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**MEMORANDUM** 

September 15, 2023

TO: Town of Beloit Board of Supervisors FROM: Tim Wellnitz, Town Administrator

Discussion and possible action on Blackhawk Reserve LLC Development Agreement and RE: Offer/Option to Purchase Agreement Amendment for Blackhawk Reserve subdivision

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the Board approve the development agreement and the amendment to the offer/option to purchase agreement with Blackhawk Reserve LLC for the Blackhawk Reserve subdivision.

# RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move to approve the development agreement and the amendment to the offer/option to purchase agreement with Blackhawk Reserve LLC for the Blackhawk Reserve subdivision.

### BACKGROUND

The Board previously approved an agreement to allow the Developer (Blackhawk Reserve LLC - Joe Contarino, agent - New Leaf Homes) to acquire and develop approximately 35 acres in phases for residential development at a purchase price of \$18,000/acre until June 30, 2024. This land is south of Philhower Road and immediately to the north of the Garden Prairie Intermediate School property. The Developer would like to obtain an option to purchase approximately 38 additional acres immediately to the north of the current option area at the same purchase price and extend the timeframe to do this by two years until June 30, 2026. The proposed development agreement addresses standard construction requirements including the providing of public improvements, construction schedule, etc.

### **ANALYSIS**

The Town previously entered an agreement to acquire and have future options to purchase land south of Philhower Road. This was done to provide an opportunity for development in this high-demand area while making sure that the Town has additional control over how this area develops. The plan is working. There would be long-term benefit to the Town to have new development and an expanded tax base.

CC: Karry DeVault, Town Clerk

# **TOWN OF BELOIT**

### **DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

MUNICIPALITY:

TOWN OF BELOIT,

A Body Corporate and Politic

2445 South Afton Road Beloit, Wisconsin 53511

(Hereinafter referred to as the "Town")

DEVELOPER:

Blackhawk Reserve, LLC, or its assigns

6551 E. Riverside Boulevard

Suite 111

Rockford, Illinois 61114

(Hereinafter referred to as the" Developer")

NAME OF

Blackhawk Reserve

**DEVELOPMENT:** 

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT:

See Attached EXHIBIT B

DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT FOR REFERENCE

PURPOSES:

September 18, 2023

**WHEREAS**, the Developer has an option to purchase from Town the entire colored area delineated on the attached map, Exhibit B, except for Lots 135, 136, 137, 138 (e.g. Phase 6a), until June 30, 2026 in order to divide and subdivide said real estate; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to have said property developed in accordance with the Ordinances of the Town of Beloit and the statutes and administrative regulations of the State of Wisconsin and to have such development progress in accordance with a general view to public health, safety and welfare without unreasonable expense to the Town of Beloit taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS,** the Parties acknowledge that the property will be developed in approximately 7 phases, each of which will have its own final plat; and

WHEREAS, the Town Plan Commission has held (or will hold) a hearing with regard to the proposed final plat(s); and

WHEREAS, the Town Plan Commission has reviewed (or will review) the final plat(s), and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Beloit has approved the final plat for Phase I, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the resolution of approval and subject to the execution of this Developer's Agreement,

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the granting of the approval by the Town of the final plat(s) and the development thereof by the Developer, and with the above-recitals being incorporated herein and made a part hereof, the Town and the Developer mutually agree as follows:

- PLAT(S) APPROVAL: The Town has approved (or will need to approve) the final plat(s) for each phase
  proposed by the Developer subject to certain terms and conditions. It is understood between the parties
  that it is the responsibility of the Developer to also obtain approval of the final plat(s) by the County of
  Rock and the City of Beloit.
- 2. IMPROVEMENTS: Developer agrees to undertake and construct certain public improvements for each phase of development required by the Town of Beloit pursuant to the Ordinances of the Town of Beloit and the statutes and administrative rules of the State of Wisconsin including, without limitation, s.236.13(2)(a) and 236.13(2)(c) Wis. Stats. A description of the required public improvements is contained in the Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Developer further agrees that it shall construct certain improvements, or portions thereof, which may be required to connect a proposed phase of development as described in Exhibit B to existing utilities, including facilities outside of the boundaries of that phase of development and to convey said improvements, rights of way, storm sewer/detention/retention lands or environmental areas by easement or dedication to the Town in accordance with the Town's development policies. Exhibit B is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

The Developer shall submit plans and specifications for the public improvements (that are applicable to each phase of development as each phase is developed), prepared by a licensed engineer, to the Town Engineer for approval. Approval of such plans and specifications shall be approved by the Town Engineer prior to the commencement of any construction on the property encompassing that particular phase of development.

