

# PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	September 15, 2009	[X] Consent [ ] Ordinance	[ ] Regular [ ] Public Hearing	
Department:	Facilities Development	& Operations		

#### I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: an Underground Electrical Utility Easement in favor of United Civic Organization, Inc. (UCO) to provide electrical service to UCO's office building located in unincorporated West Palm Beach.

Summary: On June 24, 2003 (R-2003-0912), the County sold UCO 1.21 acres, including an office building which was in need of major renovations, located on Okeechobee Boulevard adjacent to the Okeechobee Branch Library, in unincorporated West Palm Beach. Due to renovations to the office building, it is necessary for UCO to obtain a perpetual non-exclusive easement for an underground electrical cable across a portion of the adjacent County property to allow for the connection to a Florida Power & Light (FPL) transformer. The easement area is approximately 12' wide and 73.50' long, and contains 882 square feet (.02 acre) running across a small portion of the western area of the County property. This utility easement is being granted to UCO at no charge to allow UCO access to the FPL transformer to finalize the renovations to the building, which will serve the residents of Century Village. UCO is a not-for profit corporation and is the Master Association at Century Village. (PREM) District 2 (HJF)

Background and Justification: On August 20, 2002 (R2002-1466), the County entered into a contract to acquire 7.54 acres from BH Florida Land Joint Venture. At the same time, the County entered into an Exchange Agreement with UCO wherein the County exchanged 1.21 acres of the 7.54 acres (which included an office building in need of major renovations) for easements providing ingress and egress to the County property and payment of \$104,693. The property was acquired to meet future needs for the Okeechobee corridor, including the expansion of the library. UCO is in the process of renovating the office building which includes making underground electrical improvements to connect to a pad mounted FPL transformer located south of and adjacent to the County property. This Easement grants UCO the right to construct, connect and maintain the underground power cable and conduit across a small portion of the western area of the County property. The proposed location of the easement area does not have a negative impact on the future development of the County property.

#### **Attachments:**

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Underground Electrical Utility Easement

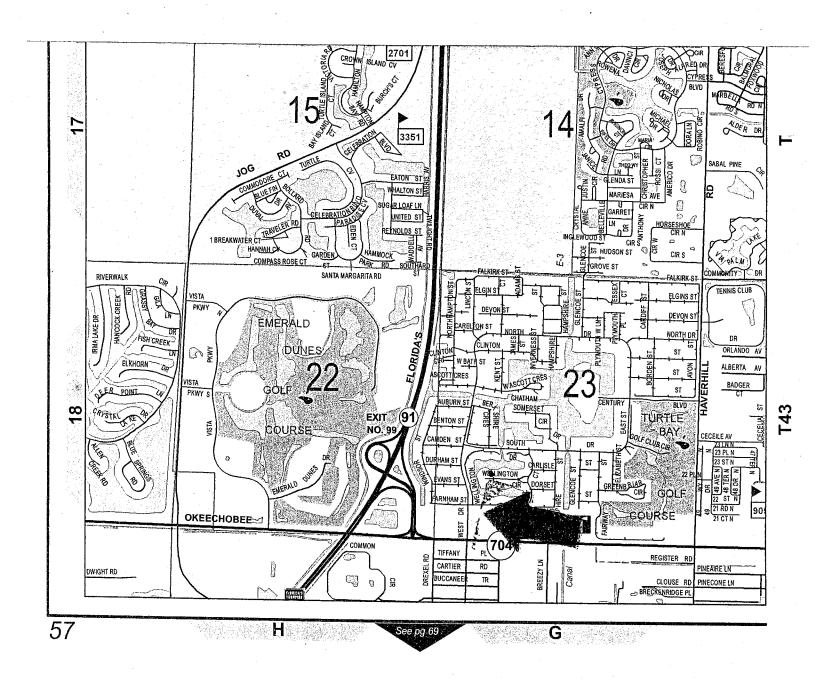
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# II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

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В.	Legal Sufficiency:  Assistant County Attorney	18/09				
C.	Other Department Review  Department Director	w:				

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



LOCATION MAP

Prepared by & Return to: Katrina L. Gilbert, Real Estate Specialist Palm Beach County Property & Real Estate Management Division 2633 Vista Parkway West Palm Beach, Florida 33411-5605

PCN: 00-42-43-23-00-000-7120 (portion only)

## UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL UTILITY EASEMENT

THIS EASEMENT, made\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, granted by PALM BEACH COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida ("COUNTY"), whose address is 301 North Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida, 33401-4791, in favor of UNITED CIVIC ORGANIZATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, whose, whose address is 2102 West Drive, West Palm Beach, Florida 33417-2593 ("Grantee").

