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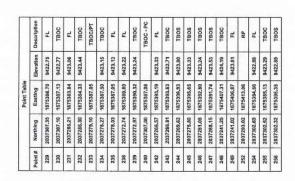
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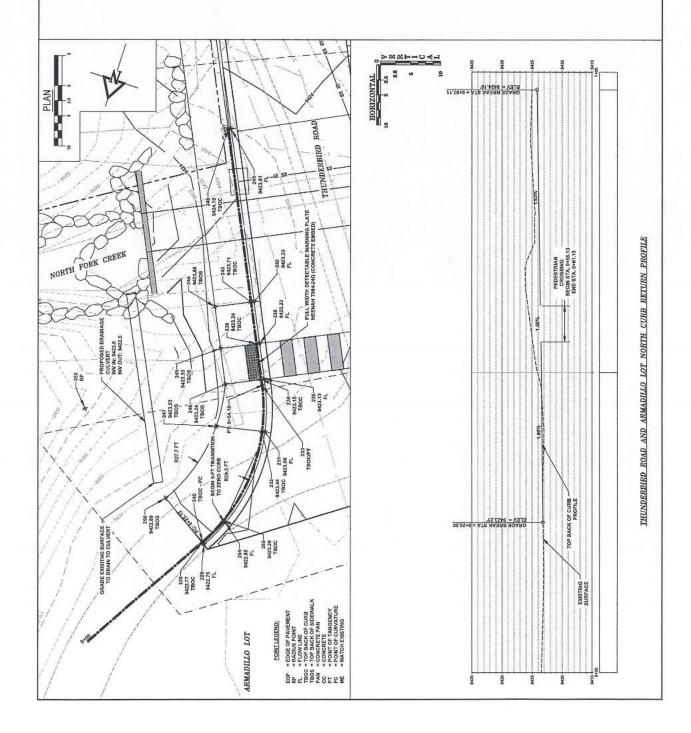
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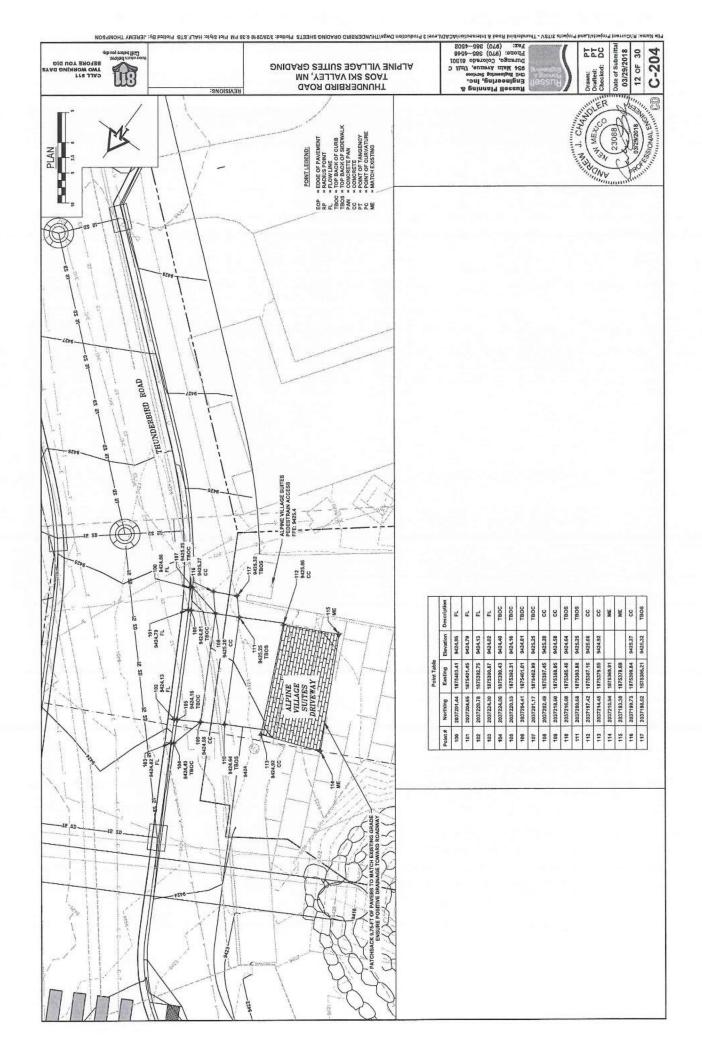
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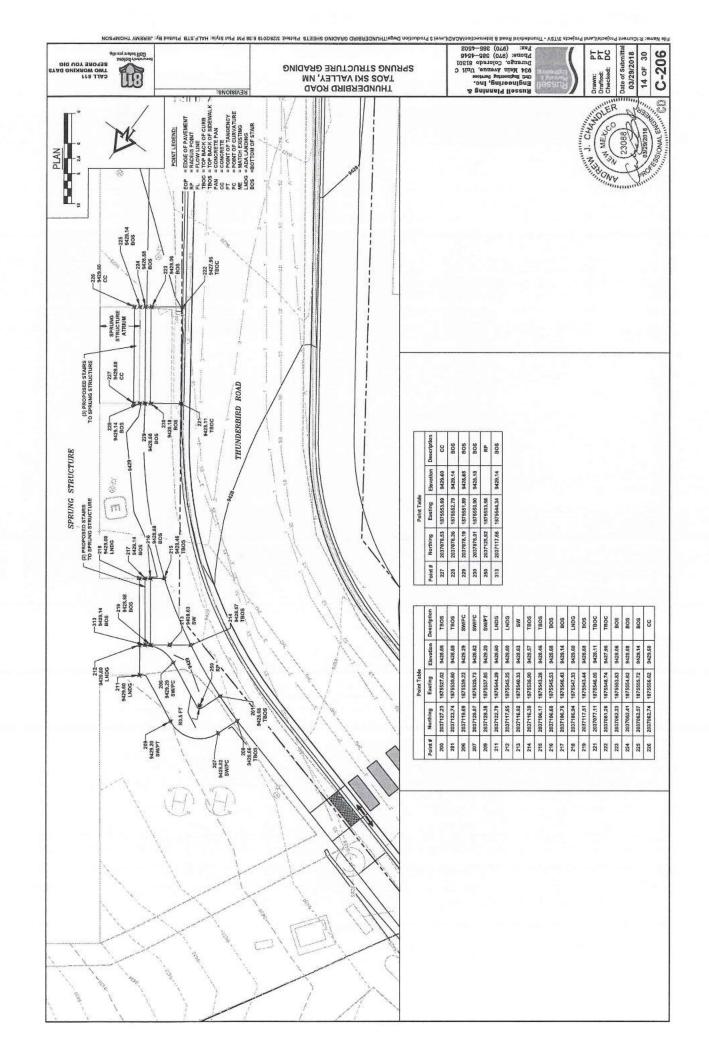


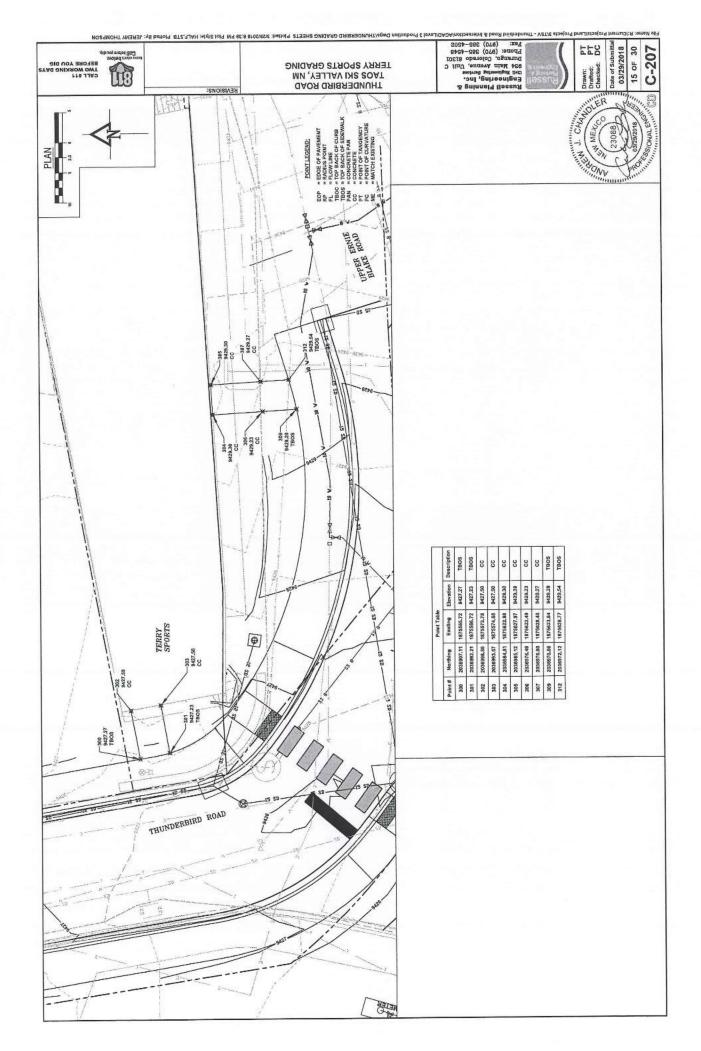


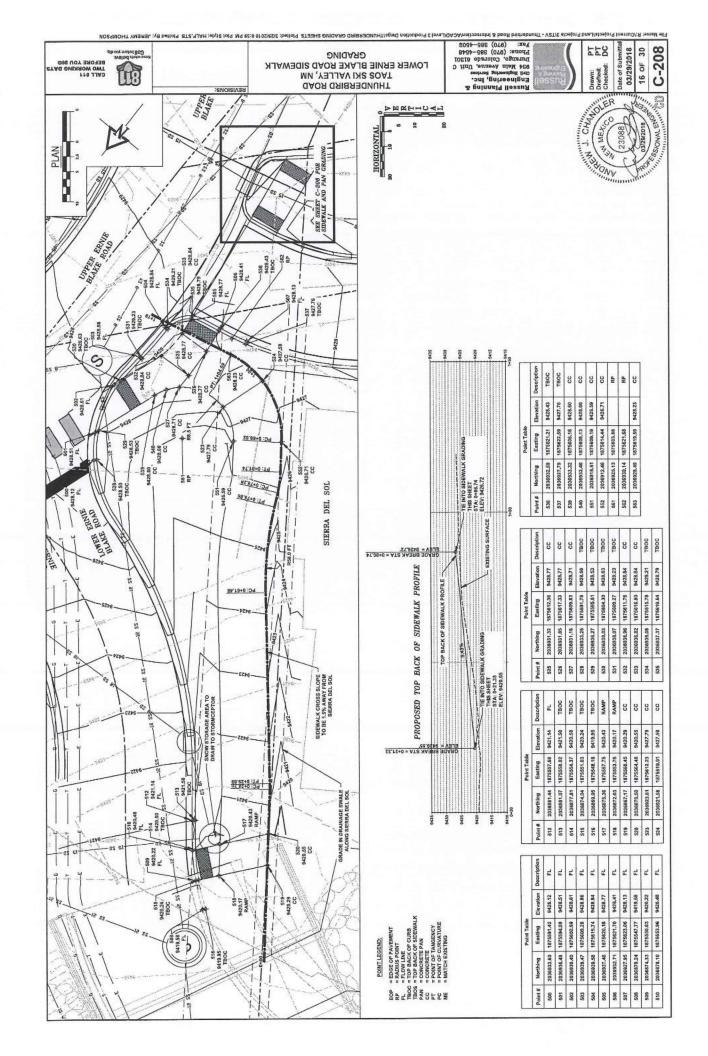


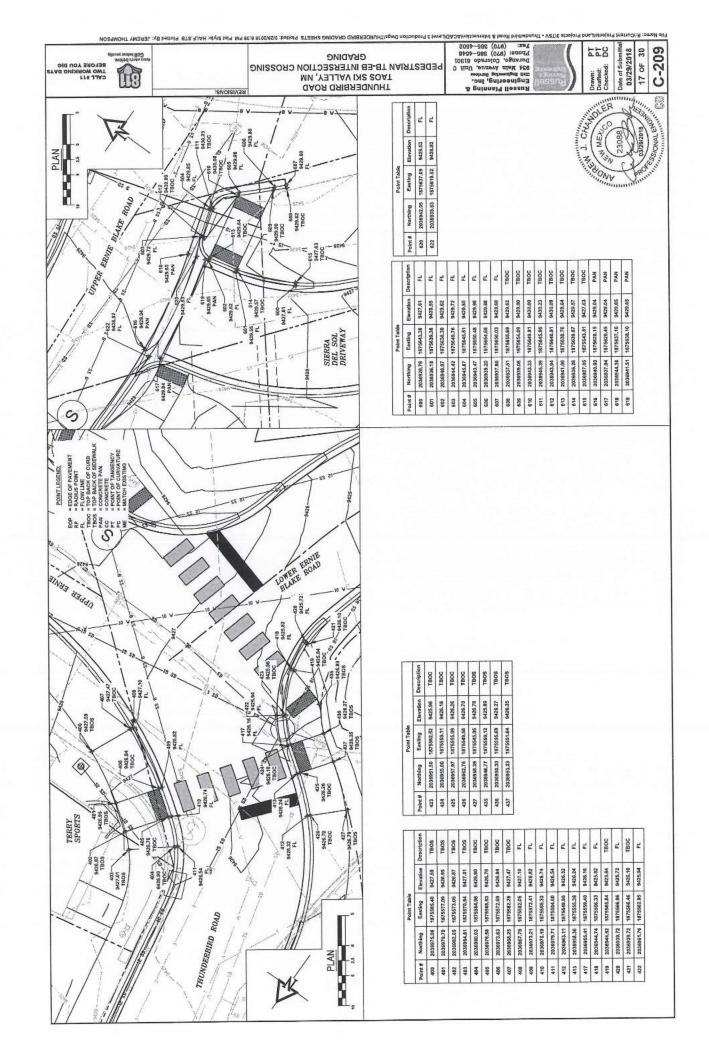


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Date: October 3, 2019

Attn: Village of Taos Ski Valley (VTSV)

Attn: Patrick Nicholson, Planning & Community Development Director

Village of Taos Ski Valley, NM 87525

Re: Task Order #2 - Thunderbird Road Construction Plan Set, Land Acquisition

To Whom It May Concern,

An on-site visit was performed on October 1, 2019, and proposed improvements of Thunderbird Road were discussed. The Thunderbird Road Construction Plan Set, of reference, was developed by Russell Planning & Engineering, Inc. dated 3/29/18. Of specific concern, was the amount of land that would have to be acquisitioned to ensure that the proposed improvements would be located within a road right-of-way (ROW). Roadway improvements generally include a 20 foot wide roadway, curb & gutter and sidewalks on both sides (±480 linear feet).

Sheet C-106 (8 of 30), of the construction plan set, was utilized to estimate the approximate areas of land to be acquired (Refer to Exhibit A for depiction). The land area located outside of the existing ROW is estimated to be ±2,140 square feet. It appears that there are approximately 5 different properties affected by the proposed improvements. Additionally, this calculated area does not include areas near Ernie Blake Road and the other two access drives located on the southeast end of the project. The presented property lines in this area cause reason for inquiry.

An Exhibit by Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) engineering firm (formerly Russell Planning & Engineering), dated 8/14/19, was received today, October 3, 2019. This exhibit reflects a realigned access on the north end of Thunderbird Road, removed sidewalk previously proposed on northeast property, cross-walk location shifted, and slightly wider sidewalk on the northwest side of the road. Refer to Exhibit B with notes depicting modifications.

To adequately quantify and locate private land areas to be acquisitioned by the Village for ROW use, it is recommended that the engineer coordinate with their licensed surveyor to verify property line locations. Based on a high level review of the construction plan set, it appears that the engineer and surveyor may have most of the necessary data to develop a plan clearly notating existing property lines and proposing new property lines.

A clear identification of ROW (property lines) will alleviate possible discrepancies in the future with adjacent property owners.

