

Richland County Council ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE **MINUTES** November 21, 2024 – 6:00 PM Council Chambers 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COMMITTEE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Overture Walker, Chair; Derrek Pugh, Yvonne McBride, and Paul Livingston

NOT PRESENT: Don Weaver

OTHERS PRESENT: Chakisse Newton, Gretchen Barron, Cheryl English, Jason Branham, Ashiya Myers, Angela Weathersby, Anette Kirylo, Patrick Wright, Ashley Fullerton, Kyle Holsclaw, Jackie Hancock, Leonardo Brown, Jennifer Wladischkin, Tamar Black, Stacey Hamm, Aric Jensen, Michelle Onley, Kenny Bowen, Michael Byrd, Maddison Wilkerson, Bill Davis, and Michael Maloney

1 **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Overture Walker called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. <u>October 22, 2024</u> – Ms. McBride moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, and Walker

Not Present: Weaver

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Ms. McBride moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Mr. Pugh.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, and Walker

Not Present: Weaver

The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

- a. <u>Utilities Cedar Cove and Stoney Point Phase 1 Tank Cleaning Project</u> Mr. Bill Davis, Utilities Director, stated Cedar Cove neighborhood has system developers gave us years ago. Due to the age of concrete tanks and residents not cleaning the tanks, they are not up to today's standards. This necessitates the Utilities Department having to pump out these tanks. He noted they tried to bid the whole job, but it came in three times the value due to the shortage of supplies and labor. They broke the project into three phases, with this being the first phase. The upstream houses were cleaned to prevent solids from building up downstream where the problem is. The second phase will replace all the bottom houses with up-to-date sewer systems. Phase 3 will extend the system, if necessary, up to the houses we are cleaning today.
- b. <u>Utilities Jetter Truck Purchase</u> Mr. Davis noted when there are clogs in the 4-inch and 6-inch lines coming out of people's houses, it is difficult for them to contract that work out. If the Utilities Department has its own Jetter, they can run it through the line and clean it out. He noted it is a costly investment, but it will pay for itself in approximately four years and is worth the investment.

Mr. Pugh moved to forward a recommendation to Council to approve a contract for J. D. Powers to perform the Tank Cleaning for up to 68 selected solid tanks in the Cedar Grown neighborhoods. In addition, we recommend the purchase of the USJ/Vactor Ramjet 4025-750 Skid-Mounted High-Pressure

Jetting Unit from Joe Johnson Equipment to help maintenance staff with work orders and repairs of the Utilities sewer collection system. Ms. McBride seconded the motion. In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, and Walker

Not Present: Weaver.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. <u>Department of Public Works Solid Waste Residential Roll Carts</u> Mr. Michael Maloney, Public Works Director, noted the current supplier is at-will. This item will establish a much-needed contract system. The County will realize a cost reduction from \$61.24 to \$54.86 per roll cart. The recommendation is to award the contract to Otto Environmental Systems to supply residential roll carts for the curbside collection program.
- d. <u>Department of Public Works Engineering Award of Construction Fashion/Forum/St. Andrews Road Rehabilitation</u> Mr. Maloney stated Public Works recommends the award of contract to Armstrong Contractors for the resurfacing of Fashion Drive/Forum Drive/Market Place Commons in the Village of Sandhills and the rehabilitation of St. Andrews Road east of Broad River Road. The total bid is \$2,222,000, with a 15% contingency for a total approved amount of \$2,555,300. This joint effort is between Richland County and the County Transportation Committee (CTC). The C-Fund includes \$908,319.45 for Fashion Drive and \$390,100.96 for Forum Drive. The Road Maintenance Fund will provide an additional \$61,839.26 for Fashion Drive/Market Place Commons, \$491,620.66 for Forum Drive, and \$370,119.67 for St. Andrews Road/Meadowland Court. He pointed out a sidewalk on St. Andrews Road will also be constructed.

Ms. Mackey inquired if the Sandhills portion has an approximate start time and completion date.

Mr. Maloney indicated the pre-construction meeting is typically scheduled after the contract is awarded. Once the meeting is held, he can provide a timeline to Council.

Mr. Walker inquired if the rehabilitation of Forum Drive and Fashion Drive is in their entirety or is it stretches.

Mr. Maloney replied it is a complete resurfacing of those roads.

Mr. Walker suggested providing ample notice to the public before we begin these projects.

Mr. Pugh moved to forward a recommendation to the Council to award Otto Environmental Systems the contract for the Residential Roll Cart Purchase Agreement to supply residential garbage and recycling roll carts essential to the curbside collection program. In addition, to award Armstrong Contractors a contract for the resurfacing of Fashion Drive/Forum Drive/Market Place Commons in the Village of Sandhills and the rehabilitation of St. Andrews Road east of Broad River Road for \$2,222,000, with a 15% contingency, for a total approved amount of \$2,555,300. Ms. McBride seconded the motion.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, and Walker

Not Present: Weaver

The vote in favor was unanimous.

e. <u>Treasurer's Office – Forestry Funds Disbursement</u> – Mr. Brown stated, the Richland County Treasurer has received Federal Forestry Funds from the Office of the State Treasurer. Council is requested to approve a resolution to distribute these funds. Federal Forestry Funds are generated based on a portion of the net proceeds generated by the sale of forest products extracted from McEntire Air Force Base and other military installations located within Richland County. The total amount of funds is \$24,654.32. Note: These dollars are not received annually.

