



## ITEM SUMMARY

**MEETING DATE:** March 4, 2024

**FROM:** Michele Thompson, Community & Recreation Services Director

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION 2024-12 APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ELS FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION, INC., AND THE CITY OF GREENACRES FOR WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

### BACKGROUND

For several years the city has been in discussions with the Els for Autism Foundation regarding their Work Experience Program, and is an internship-style, employment learning experience for those enrolled. The Els for Autism Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides lifetime services and collaborative partnerships for persons with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Work Experience Program has been in negotiations for several weeks. The terms were finally agreed upon and on January 24, and the Els for Autism Foundation signed the MOU that requires City Council approval.

### ANALYSIS

The city will contribute to the Work Experience Program by providing a professional development training location at the Greenacres Community Center for 4 participants with an Employment Specialist/Job Coach onsite for the duration of the program to provide support. The program will run for 10 weeks from March 25 – May 31, 2024; Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Participants will be responsible for transportation to and from the work site. The two (2) participants will be learning custodial functions and two (2) will be learning Rec Aide II and customer service functions.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The MOU provides for four (4) participants along with an Employment Specialist/Job Coach at the no cost to the City for the Work Experience Program. Participants enrolled will learn new professional development and employment skills.

### LEGAL

The Els for Autism Foundation has provided a Certificate of Insurance naming the City as an Additional Insured. The terms of this Agreement were negotiated successfully, and the Resolution and Agreement has been prepared in accordance with the Florida Statutes and City Code requirements.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

*Approval* of Resolution 2024-12 for the Memorandum of Understanding between Els for Autism Foundation, Inc. and the City of Greenacres for the Work Experience Program.