Respectfully,

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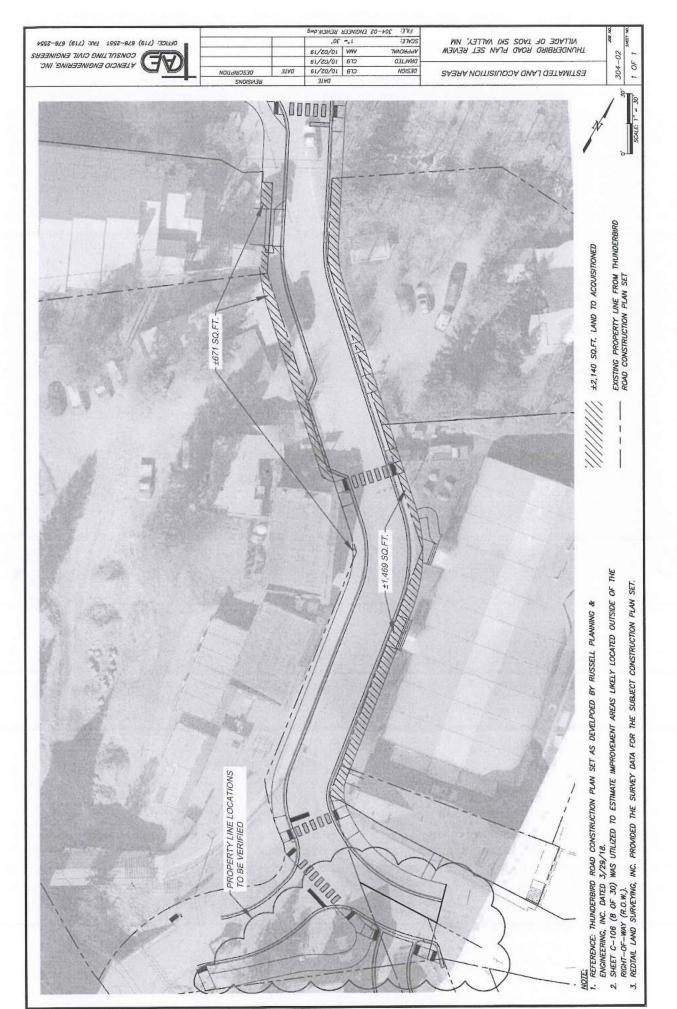
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Enclosed:

EXHIBIT A - Estimated Land Acquisition Areas

EXHIBIT B - SEH EX-SP1





## **Planning & Zoning Commission**

Thomas P. Wittman, Chair Henry Caldwell Richard Duffy Neal King Susan Nichols J. Christopher Stagg Jim Woodard

## **Staff Report:**

# Thunderbird Road Engineering & Design Review Village Core

### 1. Case Summary

Date of Discussion: September 9, 2019

Presented By: Patrick Nicholson, Planning & Community

**Development Director** 

Anthony Martinez, Public Works Director

Project Description: Village Council remanded to the Planning & Zoning

Commission for analysis and review the engineering

and design plans for Thunderbird Road.

Prior Action and/or Approvals:

1. <u>January 5, 2015</u> - P&Z Commission approval of Parcel D Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Discussion and approval on potential improvements to Thunderbird Road occurred.

Approved alignment sheets - Exhibit A.

2. January 4, 2016 - the P&Z Commission considered various design scenarios for Tbird Rd., such as changing the road functionality to one-way, or pedestrian-only or limited to local access only. The Commission did not determine or vote upon a preferred realignment, but instead, decided to forward the possible realignment and change in functionality of the roadway to the Village

Council (VC) – *Exhibit F.* VC did not act upon the request. 3. <u>July 3, 2017</u> - time extension granted to the 2015 CUP.

4. February 5, 2018 - P&Z discussion on sidewalk

requirements and the need for roadway improvements to enhance traffic circulation, pedestrian flow, public safety, convenience, and welfare. A motion to recommend VC require sidewalks on both sides Tbird Road only approved

- Exhibit G.

- 5. <u>February 13, 2018</u> VC approves motion directing staff to work with adjacent property owners to obtain ROW for sidewalk installation *Exhibit H*.
- 6. <u>April 6, 2018</u> Village PW Director signed acknowledgement that the presented Tbird construction documents conform to Village road standards. The PW Director's signature did not indicate approval nor acceptance of the CD set on behalf of the Village *Exhibit B*.
- 7. June 4, 2018 new CUP obtained for Parcel D and C. Tbird road improvements were not included in applicant submittals nor discussed by the Commission. This action vacated the former CUP for Parcel D granted in January of 2015 Exhibit I.
- 8. <u>April 2019</u> lacking any record of formal approval of the 2018 reconstruction plans of Thunderbird Road, the Village Administration directed the TIDD developer to provide the current final engineer design set to the Village Development Review Team and obtain approval to proceed from the P&Z Commission *Exhibit J*.

#### 2. Current Status

Thunderbird Road is being re-developed as a publicly financed TIDD project. Village responsibilities, including approvals and project oversight, are guided by the Amended and Restated Master Development Agreement from May 31, 2017. The Thunderbird Road Improvement project is separate from the adjacent private Parcel D & C Mixed Use re-development project.

Conceptual level plans for the re-development of Thunderbird Road were approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission in January 2015. Since that time, no plans, engineering drawings, or construction documents have been approved by a Village appointed or elected body.

During the spring of 2018, TSVI, the TIDD Developer, presented the Village Public Works Director with a set of plans for the Road, but they appear to deviate from the original plans that were presented to, and generally approved by, the Planning Commission in January 2015. The plans approved by the P&Z Commission in January of 2015 are three pages. The 2018 plans presented to the PW Director are thirty (30) pages long. Furthermore, the PW Director's signature did not constitute approval or acceptance of the CD set on behalf of the Village. This responsibility is beyond the Director's Authority. The stamp simply acknowledged conformance to Village road construction standards. Only the Village Council is empowered to accept public infrastructure.

The 2018 plan set show elevation and grade changes, which now direct drainage toward and onto adjacent private properties. There are horizontal changes as well, which shift the road center line to the east, further altering the design presented in 2015. The sidewalk width and alignment have been revised and narrowed. This deviates itself from the twelve foot sidewalks proposed in the 2012 TSV Conceptual Plan for the Village Core.

The 2018 deviations are important for multiple reasons, but also because it involves an increase in the amount of private property to be acquired for construction of the public right-of-way, as well as the location of storm water drainage facilities as part of a private front yard. TSVI has taken the position that the Village is exclusively responsible for acquiring the right-of-way, and for the expense of acquisition of any private property needed for the Road, including eminent domain proceedings. If the Village is forced into condemnation, these lengthy legal proceedings could significantly delay construction of the Road.