WHEREAS, County owns the property described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof (hereinafter the "Burdened Property" or "Easement Premises"); and

WHEREAS, Grantee is the owner of the property described on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof (hereinafter referred to as the "Benefitted Property"); and

WHEREAS, Grantee has requested that County grant Grantee an easement for a underground electrical power cable and conduit across the Burdened Property to serve the Benefitted Property.

#### WITNESSETH:

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantor and Grantee hereby agree as follows:

- 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. County does hereby grant to Grantee, its successors and assigns, a perpetual non-exclusive easement in, on, over, under, through, and across the Easement Premises, to construct, reconstruct, lay, install, operate, maintain, repair, replace, improve, tie into, remove and inspect an underground electrical power cable and conduit.

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- 3. Grantee's use and enjoyment of and interest in the Easement Premises are and shall be strictly limited to that specifically granted herein. Grantee shall exercise the rights granted hereunder in a manner which does not unreasonably interfere with and minimizes the impact upon County's use and enjoyment of the Easement Premises and County's adjoining property.
- 4. Grantee shall construct all improvements constructed pursuant to this Easement underground.
- 5. Grantee acknowledges that certain above ground and underground improvements may be constructed in the future by County within the Easement Premises. Accordingly, Grantee covenants that it will protect all such improvements and any improvements made by County in the future, including, but not limited to, driveway, parking area, water mains, irrigation pipes, storm water pipes, sanitary sewer pipes, electric service lines, telephone lines, park lighting, existing fencing and existing trees and landscaping.
- 6. This easement shall be an easement appurtenant to the Benefitted Property and shall inure to the benefit of and shall burden Grantee, and its successors and assigns, and shall run with the title to the Benefitted Property.
- 7. Grantee shall be solely responsible for and shall, at all times, maintain in good condition and repair the Easement Premises and all improvements constructed therein pursuant to this Easement at its sole cost and expense. Additionally, Grantee shall promptly repair, replace and/or restore the Easement Premises and any improvements now existing or constructed hereafter, including, but not limited to, asphalt driveway and/or parking areas, earth, fill and landscaping, to the condition it was in prior to exercise of any rights granted hereunder, using materials of like kind and quality.
- 8. If the Grantee, its successor or assigns, shall ever abandon the Easement granted hereby or cease to use the same, this Easement shall automatically terminate.
- 9. Grantee shall obtain from County and any other necessary governmental entities written approval of all plans relating to construction of any improvement within the Easement Premises prior to commencement of construction thereof. Grantee shall give County ten (10) days written notice prior to commencement of construction. Grantee shall diligently perform all work hereunder to completion. Any improvements constructed pursuant to this Easement shall be constructed at Grantee's sole cost and expense within the confines of the Easement Premises in accordance with the approved plans and all permits related thereto and applicable

statutes, codes, rules, regulations, and ordinances, shall be diligently pursued to completion, and shall be maintained in a presentable fashion.

10. Grantee shall provide, maintain and keep in full force and effect General Liability Insurance in an amount not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) general aggregate, bodily injury and property damage liability coverage, and Workers Compensation covering all employees in accordance with Chapter 440 Florida Statutes. The General Liability policy shall include coverage for the Easement Premises, Operations, Contractual Liability, Independent Contractors Contractual Liability, and Broad Form Property Damage Liability coverages. In addition, Grantee shall maintain Business Automobile Liability at a limit of liability not less than \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence for all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles. In the event Grantee does not own any automobiles, Grantee shall maintain Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability in such amount. Coverage shall be provided on a primary basis. Grantee shall cause any contractor or subcontractor performing work within the Easement Premises on behalf of Grantee shall, at all times during the performance of such work, maintain in full force and effect insurance of the same type and amount as Grantee required above.

Except for Workers Compensation, all insurance policies shall name County as Additional Insured. Such insurance shall be issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Florida and approved by County. A Certificate of Insurance evidencing such insurance coverage shall be provided to County prior to the commencement of any work pursuant to this Easement. Such Certificate shall require at least thirty (30) days prior notice of cancellation or adverse material change in coverage.

In no event shall the limits of said insurance policies be considered as limiting the liability of Grantee under this Easement. Furthermore, Grantee shall and hereby does hold County harmless from any loss or damage incurred or suffered by County due to Grantee's failure to maintain such insurance. The amount of the insurance required hereby shall be increased every ten (10) years by the increase over such ten (10) year period of the Consumer Price Index.

11. Neither County's nor Grantee's interest in the Easement Premises shall be subject to liens arising from Grantee's or any other person or entity's use of the Easement Premises or exercise of the rights granted hereunder. Grantee shall promptly cause any lien imposed against the Easement Premises to be discharged or transferred to bond.