"Prior to the 2023 allocation, Council allocated 100% of forestry funds to public roads in 2021. In 2011, 2012, 2014, 2017, and 2018, Council allocated 50% of the funds to public schools and the remaining

50% to public roads. If Council should proceed with the 50/50 split, the amounts per School District will be as follows:

School District	<u>Number of</u> <u>Students</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
Richland School District One	<u>*22,037</u>	<u>\$3,994.32</u>
Richland School District Two	<u>*28,510</u>	<u>\$5,167.58</u>
<u>Richland / Lexington School District</u> <u>Five</u>	<u>**17,463</u>	<u>\$3,165.26</u>
Public Roads		<u>\$12,327.16</u>

Ms. McBride inquired who determines the public roads and whether the funding would go through the Transportation Department.

Mr. Brown replied Council would make the final decision on the public roads.

Ms. McBride stated, for clarification, that once the funds are allocated to the school district(s), there is no feedback regarding how the funds were spent.

Mr. Brown responded in the affirmative.

Ms. McBride moved to forward a recommendation to Council to allocate 50% to Richland School District One, Richland School District Two, and Richland/Lexington School District Five, to be apportioned according to the respective student population of each school district, and 50% to be transferred to the General Fund to be used for the construction and/or improvements of public roads within the County, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, and Walker

Not Present: Weaver

The vote in favor was unanimous.

f. I move that 15% of each prior year's collections of accommodations tax be allocated for affordable housing in alignment with Sect. 6-1-530(7) of the SC Code of Laws, workforce housing and home ownership promotion requirement, and Act 57 of 2023's "mortgage assistance" requirement. This allocation is to directly focus on down payment assistance for homeownership for Richland County employees, public safety, EMS, and Richland One and Two teachers. [MACKEY, BARRON, and TERRACIO – September 10, 2024] – Ms. Maddison Wilkerson, Budget Director, stated there are seven (7) approved uses for local accommodations tax. One of which is the development of workforce housing. She noted the use has an expiration date of December 31, 2030. Historically, the County has not allocated accommodations tax for this purpose. The recommendation is to allocate \$97,148.00 from the State Accommodations Tax and \$222,121.00 from the Tourism Development Fee fund balances.

Mr. Livingston inquired if the Tourism Development Fee is what the County utilizes to pay for the Convention Center.

Ms. Wilkerson responded in the affirmative. She pointed out the bond had been paid off, and during the last two (2) budget cycles Council has voted to provide approximately half of the funding.

Ms. McBride inquired if the funds would only be available to purchase homes in Richland County.

Ms. Mackey indicated that her motion was intended to provide homeownership assistance for District One and Two teachers, public safety employees, and Richland County Government employees. It was not intended to limit where these individuals purchased their homes.

Ms. McBride stated she is concerned about using taxpayer funds outside of Richland County. She believes the funds should be used to expand and improve the county's housing.

Mr. Branham requested to include Lexington/Richland District Five teachers who teach in schools located within Richland County.

Mr. Livingston moved to forward a recommendation to Council to approve using 15% of each prior year's Accommodations Tax collections for down payment assistance for homeownership for public safety, EMS, Richland County employees, and District One and Two teachers, seconded by Mr. Walker.

The County Attorney, Patrick Wright, mentioned this item will need to be discussed in Executive Session when Council takes it up.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, and Walker

Opposed: McBride

Not Present: Weaver

The vote was in favor.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Pugh moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: McBride, Pugh, Livingston, and Walker

Not Present: Weaver

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:31 PM.

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Agenda Briefing

Prepared by:	Bill Davis	Bill Davis			Directo	r
Department:	Utilities	Utilities		Division:		
Date Prepared:	September	September 11, 2024 M		Meeting Date:		October 22, 2024
Legal Review	Patrick Wri	Patrick Wright via email			ate:	October 15, 2024
Budget Review	Maddison \	Maddison Wilkerson via email			ate:	October 16, 2024
Finance Review	Stacey Ham	ım via email		Da	ate:	October 16, 2024
Approved for conside	Approved for consideration: Assistant County Administrator John M. Thompson, Ph.D., MBA,			ompson, Ph.D., MBA, CPM, SCCEM		
Meeting/Committee	tee Administration & Finance					
Subject	Cedar Co	Cedar Cove and Stoney Point Phase 1 - Tank Cleaning				

RECOMMENDED/REQUESTED ACTION:

Richland County Utilities (RCU) requests approval to issue a contract for J.D. Powers to perform the Tank Cleaning for up to 68 selected solids tanks in the Cedar Cove neighborhood.

Request for Council Reconsideration: Xes

FIDUCIARY:

Are funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?	\square	Yes	No
If not, is a budget amendment necessary?		Yes	No

ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:

The estimated cost for the Cedar Cove - Stoney Point tank cleaning project was \$234,240.00 which includes a 20% contingency. Staff negotiated the one bid received to the price of \$142,848 including a 20% contingency.

