



Pinellas County

Staff Report

File #: 16-630A, Version: 1

Subject:

Ordinance amending the County Code to add Section 2-147 relating to Surplus Lands.

Recommended Action:

Following a public hearing, approve an ordinance amending the County Code to add Section 2-147 establishing alternative procedures for disposition of surplus lands as provided by Florida State Statute (F.S.) 125.35(3).

Strategic Plan:

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.3 Catalyze redevelopment through planning and regulatory program

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.3 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

Summary:

This proposed Ordinance establishes alternative procedures for disposition of County-owned surplus lands, as provided for in F.S. §125.35(3), which will provide flexibility to the Board of County Commissioners (Board) when determining the manner in which surplus lands are disposed. The statute requires the Board to prescribe alternative standards and procedures by ordinance.

Background Information:

F.S. §125.35(1) provides for the sale of surplus lands to the highest and best bidder. F.S. 125.35(2) provides for the private sale of surplus lands when prescribed conditions are met. F.S. 125.35(3) provides the Board opportunity, by ordinance, to provide surplus land disposition alternatives in addition to highest and best bid and private sale. This ordinance will provide the Board with more flexibility when disposing of property. Currently, most situations require the Board to dispose of property to the highest and best bidder. This ordinance will allow the Board to choose another method when the price/highest bid is not necessarily the most important or heavily weighted factor such as in the disposition of property for the development of affordable housing. These alternative procedures shall be in addition to, and not a replacement of, the options already available under the F.S. §125.35(1) and F.S. 125.35(2).

Conveyances pursuant to F.S. § 125.37 (exchange of county property) and F.S. § 125.38 (sale of county property to United States or State) shall not be governed by this Ordinance. Uses of County property by virtue of an instrument other than a purchase and sale or lease agreement, including but not limited to licenses, concession licenses, operating agreements and other such agreements, shall also not be governed by this Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

Andrew W. Pupke, Director, Real Estate Management Department

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

Ordinance