. The willingness of each bidder or proposer to meet time and budget requirements.
 4. The geographic location of each bidder or proposer's headquarters or office in relation to the project.
 5. The recent, current, and project workloads of the bidder or proposer.
 6. The volume of work previously awarded to each bidder or proposer.
 7. Whether the cost components of each bid or proposal are appropriately balanced.
 8. Whether the bidder or proposer is a certified minority business enterprise.
- (g) The Most Advantageous Bid/Proposal shall be accepted; however, the Board shall have the right to reject all bids, either because they are too high or because the Board determines it is in the best interests of the District. The Board may require bidders or proposers to furnish performance bonds and/or other bonds with a responsive surety to be approved by the Board. If the Board receives fewer than three (3) responses to an Invitation to Proposal, the Board, may, in its discretion, re-advertise for additional bids without rejecting any submitted bid or proposal. In the event the bids exceed the amount of funds available to or allocated by the District for this purchase, the bids may be rejected. Bidders or proposers not receiving a contract award shall not be entitled to recover costs of bid or proposal preparation or submittal from the District.
- (h) Notice of the award or intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, shall be provided in writing to all bidders or proposers by United States Mail, or by hand deliver, or by overnight delivery service, and by posting the same in the District Office for seven (7) days.

Specific Authority: s.s. 190.011(5), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s.s. 190.033, 255.0525, Fla. Stat.

4.3 Contracts for Maintenance Service.

(1) Scope. All contracts for maintenance of any District facility or project shall be let under the terms of these Rules if the cost exceeds the amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, as such category may be amended from time to time by the State of Florida Department of Management Services. The maintenance of these facilities or projects may involve the purchase of contract services and /or goods, supplies or materials as defined herein. Where a contract for maintenance of such facility or project includes goods, supplies or materials and/or contract services, the District may in its sole discretion, award the contract according to the Rules in this subsection in lieu of separately bidding for maintenance, goods, supplies and materials, and contract services. However, a project shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.

(2) Procedure.

- (a) Notice of Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate.
- (b) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid or Requests for Proposals. Persons who provide their name and address to the District Office for inclusion on the list shall receive notices by mail.
- (c) In order to be eligible to submit a bid or proposal, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids or proposals:
 - 1. Hold the required applicable state and professional licenses in good standing.
 - 2. Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any.
 - 3. Hold a current and active Florida Corporate Charter or be authorized to do business in Florida in accordance with Chapter 607, Florida Statutes, if the bidder is a corporation.
 - 4. Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the bid proposal specifications.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules may be submitted with the bid, if required by the District.

- (d) Bids or Proposals shall be opened at the time, date and place noted on the Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal. Bids and Proposals shall be evaluated in accordance with the Invitation or Request and these Rules.
- (e) To assist in the determination of the Most Advantageous Bid or Proposal, the District Representative may invite public presentation by firms regarding their qualifications, approach to the project, and ability to perform the contract in all respects.
- (f) In determining the Most Advantageous Bid or Proposal, the District Representative may consider, in addition to the factors described in the Invitation or request, the following:
 - 1. The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by each bidder or proposer.
 - 2. The past performance of each bidder or proposer for the District and in other professional employment settings.
 - 3. The willingness of each bidder or proposer to meet time and budget requirements.
 - 4. The geographic location of each bidder or proposer's headquarters or office in relation to the project.
 - 5. The recent, current, and project workloads of the bidder or proposer.
 - 6. The volume of work previously awarded to each bidder or proposer.
 - 7. Whether the cost components of each bid or proposal are appropriately balanced.
 - 8. Whether the bidder or proposer is a certified minority business enterprise.
- (g) The Most Advantageous Bid or Proposal may be accepted; however, the Board shall have the right to reject all bids or proposals, either because they are too high or because the Board determines it is in the best interests of the District. The Board may require bidders to furnish performance bonds and/or other bonds with a responsive surety to be approved by the Board. If the Board receives fewer than three (3) responses to an Invitation to Proposal, the Board, may, in its discretion, re-advertise for additional bids without rejecting any submitted bid or proposal. In the

event the bids or proposals exceed the amount of funds available to or allocated by the District for this purchase, the bids or proposals may be rejected. Bidders or proposers not receiving a contract award shall not be entitled to recover costs of bid or proposal preparation or submittal from the District.

- (h) Notice of the award or intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids or proposals, shall be provided in writing to all bidders or proposers by United States Mail, or by hand deliver, or by overnight delivery service, and by posting the same in the District Office for seven (7) days.

Specific Authority: s.s. 190.011(5), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s.s. 190.033, Fla. Stat.

4.4 Purchase of Insurance.

- (1) Scope. The purchase of life, health, accident, hospitalization, legal expense, or annuity insurance, or all or any kind of such insurance for the officers and employees of the District, and for health, accident, hospitalization, and legal expenses upon a group insurance plan by the District, shall be governed by these Rules. Nothing in this Rule shall require the District to purchase insurance.
- (2) Procedure. For a purchase of insurance within the scope of these Rules, the following procedure shall be followed:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Notice of Invitation to Bid.
 - (b) Notice of Invitation to Bid may be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate.
 - (c) The District may maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid. Persons who provide their name and address to the District Office for inclusion on the list shall receive notices by mail.
 - (d) Bids shall be opened at the time and place noted in the Invitation to Bid.
 - (e) If only one (1) response to an Invitation to Bid is received, the District may proceed with the purchase. If no response to an Invitation to Bid is received, the District may take whatever steps are reasonably necessary in order to proceed with the purchase.
 - (f) The Board has the right to reject any and all bids and such reservations shall be included in all solicitations and advertisements.

