



Agenda Item Summary

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Request Approval of Manager Authority, Special Pay, and Piggy-Back Agreements with World Sports Turf and Geo Surfaces for West End Improvements

Presenter:

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Description:

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Recommended Action:

1. Approve piggy-back agreements with World Sports Turf (Hillsborough County) and Geo Surfaces(TIPS Coop)
2. Delegate signature authority to the County Manager for approved expenditures up to the \$645,000 of TDT funding for the West End improvements. Authorize the Manager to approve \$50,000+ West End improvements (not to exceed \$645,000, so long as it promotes tourism in Alachua County and is in compliance with the Tourist Development Tax statute). The list of improvements was approved at the July 9, 2024 Commission meeting.
3. Approve the Special Pay of \$4,595.90 for a skid steer rental which exceeded our \$3,500 purchasing threshold for Parks cleanup of the West End property.

Prior Board Motions:

1. Hear update about the 2025 World Masters Indoor Athletics Championship event.
2. Authorize the County Manager to execute a license agreement for the property known as West End with the Alachua County Local Organizing Committee, Inc and to execute any amendments consistent with the use of the property for the stated use, at no cost and contingent on the purchase of West End, and with only authorized improvements permitted by licensee and all improvements left on property following the end of the license term.
3. Set aside (not to exceed) \$645,000 from Tourist Development Tax reserves for necessary expenditures related to the property known as West End, as authorized by Florida law, and not covered by the State appropriation for the World Masters event. Any use of these Tourist Development Tax funds would require Board approval
4. Approve the corresponding budget amendment moving Tourist Development Tax funds from reserves to the appropriate accounts.
5. That staff return to the Board in August or September with another update and detail plan of what improvements will be made and continue to work with the Friends of West End in conjunction with the County Parks Plan.

Fiscal Note:

Sufficient Budget Exists – 150.45.4510.552.61.00 (\$83,187 with World Sports Turf and \$369,685 with Geo Surfaces) of the \$645,000 earmarked for these improvements.

Strategic Guide:

Infrastructure

Background:

Alachua County Parks and Open Space requests to piggy-back on the World Sports Turf contract with Hillsborough County Parks to renovate the old driving range at West End in preparation for the World Masters event. They will chemically treat the grass/weeds at the driving range, rototill, and laser level nine (9) acres with a maximum slope of 1% to ensure the area is level for World Masters throwing events and future use as multipurpose fields by the general public.

We are also requesting to piggy back on the Tips COOP with Geo Surfaces for the installation of the cages and other necessary throwing equipment and improvements for the hammer, javelin, and discus, etc.

Staff is also requesting approval for the Manager to approve purchases exceeding her \$50,000 authority for those items approved at the July 9 Commission meeting to ensure necessary improvements are completed timely.

Finally, Parks staff rented a skid steer exceeding our \$3,500 purchasing limits to clean up West End, so a Special Pay is required.