

**SOUTHERN HILLS PLANTATION II
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 1, 2017**

**SOUTHERN HILLS PLANTATION II
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AGENDA
MARCH 1, 2017 AT 10:00 a.m.**

Southern Hills Plantation II
4200 Summit View Drive, Brooksville, FL 34601

Committee Members

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Supervisor
Supervisor

Devon Rushnell
Chuck Maynard
Matt Pallardy
Jon Franz

Staff Members

District Manager
District Attorney
District Engineer

Brian Lamb
Leigh Fletcher
Don Lacey

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March 1, 2017

Southern Hills Plantation II

Dear Committee Members:

The first meeting of the Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District Audit Committee will be held on **Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Southern Hills Clubhouse, located at 4200 Summit View Drive, Brooksville, FL 34601. Included below is the agenda:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 2. APPOINT CHAIRMAN**
- 3. SELECTION OF CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS**
- 4. DETERMINE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION RFP REQUIRED CONSIDER NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES**
- 5. CONSIDER SENDING RFP TO INTERESTED FIRMS**
- 6. DETERMINE DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Included behind this agenda are guide documents

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (813) 397-5120.

Sincerely,



Brian Lamb
District Manager

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March 1, 2017

To: Southern Hills Plantation II CDD – Audit Committee
Audit Committee Selection Process

As noted above, we suggest appointing the entire Board as the Committee. This will allow for an easy quorum and the Committee can meet before or during the regular Board meeting. You may, however, appoint as few as two persons such as the District manager (“Manager”) and the Board Chairman. Consider the following:

1. At a regular Board meeting, have the Board, by motion, appoint the Committee members. The Board should designate one person as the Chair of the committee.
2. If you have already advertised a meeting of the Committee, you may have the Committee meeting during or after the regular Board meeting.
3. You cannot have a Committee meeting until you publicly notice the meeting of the Committee, either within the same published notice as the regular meeting or separately.

After you have provided notice, you may convene the Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to select the criteria by which responses to the RFP will be evaluated and announce publicly that the District is soliciting proposals. The actions to be taken by the Committee include:

1. Selection of the criteria by which proposals will be evaluated. You are statutorily required to consider: (a) ability of personnel; (b) experience; and (c) ability to furnish the required services. Additional criteria, such as price, should be determined by the Committee.
2. Determination of the date, time, and location that the RFP will be required to be received by the District. While there is no exact time required for this RFP to be out, it should be at least two weeks to give firms an opportunity to put together a proposal.
3. Public announcement of the opportunity to provide auditing services. Such announcement must include, at minimum: (a) a brief description of the audit and (b) how interested firms can apply for consideration (where they can obtain an RFP). The Manager will then publish the notice of the RFP. A sample notice is attached.
4. Provide interested firms, through the Manager, an RFP that must include information on how proposals are to be evaluated and other information necessary to enable interested firms to respond.

At the date, time, and location announced in the RFP, the Manager must open the proposals and read them aloud. The Manager should then evaluate them for completeness. There should be the proper number of copies, the correct documents, and all should be properly completed. The Manager should then schedule, or have already scheduled, a meeting of the Committee. The following is an outline of that process:

1. The Committee meeting should be noticed. The published notice of the Committee meeting may be with the same published notice as the regular Board meeting but must specifically state that the audit Committee will be meeting. A separate published notice of just the Committee meeting may also be used.

2. The Committee will evaluate the proposals that are determined complete (responsive) and will rank them in accordance with the evaluation criteria established by the Committee and adjourn.
3. The Committee Chairman will make a report to the Board, at a properly noticed Board meeting, the ranking assigned by the Committee to the responses to the RFP.
4. If compensation is a criteria on the Evaluation Criteria Sheet, the Board shall negotiate a contract with the highest ranked firm or it must document in its public record the reason for not selecting the highest ranked qualified firm. If compensation is not a criteria on the Evaluation Criteria Sheet, the Board will then authorize staff to enter into negotiations with the firms in order of ranking or as directed.

After successful negotiations, staff must return to the Board for authorization to enter into a contract with one of the auditing firms. The Contract must meet the following criteria:

It must, as a minimum, include provisions that:

- a. specify the services to be provided and fees, or other compensation for such services;
- b. require that invoices for fees or other compensation be submitted in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms of the Contract
- c. specify the contract period, including renewals and conditions, under which the Contract may be terminated or renewed.

An engagement letter that contains the above provisions and that is signed and executed by both parties can be used to satisfy the requirements of a written contract. It is our recommendation that the Contract provide for only two (2) annual renewals.

In summation, you *must* do the following:

1. The Board must appoint an audit committee.
2. The Committee meeting must be noticed.
3. The Committee must establish the RFP evaluation criteria which **must** include (a) ability of personnel, (b) experience, and (c) ability to furnish the required services.
4. The Committee must issue the RFP in compliance with the above criteria.
5. The Committee must evaluate and rank the proposals to the RFP in accord with evaluation criteria.
6. The Board must select the firm to negotiate with.
7. The Board must approve the Contract, as negotiated, that meets the above criteria.