- 12. Grantee, its successors and assigns shall indemnify, defend and hold the County harmless from and against any damages, liability, actions, claims or expenses including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses at trial and all appellate levels arising out of exercise of the rights granted hereby by any person whomsoever, including, without limitation, loss of life, personal injury and/or damage to property arising from or out of any occurrence in or upon the Easement Premises or in connection with the use or operation of the Easement Premises.
- 13. Notwithstanding anything in the law or herein to the contrary, County's use and enjoyment of and interest in the Easement Premises is and shall remain paramount and superior to the Easement granted hereby, and the Easement granted hereby shall be strictly limited to that specifically stated herein and shall not permit any other use.
- 14. The grant of easement contained herein is for the use and benefit of Grantee, its successors, and assigns and is not intended and shall not be construed as a dedication to the public of any portion of the Easement Premises for public use.
- 15. County hereby retains all rights relating to the Easement Premises not specifically conveyed by this Easement including the right to use the Easement Premises and any improvements now existing or constructed hereinafter therein, and the right to grant to third parties additional easements in the Easement Premises or the right to use the improvements therein.
- 16. All of the benefits, burdens, covenants and agreements herein shall constitute covenants running with the land, shall be binding upon and/or shall accrue to the benefit of County and Grantee and their respective successors and assigns, having or hereafter acquiring any right title or interest in or to all or any portion of the Benefitted Property or the Burdened Property.
- 17. This Easement is an easement appurtenant to the Benefitted Parcel and may not be transferred or assigned separately or apart from the Benefitted Property.
- 18. In the event Grantee fails or refuses to perform any term, covenant, or condition of this Easement for which a specific remedy is not set forth in this Easement, County shall, in addition to any other remedies provided at law or in equity, have the right of specific performance and injunctive relief.
- 19. This Easement is granted without warranty or representation and subject to zoning and other governmental restrictions, matters reflected on any plat relating to the Easement Premises, and all other easements, restrictions, conditions, encumbrances and other matters of record.

- 20. By exercise of the rights granted to Grantee by this instrument, Grantee acknowledges and agrees that the conditions and restrictions imposed herein shall bind and be enforceable against Grantee, its successors and assigns to the same extent as if such party had physically executed this instrument.
- 21. This Easement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of Florida. Venue in any action, suit or proceeding in connection with this Easement shall be in a state court of competent jurisdiction in Palm Beach County, Florida.
- 22. No party shall be considered the author of this Easement since the parties hereto have participated in extensive negotiations and drafting and redrafting of this document so as to arrive at a final agreement. Thus, the terms of this Easement shall not be strictly construed against one party as opposed to the other party based upon who drafted it. In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or provision hereof is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such shall not affect the remaining portions of this Easement and the same shall remain in full force and effect.
- 23. This Easement contains the entire understanding and agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. No amendment shall be effective unless the same is in writing and signed by all parties.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County has caused this Easement to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

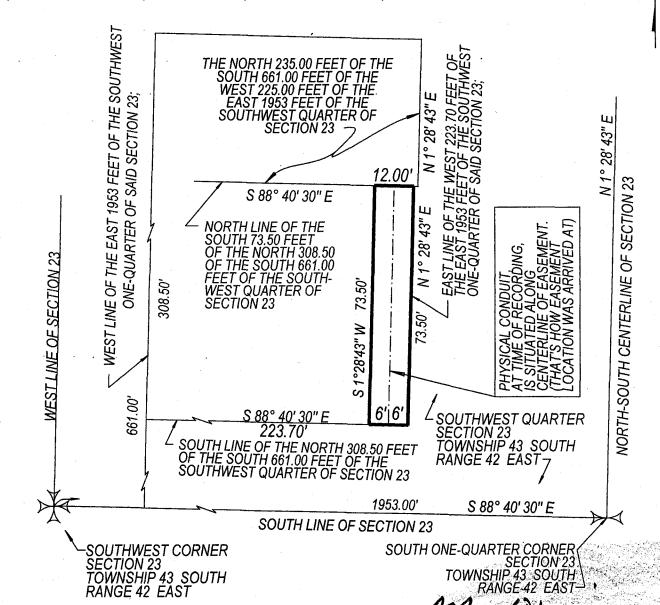
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PM Surveying 4546 CAMBRIDGE STREET WEST PALM BEACH, FL. 33415 (561) 478-7764 FAX 478-1094

THIS FIRM'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION NUMBER IS LB 6788. S06110766 UTILITY EASEMENT LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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### **EXHIBIT "B"**

## BENEFITTED PROPERTY

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