

RESOLUTION NO. 20-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO THE CITY ELECTORS A REFERENDUM QUESTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE LANDINGS GOLF COURSE, FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY AND OFFICE USE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.01(D)(5)(v) OF THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 2.01(d)5(v) states in relevant part, "No municipally owned real property identified as recreation/open space on the city's comprehensive land use plan map on November 16, 1989 (or as may be amended thereafter), may be sold, donated, leased for a new use, or otherwise transferred without prior approval at referendum,..."; and

WHEREAS, City is the owner of a 78.52 acre(MOL)real property identified as recreation/open space on the City's comprehensive land use plan, known as The Landings Golf Course and located on the east side of Keene Road, north of Airport Drive (City Property), whose property address is 1875 Airport Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33765; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Clearwater to lease a 57.92 acre portion of said City Property (Lease Property) for the purpose of development as a 710,000sq. ft. light industrial, research, technology, office and accessory park; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2020, at its regularly scheduled City Council meeting, Council held a noticed public hearing for the purpose of declaring a 66 acre portion of the 78.5 acre Landings Golf Course surplus for the purpose of development of the site as light industrial; and

WHEREAS, at that hearing, Council determined that an additional 8.31 acres would be retained as a parkland buffer area by the city and reduced the property to be declared surplus to 57.92 acres MOL; and

WHEREAS, at the City Council meeting of June 18, 2020, the City Council approved a Lease Proposal for the Lease Property, submitted by Harrod Properties, Inc., conditioned on voter approval of the proposed use, subsequent Land Use Plan amendment, and rezoning of the Lease Property; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA:

Section 1. It is hereby proposed that the City of Clearwater lease an approximately 58 acre portion of that City Property known as The Landings Golf Course, with a post office address of 1875 Airport Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33765 and legal description of:

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to Harrod Properties for the purpose of development for light industrial use.

Such use requires prior approval at referendum under Charter Section 2.01(d)5(v).

Section 2. A special city referendum is hereby called and will be held on November 3, 2020, at the general election for the consideration of the voters of the City of Clearwater for the proposed question. The question to appear on the referendum ballot shall be as follows:

LEASE OF RECREATION/OPEN SPACE REAL PROPERTY FOR LIGHT
INDUSTRIAL USE

Shall the City Council be authorized to lease approximately 58 acres of municipal real property that is recreation/open space on the land use plan map and is a part of The Landings Golf Course, located on the east side of Keene Road, on the north side of Airport Drive, whose post office address is 1875 Airport Drive, Clearwater, Florida, for the purpose of development as a light industrial, research, technology and office park?

YES	_____	For
NO	_____	Against

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to notify the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections that the referendum question provided above shall be considered at a special election of the Clearwater voters held in conjunction with the November 3, 2020 election.

Section 4. The City Clerk is directed to give notice of the referendum election in the manner prescribed by Section 100.342, Florida Statutes.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Frank V. Hibbard
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

Pamela K. Akin
City Attorney

Rosemarie Call
City Clerk