- (g) Simultaneously with the review of the submitted bids, the District may undertake negotiations with those companies which have submitted reasonable and timely bids and, in the opinion of the District, are fully qualified and capable of meeting all services and requirements. Bid responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the specifications and criteria contained in the Invitation to Bid; in addition, the total cost to the District, if any, to the District Officers, employees, or their dependents, the geographic location of the company's headquarters and offices in relation to the District, and the ability of the company to guarantee premium stability may be considered. A contract to purchase insurance shall be awarded to that company whose response to the Invitation to Bid best meets the overall need of the District, its officers, employees and/or dependents.
- (h) Notice of the award or intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, shall be provided in writing to all bidders by United States Mail, by hand delivery service, and by posting the same in the District Office for seven (7) days.

Specific Authority: s.s. 190.011(5), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s.s. 112.08, Fla. Stat.

4.5 Procedure for Purchasing Contractual Services.

- (1) Scope. All purchases for contractual services (except for maintenance services) may, but are not required to, be made by competitive Invitation to Bid. If state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract, or established the rate of payment, then these Rules shall not apply. A contract involving both goods, supplies, and materials plus contractual services may, at the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for goods, supplies, and materials.
- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of contractual services is within the scope of this Rule (and the District has elected to follow this procedure), the following procedure shall be followed:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a notice of Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal, as appropriate.
 - (b) Notice of Invitation to Bid shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate.

- (c) The District may maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid or Requests for Proposals. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by United States Mail, to persons who provide their names and addresses to the District Office for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with these Rules and shall not be the basis for a protest of any contract award.
 - (d) Bids or proposals shall be opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid and Request for Proposal. Bids and proposals shall be evaluated in accordance with Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal and these Rules.
 - (e) If only one (1) response to an Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal is received, the District may proceed with the procurement for contractual services from such bidder or proposer. If no response to an Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal is received, the District may take whatever steps are reasonably necessary in order to proceed with the procurement of the needed contractual services.
 - (f) The Board has the right to reject any and all bids or proposals. The reservation regarding the right to reject shall be included in all solicitations and advertisements. If the bids or proposals exceed the amount of funds available to or allocated by the District for this purchase, the bids or proposals may be rejected. Bidders and proposers not receiving a contract award shall not be entitled to recover any costs of bid or proposal preparation or submittal from the District.
 - (g) The Most Advantageous Bid or Proposal may be accepted by the District. The Board may require bidders to furnish bid, performance and/or other bonds with a reasonable surety to be approved by the Board.
- (3) Notice. Notice of contract award, including the rejection of some or all bids or proposals, shall be provided in writing to all bidders or proposers by United States Mail, overnight delivery, or by hand delivery, and by posting same in the District Office for seven (7) days.
- (4) Contract Renewal. Renewal of a contract for contractual services shall be in writing and shall be subject to the same terms and conditions set forth in the initial contract, unless otherwise provided in the initial contract. Renewal shall be contingent upon satisfactory performance evaluations by the District.
- (5) Contract Manager and Contract Administrator. The Board may designate a representative to function as contract manager, who shall be responsible for enforcing performance of the contract terms and conditions and serve as the liaison with the contractor. The Board may also designate a representative to

function as contract administrator, who shall be responsible for maintaining all contract files and financial information. One person may serve as both contract manager and administrator.

- (6) Emergency Purchase. The District may make an emergency purchase of contractual services without complying with these Rules. The fact that an emergency purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.
- (7) Continuing Contract. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a continuing contract between a firm or an individual and the District.

Specific Authority: s.s. 190.011(5), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s.s. 190.033(3), Fla. Stat.

4.6 Procedure Under Consultant's Competitive Negotiations Act.

In order to comply with the requirements of Section 287.055, Florida Statutes (regarding certain types of professional services), the following procedures are outlined for selection of firms or individuals to provide professional services exceeding the thresholds herein described and in the negotiation of such contracts.

- (1) Qualifying Procedures. In order to be eligible to submit a bid or proposal, a firm must, at the time of receipt of the bid or proposal:
 - (a) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing.
 - (b) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any.
 - (c) If the bidder is a corporation, hold a current and active Florida Corporate Charter or be authorized to do business in Florida in accordance with Chapter 607, Florida Statutes.
 - (d) Meet any pre-qualification requirements set forth in the project or bid specifications. Qualification standards may include, but are not limited to, capability and adequacy of personnel, past record, and experience of the bidding entity.

Evidence of compliance with this Rule may be submitted with the bid, if requested by the District.