The Developer shall be required to obtain and pay for all required permits or other authorizing documents necessary to install the required improvements, on a phase by phase basis. If necessary, the Town Engineer shall apply for sanitary sewer permits as required by law and the cost of such permits and the charges incurred for such application shall be paid by the Developer, on a phase by phase basis.

The Developer agrees that detached single family building front elevations of the same color or of similar elevations shall not be located across the street from one another (lots with thirty (30%) overlap or greater) or on adjacent lots. Elevation shall be defined as the front facade of the home.

The Developer shall provide to the Town, in a format deemed necessary by the Town, the as built costs of

the project, on a phase by phase basis, for all public improvements installed by the Developer.

The Town shall become responsible for maintenance of the public improvements installed as a result of the project upon approval by the Town Engineer and resolution of the Town Board except as otherwise provided herein or in Town Ordinance.

The Developer shall provide the Town, for its approval, a Street Lighting Plan for all public streets within the development, on a phase by phase basis. As a minimum street lights shall be installed at every intersection of public streets and each road alignment change.

The Developer shall provide the Town a copy of the draft Development Covenants for review and comment.

- 3. CONTRACTOR: The Developer may contract with a contractor or subcontractors of their choice for the installation of the improvements described and specified herein. The contractor or subcontractors shall be subject to approval by the Town Engineers, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Developer shall pay the total cost of the improvements pursuant to the contract or contracts between the Developer and those persons making the improvements. The Developer agrees to use their best efforts to expeditiously administer and enforce the contract with the persons making the improvements so as to complete the project within the time limits agreed upon between the Developer and the Town, weather and other conditions beyond the control of the Developer excepted.
- 4. CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE AND REQUIREMENTS: Attached hereto incorporated by reference herein is a Construction Schedule, Exhibit C, for Phase I of development which sets forth commencement date and anticipated completion date of the project. The Developer agrees to make every effort to comply with time line requirements of the Construction Schedule. A separate Construction Schedule shall be created for each phase of development and appended to this Development Agreement

Additionally, as a part of the Construction Schedule, there may be provisions contained therein as to the times of operation by contractors or subcontractors on the project and requirements regarding the condition and cleanliness of the work site during different phases of the project. The Developer agrees to abide by these conditions as set forth therein. Notwithstanding any such provisions, the Developer shall be responsible to maintain the development site in a clean and sanitary condition at all times. Adequate toilet facilities and trash collection services shall be provided during all periods of construction. The project area shall be kept clean from trash and debris at all times. No construction materials or debris may be buried on the site.

It is understood between the parties that no building permit for construction shall be issued by the Town until the Final Plat of any particular phase has been recorded. With the approval of the Town Administrator, the Developer, its agents or assigns may be permitted to apply for and be issued building permits for the construction of residential units within the project. It is further understood between the parties that certificates of occupancy for each phase of development shall not be issued until, at least, the first layer of pavement for that particular phase of development has been installed on the road surfaces.

If permitted by the Town to commence construction of residential units by the issuance of a building permit, it shall be the responsibility of the Developer, its agents or assigns to locate, within the project, the boundary lines of the lot upon which the unit is to be constructed and to further stake out the location of such unit on the lot to the satisfaction of the Town Building Inspector.

5. TREES AND PLANTINGS: The Developer shall install three (3) two inch (2") diameter trees on each lot as part of the home construction completion. It is understood between the parties that during the winter

months, there may be some delay in installing the trees.