Applicable fund, cost center, and spend category:

Fund: 2110 Cost Center: 3675 Spend Category: Construction

OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING FEEDBACK:

A Request for Bid RC-656-B-24 was issued on March 14th, 2024 with a close date of April 17th, 2024. There was one (1) submission. The submission was 1.75x over the engineer's estimate. Being that there was one submittal, the County negotiated the price with value engineering. J. D. Powers agreed to do the work for \$119,040.00 and was deemed the only responsive and responsible bidder.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:

There are no legal concerns regarding this matter.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:

Many of the solids tanks in this system are full and have rarely, if ever, been cleaned. Lack of cleaning causes solids to pass into the system. The system is meant for liquid only; solids can clog the pipes and cause sewer spills.

MOTION OF ORIGIN:

Item 21a. Contract Award for Engineering Services for Stoney Point / Cedar Cove Sewer Rehab Project

"...to approve this item."

Council Member	The Honorable Jim Manning, formerly of District 8
Meeting	Regular Session
Date	October 17, 2017

STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:

J.D. Powers LLC was selected as the lowest responsive bidder for the Cedar Cove and Stoney Point Phase 1 Tank Cleaning project. The final bid amount is \$119,040.00. Staff requests to add a 20% contingency for a total requested approval of \$142,848.00.

This project will reduce staff time and equipment usage for pumping out problematic tanks weekly due to system backups and quarterly flushing of the piping system. The potential cost savings for pumping out several of our customer's tanks; some once a week and on occasion one must be pumped out several times a week. The effort that goes into these pump outs involves a 2-person team for about 2 hours taking a vactor truck to the customer's home and pumping out the solids tank and delivering the waste to the wastewater collection system. The total estimated annual cost for the solids tank pump outs is \$35,625.00. Another effort we perform quarterly is the pipe system flushing. This takes a 2-person team using a jetter truck and two additional 2-person teams using vactor trucks to pump out the system and haul the waste to the wastewater collection system. The estimated annual cost for this effort is \$8,100. The contractor will schedule pump outs with the customers, coordinate the work, and systematically pump out the selected and accessible solids tanks in the area as part of this project. The pump outs will reduce solids in the system and decrease required maintenance.

Associated Strategic Goal, Objective, and Initiative:

Goals: Commit to Fiscal Responsibility

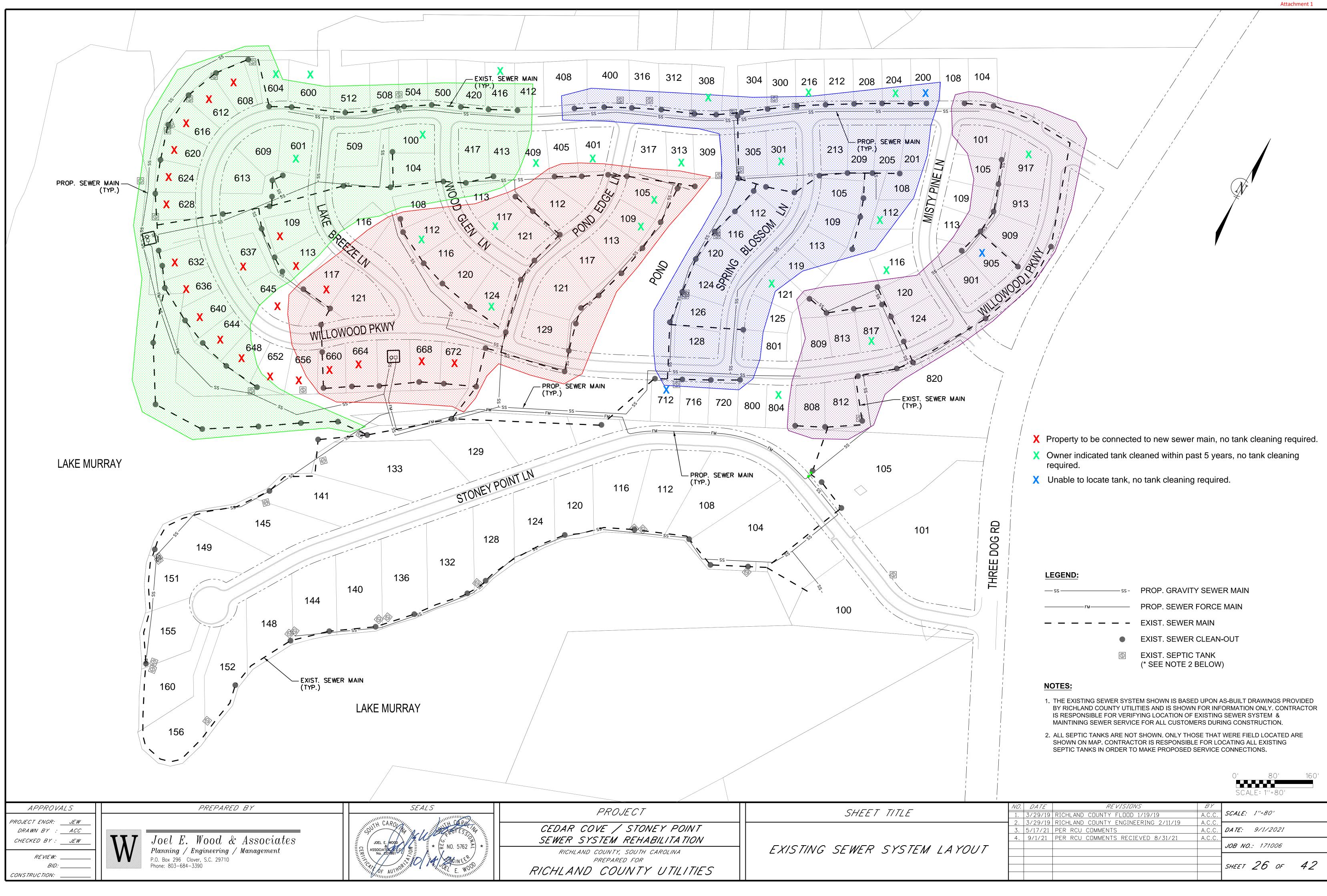
Plan for Growth through Inclusive and Equitable Infrastructure