- (2) Public Announcement. Prior to a public announcement that professional services are required for a project, the Board shall identify the project as meeting the threshold requirement. Except in cases of valid public emergencies as certified by the Board, the District shall announce each occasion when professional services

are required for a project by publishing a notice providing a general description of the project and method for interested consultants to apply for consideration. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and in such other places as the District deems appropriate. The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving such notices. These persons are encouraged to submit annually statements of qualifications and performance data. Persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list shall receive notices by mail. The Board has the right to reject any and all bids, and such reservation shall be included in the public announcement. Bidders not receiving a contract award shall not be entitled to recover any costs of bid preparation or submittal from the District.

(3) Competitive Selection.

(a) The Board shall review and evaluate the data submitted in response to the notice described above regarding qualifications and performance ability, as well as any statements of qualification of file. The Board shall conduct discussions with, and may require public presentation by firms regarding their qualifications, and/or public presentation, select and list the firms, in order of preference, deemed to be the most highly capable and qualified to perform the required professional services, after considering these and other appropriate criteria:

1. The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by each firm.
2. Each firm's past performance for the District in other professional employment settings.
3. The willingness of each firm to meet time and budget requirements.
4. The geographic location of each firm's headquarters or office in relation to the project.
5. The recent, current, and projected workloads of each firm.
6. The volume of work previously awarded to each firm.
7. Whether a firm is a certified minority business enterprise.

Nothing in these Rules shall prevent the District from evaluating and eventually selecting a firm if less than three (3) responses, including responses indicating a desire not to submit a formal bid on a given project, are received.

- (b) If the selection process is administered by a person other than the full Board, the selection made will be presented to the full Board with a recommendation that competitive negotiations be instituted with the selected firms in order of preference listed.

(4) Competitive Negotiation.

- (a) After the Board has authorized the beginning of competitive negotiations, the District may begin such negotiations with the firm listed as the most qualified to perform the required professional services.
- (b) In negotiating a lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional contract for more than the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, the firm receiving the award shall be required to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that “wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting.” In addition, any professional service contract under which such a certificate is required, shall contain a provision that “the original contract price and any additions thereto, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Board determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs.”
- (c) Should the District within twenty-one (21) days be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the firm determined to be the most qualified at a price deemed by the District to be fair, competitive, and reasonable then unless modified by the Board, negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the District shall immediately begin negotiations with the second most qualified firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second firm cannot be reached within twenty-one (21) days (unless modified by the Board to the contrary) those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third most qualified firm shall be undertaken.
- (d) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with any of the selected firms within twenty-one (21) days (unless modified by the Board to the contrary) additional firms shall be selected by the District, in order of their competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
- (e) Once an agreement with a firm or individual is reached, notice of the award or intent to award, including the rejection of some or all bids, shall be provided in writing to all bidders by United States Mail, by hand delivery, or by overnight delivery service, and by posting same in the District Office for seven (7) days.

- (5) Continuing Contract. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a continuing contract between a firm or an individual and the District.
- (6) Emergency Purchase. The District may make an emergency purchase without complying with these Rules. The fact that an emergency purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: s.s. 190.011(5), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s.s. 190.011(3), 287.055, 190.033, Fla. Stat.

5.0 Bid Protests Under Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

Notwithstanding any other provision in these Rules, the resolution of any protests regarding the decision to solicit or award a contract for a bid or proposal shall be in accordance with this section.

- (1) Notice. The District shall give all bidders written notice of its decision to award or intent to award a contract, including rejection of some or all bids, by United States Mail (which shall be deemed delivered two (2) days after delivery to the U.S. Postal Service), by certified/registered mail return receipt requested, by hand delivery, or by overnight delivery service (which shall be deemed delivered by the next business day), and by posting same in the District Office for seven (7) days. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 5.2 of the Rules of Ventana Community Development District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules."
- (2) Filing. Any person who is affected adversely by the District's decision or intended decision shall file with the District a notice of protest within seventy-two (72) hours after the posting of the final bid tabulation or after receipt of the notice of the District decision or intended decision, and shall file a formal written protest within seven (7) days after the date of filing of the notice of protest. The notice of protest shall identify the procurement by title and number or any other language that will enable the District to identify it, shall state that the person intends to protest the decision, and shall state with particularity the law and facts upon which the protest is based. With respect to a protest of the specifications contained in an Invitation to Bid or in a Request for Proposals, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after the receipt of the notice of the project plans and specifications (or intended project plans and specifications) in an Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposals, and the formal written protest shall be filed within seven (7) days after the date when notice of protest is filed. Failure to file a notice of protest, or failure to file a formal written protest, shall constitute a waiver of all further proceedings.

- (3) Award Process. Upon a receipt of a notice of protest which has been timely filed, the District shall stop the bid solicitation process (or the contract and award process) until the subject of the protest is resolved. However, if the District sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances which require the continuance of the process without delay in order to avoid immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the award process may continue.
- (4) Mutual Agreement. The District, on its own initiative or upon the request of a protester, shall provide an opportunity to resolve the protest by mutual agreement between the parties within seven (7) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, upon receipt of a formal written request.
- (5) Proceedings. If the subject of a protest is not resolved by mutual agreement, a proceeding shall be conducted in accordance with the procedural guidelines set forth in Section 3.0.

