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PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: March 5, 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 \$11,695 for the full satisfaction of a code enforcement lien entered against Austin P. & Norma A. Wiggan on May 12, 2021.

Summary: On March 5, 2020, a Code Enforcement Special Magistrate (CESM) issued an order giving Mr. & Mrs. Wiggan until August 31, 2020 to bring their property located at 4941 Vilma Lane, West Palm Beach, FL into full code compliance. The violations imposed against the property were for construction of accessory, demolition of a building on the property without a valid building permit, and construction of a chain link barbed wire fence without a building permit. Compliance with the CESM’s order was not timely achieved, and a fine of \$50 per day was imposed. The CESM executed an order imposing a code lien against the Wiggans on May 12, 2021.


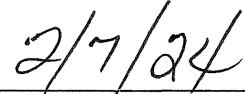
The Code Enforcement Division (Code Enforcement) issued an affidavit of compliance for the property on November 13, 2023. The total fine amount on November 29, 2023 amounted to \$58,474.30, the date on which settlement discussions began. The Wiggans have agreed to pay Palm Beach County \$11,695 (20%) for full settlement of their outstanding code enforcement lien.

District 2 (SF)

Background and Justification: The Wiggans acquired the property in June 2007. During an inspection in the neighborhood in November 2019, a Code Enforcement officer noticed a partially demolished building. After research, he learned the property had several violations. From that period through September 2020, Code Enforcement inspected the property three times. Mr. Wiggan maintained constant communication with Code Enforcement to rectify the violations. He is in the process of selling the property and contacted the Office of Financial Management and Budget on November 29, 2023 to discuss a settlement. This is not a homestead property.

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:		
	Department Director	Date
Approved by:		
	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	(11,695)				
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match(County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	(11,695)				
#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:

ASDell 1/19/24
11/8/24 OFMB 9/11/19
MD 1/19
11/18/24

 N/A
 Contract Dev. and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature]

 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 N/A
 Department Director

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