Establish Operational Excellence

Objective: Create excellent facilities

ATTACHMENTS:

1. System Map



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Agenda Briefing

Prepared by:	Bill Davis	Bill Davis			Director		
Department:	Utilities	Utilities					
Date Prepared:	August 20,	August 20, 2024			Date:	November 21, 2024	
Legal Review	Patrick Wri	Patrick Wright via email			ite:	November 12, 2024	
Budget Review	Maddison \	Maddison Wilkerson via email			ite:	November 6, 2024	
Finance Review	Stacey Ham	nm via email		Da	ite:	October 15, 2024	
Approved for conside	Approved for consideration: Assistant County Administrator			cor John M. Thompson, Ph.D., MBA, CPM, SCCEM			
Meeting/Committee	e Administration & Finance						
Subject	Skid Mounted High Pressure Jetting Unit						

RECOMMENDED/REQUESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends purchasing the USJ/Vactor Ramjet 4025-750 Skid Mounted High Pressure Jetting Unit from Joe Johnson Equipment to help maintenance staff with work orders and repairs of the Utilities sewer collection system.

Request for Council Reconsideration: Xes

FIDUCIARY:

Are funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?	\square	Yes	No
If not, is a budget amendment necessary?		Yes	No

ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:

The cost of the Skid Mounted High Pressure Jetting Unit, mounted on a Ford F550 is \$189,066. This purchase will be funded through Utilities current FY25 budget.

Applicable fund, cost center, and spend category:

Fund: 2110 Cost Center: 3670 Spend Category: Heavy Equipment

OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING FEEDBACK:

Joe Johnson Equipment was awarded a cooperative purchasing agreement through the North Carolina Sheriff's Association (NCSA) Heavy Equipment Procurement Program, Contract #24-08-0421R. All local government units are eligible to purchase under this contract vehicle. The NCSA publicly invited bids for heavy equipment and made award in a manner congruent with the County's procurement process.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:

There are no legal concerns regarding this matter.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:

None applicable.

MOTION OF ORIGIN:

There is no associated Council motion of origin.

STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:

The Utilities Department requests approval to purchase a USJ/Vactor Ramjet 2040-750 Skid Mounted High Pressure Jetting Unit from Joe Johnson Equipment. The newer equipment is more efficient, has more advanced safety features, and is more versatile. The current jetter has reached the end of its useful life.

Without an available jetter unit, Utilities staff will have to rent services from a contractor at an average cost of \$800 per visit. Presently, staff use this service two or three times per week. The time of service for this rental is often limited to regular work hours, which may lead to extensive sewer overflows when after-hours services are required. Annually, Utilities can expend up to \$125,000 in rental fees. By purchasing a unit, the County would break even in 1.5 years. With the expansion of the service area into Southeast, it is imperative to have a reliable unit on hand at all times.

County maintenance staff uses the jetter during service calls to remove debris such as grease, sludge, and tree roots that can clog sewer pipes and cause backups and flooding. The jetter can be more efficient and effective as it requires fewer staff than traditional excavation methods.

Staff utilized the North Carolina Sheriff's Association (NCSA's) Heavy Equipment Procurement Program to purchase the Skid Mounted High Pressure Jetting Unit.

Associated Strategic Goal, Objective, and Intiative:

Goal: Plan for growth through inclusive and equitable infrastructure

Objective: Create excellent facilities

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION:

The County's service area is vast. With locations at both ends of the County, staff is need of a secondary jetter truck to sustain sewer flow in the system.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Quote



Subsidiary of Federal Signal Corporation

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October 17, 2024

Richland County 400 Powell Rd Columbia, SC 29203

Re: USJ/Vactor Ramjet 2040-750 Skid Mounted High Pressure Jetting Unit

Dear Richland County,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank for your interest in Joe Johnson Equipment (JJE) and in Vactor Manufacturing's industry-leading line of innovative sewer maintenance equipment.

As proud distributors of Vactor's industry leading line of innovative sewer cleaning and hydro excavation equipment, we are pleased to present the following quotation to provide one (1) new USJ/Vactor Ramjet 2040-750 Skid Mounted High Pressure Jetting Unit, mounted on a Ford F550 Chassis (Diesel), per NCSA Contract 24-08-0421R, Item #2517 (downgrade of the base model listed- Ramjet, Trailer Vactor 3030-750).

