



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council Regular Session

MEETING DATE: March 2, 2021

FROM: L. J. Arnold III, City Attorney

SUBJECT: City Council approval of Engagement Letter to retain the services of Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P. A. ("NG&N") to assist with the annual non-ad valorem assessments for the Magnolia West subdivision's solid waste and City wide stormwater programs.

BACKGROUND

Due to the increased scrutiny of the use of special assessments by local government to collect user fees for certain utilities, the City has for the past several years retained special assessment experts NG&N. This area of collections is extremely detailed and legally complicated. Opponents of these type assessments have used class action lawsuits requesting refunds from past years assessments if there are mistakes in the adoption process.

FISCAL IMPACT

The annual retainer for NG&N is \$3,500.

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to accept the Engagement Letter with NG&N.