Additional concerns by staff with the 2018 plans include an inherent conflict between pedestrians and vehicle traffic, further aggravated by the relocated skier drop-off area. The plans do not provide any design solutions nor incorporate innovative urban design principles to address this public safety problem. There is no confirmation of whether the road design complies with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Fire Safety requires more information on the location of fire lanes, the adequacy of emergency vehicle access, and sufficiency of emergency vehicle turn around access. The Village Police Chief and Certified Building Official have enclosed letters expressing their concerns with the 2018 plans - Exhibit C, D, & E.

Although Village staff has invited TSVI to numerous meetings to discuss clarification of the current Thunderbird Road engineering and design plans since the beginning of the year, TSVI has refused such meetings. Village staff has also most recently attempted to verify elevations on the submitted plans via a professional surveyor contracted by the Village, but TSVI, the private developer of this publicly financed infrastructure, has pointedly refused to provide necessary drawings and other documents or cooperate in any way. This limits the Village's ability to evaluate and properly review public infrastructure, potentially compromising the public's safety and well-being

Unfortunately, the lack of cooperation and collaboration is this regard has delayed the installation of critical public infrastructure that the Village relied upon, including a natural gas line to be located beneath the Road. This delay is injurious to the public's health, safety, and welfare. Most recently, TSVI has refused the Village's repeated requests to submit a final set of engineered drawings to the Village for this Commission's meeting on September 9, 2019.

#### 3. Recommendation

Staff recommends a motion to direct the developer to work with the Village Development Review Team to resolve various design issues and thereafter present to the Planning Commission a revised design plan and engineered construction documents for its consideration and recommendation to the Village Council.

#### 4. Exhibits

- A. December 22, 2014 Parcel D CUP application (pgs. 30-36).
- B. March 30, 2018 Thunderbird Road Construction Documents
- C. Village Police Chief Public Safety Concerns letter.
- D. Village Building Official Staff Report Addendum Sidewalk Safety & Accessible Parking
- E. Site drawings referenced by the Village Building Official
- F. January 4, 2016 P&Z Agenda
- G. February 5, 2018 P&Z Minutes
- H. February 13, 2018 Village Council Agenda
- I. June 4, 2018 P&Z Minutes
- J. April 29, 2019 Village letter to TSVI

# VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY Village Council Agenda Item

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Discussion and Consideration of the Acquisition of Private Properties to Expand and Realign the Thunderbird Road Right-of-Way

DATE: October 8, 2019

PRESENTED BY: Susan Baker, Village Attorney

**STATUS OF AGENDA ITEM:** Old Business/Reviewed by Planning Commission during its regular meeting on September 9, 2019, with a recommendation to approve the Thunderbird Road Engineered Drawings as drafted and presented by TSVI

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED: Not Recommended

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In order to accommodate the new Thunderbird Road right-of-way, a TIDD project, TSVI proposes the acquisition of private property for sidewalk, drainage and possibly other utilities. These areas involve the Brownell property and a small portion of TSVI's Parcel C.

TSVI understands that the acquisition of these private parcels should be made at Village expense, including obtaining a survey of the subject property, appraisal, negotiation with the private property owner, drafting of warranty deeds, and initiation of legal eminent domain proceedings should negotiation fail. The Village hopes to seek reimbursement for these costs from the TIDD and is authorized to do so under the current Master Development Agreement.

Based upon the present engineered drawings, Village staff is unclear as to the "exact" area to be acquired in fee, for temporary construction easements, and as permanent utility easements, especially on the Brownell property. The surveyed metes and bounds descriptions for these areas will affect the cost of acquisition. It should also be determined to what extent underground drainage facilities are involved, which may require additional easements, as well as long-term access easements for maintenance of any such facilities.

Counsel for the Village has advised Mayor Brownell of a conflict of interest so that it would be best for him to recuse from hearing this matter, and from voting on either this issue or the approval of the Thunderbird Road Engineered Drawings. Approval of the Drawings is obviously contingent upon the acquisition of his property.

Staff recommends that the remainder of the Council discuss the Village's intent to acquire private property to facilitate the expansion of the Thunderbird Road right-of-way. If the Council

determines to move forward with the acquisition of private property, it should make a formal motion to do so which includes directing the developer to meet with staff to determine the exact area to be acquired. Once this determination is made, a surveyor should be retained to describe the area specifically in metes and bounds, including any easements for drainage and other utilities.

Because costs related to the acquisition of private property are dependent upon the exact area to be acquired, Council may wish to consider having Staff report back with the survey before acquiring an appraisal. Or as another option, Council could direct staff to obtain both a survey and appraisal and then report back for further action.

Village staff is hopeful that acquisition of private properties can be resolved through negotiation. However, should negotiation fail, it would be necessary to engage in eminent domain legal proceedings. Therefore, any appraiser retained by the Village should be an expert in these matters.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The Village Council should determine whether to acquire private property to expand the existing Thunderbird Road right-of-way. If the Council decides to move forward, it should make a motion to do so. This motion should be made contingent upon a meeting between Village Staff and TSVI in order to determine the exact area to be acquired. The motion should also include direction for Village Staff to obtain a survey of this area once it has been accurately identified.