We appreciate the opportunity to assist with this equipment requirement and ask that you not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evan Tucker

Evan Tucker Regional Sales Manager Joe Johnson Equipment Cell: 980-239-2843 <u>etucker@jjeusa.com</u>



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Quotation

To provide one (1) new USJ/Vactor Ramjet 4025-750 Skid Mounted High Pressure Jetting Unit, mounted on a Ford F550 Chassis (Diesel), standard equipped as described below:

Engine/Pump:

- Hatz 74 HP Diesel Engine Tier IV
- USJ 40 GPM @ 2000 PSI
- Triplex Plunger Pump
- Tier 4 Basic Control Panel
- Auto Shutdown (for High Engine Temp/Low Oil Pressure)
- Water Recirculation & anti-Freeze Sys
- Pulsation System

Tank:

• Two (2) 375 Gallon Black Water Tanks

Hose Reel & Hose:

- Large Pivot Hose Reel
- 3/4" x 500' Sewer Hose
- Manual Hose Guide
- Hydraulic Driven Hose Reel

Accessories:

- 10' Leader Hose
- 3/4" RPD 3R/1F Nozzle
- 3/4" RPD 6R Nozzle
- Finned Nozzle Extension
- 3" Tiger Tail
- Nozzle Rack
- 2 ¹/₂" x 25' Hydrant Hose
- Emergency Stop Button



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Additional Options:

- 16 ft. Flat Bed
- Basic Skid Install Included; Additional Customization to Skid Subject to Standard Labor Rates
- Upgrade to Longer ³/₄" Hose, Increments of 100'
- Footage Counter Manual Option
- 2 ¹/₂" Hydrant Hose Holder
- 42" Aluminum Toolbox
- LED Arrowboard
- Washdown System w/ Gun & 25' of Hose

Terms & Conditions

Strictly Subject to Availability and Prior Sale *Subject to revision based on events beyond our control due to wildly fluctuating material prices* Pricing in USD, taxes, and fees to be paid at time of tag & title if applicable. Price Includes PDI, delivery and training. Payment Terms: Net 30 days Purchase order required. Delivery: To be confirmed at time of order Quotation valid for 45 days

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Agenda Briefing

Prepared by:	Syndi Caste	Syndi Castelluccio			Manager		
Department:	Public Wor	Public Works			Division: Solid Waste & Recycling		
Date Prepared:	October 24	October 24, 2024			Date:	November 21, 2024	
Legal Review	Patrick Wright via email			Date:		November 12, 2024	
Budget Review	Maddison \	Maddison Wilkerson via email			te:	November 12, 2024	
Finance Review	Stacey Ham	ım via email		Dat	te:	November 12, 2024	
Approved for conside	ration:	Assistant County Administr	ator .	lohn	M. Tho	ompson, Ph.D., MBA, CPM, SCCEM	
Meeting/Committee	Administ	Administration & Finance					
Subject	Award o	Award of a Contract for Residential Roll Carts - Re-issued					

RECOMMENDED/REQUESTED ACTION:

The Solid Waste & Recycling Division seeks Council's approval to award the contract for the Residential Roll Cart Purchase Agreement to the highest-ranked offeror, Otto Environmental Systems, for the supply of residential garbage and recycling roll carts essential to the curbside collections program.

Request for Council Reconsideration: Xes

FIDUCIARY:

Are funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?	Yes		No
If not, is a budget amendment necessary?	Yes	\square	No

ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:

The FY25 Solid Waste & Recycling Operating Budget allocated \$700,000.00 for the purchase of residential roll carts of which \$421,488.00 remains. There is 60% of the budget left which aligns with the 58% of the year remaining. The remaining budget should be sufficient to cover the bid rates from Otto Environmental, which are set at a unit cost of \$54.86 per cart. This will result in a savings of \$6.38 per cart compared to the current vendor's price of \$61.24.

Applicable fund, cost center, and spend category:	Fund: 2101
	Cost Center: 3656
	Spend Category: Recycle Bins

OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING FEEDBACK:

A Best Value Bid, # RC-675-BV-25, Residential Roll Carts-Re-issued was advertised on August 16,2024. Five (5) submittals were received. An Evaluation Team of five members reviewed the submittals. The highest ranked offeror for award is Otto Environmental Systems.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:

There are no legal concerns regarding this matter.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:

Roll Cart Containers must meet American National Standards Institute (ANSI) cart standards Z245.30-2008 and ANSI Z245.60-2008 or latest ANSI update. The roll cart model proposed is compatible with standard American Semi-Automated Bar-Locking Rear Lifters (ANSI Type B) along with Fully Automated Side Loader Grab-Type Lifters (Type G) and comply with ANSI Standards for Equipment Technology and Operations for Wastes and Recyclable Materials – Waste Containers Safety Requirements and Compatibility Dimensions.

MOTION OF ORIGIN:

There is no associated Council motion of origin.

STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:

The County provides residential roll carts to all residents in unincorporated Richland County. These carts are utilized to collect household garbage and recycling products weekly. The residential curbside program has been in place and operating efficiently for decades, and has proven to be a reliable method for residents to dispose of household waste. The awarded Contractor will assume responsibilities for providing roll cart, parts, tools, and any required training to maintain our curbside collection program.

The current contract for the County's Residential Roll Carts expired, requiring a new contract for this service. Following solicitation, an evaluation team appointed by Administration reviewed submittals. The evaluators scored submissions based on several categories: cost; design; reliability; durability of cart models - assessed through testing results and sample inspections; capabilities to perform - which included delivery capacity and reclaim program offerings; and performance history - evaluated through references.

Associated Strategic Goal, Objective, and Initiative:

Goal: Commit to fiscal responsibility

Establish operational excellence

Initiative: Address current and future resource needsClick or tap here to enter text.