- 6. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS: The Developer agrees to pay to the Town the Town's administrative fees, which include any permit fees, inspection fees, engineering fees and any reasonable attorney's fees incurred for future modification and/or breach of this Agreement and the Town's cost to purchase and install all necessary traffic regulatory and street name signs within the development. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent Developer does not purchase the land for any particular phase of development, the Town shall reimburse the Developer for the engineering fees associated with those phases that are not purchased by the Developer. The engineering fees related to phases which are not purchased by the Buyer shall be determined by the Town's engineer The Developer further agrees that the Town shall not be responsible for any costs or expenses related to this project or the construction or installation of the public improvements.
- 7. SECURITY FOR COSTS: To secure the payments required to be made by the Developer described herein including, without limitation, the public improvement costs and the administrative costs associated with each phase of development, the Developer shall provide to the Town an irrevocable letter of credit or certified check (hereinafter referred to as the "Security") in the amount of one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the infrastructure improvement costs on a phase by phase basis. It is acknowledged by the parties that certain portions of the public improvements may not require Security; however, that determination shall be made at the sole discretion of the Town Engineer.

The Security shall be filed with the Town Administrative offices three (3) days prior to the commencement of construction of any of the public improvements on any particular phase of development. The Security shall permit the Town to draw upon said Security, upon demand made in writing bearing the signature of the Town Administrator and the Town Treasurer in the event of default by the Developer. Default by the Developer shall occur if the Developer (1) fails to cause payment to be made to a contractor or subcontractor employed to make the public improvements agreed upon herein, unless such failure to make payment is the result of a legitimate dispute related to the work done on the applicable phase of development. The reasonableness of such dispute to be determined by the Town Engineer, or (2) if the Developer fails to make payment to the Town within thirty (30) days of being billed for Administrative Costs, or (3) within thirty (30) days after written notice to the Developer from the Town that the phase is deemed abandoned and the Developer, within such period, fails to reasonably resume work toward the completion of the phase, or (4) if the Town is notified that, for any reason whatsoever, the Security is about to be revoked or expire and such Security is not renewed to the satisfaction of the Town.

Any Security issued pursuant to this Agreement shall be issued in a form acceptable to the Town Attorney.

Such Security may be periodically released, in part, by the Town Administrator upon recommendation by the Town Engineer as the construction of the phase proceeds.

- 8. INSURANCE: The Developer understands and agrees that the Developer's contractor and subcontractors shall be required to meet the current insurance requirements of the Town. The form of the insurance shall be approved by the Town Attorney and the Town shall be named as an additional insured on all such insurance.
- 9. WARRANTIES: The Developer represents and agrees that:
  - A. They are or will become the lawful owner of the parcel or parcels to be improved in accordance with this Agreement prior to the commencement of any particular phase of development.

- B. They have obtained and recorded, if necessary, any and all easements or rights of ways necessary to gain access to the project property, on a phase by phase basis, or to provide required drainage or utility easements, on a phase by phase basis.
- C. They will defend, indemnify and hold the Town harmless for all losses, claims, liabilities, expenses and costs arising from damage to property or injury to persons occurring in connection with the construction of public improvements, except for damage or injury attributable to or caused by the neglect or willful misconduct of the Town.
- D. In the event the Town exercises it right to draw on the Security pursuant to and as described in this Agreement or otherwise incurs legal expenses arising from the Developer's breach of this Agreement, the Developer shall reimburse the Town for its reasonable attorney's fees and costs connected with the enforcement of this Agreement.
- 10. OPEN SPACE, STORM WATER AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS: The Developer recognizes that the Town has storm water detention/retention dedication requirements which are a part of the Town of Beloit Code of Ordinances. The Developer agrees to satisfy those requirements as a part of this Agreement. Such facilities or dedicated areas shall be the responsibility of and maintained by the individual property owners of lots and/or through a homeowner's association.

The Developer shall, if required by the Town Engineer, provide or give perpetual easements in favor of the Town for environmentally sensitive areas within each phase of development which shall be agreed upon between the Town and Developer to protect and preserve their public value.