Specific Authority: s.s. 120.57(3), 190.011(5) Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s.s. 120.57(3), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

5.1 Protests With Respect To Contracts Awarded Or Bid Documents.

The resolution of any protests regarding Bid Documents or the decision to award a contract for a bid or proposal shall be in accordance with section 5.1.

- (1) Notice. The District shall give all bidders or proposers written notice of a decision to award or to reject all bids by posting the notice in the District Office for seven (7) days, with a copy being provided to all submitting firms by United States Mail (which shall be deemed delivered two (2) days after delivery to the U.S. Postal Service), by certified/registered mail return receipt requested, or by hand delivery. The notice shall include the following statement: “Failure to file a written protest with the District within seventy-two (72) hours following the receipt of notice of the District’s decision to award a contract shall constitute a waiver of any objection to the award of such contract.”
- (2) Filing.
 - (a) Any firm or person who is affected adversely by a District decision to award a contract shall file with the District a written notice of protest within seventy-two (72) hours after receipt of the notice of the District’s decision, and shall file a formal written protest with the District within seven (7) calendar days after timely filing the initial notice of protest. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt of the District. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object to or protest the District’s

decision or contract award. The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based.

- (b) With respect to a protest regarding the Bid Documents, including specifications or other requirements contained in an Invitation to Bid or in a Request for Proposals, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after the receipt of the proposed project plans and specifications or other contract documents. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object to or protest with respect to the aforesaid plans, specifications or contract documents.
- (3) Award Process. Upon receipt of a timely filed notice of protest, the District shall abate the contract award process until the protest is resolved by final Board action. However, if the District determines particular facts and circumstances require the continuance of the contract award process without delay in order to avoid immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the contract award process may continue. In such circumstances, the contract awarded shall be conditioned on the outcome of the protest.
- (4) Informal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest does not involve a disputed issue of material fact, the Board may, but is not obligated to, schedule an informal proceeding to consider the protest. Such informal proceeding shall be at a time and place determined by the Board. Notice of such proceeding shall be posted in the office of the District not less than three (3) calendar days prior to such informal proceeding, with copy being mailed to the protestant and any substantially affected person or parties. Within fifteen (15) calendar days following the informal proceeding, the Board shall issue a written decision setting forth the factual, legal, and policy grounds for its decision.
- (5) Formal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest involves disputed issues of material fact or if the Board elects not to use the informal proceeding process provided above, the District shall schedule a formal hearing to resolve the protest in accordance with the procedural guidelines set forth in Section 3.0.

Specific Authority: s.s. 120.57, 190 011(5), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s.s. 190.033, Fla. Stat.

5.2 Bid Protests Relating to Any Other Award.

Notwithstanding any other provision in these Rules, the resolution of any protests regarding the decision to solicit or award a contract for a bid proposal under Sections 4.1, 4.2, or 4.5 shall be in accordance with Section 5.2.

- (1) Notice. The District shall give all bidders written notice of its decision to award or intent to award a contract, including rejection of some or all bids, by United States Mail (which shall be deemed delivered two (2) days after delivery to the U.S. Postal Service), by certified/registered mail return receipt requested, by hand delivery, or by overnight delivery service (which shall be deemed delivered on the next business day), and by posting same in the District Office for seven (7) calendar days.
- (2) Filing. Any person who is adversely affected by the District's decision or intended decision shall file with the District a notice of protest in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after the posting of the final bid tabulation or after receipt of the notice of the District decision or intended decision, and shall file a formal written protest within seven (7) days after the date of filing of the notice of protest. The formal written protest shall state with particularity facts and law upon which the protest is based. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of all further proceedings.
- (3) Award Process. Upon receipt of a notice of protest which has been timely filed, the District shall stop the bid solicitation process or the contract and award process until the subject of the protest is resolved. However, if the District sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances which require the continuance of the process without delay in order to avoid an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the award process may continue.
- (4) Mutual Agreement. The District, on its own initiative or upon the request of a protester, shall provide an opportunity to resolve the protest by mutual agreement between the parties within five (5) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, of receipt of a formal written protest.
- (5) Hearing. If the subject of a protest is not resolved by mutual agreement, the District shall hold a proceeding in accordance with the procedural guidelines set forth in Section 3.0.

Specific Authority: s.s. 190.011(5), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s.s. 190.033, Fla. Stat.