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Agenda Briefing

Prepared by:	J Adam Hix	Adam Hixon			Assistant County Engineer		
Department:	Public Wor	Public Works			Division: Engineering		
Date Prepared:	October 29	October 29, 2024			Date:	November 21, 2024	
Legal Review	Patrick Wri	Patrick Wright via email			te:	November 12, 2024	
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Approved for conside	for consideration: Assistant County Administrator John M. Thompson, Ph.D., MBA, CPM, SC			ompson, Ph.D., MBA, CPM, SCCEM			
Meeting/Committee	Administ	Administration & Finance					
Subject	Award o	Award of Construction - Fashion/Forum/St Andrews Road Rehabilitation					

RECOMMENDED/REQUESTED ACTION:

Public Works staff recommends the award of contract to Armstrong Contractor's for the resurfacing of Fashion Drive/Forum Drive/Market Place Commons in the Village of Sandhills and the rehabilitation of St Andrews Road east of Broad River Road. The bid total is \$2,222,000. Staff recommends a 15% contingency for a total approved amount of \$2,555,300.

Request for Council Reconsideration: Xes

FIDUCIARY:

Are funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?	\square	Yes	No
If not, is a budget amendment necessary?		Yes	No

ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:

This is a jointly funded project between Richland County using the Road Maintenance Fund and the County Transportation Committee (CTC) using the C-Fund. Available funding is currently encumbered in requisition REQ-00000512. Funding approval for the resurfacing of Fashion/Forum has been received from the CTC.

The C-Fund includes \$908,319.45 granted to Fashion Dr and \$390,100.96 granted to Forum Dr. The Road Maintenance Fund is available and will provide an additional \$61,839.26 for Fashion Dr/Market Place Commons, an additional \$491,620.66 for Forum Dr, and \$370,119.67 for St Andrews Rd/Meadowland Ct.

Applicable	fund.	cost	center.	and	spend	category:
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Fund: 1216 RMF/1200 Grants Cost Center: 3020 Road Maint. /9923 PW Grants Grant Number: GR-00000016 / CTC Grant ID P032237 Spend Category: Construction

OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING FEEDBACK:

Request for bids for RC-678-B-25 was posted on September 9th. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference was held on September 24th at 2PM. Bidding was closed on October 18, 2024 with a total of four

submitted bids which were evaluated on October 21, 2024. Procurement found that the apparent low bidder, Diamond Concrete Finishing LLC, had submitted an incomplete proposal and were rendered non-responsive. The next lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder was Armstrong Contractors.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:

There are no legal concerns regarding this matter.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:

None

MOTION OF ORIGIN:

There is no associated Council motion of origin.

STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:

The overall goal of the project is to restore Fashion Drive, Forum Drive, and Market Place Commons in the Village of Sandhills and St Andrews Road east of Broad River Road, thereby providing the residents of Richland County with an overall safer, better riding roadway system.

Fashion Drive/Market Place Commons and Forum Drive provide access to the Village of Sandhills Mall and the various businesses within. St. Andrews Road provides access to several businesses and the Acasa River Crest apartment complex.

ASSOCIATED STRATEGIC GOAL, OBJECTIVE, AND INITIATIVE:

Goal: Commit to Fiscal Responsibility

Objective: Establish processes to align with available resources

Initiative: Provide safer and higher quality roads to the citizens of Richland County using outside funding.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Bid Tally
- 2. Fashion/Forum Exhibit
- 3. St Andrews Exhibit

Attachment 1

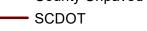
	Armstrong Contractors	Blythe Construction Inc	Diamond Concrete Finishing, LLC	Palmetto Corp of Conway
Total Cost	\$ 2,221,999.9999999995	\$ 2,495,550.03	\$ 700,190.0	\$ 2,502,030.0

Richland County Road Repair and Resurfacing Attachment 2 Fashion Dr / Forum Dr



Legend **Roads Maintenance** County - Road Repair and Resurfacing County Paved County Unpaved





- Private or Other

Fashion Drive / Market Place Common: From Railroad r/w to SCDOT r/w at Clemson Rd Forum Drive: From Fashion Dr to North Springs Rd



1 inch = 700 feet

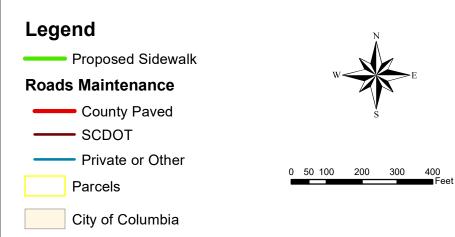


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Saint Andrews Road Resurfacing and Sidewalk Installation

Attachment 3





NOTE: Resurfacing to include Saint Andrews Rd and Meadowland Ct



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Agenda Briefing

Prepared by: Kendra L. Dove		Title:		Treasur	er		
Department:	Treasurer's Office		Divisi	Division:			
Date Prepared:	October 23, 2024		Meeting Date:		g Date:	November 21, 2024	
Legal Review	Review Elizabeth McLean via email			Date:		October 31, 2024	
Budget Review	Maddison Wilkerson via email			D	ate:	November 6, 2024	
Finance Review	Stacey Hamm via email			D	ate:	November 12, 2024	
Approved for consider	ation:	tion: County Administrator		Leonardo Brown, MBA, CPM		rown, MBA, CPM	
Meeting/Committee Adm		Administration & Finance					
Subject Dis		Disburment of Federal Forestry Funds					

RECOMMENDED/REQUESTED ACTION:

The Treasurer recommends approving the resolution to distribute \$24,654.32 in Federal Forestry Funds.