- 11. NO WAIVER: Except as specifically provided herein, nothing set forth in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver or release of the responsibilities of the Developer to adhere to and conform to the Ordinances of the Town of Beloit and the statutes and administrative regulations of the State of Wisconsin.
- 12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION: It is agreed between the parties that if a controversy or dispute cannot be resolved between the parties, such controversy or dispute shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the rules and regulations of the American Arbitration Association in effect at the time that either party demands that such dispute or controversy be submitted to arbitration.
- **13. AMENDMENT:** This Agreement shall only be amended or modified by an agreement in writing approved and executed by authorized representatives of the Town and the Developer.
- 14. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Agreement shall become binding upon signature by the Town and the Developer.
- **15. AGREEMENT BINDING:** This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs, successors and assigns.
- 16. **SEVERABILITY:** If any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

# **SIGNATURE PAGE**

# By:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Diane M. Greenlee, Town Chairperson Dated:\_\_\_\_\_ Blackhawk Reserve, LLC By:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Joe Contarino,\_\_\_\_\_

# Exhibit A – Public Improvements

Required public improvements for Blackhawk Reserve:

- Public Water
- Public Sanitary
- Rural section roadway and ditching
- Storm water management
- Electric, gas, telephone, cable TV

See improvement plans, Batterman Order No. 34144



# REAL ESTATE CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF LAND AMENDMENT 1

- 1. **THE PARTIES.** This Real Estate Contract for Purchase and Sale Amendment 1 ("Amendment") is made by and between the Town of Beloit ("Seller"), and BLACKHAWK RESERVE, LLC ("Buyer"), on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2023 ("Effective Date"). The Seller and Buyer may be referred to individually as "Party" or collectively as "Parties."
- 2. **EXISTING AGREEMENT.** The Parties agree to amend a REAL ESTATE CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF LAND signed by the Parties with an Effective Date of July 27, 2022 relating to Seller providing Buyer with an option to purchase approximately thirty-five (35) acres from the Seller in phases ("Existing Agreement").
- 3. **AMENDMENTS.** The following terms of the Existing Agreement are amended as follows:

The Seller shall be provided with an option to purchase the entire colored area delineated on the attached map, Exhibit 1, which shall be incorporated herein by reference, except for Lots 135, 136, 137, 138 (e.g. Phase 6a), at \$18,000/per acre until June 30, 2026.

The entire colored area as delineated on the map is designed in such a manner as to provide for regional water detention. There are 3 regional water detention out-lots. The lots on the map are numbered and grouped in Phases from 1-7. If Seller exercises the options to purchase, such options may only be exercised in phases as provided for in Exhibit 1, except for Phase 6a, which are the Lots for which an option would not be provided to Buyer. Separate closings shall be conducted for each phase that Buyer exercises its right to purchase.

By exercising the option to purchase Phase 2, Buyer is also required to pay the \$18,000/per acre for Storm Water Management Out-lot 1 or equivalent and install in a time and manner as required by the Town Engineer. By exercising the option to purchase Phase 4, Buyer is also required to pay the \$18,000/per acre for Storm Water Management Out-lots 2 & 3 or equivalent and install in a time and manner as required by the Town Engineer. By exercising the option to purchase Phase 6, Buyer is also required to pay the \$18,000/per acre and install in a time and manner as required by the Town Engineer and dedicate to Seller the extension of Aspen Terrace to the north end of Lots 127 & 145.

The Parties acknowledge that engineering work (e.g. surveying, platting and design) is being conducted for the entire approximately 35 acres of land and that Buyer is being required to pay for such engineering costs. To the extent Buyer does not purchase all 7 Phases (with the exception of Phase 6a for which Buyer does not have the option to purchase), the Seller shall reimburse the Buyer for the engineering work associated with those Phases that are not purchased by the Buyer. This reimbursement provision shall survive closing for any phase purchased by Buyer. The costs of the engineering work related to Phases which are not purchased by the Buyer shall be determined by the Seller's engineer.

To the extent any provisions of this Amendment conflict with the provisions of the Existing Agreement, this Amendment shall control to the extent of such conflict. All other portions of the terms and conditions of the Existing Agreement not in conflict with this Amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

4. EXECUTION. This Amendment may be executed in separate counterparts, either of which, when so executed, shall be deemed to be an original and both of which, when taken together, shall constitute but one and the same instrument.IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Amendment as of the date first written above.

TOWN	OF BELOIT	
Ву:	Diane M. Greenlee, Town Chairperson	
Attest:	Karry DeVault, Town Clerk	
BLACI	KHAWK RESERVE, LLC	
By:		

