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PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 4, 2024

Consent

Regular

Workshop

Public Hearing

Department: Office of Financial Management and Budget

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve a negotiated settlement offer in the amount of \$6,000 for the full satisfaction of a code enforcement lien entered against J D Eason on April 4, 2018.

Summary: On October 5, 2017, a Code Enforcement Special Magistrate (CESM) entered an order giving Mr. Eason until December 3, 2017 to resolve the violations of open storage of inoperable vehicles, debris, and an improperly parked boat on the property located at 5729 Fearnley Drive, Lake Worth. Compliance with the CESM's order was not timely achieved, resulting in the imposition of a \$50 daily fine. The CESM executed an order imposing a code lien against Mr. Eason on April 4, 2018.

The Code Enforcement Division (Code Enforcement) issued an affidavit of compliance for the property on December 8, 2021. Settlement discussions began on March 7, 2024, when the total accrued fines amounted to \$57,998.53. Mr. Paul Krasker, Esq., the legal representative for Mr. Eason, has agreed to pay Palm Beach County \$6,000 (10%) for full satisfaction of the code enforcement lien. **District 3 (SF)**

Background and Justification: Mr. Eason purchased the property in December 1970. In 2017, an anonymous complaint prompted Code Enforcement to visit the property, resulting in violations. According to Mr. Eason, he was very ill during the time and appointed his son to manage the code violations. Unfortunately, the violations were not resolved in a timely manner. Code Enforcement made 13 site visits to the property between 2017 and 2021. Mr. Eason sold the property in 2021, realizing the violations were still active and fines accrued daily.

Mr. Eason's legal representative, Paul Krasker, Esq, contacted the Office of Financial Management and Budget to negotiate a settlement. On March 12, 2024, Mr. Krasker agreed to pay Palm Beach County \$6,000. The property was homestead prior to the sale.

Settlement offers that reduce any debt amount due to Palm Beach County by more than \$2,500 require the approval of the Board, per Countywide PPM CW-F-048.

Attachments: None

Recommended by:  5/2/2024
Department Director Date

Approved by:  5/11/24
County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues	(6,000)				
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match(County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	(6,000)				
#ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (CUMULATIVE)					

Is item included in Current Budget? Yes No
 Is this item using Federal Funds? Yes No
 Is this item using State Funds? Yes No

Budget Account No.: Fund 0001 Department 600 Unit 6241 Object 5900

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:


III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

Lina Math 5/2/2024
OB 5/2 OFMB JA 5/2

 N/A
 Contract Dev. and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

MSJ 5/1/24


 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 N/A
 Department Director

(This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment)