RESOLUTION NO. 2004 - 351

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF A LANDSCAPING AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR MAINTENANCE OF LANDSCAPING AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY ON A PORTION OF UNITED STATES 1 (US-1) NORTH IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, AT BOTH ENDS OF THE DURBIN CREEK BRIDGE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE LANDSCAPING AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) of St. Johns County, Florida (County), on August 25, 2004, in preparation for a major sporting event, Super Bowl XXXIX, and for the benefit of residents and visitors in the future, authorized aesthetic enhancements to major gateways leading into the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board identified US-1 North as a major gateway, and has requested permission from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to install non-standard landscaping in the medians at the north and south ends of the Durbin Creek Bridge on US-1 North; and

WHEREAS, the FDOT does not install or perform maintenance on non-standard landscaping within the State Road Rights-of-Way; and

WHEREAS, the Board has appropriated funds for the installation of landscaping in the medians at the north and south ends of the Durbin Creek Bridge on US-1 North; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees to provide for the maintenance of the above-referenced landscaping once installed; and

WHEREAS, both the County and the FDOT believe, that they should enter into a Landscaping Agreement, so that the County can continue providing for the maintenance of landscaping and rights-of-way, within the medians at the north and south ends of the Durbin Creek Bridge on US-1 North; and

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the terms, provisions, conditions, and requirements of the Landscaping Agreement (attached hereto, and incorporated herein); and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that accepting the terms of the Landscaping Agreement, and entering into said Landscaping Agreement will serve the interests of the County; and

WHEREAS, it is in the collective interests of both the County and the FDOT to have the landscaping and routine right-of-way maintenance activities performed by the same entity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above Recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this Resolution, and are adopted as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the terms, provisions, conditions, and requirements of a Landscaping Agreement between St. Johns County, Florida, and the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, for maintenance of landscaping and rights-of-way within the medians at the north and south ends of the Durbin Creek Bridge on US-1 North, and authorizing the County Administrator to execute the Landscaping Agreement in substantially the form attached, on behalf of the County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of December, 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Bruce Maguire/Chairman

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE