

21 March 2025

Via EMAIL allCouncil@coloradosprings.gov

Members of the City Council City Hall, 107 N. Nevada Ave. Colorado Springs, CO

RE: Request to Remove Item 4B.C (25-133) from Consent Agenda and Deny Proposed Property Inclusion
Interquest North Business Improvement District (INBID)
City Council Meeting on March 25, 2025

Dear City Council Members:

I would respectfully request that the above-mentioned item be removed from the City Council's Consent Agenda and be denied as submitted for the below listed reasons:

- 1. The developer-controlled District Board has not provided any reason why this inclusion, and <u>any</u> cost of taxpayer funds, is to the benefit of any existing District members.
- 2. The proposed property was recently purchased and is owned by a member of the Board, which is clearly a conflict of interest and self-dealing.
- 3. There are no details of the costs of proposed public infrastructure given to the City Council with this application.
- 4. This Board already has a history of using public taxpayer funds to fund its privately-owned properties.

The property this District board is seeking to include has been available for inclusion for the entire 20-year life of the district; so why now, just three months after a David Jenkins entity purchases it does it become an object for inclusion? Is the inclusion of this property, with a Honda dealership in tow, just a way for this District board member to get the District's taxpayer funds to pay for the development costs and personally benefit one board member?

Why hasn't the District disclosed how much it plans to spend to develop this private lot? Does the Board expect the City Council to approve this inclusion without revealing how much taxpayer money will be spent on behalf of the landowner? In their 2025 Budget, they estimated \$4.1M more would be used to build "public" infrastructure. Yet on Page 5 of the Development Plans, all the roads, drive aisles, gas, electric, water, and sewer lines have

already been brought to the site. Are they expecting the taxpaying owners of the other properties to bring the utilities <u>into</u> the private lot? All the storm detention is also already in place and on Page 4 of the Development Plans, all the sand filters, drainage swales, and onsite storm pipes are "private" and specific for this property. What Public Improvements have the need of more public money?

How do the other taxpayer members of this District benefit with a new Honda dealer, besides just adding another commercial user? Why would Whataburger or Drury Inn or Burger King want to have their tax payments subsidize the developer of another lot rather than pay down private bonds which cost them never-ending interest payments?

Why has the District built up so much cash in the bank (\$9M in the 2025 Budget) rather than paying off bonds? For example, one bond issued 15 years ago, has only been paid down by \$1.3M even though \$7.3M of payments have been made. This bond was recently refinanced in December 2024 – now with \$3.9M of new interest payments to make rather than pay off the \$5.3M principal. Why not use some of the extra-ordinary amount of cash to save the District taxpayers \$3.9M in interest payments? Maybe because the bond is a Related Party Private Placement held privately by Board-member David Jenkins?

Thank you in advance for denying this proposed Property Inclusion until the District Board revises its application with a guarantee that no District funds will be used to improve this private lot or its private storm sand filter and swale.

Sincerely,

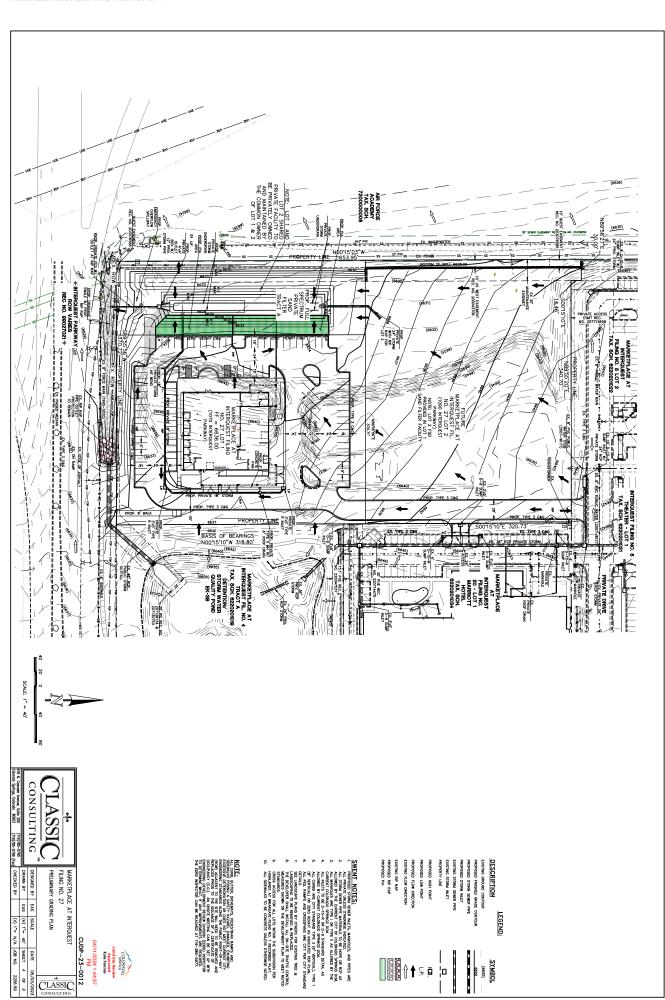
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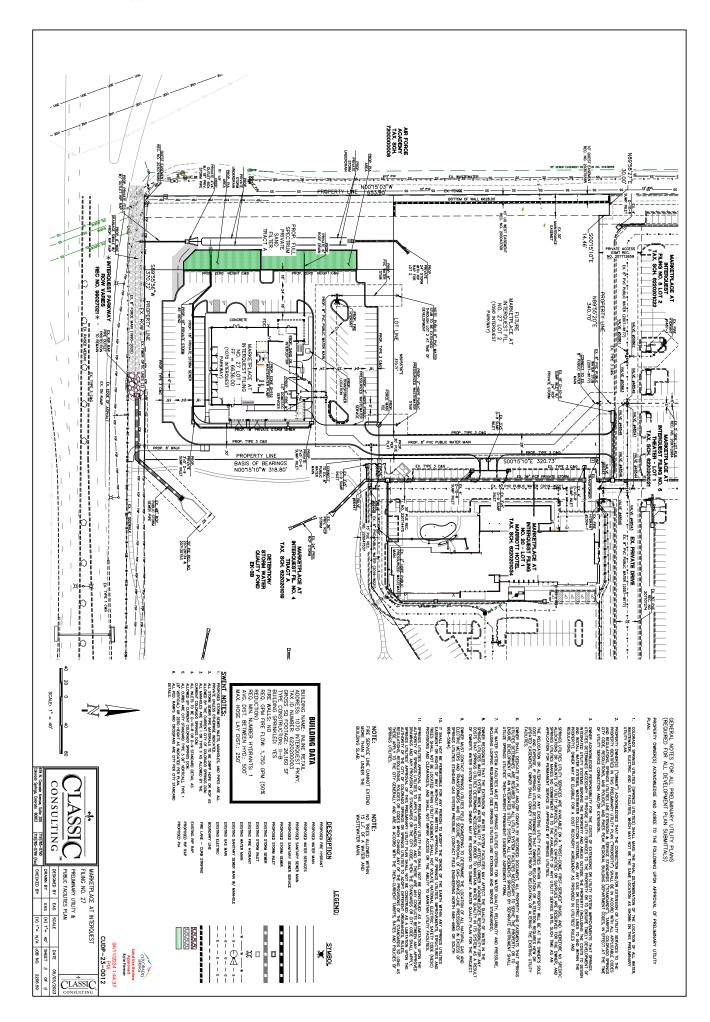
Timothy J. Leonard President

CC: Mr. Kevin Walker, Planning

Attachments:

- 1. Page 4 of the Development Plan (Preliminary Grading).
- 2. Page 5 of the Development Plan (Preliminary Utilities)
- 3. Summary of 2025 Budget





INTERQUEST NORTH BUSINES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT SUMMARY 2025 BUDGET

WITH 2023 ACTUAL AND 2024 ESTIMATED For the Years Ended and Ending December 31,

9/7/24

	ACTUAL 2023		BUDGET 2024		ACTUAL 6/30/2024		ESTIMATED 2024		BUDGET 2025	
BEGINNING FUND BALANCES	\$ 5,822,481	\$	7,281,232	\$	7,584,452	\$	7,584,452	\$	5,711,308	
REVENUES										
Property taxes	599,353		657,349		649,764		657,349		617,601	
Specific ownership taxes	61,279		65,735		29,860		65,735		61,760	
Interest income	401,507		305,000		204,116		344,104		218,000	
Developer advance	5,742,381		4,300,000		2,491,621		2,491,621		4,100,000	
Other revenue	302		-		1,422		1,422		-	
Bond issuance proceeds	5,742,000		-		118,000		118,000		-	
PIF Revenue	2,944,491		2,900,000		1,263,008		2,703,000		2,800,000	
Total revenues	15,491,313		8,228,084		4,757,791		6,381,231		7,797,361	
TRANSFERS IN	 308,215		4,765,607		3,409,851		3,723,881		4,557,440	
Total funds available	21,622,009		20,274,923		15,752,094		17,689,564		18,066,109	
EXPENDITURES										
General Fund	629,502		493,000		222,791		570,680		440.000	
Debt Service Fund	1,568,030		2,100,000		14,969		2,092,232		2,087,060	
Capital Projects Fund	11,531,809		8,705,607		5,591,463		5,591,463		8,351,000	
Total expenditures	13,729,341		11,298,607		5,829,223		8,254,375		10,878,060	
TRANSFERS OUT	 308,215		4,765,607		3,409,851		3,723,881		4,557,440	
TOTAL COL	 300,213		4,700,007		0,400,001		3,723,001		7,007,770	
Total expenditures and transfers out										
requiring appropriation	14,037,556		16,064,214		9,239,074		11,978,256		15,435,500	
ENDING FUND BALANCES	\$ 7,584,452	\$	4,210,709	\$	6,513,020	\$	5,711,308	\$	2,630,609	
EMERGENCY RESERVE	\$ 3,300	\$	14,800	\$	15,400	\$	25,700	\$	13,300	
AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS	(269,514)		2,815		5,658		68		55	
TOTAL RESERVE	\$ (266,214)	\$	17,615	\$	21,058	\$	25,768	\$	13,355	