

SARASOTA COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Capital Projects

TO: Sarasota County Commission
THROUGH: Jonathan R. Lewis, County Administrator
FROM: Carolyn M. Eastwood, P.E., MBA, Capital Projects Director
DATE: February 28, 2019
SUBJECT: Atlanta Braves Update

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S) OR ACTION(S):

Update on the Atlanta Braves Spring Training Facility construction.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2016, the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) authorized the County Administrator to negotiate with the Atlanta Braves for a Spring Training Facility in Sarasota County. On January 24, 2017, the County Administrator provided the Board with an update on the negotiations, at which time the Atlanta Braves announced Sarasota County has been selected as the location of their new Spring Training home.

On September 13, 2017, the Board approved the Development Agreement between Sarasota County, City of North Port, West Villages Improvement District, Manasota Beach Ranchlands, LLLP, Calben Corporation and the Atlanta National League Baseball Club and an Interlocal Agreement between Sarasota County and the West Villages Improvement District. The Development Agreement provides for the collective planning, design, financing and construction of the Atlanta Braves Spring Training Facility by the parties.

The project involves the construction of a new spring training facility for the Atlanta Braves Major League Baseball Club, including a stadium with a seating capacity of 6,200 seats and 1,000 berm seating and includes six full practice fields, an agility field, a state-of-the-art clubhouse consisting of approximately 55,000 square feet and additional amenities such as batting cages, covered observation tower, pitching mounds, parking facilities, and a public plaza.

Sarasota County’s Director of Capital Projects, Carolyn Eastwood, will present a brief update on the status of the new Atlanta Braves Spring Training Facility to be located in the City of North Port.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Presentation