6.0 Design-Build Contract Competitive Proposal Selection Process.

- (1) Scope. The District may utilize design-build contracts for any public construction project for which the Board determines that use of such contracts in the best interest of the District. When letting a design/build contract, the District shall use the following procedure:
 - (a) The District shall utilize a design criteria professional meeting the requirements of Section 287.055(2)(k) when developing a design criteria package, evaluating the responses or bids submitted by design-build firms, and determining compliance of the project construction with the design criteria package. The design criteria professional may be an employee of the District or may be retained using Section 4.6, Procedure Under Consultant's Competitive Negotiations Act.
 - (b) A design criteria package for the construction project shall be developed and sealed by the design criteria professional. The package shall include concise, performance –oriented drawings or specifications of the project, and shall include sufficient information to put interested firms on notice of substantially all of the requirements of the project. If the project utilizes existing plans, the design criteria professional shall create a design criteria package by supplementing the plans with project specific requirements, if any. All design criteria packages shall require firms to submit information regarding the qualifications, availability and past work of the firms, including the partners and members thereof.
 - (c) The Board, in consultation with the design criteria professional, shall establish the standards and procedures for the evaluation of design-build proposals based on price, technical, and design aspects of the project, weighted for the project.
 - (d) After the design criteria package and the standards and procedures for evaluation of proposals have been developed, competitive proposals from qualified firms shall be solicited, pursuant to the design criteria by the following procedure:
 1. A Request for Proposals shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of proposals, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate.
 2. The District may maintain qualifications information, including: capabilities, adequacy of personnel, past record, experience, whether the firm is a certified minority business enterprise as defined by the Florida Small Business and Minority Assistance Act

of 1985, and other factors, on design-build firms. Such firms shall receive a copy of the request for proposals by mail.

3. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal a firm must, at the time of receipt of the proposals:
 - (a) Hold the required applicable state professional license in good standing, as defined by Section 287.055(2)(h), Florida Statutes;
 - (b) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (c) Hold a current and active Florida Corporate Charter or be authorized to do business in Florida in accordance with Chapter 607, Florida Statutes, if the bidder is a corporation;
 - (d) Meet any special prequalification requirements set forth in the design criteria package.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules may be submitted with the bid, if required by the District.

- (e) The Board shall select no fewer than three (3) design-build firms as the most qualified, based on the information submitted in the response to the request for proposals, and in consultation with the design criteria professional, shall evaluate their proposals based on the evaluation standards and procedures established prior to the solicitation of requests for proposal.
- (f) The Board shall negotiate a contract with the firm ranking the highest based on the evaluation standards, and shall establish a price which the Board determines to be fair, competitive, and reasonable. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm, based on the ranking by the evaluation standards. Failing accord with the second most qualified firm, the Board must terminate negotiations. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the third firm. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, the Board shall select additional firms in order of their rankings based on the evaluation standards and continue negotiations until an agreement is reached.

- (g) After the Board contracts with a firm, the firm shall bring to the Board for approval, detailed working drawings of the project.
 - (h) The design criteria professional shall evaluate the compliance of the project construction with the design criteria package, and shall provide the Board with a report of the same.
- (2) Emergency Purchase. The Board may, in case of public emergency, declare an emergency and immediately proceed with negotiations with the best qualified design-build firm available at the time. The fact that an emergency purchase has occurred shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: s.s. 190.011(5), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s.s. 190.033, 255.20, Fla. Stat.

7.0 District Auditor Selection Procedures.

Prior to selecting an auditor to conduct the annual financial audit as required in section 218.39, Florida Statutes, the District shall use the auditor selection procedures as required under section 218.391, Florida Statutes.

Specific Authority: s. 190.011(5), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: s. 218.391, Fla. Stat.

8.0 Effective Date.

These Rules shall be effective _____, 2016.

RESOLUTION 2016-33

THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION OF THE VENTANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (THE “DISTRICT”) RELATING TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 12, 2016 (DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT), AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; APPROVING A DEVELOPER FUNDING AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager submitted to the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) a proposed budget for the next ensuing budget year, consistent with the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, at least sixty (60) days prior to the adoption of the proposed annual budget and any proposed long-term financial plan or program of the District for future operations (the “Proposed Budget”), the District Manager filed a copy of the Proposed Budget with the local governing authorities having jurisdiction over the area included in the District pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(b), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board set July 7, 2016, as the date for a public hearing thereon and caused notice of such public hearing to be given by publication pursuant to Section 190.008(2)(a), Florida Statutes;

WHEREAS, Section 190.008(2)(a), Florida Statutes, requires that, prior to October 1, of each year, the District Board by passage of the Annual Appropriation Resolution shall adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and appropriate such sums of money as the Board deems necessary to defray all expenditures of the District during the ensuing fiscal year;

WHEREAS, in order to fully fund the Budget, the Board desires to approve the Developer Funding Agreement attached in **Exhibit “A”**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE VENTANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1. Budget

- a. That the Board of Supervisors has reviewed the District Manager’s Proposed Budget, a copy of which is on file with the office of the District Treasurer, the office of the Recording Secretary, and the District Office, and hereby approves certain amendments thereto, as shown in Section 2 below.
- b. That the District Managers Proposed Budget, as amended by the Board, is hereby adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(a), Florida Statutes, and incorporated herein by reference; provided, however, that the comparative figures contained in the adopted budget may be subsequently revised as deemed necessary by the District Manager to reflect actual revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

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- c. That the adopted budget, as amended, shall be maintained in the office of the District Treasurer and the District Recording Secretary and identified as The Budget for Ventana Community Development District for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2016, as Adopted by the Board of Supervisors on July 7, 2016.