Request for Council Reconsideration: Xes

FIDUCIARY:

Are funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?	Yes	\square	No
If not, is a budget amendment necessary?	Yes	\square	No

ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:

A total of \$24,654.32 will be divided according to a ratio set forth by Council for the benefit of public schools and public roads. There are no costs to the County associated with this request.

Applicable fund, cost center, and spend category: To be determined

OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING FEEDBACK:

Not applicable.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:

There are no legal concerns regarding this matter.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:

Title 10, §2665(e)(2) of the United States Code of Laws, "the amount paid to a State pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be expended as the State legislature may prescribe for the benefit of the public schools and public roads of the county or counties in which the military installation or facility is situated."

MOTION OF ORIGIN:

Item 15d: Treasurer's Office – Disbursement of Forestry Funds

"Ms. Newton moved to approve Items 15(b)–15(g), seconded by Ms. Barron."

Council Member	The Honorable Chakisse Newton, District 11	
Meeting	Regular Session	
Date	March 7, 2023	

STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:

The Richland County Treasurer has received Federal Forestry Funds from the Office of the State Treasurer. Council is requested to approve a Resolution to distribute these funds. Federal Forestry Funds are generated based on a portion of the net proceeds generated by the sale of forest products extracted from McEntire Air Force Base and other military installations located within Richland County. The total amount of forestry funds available at this time for allocation by Council is \$24,654.32.

Note: these funds are not received annually.

Pursuant to Title 10, §2665(e)(2) of the United States Code of Laws, "the amount paid to a State pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be expended as the State legislature may prescribe for the benefit of the public schools and public roads of the county or counties in which the military installation or facility is situated."

Since the SC Legislature has not enacted, to date, any law prescribing how these funds are to be allocated, the specific amounts to be allocated for the benefit of public schools and public roads of Richland County are at the discretion of Richland County Council.

The last time that Richland County Council allocated federal forestry funds, which totaled \$33,575.26, was in March 2023. The Council allocated 50% to Richland School District One, Richland School District Two, and Richland/Lexington School District Five, to be apportioned according to the respective student population of each school district, and 50% to be transferred to the General Fund of the County, to be used for the construction and/or improvements of public roads within the County.

Prior to the 2023 allocation, Council allocated 100% forestry funds to public roads in 2021. In 2018, 2017, 2014, 2012, and 2011, Council allocated 50% of the funds to public schools and the remaining 50% to public roads.

If Council should proceed with the 50% allocation for the schools, the amounts per School District will be as follows:

School District	Number of Students	Allocation
Richland School District One	*22,037	\$3,994.32
Richland School District Two	*28,510	\$5,167.58
Richland / Lexington School District Five	**17,463	\$3,165.26
Public Roads		\$12,327.16

Sources: *SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

**Richland / Lexington School District Five – District 5 students who live in Richland County

Associated Strategic Goal, Objective, and Initiative:

Goal: Commit to Fiscal Responsibility

Initiative: Align budget to priorities and seek alternative revenue sources

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION:

2011	Council allocated 50% of the funds (\$2,640.89) to the schools, and 50% of the funds (\$2,640.89) to public roads.
2012	Council allocated 50% of the funds (\$3,700) to the schools, and 50% of the funds (\$3,700) to public roads.
2014	Council allocated 50% of the funds (\$3,845.20) to the schools, and 50% of the funds (\$3,845.20) to public roads.
2017	Council allocated 50% of the funds (\$12,163.49) to the schools, and 50% (\$12,163.50) of the funds to public roads.
2018	Council allocated 50% of the funds (\$16,383.13) to the schools and 50% \$(16,383.13) of the funds to public roads.
2021	Council allocated 100% of the funds to public roads (\$684,752.95).
2023	Council allocated 50% of the funds (\$16,787.62) to the schools, and 50% of the funds (\$16,787.64) to public roads

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

A RESOLUTION OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FOREST FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina receives forty percent (40%) of the net proceeds from the sale of forest products on land owned or leased by a military department; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the State Treasurer issues a check to Richland County representing a share of federal monies generated at McEntire Air Force Base and at other military installations located within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Richland County Treasurer currently has a total of \$24,654.32 in Military Forest Fund monies, which was received from the Office of the State Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. §2665(e)(2), "the amount paid to a State pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be expended as the State legislature may prescribe for the benefit of the public schools and public roads of the county or counties in which the military installation or facility is situated"; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Legislature has not enacted, to date, any law prescribing how these funds are to be allocated, so that allocation must be determined for the benefit of both the public schools and public roads of Richland County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Richland County Council does hereby allocate the Military Forest Funds of \$24,654.32 as follows:

_____% (\$_____) to Richland School District One, Richland School District Two, and Richland/Lexington School District Five, to be apportioned according to the respective student population of each school district; and

____% (\$_____) to be transferred to the General Fund of Richland County, to be used for the construction and/or improvement of public roads within the County.

ADOPTED THIS the day of , 2024.

