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Item #28: Facilities Management

Stratford Art Works, Inc., Amendment No. 2, to provide a Joint Development Agreement for renovation of Teatro Carmen, extend contract term to 12/23/26 and amend contractual language, General Fund, contract amount \$37,500.00 (PO2400016708)

The background on this issue: in 2020, the full cash value of this property was \$120,000.00 according to Pima County Tax records. These records show that Stratford Artworks paid \$940,000.00 for this property in May of 2021, then sold it to Pima County for \$1,100,286.00 in Dec of 2021.

Yes, you heard that right. Pima County paid \$1.1 million for a property that was valued at \$120,000 the year before with no improvements done on it. What?? When Pima County bought it, they also agreed to give Stratford Artworks \$1 million to rehab the property and \$75,000.00 a year to manage it. What do taxpayers get for this money?

In more recent news Pima County is also going to spend \$816,000 to buy a disaster property at The Spanish Trail Hotel 305 E Benson Hwy In the City of South Tucson. It will be worth nothing to Pima Tax payers but the City of South Tucson will not have to keep trying to get it cleaned up. Thank you Pima County residents for bailing out another personal property owner.

It is time to get out of the Real Estate business. The Pima County Board is not good at it.

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