Section 2. Appropriations

There is hereby appropriated out of the revenues of the Ventana Community Development District, for the fiscal year beginning April 12, 2016 (date of establishment), and ending September 30, 2016, the sum of \$103,900.00, plus the amount necessary to sufficiently service the District’s debt, when such an amount is determined upon issuance of said debt, to be raised by a Developer Funding Agreement, which sum is deemed by the Board of Supervisors to be necessary to defray all expenditures of the District during said budget year, to be divided and appropriated in the following fashion:

TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ <u>103,900.00</u>
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ <u>To Be Determined</u>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ <u>To Be Determined</u>

Section 3. Supplemental Appropriations

The Board may authorize by resolution, supplemental appropriations or revenue changes for any lawful purpose from funds on hand or estimated to be received within the fiscal year as follows:

- a. Board may authorize a transfer of the unexpended balance or portion thereof of any appropriation item.
- b. Board may authorize an appropriation from the unappropriated balance of any fund.
- c. Board may increase any revenue or income budget amount to reflect receipt of any additional unbudgeted monies and make the corresponding change to appropriations or the unappropriated balance.

The District Manager and Treasurer shall have the power within a given fund to authorize the transfer of any unexpended balance of any appropriation item or any portion thereof, provided such transfers do not exceed Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars or have the effect of causing more than 10% of the total appropriation of a given program or project to be transferred previously approved transfers included. Such transfer shall not have the effect of causing a more than \$10,000 or 10% increase, previously approved transfers included, to the original budget appropriation for the receiving program. The District Manager or Treasurer must establish administrative procedures which require information on the request forms proving that such transfer requests comply with this section.

Section 4. Developer Funding Agreement

The Developer Funding Agreement attached as Exhibit “A” is hereby approved in order to fund the budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

Introduced, considered favorably, and adopted this 7th day of July, 2016.

ATTEST:

**VENTANA COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Name: _____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Name: _____
Chair of the Board of Supervisors

Ventana Community Development District
Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Funding Agreement

This Agreement is made and entered into as of the 22nd day of April, 2016, by and between the **Ventana Community Development District**, a local unit of special-purpose government, established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, whose mailing address is 2005 Pan Am Circle, Suite 120, Tampa, Florida 33607 (the “**District**”) and **Eisenhower Property Group, LLC**, a Florida limited liability company, authorized to do business in the State of Florida, whose mailing address is 111 South Armenia Avenue, Suite 201, Tampa, Florida 33609, (the “**Developer**”).

Recitals

WHEREAS, the District was established by the Board of County Commissioner of Hillsborough County, Florida, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, is authorized to levy such taxes, special assessments, fees and other charges as may be necessary in furtherance of the District's activities and services; and

WHEREAS, the Developer presently owns the real property, as more particularly described in **Exhibit “A”** attached hereto, (the “**Property**”) within the District, which Property will benefit from the continued operations of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is adopting its general fund budget for the balance of the fiscal year 2015/2016, which commenced on April 12, 2016, and concludes on September 30, 2016 (the “**Budget**”); and

WHEREAS, in lieu of levying special assessments on the Property, the District is willing to allow the Developer to provide such funds as are necessary to allow the District to proceed with its operations as described in **Exhibit “B”** so long as payment is timely provided; and

WHEREAS, the Developer agrees that the activities, operations and services provide a special and peculiar benefit equal to or in excess of the costs reflected on **Exhibit “B”** to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has agreed to enter into this Agreement in lieu of having the District levy non ad valorem special assessments as authorized by law against the Property to pay for the activities, operations and services of the District as set forth in **Exhibit “B”**.

Operative Provisions

Now, therefore, based upon good and valuable consideration and the mutual covenants of the parties, the receipt of which and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Funding Obligations.** From time to time during the 2015/2016 fiscal year, the Developer agrees to make available to the District the aggregate sum of up to \$103,900.00 in accordance with the Budget attached hereto as **Exhibit “B”** as such expenses are incurred by the District. Such payments shall be made within 30 days of written request for funding by the District. All funds provided hereunder shall be placed in the District's general operating account.

2. **Budget Revisions.** The District and Developer agree that the Budget shall be revised at the end of the 2015/2016 fiscal year to reflect the actual expenditures of the District for the period beginning on April 12, 2016 and ending on September 30, 2016. The Developer shall not be responsible for any additional costs other than those costs provided for in the Budget. However, if the actual expenditures of the District are less than the amount shown in the

Budget, the Developer's funding obligations under this Agreement shall be reduced by that amount.

3. Amendments. This instrument constitutes the final and complete expression of the agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

4. Authority. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

5. Assignment. This Agreement may be assigned, in whole or in part, by either party only upon the written consent of the other, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

6. Default. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which shall include, but not be limited to, the right to seek specific performance of the Developer's payment obligations under this Agreement, but shall not include special, consequential, or punitive damages.

7. Third Parties. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall

inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns.

8. Governing Law. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida with venue in Hillsborough County, Florida.

9. Interpretation. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the parties as an arm's length transaction. The parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

10. Termination of Agreement. The Agreement shall be effective upon execution by both parties hereto and shall remain in force until the end of the 2015/2016 fiscal year on September 30, 2016. The enforcement provisions of this Agreement shall survive its termination, until all payments due under this Agreement are paid in full.

