



Office of the
**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR**

Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Jason E. Brown
County Administrator

DATE: September 5, 2018

SUBJECT: City of Vero Beach Property adjacent to Historic Dodgertown

DESCRIPTION

As directed by the Board of County Commissioners on September 4, 2018, a presentation was made at the City of Vero Beach Council Meeting on September 4, 2018 with an offer from the County of \$2,400,000 to purchase the golf course property adjacent to Historic Dodgertown. Following the Board's decision to make an offer of \$2,400,000, the developer increased their offer to \$2,430,000. The City has postponed a decision and plans to reschedule this matter for their October 2, 2018 meeting. Therefore, the County needs to be prepared to make a presentation of our proposal for the property. Staff is requesting authorization from the Board of County Commissioners to take various actions needed to make this presentation as detailed below:

- Staff is working on a purchase agreement between the County and the City. Staff is requesting Board authorization to continue negotiating terms of an agreement with City staff.
- Per Section 125.355, F.S., the County must obtain two (2) appraisals for any purchase of real property in excess of \$500,000. Staff requests authorization to obtain these appraisals in preparation for a purchase.
- It seems that the City Council would like additional information and clarification on the County's plans for the property as well as any economic impacts of future development. Staff would like to further develop a proposed conceptual plan for this property, and present these plans back to the Board in preparation for a presentation to the City Council on October 2nd.
- Take other actions as necessary to prepare for an October 2nd presentation to the City Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests direction from the Board for staff to take the actions outlined above in preparation to present our offer to the City Council at their meeting on October 2, 2018.