# MINUTES OF MEETING GRACEWATER SARASOTA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors of the Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District held a Regular Meeting on April 17, 2024 at 12:00 p.m., at the offices of Icard Merrill, 2033 Main Street, Suite 600, Sarasota, Florida 34237.

## Present at the meeting were:

Eldon Johnson Chair

Kristen Johnson Assistant Secretary
Phil Dante Assistant Secretary

Also present:

Kristen Suit District Manager Jonathan Johnson (via telephone) District Counsel

## FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Suit called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Supervisors Eldon Johnson, Kristen Johnson and Phil Dante were present. Supervisors Fischer and Wren Dante were not present.

## **SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Comments** 

There were no public comments.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS Update: Required Ethics Training and

**Disclosure Filing** 

## • Sample Form 1 2023/Instructions

Ms. Suit explained filing Form 1 electronically with the Commission on Ethics. She discussed the new requirement to complete four hours of ethics training by December 31, 2024 and noted that there are several free, online options to fulfill the requirement.

Regarding a Board Member's inquiry as to whether the Board Members can be paid for their time completing the ethics training courses, Mr. Johnson suggested scheduling a workshop meeting to conduct a training session, if the Board Members want to be compensated for their time.

The Board decided against holding a workshop and being paid for their time completing the ethics training courses.

If a Board Member chooses to complete courses other than the free ones, District Counsel thinks the Board Members can submit a request for reimbursement of the expense.

#### **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Consideration of Resolution 2024-01, Approving a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; Addressing Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2024-01. She reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget, highlighting any line item increases, decreases and adjustments, compared to the Fiscal Year 2024 budget, and explained the reasons for any changes.

The following change was made to the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget:

"Insurance" line item: Increase to \$18,761

Discussion ensued regarding the Mailed Notice of the assessment increase and notifying the Developer of the assessment amounts to have on hand when lots/homes sell.

On MOTION by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Johnson, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-01, Approving a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, as amended, and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law on August 21, 2024 at 12:00 p.m., at the offices of Icard Merrill, 2033 Main Street, Suite 600, Sarasota, Florida 34237; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; Addressing Severability; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

#### FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2024-02, Designating a Date, Time and Location for Landowners' Meeting; Providing for Publication, Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2024-02.

On MOTION by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Johnson, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-02, Designating a Date, Time and Location of November 5, 2024 at 12:00 p.m., at the offices of Icard Merrill, 2033 Main Street, Suite 600, Sarasota, Florida 34237 for the Landowners' Meeting; Providing for Publication, Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

## SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2024-03, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2024-03. The following change was made to the Fiscal Year 2025 Meeting Schedule:

DATE, November 5, 2024: Insert "12:00 PM"

On MOTION by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Johnson, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-03, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, as amended, and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

#### SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Presentation of Audited Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2022, Prepared by Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank

Ms. Suit presented the Audited Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2022 and noted the pertinent information. There were no findings,

recommendations, deficiencies on internal control or instances of non-compliance; it was a clean audit.

#### **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Consideration of Resolution 2024-04, Hereby Accepting the Audited Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2022

Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2024-04.

On MOTION by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Johnson, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-04, Hereby Accepting the Audited Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2022, was adopted.

## **NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of February 29, 2024

Ms. Suit presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of February 29, 2024.

On MOTION by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Dante, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of February 29, 2024, were accepted.

## **TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Approval of June 21, 2023 Public Hearings and Regular Meeting Minutes

Ms. Suit presented the June 21, 2023 Public Hearings and Regular Meeting Minutes.

On MOTION by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Dante, with all in favor, the June 21, 2023 Public Hearings and Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented, were approved.

## **ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Staff Reports** 

A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP

B. District Engineer: Morris Engineering & Consulting, LLC

There were no District Counsel or District Engineer reports.

- C. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
  - NEXT MEETING DATE: May 15, 2024 at 12:00 P.M.
    - QUORUM CHECK

The May and July 2024 meetings will be canceled; there is no June 2024 meeting on the schedule. The next meeting will be on August 21, 2024.

## TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Board Members' Comments/Requests** 

There were no Board Members' comments or requests.

## THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Public Comments** 

There were no public comments.

## **FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment** 

On MOTION by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Dante, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

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## **GRACEWATER SARASOTA CDD**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair

April 17, 2024

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