11. Costs and Fees. In the event either party is required to enforce this Agreement, then the prevailing party shall be entitled to all fees and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs, from the non-prevailing party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement as of the date first written above.

Attest:

**Ventana Community
Development District**

By: _____
Name: _____
Secretary

By: _____
Name: _____
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Witnesses:

Eisenhower Property Group, LLC,
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By: _____
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Title: _____

By: _____
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EXHIBIT A

RESOLUTION 2016-34

THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION OF THE VENTANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (THE “DISTRICT”) RELATING TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; APPROVING A DEVELOPER FUNDING AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager submitted to the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) a proposed budget for the next ensuing budget year, consistent with the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, at least sixty (60) days prior to the adoption of the proposed annual budget and any proposed long-term financial plan or program of the District for future operations (the “Proposed Budget”), the District Manager filed a copy of the Proposed Budget with the local governing authorities having jurisdiction over the area included in the District pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(b), Florida Statutes; and

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There is hereby appropriated out of the revenues of the Ventana Community Development District, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017, the sum of \$366,475.00, plus the amount necessary to sufficiently service the District’s debt, when such an amount is determined upon issuance of said debt, to be raised by a Developer Funding Agreement, which sum is deemed by the Board of Supervisors to be necessary to defray all expenditures of the District during said budget year, to be divided and appropriated in the following fashion:

TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ <u>366,475.00</u>
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ <u>To Be Determined</u>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ <u>To Be Determined</u>

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Development District**

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Secretary

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Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Witnesses:

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By: _____
Name: _____

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

By: _____
Name: _____

EXHIBIT A

**VENTANA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

May 26, 2016 Minutes of Landowner Election

Minutes of Landowner Election

The Landowner Election of the Ventana Community Development District was held on **Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.** at Meritus, 2005 Pan Am Circle Suite 120, Tampa, FL 33607.

Board Members Present and Constituting a Quorum at the onset of the meeting:

Jeff Hills	Supervisor
Gary Jernigan	Supervisor
Ryan Motko	Supervisor

Staff Members Present:

Brian Lamb	District Manager, Meritus
John Vericker	District Counsel

Andrew Shafii
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1 Audience Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lamb called the Landowner Election of the Ventana Community Development District to order on **Thursday, May 26, 2016 at approximately 1:00 p.m.** and identified the supervisors present constituting a quorum.

2. APPOINTMENT OF MEETING CHAIRMAN

Mr. Lamb was appointed meeting chairman.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CANDIDATES/CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Mr. Lamb reviewed and explained to the Board and the landowner the process of the landowner election.

4. ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS

Jeff Hills was elected with 200 votes, Ryan Motko was elected with 200 votes, Gary Jernigan was elected with 100 votes, Albert Viera was elected with 100 votes and Andrew Shafii was elected with 100 votes.

5. OWNERS REQUEST

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lamb closed the meeting.

52 **Please note the entire meeting is available on disc.*

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54 **These minutes were done in a summary format.*

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56 **Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered*
57 *at the meeting is advised that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made,*
58 *including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.*

59 **Meeting minutes were approved at a meeting by vote of the Board of Supervisors at a publicly noticed**
60 **meeting held on _____.**

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63 **Signature**

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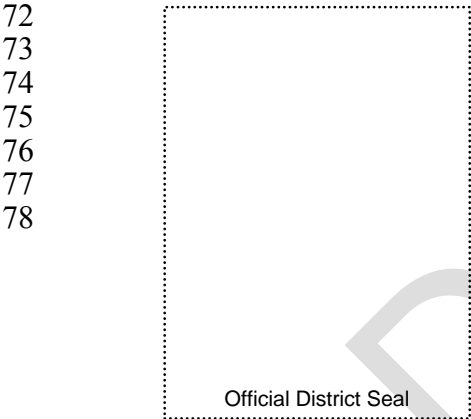
66 **Printed Name**

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68 **Title:**

- 69 **Chair**
- 70 **Vice Chair**

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Signature

Printed Name

Title:

- Secretary**
- Assistant Secretary**

Recorded by Records Administrator

Signature

Date

Official District Seal

**VENTANA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

May 26, 2016 Minutes of Regular Meeting and Public Hearings

Minutes of Regular Meeting and Public Hearings

The Regular Meeting and Public Hearings of the Ventana Community Development District were held on **Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.** at Meritus, 2005 Pan Am Circle Suite 120, Tampa, FL 33607.

Appointed Supervisors Present and Constituting a Quorum at the onset of the meeting:

Jeff Hills	Supervisor
Ryan Motko	Supervisor
Gary Jernigan	Supervisor
Andrew Shafii	Elected Supervisor

Staff Members Present:

Brian Lamb	District Manager, Meritus
John Vericker	District Counsel

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1 Audience Member

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mr. Lamb called the Regular Meeting and Public Hearings of the Ventana Community Development District to order on **Thursday, May 26, 2016 immediately following the Landowner Election** and identified the supervisors present constituting a quorum.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no audience Comments.

