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Susan Vogelgesang, Chairperson, and Commissioners
Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District
21618 St. Andrews Boulevard
Boca Raton, FL 33433

Dear Chair Vogelgesang and Commissioners:

Yesterday, City Council had additional discussion regarding the City's conceptual offer to the District regarding development of the golf course at Ocean Breeze and other capital improvement projects important to the District and the City. Council Member Thomson indicated he has had separate discussions with individual District commissioners on additional options. As requested by Ms. Harms, this letter provides a summary of the additional alternatives to the proposals discussed in my letter of August 28, 2019. The City would be willing to consider the following, in collaboration with the District:

- The City would program, design, build, and operate an 18-hole golf course on the Ocean Breeze property on the west side of NW 2nd Avenue, including a clubhouse, driving range, and maintenance facility. (As previously noted, the City would also be willing to undertake programming, design, construction, and operation of amenities on the east side of NW 2nd Avenue.)
- The City would offer financing to the District to allow the District to fund the following capital improvements:
 - The eastern portion of the Ocean Breeze golf course for recreational amenities complementary to the 18-hole course on the west, if undertaken by the District;
 - Gumbo Limbo improvements;
 - Spanish River Park maintenance facilities;
 - DeHoernle Park Maintenance facilities and other improvements.

This plan would permit the District to make annual debt service payments to the City in order to complete important projects, and it could help avoid the necessity of a District millage increase. Details of the financing structure would need to be worked out in a new Interlocal Agreement after joint deliberations.

City Council wanted to make this further offer to assist the District in its budget deliberations. We look forward to discussion of these options at our joint meeting on Thursday, September 12 at 5:00 p.m..

Very Truly Yours,

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