## Village of Taos Ski Valley Village Council Agenda Item

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Consideration to approve of Out of State Travel to New Orleans,

LA for National Government Finance Conference and Training
by Nancy Grabowski May 16-21, 2019

DATE: October 8, 2019

PRESENTED BY: Nancy Grabowski, Finance Director

STATUS OF AGENDA ITEM: New Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED: Not Recommended

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The 114th annual National Government Finance Office Conference is taking place in New Orleans, LA this fiscal year in May 2020. The training which is available at this conference focuses specifically on the needs of Government Finance Officers and Administrators. The list of training sessions is not available yet for the upcoming conference but will be presented to Council when it is, probably sometime in February. A sample of available training from last year is included. The Finance Director attended the conference three years ago in Denver and last year in Los Angeles, CA and came away with valuable information which has benefited the Village. Examples of this include the rollout of GASB 77 tax abatement disclosure and GASB 87 which is being released this year regarding capital leasing. Additionally Director Grabowski was elected as the Membership Coordinator of the New Mexico GFOA this past fiscal year so she would be representing not only the Village but would be a liaison for the New Mexico GFOA chapter. The travel expense was included in the original general fund travel budget estimate for FY2020. The registration for the conference will begin this fall so making plans in advance will be beneficial in savings of early registration and the availability of lodging at the lower conference-blocked room cost. Estimated expenses are as follows:

Training Registration \$400.00

Per Diem for 6 days: \$45.00 X 6 = \$270.00 Hotel 6 nights: \$225/per night = \$1,350.00

Airfare expense: \$400.00 estimated

Airport parking: \$30.00

Estimated Total: \$2,450.00

RECOMMENDATION: Approval from the Council is requested for the Out of State Travel by Director Grabowski.

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#### Conference Sessions

GFOA's 113th Annual Conference was held on May 19-22, 2019, at the Los Angeles Convention Center. It included more than 75 concurrent sessions featuring leading practitioners, subject matter experts, and top researchers. Each session contained a panel of speakers carefully selected to provide best practice guidance, discussion of current events, case studies, debate, and interactive exercises to cover a complete suite of topics pertinent for finance officers of all types and representing all forms of state and local governments. Information on each session including speakers, bios, handouts, and more is available below.

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Arresting Public Safety Costs - Ways to Prevent Police Department Personnel Costs from Taking Over the Budget

Sunday, May 19, 2019 -2:40pm to 3:30pm Room: 151

Moderator/Speaker: Pall Gudgeirsson, City Manager (retired), City of San Clemente, CA Speaker: Walter Katz, Director of Professional Services, Benchmark Analytics Speaker: Larry Yium, CPFO, Director of Planning and Research (retired), Houston Police Department

Government budgets are driven upward by personnel costs and related benefits. Generally, one of the biggest personnel budgets belongs to the police department. However, the nature of services that police do exposes local governments to additional financial risk. While they make headlines across the country for the social impact, everything from car accidents, bias and discrimination lawsuits, employee relations issues, to excessive force cases and more can have a significant financial impact. This session will features speakers that help discuss some of these difficult issues from the perspective of a finance officer and provide recommendations for how to limit the financial risk that is inherent within public safety.

Sunday, May 19, 2019 -2:40pm to 3:30pm

Room: PeTree D

#### Back to the Future: Update on GASB's Reporting Model Project

Moderator: Teresa Smith, Deputy Finance Director, City of Charlotte Speaker: David R. Bean, Director of Research and Technical Activities, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Speaker: Diane B. Allison, CPA, CGMA, CGFO, CLSBA, Director of Business Services. Ascension Parish School Board

GASB continues to evaluate making changes to its reporting model which received its last comprehensive review in the project leading to the adoption of GASB Statement No. 34 issued in 1999. Speakers will provide an update on this important project. Attend so you can provide feedback to the GASB and comment on how these potential changes will affect your government.

Sunday, May 19, 2019 -2:40pm to 3:30pm Room: 403 A Big or Small: How to Effectively Engage on Social Media in the Finance World

Moderator: Timothy Martin. Senior Manager, Membership Engagement, GFOA

Speaker: Kent Wyatt, Communications Manager, City of Tigard

Speaker: Brent Sakaida, Budget Officer, City of Thousand Oaks, California

When engaging the public on finance and budget-related matters on social media, there isn't a one-size-fits-ail approach. What works for a large city probably doesn't work for a small town. Similarly, different types of organizations may find they need a different approach to attract followers. At this session, speakers will provide examples from a variety of organizations who use social media but adopt different approaches. Speakers will also discuss how to effectively present finance and budget-related topics to citizens and how all organizations can engage the public through video, polling, and more.

Sunday, May 19, 2019 -2:40pm to 3:30pm Room: 408 A

#### GFOA Legislative and Regulatory Update

Moderator/Speaker: Emily S. Brock, Director, Federal Liaison Center, GFOA Speaker: Dan Huge, Public Finance Director, Indiana Finance Authority Speaker: Anna Van Degna, Public Finance Director, City & County of San Francisco, CA

This session will highlight the recent tax reform debate and its effect on governments' ability to collect revenues and issue debt. Discussion of legislative proposals that could impact infrastructure finance and online sales tax collection will be discussed. Speakers will also highlight discussions in Washington, D.C., surrounding public pensions, rating agency requirements, and other proposals that impact a government's comprehensive fiscal structure.

Sunday, May 19, 2019 -2:40pm to 3:30pm Room: 403 B

#### Mass Transit and the Finance Officer

Speaker: Joe Costello, Senior Vice President - Finance , Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Dallas, Texas

Speaker: Craig Hoshijima, Deputy Executive Officer: Planning for Strategic Financial Planning, LA Metro Planning

Speaker: Bob Biles, Chief Financial Officer, Utah Transit Authority

For finance officers working with a specialized mass transit agency, knowledge of the industry may be standard. Finance officers who operate transit services as part of a larger general purpose government, coordinate their government's services with a transit agency, or are looking to better utilize transit to serve a community, should attend this session. Speakers will provide information on the latest mass transit trends and issues; discuss financing opportunities; identify grant programs or other incentives for both transit-focused development and operations; and provide background knowledge to enhance the understanding of the current transit environment across the United States and Canada.

Sunday, May 19, 2019 -2:40pm to 3:30pm

Room: 150

#### The "AAA" Club

Moderator: Kristin Hanson, Director, Public Financial Management (PFM), Inc.

Speaker: Matthew Gierach, Debt Manager, City of Portland

Speaker: Linda Witkowski, Budget Manager, Department of Administration, Waukesha

County, WI

Speaker: John McCarthy, Interim Finance Director, City of Saint Paul, MN

Speaker: Trivedi Vishal, Financial Analyst, Office of Public Finance. City and County of San

Francisco, CA

GFOA will host a networking session designed specifically for governments that have achieved an AAA rating. This session will allow delegates to discuss the unique challenges in achieving and maintaining that esteemed rating.

Sunday, May 19, 2019 - 2:40pm to 3:30pm

Room: 152

#### Tips from Senior CFOs

Moderator: Michael Gossman, Deputy County Administrator, Sonoma County, CA Speaker: Jenni L, Logan, Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, Lakota Local School District Speaker: David Schmiedicke, Finance Director, City of Madison, WI

Preparing for the role of a chief financial officer is challenging; each day is different. Being flexible and learning on the job is key, and navigating how to provide technical expertise while communicating in a political environment can be difficult. This session will feature several senior CFOs who will share lessons learned from their careers. Stories will highlight case studies of successes and failures to advise on actions you should consider or avoid in your own career.

Sunday, May 19, 2019 - 2:40pm to 3:30pm

Room: PeTree C

# Understanding the Fiduciary Duty of Government Finance Officers and External Parties

Moderator: Mary Christine Jackman, Assistant Treasurer, City of Chicago Speaker: Scott McIntyre, CFA, Senior Portfolio Manager, Hilltop Securities Asset

Speaker: Kristine Tallent, Assistant City Adminsitrator/Chief Financial Officer, City of Franklin, TN

Government officials have a fiduciary duty to serve the interests of their entity and protect public funds. Even when governments rely on the advice of outside professionals, that duty remains intact. External advisors such as investment advisors and municipal advisors have federally mandated fiduciary duties to put the interest of their clients (governments) ahead of their own. Other market players – such as brokers – are impacted by factors like suitability standards and some federal regulatory actions. This session will give an overview of what the parameters of fiduciary duty standards are for internal government staff as well as external professionals to help governments understand what is expected of themselves and others.

Sunday, May 19, 2019 -3:50pm to 5:05pm

Room: 411

#### **Black Caucus**

Moderator/Speaker: Michael Belarmino, Senior Policy Advisor, GFOA Speaker: Sam Hughes, Assistant General Manager, City of Los Angeles Economic & Workforce Development Department

GFOA's Black Caucus supports the aspirations and achievements of African-American public finance officers, helps them pursue professional development opportunities, and sponsors projects which assist African-Americans seeking careers in government finance.

Sunday, May 19, 2019 -3:50pm to 5:05pm

Room: 403 B

# From Your Citizens to Overseas Investors – Who is Interested in Your Bonds?

Moderator: Bryan Kidney, Director of Finance and Administration, City of Independence, MO Speaker: Tim Coffin, Senior Vice President, Breckinridge Capital Advisors Speaker: Tom Paolicelli, Senior Manager, Business Development, BondLink Speaker: Kimberley Nichols, Deputy Director - Bond Division of Finance, State of Florida

Over the years there has been a greater breadth of investors interested in municipal bonds. Whether it is retail investors wanting to contribute to their community's growth and well-being, or an international fund investor that is attracted to the safety and other positive attributes of municipal securities, governments need to know how to attract a variety of investors in today's market. This session will focus on how issuers can market their communities and investment opportunities to this diverse and steadily growing pool of investors.

Sunday, May 19, 2019 -3:50pm to 5:05pm Room: PeTree C

#### It's an Inside Job: Developing an Internal Audit Function

Moderator: Shakeel Yusuf, Comptroller, Fairfax County Public Schools Speaker: Bert Nuehring, CPA, CGMA, Partner, Crowe Horwath LLP Speaker: Jim Olds, CPA, CIA, Audit Director, Port of Los Angeles Speaker: David Sundstrom, CPA, Board Member, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)

Having an internal audit function provides government officials with an important tool to monitor and evaluate internal control activities that are essential to meeting government's objectives. Learn why governments should have an internal audit function and how a government can develop and operate an effective one. For governments interested in contracting the internal audit, the session will discuss the pros and cons of outsourcing this function and how to oversee contract auditors to assure effectiveness.

Sunday, May 19, 2019 -3:50pm to 5:05pm

Room: 403 A

#### Managing Construction Project Risk

Moderator: Angel Mumma, Director of Finance, City of Dublin, OH Speaker: Richard Clarke, Chief Program Management Officer, Los Angeles Metro Speaker: Mark Ruff, Chief Financial Officer, City of Minneapolis Speaker: Dr. April Mitts, Finance Director, City of St. Helena

Finance leaders may be good at constructing budgets and financial plans but budgeting and financial planning for construction can be challenging. Whether it's the fluctuating cost of asphalt, uncooperative weather patterns, difficult labor unions, or a less-than-financially savvy public works director, completing a successful project requires more than preparing a good budget. This session will explore the role that the finance office can play to create and maintain an effective construction project monitoring function and help reduce the risk of high-profile construction projects going over schedule and/or over-budget.

Sunday, May 19, 2019 -3:50pm to 5:05pm Room: 152

#### P-Cards: How to Integrate into an Effective Purchasing Function

Moderator: Mark Romito, CPFO, Director of Finance, Township of Upper St. Clair, PA Speaker: Cory Kampf, CPA, Finance & Central Services Division Manager, Anoka County, MN

Speaker: Heather Knust, Budget Director, School District of Palm Beach County Speaker: Patrice Sutton, Finance Director, Lake County, IL

Even as governments have utilized online procurement mediums and purchasing card technology in recent years, implementation of a comprehensive P-card function can still be challenging from process, technology, and management perspectives. This session will focus on the pros and cons of P-cards, how to manage the implementation of a P-card program, and tips for developing, training, and enforcing organizational policies on P-card use. The session will also address developing P-card policies, building a relationship with your P-card provider, preventing fraud, integration of P-cards with your ERP system, and managing difficult departments/users.