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Consideration of Resolution 2016-27; Canvassing and Certifying the Results of the Landowners Election

Mr. Lamb administered the Oaths of Office to Jeff Hills, Ryan Motko and Gary Jernigan. Andrew Shafii was not sworn in at this time but was elected to the Board at the Landowner Election. Supervisor Hills will be in Seat 1, Supervisor Motko will be in Seat 2, Gary Jernigan will be in Seat 3, Albert Viera will be in Seat 4 and Andrew Shafii will be in Seat 5.

Mr. Lamb reviewed Resolution 2016-27 with the Board.

MOTION TO:	Approve Resolution 2016-27.
MADE BY:	Supervisor Hills
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor Jernigan
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	3/0 Called to Vote: motion PASSED

52 **B. Consideration of Resolution 2016-28; Re-Designating Officers**

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54 It was decided that Jeff Hills would be Chairman, Ryan Motko would be Vice Chair, Brian Lamb would be
55 Secretary, Walter Morales would be Treasurer, Brian Howell, Albert Viera and Andrew Shafii would serve
56 as Assistant Secretaries.

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MOTION TO:	Approve Resolution 2016-28.
MADE BY:	Supervisor Hills
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor Motko
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	3/0 Called to Vote: motion PASSED

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64 **C. Annual Disclosure of Qualified Electors**

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66 Mr. Lamb announced there are zero qualified electors in Ventana CDD.

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68 **D. General Matters of the District**

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70 Mr. Lamb stated they would be amending the agenda as he received a Resolution from District Counsel
71 regarding the Timing of the Issuance of Proposed Bonds and Landowner Consent. Mr. Vericker reviewed
72 this Resolution with the Board.

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MOTION TO:	Approve Resolution 2016-31; Timing of the Issuance of Proposed Bonds and Landowner Consent.
MADE BY:	Supervisor Hills
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor Jernigan
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	3/0 Called to Vote: motion PASSED

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81 **4. PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTING UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION**

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MOTION TO:	Open the Public Hearing on Adopting Uniform Method of Collection.
MADE BY:	Supervisor Hills
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor Motko
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	3/0 Called to Vote: motion PASSED

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91 **B. Staff Presentations**

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93 Mr. Lamb reviewed the Uniform Method of Collection with the Board.

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95 **C. Public Comment**

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97 There were no Public Comments.

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D. Close the Public Hearing on Adopting Uniform Method of Collection

MOTION TO:	Close the Public Hearing on Adopting Uniform Method of Collection.
MADE BY:	Supervisor Hills
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor Motko
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	3/0 Called to Vote: motion PASSED

E. Consideration of Resolution 2016-29; Adopting Uniform Method of Collection

Mr. Lamb reviewed this Resolution with the Board.

MOTION TO:	Approve Resolution 2016-29.
MADE BY:	Supervisor Jernigan
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor Hills
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	3/0 Called to Vote: motion PASSED

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

A. Open the Public Hearing on Levying Special Assessments

MOTION TO:	Open the Public Hearing on Levying Special Assessments.
MADE BY:	Supervisor Hills
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor Motko
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	3/0 Called to Vote: motion PASSED

B. Staff Presentations

Mr. Lamb reviewed and explained in detail levying special assessments and answered all questions. District Counsel also reviewed this with the Board as well.

C. Public Comment

The Board, Brian Lamb and John Vericker answered all questions the landowner had regarding assessments.

D. Close the Public Hearing on Levying Special Assessments

MOTION TO:	Close the Public Hearing on Levying Special Assessments.
MADE BY:	Supervisor Hills
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor Jernigan
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	3/0 Called to Vote: motion PASSED

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E. Consideration of Resolution 2016-30; Levying Special Assessments

Mr. Lamb and Mr. Vericker reviewed this Resolution with the Board.

MOTION TO:	Approve Resolution 2016-30.
MADE BY:	Supervisor Hills
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor Motko
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	3/0 Called to Vote: motion PASSED

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consideration of Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes April 22, 2016

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes.

MOTION TO:	Approve April 22, 2016 meeting minutes.
MADE BY:	Supervisor Motko
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor Hills
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	3/0 Called to Vote: motion PASSED

B. Consideration of RFQ's for District Engineer

This item was tabled until a later meeting date.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. District Counsel

Mr. Vericker asked the Board to keep him aware of all information on the closing as they received it.

B. District Engineer

C. District Manager

8. SUPERVISOR REQUESTS AND AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO:	Adjourn.
MADE BY:	Supervisor Jernigan
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor Motko
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	3/0 Called to Vote: motion PASSED

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193 **Please note the entire meeting is available on disc.*
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195 **These minutes were done in a summary format.*
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197 **Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered*
198 *at the meeting is advised that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made,*
199 *including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.*

200 **Meeting minutes were approved at a meeting by vote of the Board of Supervisors at a publicly noticed**
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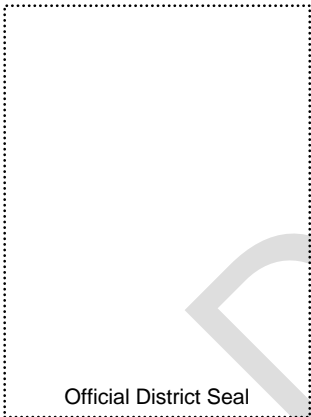
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