Jesica Mackey, Chair, Richland County Council

Attest:

Clerk to Council

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Agenda Briefing

Prepared by:	Lori Thomas		Title:	Assista	nt County Administrator	
Department:	Administration		Division:			
Date Prepared:	October 16, 2024		Meeting Date:		November 21, 2024	
Legal Review	Patrick Wright via email			Date:	November 12, 2024	
Budget Review	Maddison Wilkerson via email			Date:	November 6, 2024	
Finance Review	Stacey Hamm via email			Date:	November 6, 2024	
Approved for conside	ration:	ion: County Administrator		Leonardo Brown, MBA, CPM		
Meeting/Committee	Administ	Administration & Finance				
Subject Considerations for Allocation of Acc			ommoda	ations Tax	for Affordable Housing	

RECOMMENDED/REQUESTED ACTION:

Staff is providing information for consideration of an allocation of annual accommodations tax for affordable housing as allowed by State statute.

Request for Council Reconsideration: Xes

FIDUCIARY:

Are funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?		Yes	\square	No
If not, is a budget amendment necessary?	\square	Yes		No

ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:

The County Accommodations Tax fund and Tourism Development Fund (local accommodations tax) both carry significant fund balances. Based upon the referred motion, the allocation from the Accommodations tax fund would be \$97,148; from the Tourism Development fee, the amount would be \$222,121.

If allocated, the estimated fund balance at fiscal 2025 year-end for the Accommodations Tax would be approximately \$315,687 and Tourism Development would be \$2,500,854. If Council approves that 15% of funds from state and local accommodations tax be allocated in accordance with the State statute for fiscal year 2025, an ordinance to amend the budget is required. This would require three readings of the ordinance and a public hearing.

Applicable fund, cost center, and spend category:

Accommodations Tax and Tourism Development Fee - Transfers out

OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING FEEDBACK:

Not applicable.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:

The County Attorney's Office will provide legal advice in Executive Session.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:

Sect. 6-1-530 (7) of the S.C. Code of Laws' for SC fiscal year 2024.

MOTION OF ORIGIN:

I move that 15% of each prior year's collections of accommodations tax be allocated for affordable housing in alignment with Sect. 6-1-530 (7) of the S.C. Code of Laws', workforce housing and home ownership promotion requirement and Act 57 of 2023's "mortgage assistance" requirement. This allocation is to directly focus on down payment assistance for homeownership for Richland County employees, public safety, EMS and Richland One and Two teachers.

Council Member	The Honorable Jesica Mackey, District 9, The Honorable Alison Terracio, District 5 The Honorable Gretchen Barron, District 7
Meeting	Regular Session
Date	September 10, 2024

STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:

The County Accommodations Tax fund and Tourism Development Fund (local accommodations tax) both carry significant fund balances. Below are the potential amounts to be allocated based upon the referred motion referred as well as the estimated fund balance at fiscal 2025 year-end:

Fund	Allocation	FY2025 Year End Fund Balance
Accommodations Tax	\$97,148.00	\$315,687.00
Tourism Development Fee	\$222,121.00	\$2,500,854.00

If Council gives approval for 15% of funds from state and local accommodations tax to allocated in accordance with state statute for fiscal year 2025, an ordinance to amend the budget is required. This would require three readings of the ordinance and a public hearing.

ASSOCIATED STRATEGIC GOAL, OBJECTIVE, AND INITIATIVE:

Goal: Commit to fiscal responsibility

Initiative: Align budget to priorities and seek alternative revenue sources

Goal: Plan for Growth

Initiative: Provide equitable living and housing options

ATTACHMENTS:

1. SECTION 6-1-530.Use of revenue from local accommodations tax.

SECTION 6-1-530.Use of revenue from local accommodations tax.

(A) The revenue generated by the local accommodations tax must be used exclusively for the following purposes:

(1) tourism-related buildings including, but not limited to, civic centers, coliseums, and aquariums;

(2) tourism-related cultural, recreational, or historic facilities;

(3) beach access, renourishment, or other tourism-related lands and water access;

(4) highways, roads, streets, and bridges providing access to tourist destinations;

(5) advertisements and promotions related to tourism development;

(6) water and sewer infrastructure to serve tourism-related demand; or

(7) development of workforce housing, which must include programs to promote home ownership. However, a county or municipality may not expend or dedicate more than fifteen percent of its annual local accommodations tax revenue for the purposes set forth in this item. The provisions of this item are no longer effective after December 31, 2030.

(B)(1) In a county in which at least nine hundred thousand dollars in accommodations taxes is collected annually pursuant to Section 12-36-920, the revenues of the local accommodations tax authorized in this article may also be used for the operation and maintenance of those items provided in (A)(1) through (6) including police, fire protection, emergency medical services, and emergency-preparedness operations directly attendant to those facilities.

(2) In a county in which less than nine hundred thousand dollars in accommodations taxes is collected annually pursuant to Section 12-36-920, an amount not to exceed fifty percent of the revenue in the preceding fiscal year of the local accommodations tax authorized pursuant to this article may be used for the additional purposes provided in item (1) of this subsection.

HISTORY: 1997 Act No. 138, Section 8; 1999 Act No. 93, Section 13; 2002 Act No. 312, Section 1; 2006 Act No. 314, Section 1, eff June 1, 2006; 2010 Act No. 290, Section 35, eff January 1, 2011; 2023 Act No. 57 (S.284), Section 1, eff May 19, 2023.