Sunday, May 19, 2019 -3:50pm to 5:05pm Room: 408 A

#### Peace in Admin Services: Playing Nicely with the HR Department

Moderator/Speaker: Martina M. Ferris, CPFO, Finance Director, Summit County Speaker: Jennifer Fuller, CPA, Deputy Human Resources Director, Riverside County Speaker: Deirdre M. Finneran, CPFO, Deputy Finance Director, County of Fairfax, Virginia

Finance officers and human resource managers provide core administrative services that many organizations split into multiple departments. This can lead to tension, conflict, and inefficiency. Although recognizing that these departments serve various purposes and should be different, they often need to work together. This session will feature views from both finance and human resource professionals on balancing purpose, style, culture, and goals between distinct functions. Speakers will share how they stepped out of their box to understand different stakeholder viewpoints. Techniques that consider leadership styles will be emphasized. Working arrangements, such as service level agreements, policies, and business process strategies for creating a more cohesive delivery of services, will also be addressed. Lessons learned during this session may also apply to any process requiring cooperation among multiple organizations.

Sunday, May 19, 2019 -3:50pm to 5:05pm Room: 151

#### Public Pension Trends: What a Finance Officer Should Know

Moderator: Tim Skillman, Assistant Division Chief, Financial Office, CalPERS Speaker: Paul Angelo, FSA, MAAA, FCA, EA, Senior Vice President & Actuary. Segal Consulting

Speaker: Gerald Young, Senior Research Associate, Center for State & Local Government Excellence

Speaker: Alex Brown, Research Manager, National Association of State Retirement Administrators

What is going on in the world of public pensions? This session will highlight trends seen across pension plans and the implications they have on state and local government finance offices. Representatives from pension plans and other industry experts will provide updates on changing standards and requirements and inform finance officers what they should be aware of in the coming year.

Sunday, May 19, 2019 -3:50pm to 5:05pm Room: PeTree D Thinking Like a Bear: How to Prepare for a Recession

Moderator: Marc Gonzales, 2016-17 GFOA President, Former Director of Finance, Clackamas County, Oregon

Speaker: Matthew M. Lentz, Chief Financial Officer, Upper Moreland School District Speaker: Somjita Mitra, Director, Institute for Applied Economics, Los Angeles County

Economic Development Corporation

Speaker: Scott Mitnick, Director, KNN Public Finance

Are we headed for a recession? Some economists are worried economic expansion will not continue and warn to tread cautiously. Recognizing strong revenues might not continue, some governments are already preparing for a bear market. In this session practitioners from local governments will share their preparation strategies for thinking about budgeting over the long term. Speakers will discuss an economic outlook on state and local governments and provide perspectives on unique considerations for state and local governments as they engage in long-term financial planning.

Sunday, May 19, 2019 -3:50pm to 5:05pm

Room: 150

#### Young Professional Networking Session

Moderator: Elizabeth Fu, Senior Manager, GFOA

Are you a young public finance professional looking to build your professional network? Join us in this interactive session to network with peers across the U.S. and Canada. During this session, you will have an opportunity to discuss issues you and your organization are facing and seek advice from other GFOA members aged 40 and under.

Monday, May 20, 2019 - 8:30am to 10:10am

#### Monday General Session

Moderator: Speaker To Be Determined,

James and Deborah Fallows will provide lessons from their journey across America to understand the prospects of cities, towns, and places (many of which represented by GFOA members) who despite the paralysis of national politics are working to craft solutions and make things better. Their work, Our Towns: A 100,000 Mile Journey Into the Heart of America, is a collection of stories from their meetings with hundreds of civic leaders, workers, immigrants, educators, business people, artists, public servents, city planners, and entrepreneurs. They will provide perspective on topics that will help all finance officers confront challenges and work towards building strong communities.

Monday, May 20, 2019 -10:30am to 12:10pm Room: Hall G

#### Accounting and Auditing: Year in Review

Moderator: Melinda M. Gildart, CPA, MBA, Past Controller, Chicago Public Schools

Speaker: Michele Mark Levine, Director, Technical Services, GFOA

Speaker: Robert M. "Kinney" Poynter, CPA, Executive Director, National Association of State

Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT)

Speaker: David A. Vaudt, Chairman, Governmental Accounting Standards Board

Speakers will provide a comprehensive overview of the key developments in accounting, auditing, and financial reporting that affect state and local governments. Topics covered will include recently promulgated standards and upcoming implementations with related practice issues as well as developments related to current GASB projects likely to affect issuers and auditors in the near future.

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#### Are You Getting the Most from Your Insurance?

Moderator: Martin Lyons, Chief Financial Officer, City of Aurora

Speaker: Gordon B. DesCombes, Executive Vice President, Alliant Insurance Services

Speaker: Serena Sowers, Vice President, Swiss Re Speaker: Scott Carpinteri, Senior Vice President, SwissRe Speaker: Sonia Bridges, Division Director, City of Miami Beach

Insurance helps protect against the consequences of rare events that have a big, negative impact. However, because the events that insurance protects against are rare, we often don't think much about it as we should. In this session we will examine some of the latest trends in using insurance to protect against risk. You will also see how insurance and other risk management strategies complement each other. Attend this sesson to hear from insurance industry experts as well as government practitioners who have sought to optimize their government's approach to insurance, thereby better protecting their community from the unexpected.